

LITA Councilor Report

Annual 2019

As LITA Councilor, I serve on the LITA Board, LITA Executive Committee, the ALA Division Leadership Group (all Division Executive Committees), and ALA Council. This is the third and final year of my second consecutive three-year term. In February, I attended the ALA WO Capitol Hill Policy Lobbying effort where we briefly workshopped library and information policy priorities, discussed funding needs, and then visited congressional offices to lobby our Representatives to sign onto “Dear Appropriator” letters that would keep funding for libraries in the congressional appropriations process.

ALA OITP Advisory Committee (member-emeritus)

The ALA Washington Office is now the [ALA Office for Public Policy and Advocacy](#). As mentioned at Midwinter, there are many LITA-adjacent and LITA-interest issues in the Information Technology and Policy area of the redesigned Washington Office. LITA (and any follow-on organization) should be sure to continue to appoint a representative and recommend interested members for these efforts. ALA WO is continuing to solidify gains, activate library-friendly voters and partners, and reach out to prospective partners on a range of issues. As I have shared in my OITP emails to Council (bcc LITA Board), there are a lot of moving parts. Library-based initiatives are exploding (good) but library-related federal-policy developments are in flux (funding shaky but holding, information/internet policy trending less well).

ALA Annual 2019 Council Topics

- ***ALA's Organizational Effectiveness and 21st Century Leadership***
 - SCOE: in addition to the divisional merger talks, be sure to pay attention to this at Annual
 - Saturday, June 22, 2019, 12:00 noon - 1:30pm
 - Saturday, June 22, 2019, 2:30 noon - 4:00pm
 - Sunday, June 23, 2019, 12:00pm - 1:30pm
 - Sunday, June 23, 2019, 2:30pm - 4:00pm
 - Monday, June 24, 2019, 12:00pm - 1:30pm
 - If you can't make any of the above, there will be 3 shorter updates in existing meetings:
 - Saturday, June 22, 2019, 3:00 - 4:30pm at the ALA Membership Information Session
 - Sunday, June 23, 2019, 9:00 - 10:30am at Council I
 - Sunday, June 24, 2019, 1:00 - 2:30pm at the Planning and Budget Assembly meeting
- New/updated Intellectual Freedom Committee LBoR Interpretations (was shared by email Monday)
 - “Education and Information Literacy: An Interpretation of the LBoR”
 - “Access to Library Resources and Services for Minors: An Interpretation of the LBoR”
 - “User-Generated Content in Library Discovery Systems: An Interpretation of the LBoR”
 - “User-Initiated Exhibits, Displays, and Bulletin Boards: An Interpretation of the LBoR”
 - “Library-Initiated Programs and Displays as a Resource: An Interpretation of the LBoR”
 - “Privacy: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights”
 - “Rating Systems: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights”
 - “Economic Barriers to Information Access: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights”
 - “Diverse Collections: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights”
 - “Evaluating Library Collections: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights”
 - “Minors and Online Activity: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights”
 - “Access to Digital Resources and Services: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights”
 - “Intellectual Freedom Advocacy and Education” (a joint IFC-COPE policy statement)
- Submitted Member Resolutions (to date)

- “Resolution in Support of the Right to Publish Leaked Documents and for the Dismissal of Charges Against Julian Assange”
- “Resolution on CIA Recruitment at ALA Meetings”
- “Resolution in Defense of the Free Speech of Supporters of the Movement for Palestinian Rights”
- “Resolution on Renaming the Melvil Dewey Medal”
- Council Forums: Saturday, Sunday, & Monday 5:30-6:30 in WCC 140A (feel free to attend!)

ALA Council Highlights from ALA Midwinter 2019 and ALA Annual 2018:

- Council Actions http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_actions
- Council Agendas http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_agendas
- Council Documents <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council-documents>
- Council Recordings <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/councilaudio>

-Aaron Dobbs, LITA Councilor (2013-2019)