

American Library Association
Resolutions Committee Report to Council
Annual Conference 2019—Washington, DC

The Resolutions Committee published, *Resolutions 101: Getting Things Done* in the December Preview version of Cognotes distributed at the Midwinter 2019 conference in Seattle Washington.

At Midwinter Council approved the Committee resolution, ***Resolution Proposing a Task Force on Online Deliberation and Voting*** which will report at Council III at Annual.

Revised Councilor Training

Working in response to Councilor feedback after the Midwinter meeting and at the request of ALA leadership and the Council Orientation Committee, the Resolutions Committee met online in May to revamp our portion of the New and Existing Councilor Orientation training including:

- Streamlined Form and Content guidelines for resolution writing
- Simplified resolutions guidelines pointing out the unique aspects of each type of resolution
- Role playing for orientation participants designed to demystify the amendment process, encourage confidence at the mic, and clarify the resolution lifecycle.
- Discussion of the *Top 10 Issues that Confuse Council*, including the 24 Hour Rule, Wordsmithing, and Friendly Amendments.

The new training materials will be piloted at ALA Annual, revised based upon feedback, and posted to the Resolutions website for outside conference use.

Councilor Mentoring Program

The Resolutions Committee will also be offering opportunities for Council members to mentor new or interested councilors in the creation of resolutions and related Council protocol. If you would like to participate in this program as a mentor or mentee there is a sign-up sheet at the back of Council chambers. Mentors will be provided with a best-practices checklist with references.

In-person and online Office Hours

Resolutions Committee will continue to maintain in-person and online office hours for guidance on resolution writing and related Council protocol. Our location and schedule is included in our report.

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
ALA Office Area, Table #TBA and via our Online Office Hours

Saturday, June 22

- 11:30am – 12:30pm (ALA Resolutions Committee Meeting WCC, Ballroom A--ALA Council's Chamber)
- 12:30-1:30pm
- 1:30-2:30pm

Sunday, June 23

- 11:30am-12:30pm
- 12:30-1:30pm
- 1:30-2:30pm

Monday, June 24

- 1:30-3:30pm

New "Online Office Hours" Feature!

http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolution_guidelines

Note: Eli Mina, ALA Parliamentarian, will also be available at the ALA Resolutions Table for consultation as his schedule permits.

Information about the resolution process:

An online training series for resolution preparation is available at:

http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolution_guidelines

Proposed resolutions can be submitted to the Resolutions Committee at:

alaresolutions@ala.org

The Resolutions Committee invites all comments/suggestions on improving our service to Council and ALA membership. Please send your feedback to: ala-resolution-feedback-request@ala.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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