**TO:** PLA Board of Directors

**RE:** Technology Committee Charge

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:** Revisions to committee deliverables and outcomes; and expected time commitment

**ACTION REQUESTED BY: David Lee King, chair; Steven Hofmann, staff liaison**

**DRAFT OF MOTION:**

CURRENT DELIVERABLES AND OUTCOMES:

* Propose and submit presentations at ALA Annual on technology topics relevant to the public library. The 2019 presentation is *Code for America and Your Public Library: How to Harness the Awesome Power of the Collective Will*. Upcoming topic: *Information Privacy/Data Security*.
* Propose and implement ideas about how PLA might support public libraries with regards to technology challenges, such as cybersecurity awareness training.
* Engage in a collaborative process to identify, fast-prototype, and implement technology-related presentations, trainings, proposals, and projects.

REQUESTED REVISION:

* Develop and update technology competencies lists that will be shared with PLA members. Public libraries can use these competency lists to help with assessment and training of library staff.
* Create PLA Web CE based on technology competencies. PLA members can use these WebCE tools to help formally train library staff in library technology.

CURRENT EXPECTED TIME COMMITMENT:

* Attend ALA Midwinter Meeting and ALA Annual Conference (8 hours/year plus travel time)
* Review and respond to emails and ALA Connect messages (2–3 hours/year)

REQUESTED REVISION:

* Attend committee meetings online and during ALA meetings and conferences (8 hours/year plus travel time)
* Participate in committee work (5-10 hours per year)
* Review and respond to emails and ALA Connect messages (2–3 hours/year)
* This will vary depending on committee projects

**DATE:** April 12, 2023

**BACKGROUND**: For years, the Technology Committee has struggled to fulfill its charge and deliver its outcomes—with its primary outcome being proposals for programs at ALA and PLA conferences (which go through the same proposal review process as all other program proposals and are not guaranteed acceptance). If the committee is to continue, the Board expressed hope it might support the organization and its strategic goals in more significant ways.

Prior to the end of her term in August 2022, the previous chair, Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz, was collecting her own thoughts about how the Technology Committee currently works and might evolve, and that document was shared with the 2022–23 chair, David Lee King, to support the reconsideration. The current committee decided that although the current charge was still relevant, the deliverables and outcomes, as well as the expected time commitment, needed to be reworked. The requested revisions above reflect the members’ desired reorientation of the Technology Committee.

We ask that the Board support these revisions.