

**TO:** LITA Board of Directors

**TOPIC:** Division Councilor's Report

**ACTION / INFORMATION / REPORT:** Report

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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 year of my second consecutive three-year term, which ends after Annual 2019. This is my third year as an ALA unit-appointed member of the ALA Advocacy Coordination Group –RUSA appointed me this year. Additionally, this is the second year of my first term as an appointed member of the ALA Council Orientation Committee. ALA WO invited me to participate in an ALA WO Capitol Hill Policy Lobbying effort at the end of February.

**ALA OITP Advisory Committee (member-emeritus)**

There was a lot of high-priority stuff in the OITP and Washington Office information and technology policy pipeline over the last year. ALA WO is attempting 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 Midwinter 2019 Council Topics**

***ALA's Organizational Effectiveness and 21st Century Leadership***

- Arguably **the** thing (*outside the divisional merger talks*) to be paying attention to this Midwinter  
(I recommend we each make the time to attend at least one of the “large conversations”)
  - Saturday, January 26, 2019, 10:30 - 11:30am
  - Sunday, January 27, 2019, 12:00pm - 1:00pm
  - Monday, January 28, 2019, 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- If you can't make any of the above, there will be 3 shorter updates in existing meetings:
  - Saturday, January 26, 2019, 3:00 - 4:30pm at the ALA Membership Information Session
  - Sunday, January 27, 2019, 9:00 - 10:30am at Council I

- Sunday, January 27, 2019, 1:00 - 2:30pm at the Planning and Budget Assembly meeting
    - There will also be a Council-specific discussion on Monday 2:30 - 3:30pm
- New/updated Intellectual Freedom Committee LBoR Interpretations (text will be shared this Friday)
  - "Library Bill of Rights Article VII"
  - "Prisoners' Right to Read: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights"
  - "Diversity in Collection Development: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights"
  - "Challenged Resources: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights"
  - Revised version of the "Meeting Rooms: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights"
  - Council Forum meetings timing kerfuffle ongoing
- Draft Resolution for a Task Force to propose processes for ALA Council Online Deliberation and Voting:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qkezYAUbHmMAJwTuYwjdddBp9Y6OqsB93lbPkbBlvic/edit?usp=sharing>
- Council Forum Monday & Tuesday morning for Council Forum 1 & 2 and Monday afternoon for Forum 3

**ALA Council Highlights from ALA Midwinter 2018 and ALA Annual 2018**

- Council Actions [http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council\\_actions](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_actions)
- Council Agendas [http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council\\_agendas](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_agendas)
- Council Documents <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council-documents>
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