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**American Library Association Committee on Organization  
Report to Council  
Annual Conference 2017 – Chicago, IL**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. All technology is web-enabled in some fashion now and that trend will continue. The ALA Website Advisory Committee (WAC) recommended that the charge of the ALA Website Advisory committee be expanded to include all ALA technology services and products, whether used by ALA members, staff, or the public. WAC also recommended the name be changed to the ALA IT Advisory Committee. At Midwinter 2017, COO recommended WAC review, evaluate and make a recommendation on the composition of the new committee. For your reference the charge and name is below:

*Current Name: Website Advisory Committee*

**Recommended Name:** ALA Information Technology Advisory Committee

Current Charge: To develop, review and recommend to Council, Association policies for the ALA website. To recommend editorial or structural guidelines for the ALA website. To provide advice to the ALA Executive Director responsible for implementing such policies and guidelines. To provide an ongoing channel for member communication by working closely with other units, committees and offices of the Association. To make recommendations concerning technical issues or changes to the ALA website, including evaluating, testing and implementing web-based products and services used by Association members or by the public. To advise the Association on priorities and strategies that promote utilization and continued development of the ALA website.

**Recommended Charge:** (changes are bold)

To develop, review and recommend to Council policies for the **ALA application of information technology products and services.** To provide advice to the ALA Executive Director responsible for implementing such policies and guidelines. To recommend editorial or structural guidelines for the ALA website. **To recommend guidelines for best practices for software used by ALA.** To provide an ongoing channel for member communication by working closely with other units, committees and offices of the association. To make recommendations concerning technical issues or changes to **ALA’s ITTS infrastructure, including evaluating, testing and implementing technology products and services** used by Association members or by the public.

**To make recommendations on the reconciliation of differing strategic plans from ALA and its divisions**. To advise the Association on priorities and strategies that promote utilization and continued development **of ALA technology products and services, including the ALA website**. **To advise on priority setting for competing projects. To make recommendations on how the divisions can work together under a more cohesive umbrella and share technology solutions that are vital to each division. To perform testing and evaluations of technology implementations to provide input on the user interface, designs, and best practices.**

**Composition:** (current)

* Sixteen (16) members with two-year, staggered terms. Includes a chairperson appointed annually. Classification of the sixteen (16) members:
  + one member from each of the 11 divisions, to be selected by the appointing officer of the divisions;
  + one member selected by the Round Table Coordinating Committee rotated among the round tables;
  + one member selected by the Publishing Committee;
  + two members-at-large selected by the ALA appointing officer;
  + one ex officio member - chair of the ASCLA Accessibility Assembly;
  + Two (2) interns with two-year, staggered terms.

The primary staff liaison is the Director, ALA ITTS.

**ACTION ITEM #1: Resolved, that Council approves the ALA Website Advisory Committee**

**name change to** **ALA Information Technology Advisory Committee, expand the charge**

**change, and keep the existing composition.**

Respectfully submitted to the ALA Council, Sunday, June 25, 2017.

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