

**Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures**  
a Division of the American Library Association

2023 Board of Directors Mid-Year Online Meeting  
January 9; 1:00-4:00 pm Central Time  
Draft Minutes

**Members Present:**

Margaret Heller, Presiding  
Wendy Tressler, President-Elect (left at 2:46 pm)  
Lindsay Cronk  
Rachel Fleming  
Andrea Berstler (arrived at 1:25 pm)  
Lauren Corbett  
Tyler Dzuba  
Thomas Lamanna, II  
Evviva Weinraub-Lajoie

**Ex-Officio:**

Don Allgeier  
Morag Boyd  
Cara Calabrese (arrived at 1:20 pm)  
Julie Reese, Interim Executive Director

**Staff:**

Tom Ferren  
Jenny Levine  
Mia Blixt-Shehan

**Absent:**

Alexandra Rivera

**1. Board Welcome and Roll Call**

President Heller called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and welcomed the large group in attendance.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Margaret Heller proposed to accept the agenda. Wendy Tressler moved and Evviva Weinraub-Lajoie seconded. MOTION unanimously passed to accept the agenda.

**3. ALA Presidential Candidates**

ALA Presidential Candidates Cindy Hohl and Eric Suess spoke to the Board and took questions about their respective candidacies.

**4. Adoption of Consent Agenda**

- 23.01 Consent Agenda
- 23.02 Conflict of Interest Statement
- 23.03 a IFLA Nominations Board Recommendation
- 23.04 b IFLA Nominations - Board Electronic Vote Results from December 2022
- 23.05 Nominations Committee Report and 2023 Core Election Slate
- 23.06 Councilor's Report
- 23.07 Draft Board Minutes September 2022 Virtual Meeting
- 23.08 Core Standard Coordination Committee – Webliography

Margaret Heller proposed to accept the consent agenda. Lindsay Cronk moved and Lindsay Cronk seconded. MOTION unanimously passed to adopt consent agenda.

## **5. President's Update**

- a. Planning for President's Program
  - b. Thanks to Core Staff
- 23.18 President's Mid-Year Report

President Heller reviewed her Mid-Year Report. In thanking Core staff, she noted that former Executive Director Kerry Ward and former Advocacy and EDI Program Officer Brooke Morris-Chott have both recently departed Core for new positions, so Core is currently very short-staffed and the amount of work they can do is going to be lessened for the time being.

## **6. President Elect's Update**

- a. Committee Appointments
    - Volunteer Fair: January 12, 2:30pm - 4:00pm
- 23.19 President-Elect Report

President-Elect Wendy Tressler reviewed her report. She explained that her largest focus going forward would be on committee appointments. Core will hold its first Volunteer Fair on January 12, and the first Appointments Committee meeting will take place on January 23.

## **7. Core Forum Report**

23.09 Core Forum 2022 Report

President-Elect Tressler summarized the Core Forum 2022 report. She noted that she met with the Co-Chairs of the 2023 Forum Planning Committee and will continue her liaison role.

## **8. Financial Report**

- a. Budget Results
- 23.10 Final FY22 Financial Report

Budget and Finance Chair Cara Calabrese presented the Financial Report. In FY22, Core significantly minimized expenses, in part due to Executive Director Kerry Ward's salary being split between Core and the Communications and Marketing Office (CMO.) However, revenue was down due to fewer Continuing Education events happening and a general decline in membership across ALA, but it is expected to rise in FY23 with an increased number of Continuing Education events and general increases in CE prices.

## **9. Operating Agreement Working Group Update**

Operating Agreement Working Group Representative Miranda Bennett offered an update on phase 2 of the Operating Agreement revision process and recapped phase 1. The group is bringing an external consultant aboard to help the process. They are currently on hiatus but hope to resume work by the

end of January and have, at minimum, a tangible draft to discuss by the ALA Annual Conference in June.

**10. Headquarters/Operations Report**

b. Return to office, staffing, CE, Annual, membership, etc.

23.11 Core Administrative Report

23.12 Membership Report

23.13 Continuing Education Report

Interim Executive Director Julie Reese recapped Core staff reports. She noted the departure of Kerry Ward and Brooke Morris-Chott and shared that ALA has posted a job advertisement for the Core Membership and Marketing Manager role. Staff hopes to start interviewing for that role next month.

**11. Vote to Approve Open Access Journal Provider**

23.14 Publications Coordination Committee Report

MOTION passed to approve the recommendation as written in the proposal:

The Publications Coordinating Committee recommends that the Core Board approve contracting with ALA Production Services for producing and publishing *Information Technology and Libraries*, *Library Leadership and Management*, and *Library Resources and Technical Services* journals, as outlined in the proposal in the appendix, at a first year cost of \$30,843.76 and a second year cost, including layout for all three journals, of \$39,935.76.

**12. Awards & Scholarships Coordination Report**

Lauren Corbett updated the Board on the activities of the Awards & Scholarships Coordination Committee. The Committee hopes to move forward with piloting the Core LIFT awards, but they need to ensure that appropriate fundraising is secured before doing so.

**13. Core Bylaws & Organization Report**

Organization and Bylaws Chair Don Allgeier offered a progress report on the development and review of the Core Bylaws. They reviewed the Preservation Section and Assessment Section Dissolution proposals and created guidance on changing, creating, and dissolving committees that come before the Board. Their next goal is to develop the Core Handbook.

**14. ALA Bylaws Discussion**

Division Councilor Rachel Fleming provided an update on the ALA bylaws revisions. The ALA Council will look at a final draft of the ALA bylaws revision at LibLearnX 2023. Councilor Fleming highlighted the removal of redundant and outdated language in the revisions and the “nebulous step” to moving

certain bylaws segments to other documentation.

**15. Presentation & Discussion: Draft Strategic Plan**

23.15 Draft Core Strategic Plan 2022-2025

The Board discussed the draft of the Core Strategic Plan. Highlights of the discussion included:

- Recognizing both new and long-term members
- Taking most elements of and initiatives in Core from “pilot” work to defined aspects of the division
- Processes for measuring goals and recognizing indicators of success

**16. Proposed New Preservation Section**

23.16 Preservation Section Proposal

The Board discussed the Preservation Section Proposal, particularly focusing on its awards section—there is discomfort with continuing these awards due to the differing model from the Awards & Scholarship Committee recommendations that were approved by the Board, as well as funding and staff time limitations. Discussion followed on how to balance funding issues with ensuring the Preservation Section and its larger community is recognized and “at home” in Core.

**17. Discussion: Dissolution of Assessment Section**

23.17 Assessment Section Dissolution

The Board reviewed the Assessment Section Dissolution document. It was emphasized that the content area that the section represents is not being eliminated, but “relocated” to become part of another section as of now. The Board floated the idea of establishing an Assessment Interest Group in place of the section.

**18. Announcements from Members/Guests**

No announcements given.

**19. Adjournment**

Margaret Heller proposed to adjourn at 3:49 p.m. CT. Tyler Dzuba moved and Lindsay Cronk seconded. MOTION unanimously passed to adjourn.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

February 10, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CT Board Meeting April  
To Be Scheduled Board Update  
2023 Annual Conference Board Meeting TBD