

**TO:** Core Board of Directors

**TOPIC:** Core Division Councilor Report

**ACTION / INFORMATION / REPORT:** REPORT

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I am in my first term as the Core Division Councilor and my first term on ALA Council overall. My term runs through June 2022.

## **Midwinter Conference 2021**

At the time of this report, we do not have agendas for the upcoming Midwinter Council meetings. Please refer to the links in the *ALA Council Important Links* section below, where the agendas and all supporting documents will be posted. Meetings are open to anyone to attend, and there will be recordings available for each session at some point after each meeting. You can find the schedule of meetings in [the Governance section of the Midwinter Scheduler](#).

## **Fall 2020 Meetings**

Council had a couple of special meetings this fall to take care of specific business. In September, we met to review the budget and approve the Annual Estimates on Income. In December, we met to approve a change in the implementation timeline for Forward Together. This December meeting occurred after a series of 6 informal Council meetings on various aspects of the Forward Together plan. You can read the chat transcripts and meeting summaries for all sessions in [the Reports section of the Forward Together microsite](#).

As a result of the December meeting, the Forward Together Working Group (FTWG) will complete its work as of the Midwinter Meeting, where they will present their final report. Following that, President Jefferson will appoint a new task force to analyze the FTWG report and make recommendations for Council's consideration. This pushes the timeline out about 7 months from the previous one, with implementation beginning in the March/April 2022 timeframe (assuming all necessary votes go according to plan both in Council and with the membership). You can read the details in [CD#52](#).

## **ALA Council Important Links**

- 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/documents>

- Virtual Midwinter 2021 Documents: <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/annual-and-midwinter-2021> (documents labeled “VIRMW”)
- Council Recordings: <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/councilrecordings>

Respectfully submitted,

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