

ALA Council Committee Report Form

TO: ALA Council

DATE: 1/10/23

RE: *Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship (COSWL)*

ACTION REQUESTED

INFORMATION

REPORT

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Committee members met on September 26, 2022, to set the agenda for the 2022-2023 FY. Areas of service were discussed in this meeting and it was agreed that this year the committee would focus on revamping and updating all COSWL-related reference materials, toolkits, and sites. These websites include the Action List, Harassment Resources, Important Women's Sites, the National Women's History Month Resources, Caregivers Toolkit, and the overall COSWL page. Progress has been made regarding these websites and the plan is the work with Beatrice Calvin, ALA Staff Liaison, to update all pages at once sometime in late March/early April. The Committee will also organize a webinar sometime in February and if possible another in May. Suggested webinar topics relating to women and librarianship included caregiving, book banning, pay inequities, wellness, and climate change. Social media updates on Facebook and Twitter continue to take place monthly and the Committee will meet again in April/May.

Action requested from Councilors is to cast their vote to: *(if applicable)*

ACTION REQUESTED BY:

CONTACT PERSON:

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STAFF LIAISON CONTACT:

Beatrice Calvin

BACKGROUND:

COSWL officially represents the diversity of women's interest within ALA and ensures that the association considers the rights of the majority (women) in the library field. The Committee also promotes and initiates the collection, analysis, dissemination, and coordination of information on the status of women in librarianship. And, it coordinates the activities of ALA units that consider questions having special relevance for women.