

**TO:** LITA Board of Directors

**TOPIC:** LITA Division Councilor Report

**ACTION / INFORMATION / REPORT:** REPORT

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I am honored to begin my term as LITA Division Councilor. While my term began six months ago, there hasn't been any substantial Council activity during this time. Discussions have begun picking up as we approach Midwinter next week.

### **Midwinter 2020 Topics**

Here are some topics that will be likely be covered by Council at the upcoming conference:

- ALA's establishment (and subsequent revocation) of The Square
  - There is a resolution being drafted by Social Responsibilities Roundtable (SRRT) related to this issue
- SCOE/Forward Together (<https://forwardtogether.ala.org/>)
  - [New Forward Together recommendations](#) (PDF)
  - Feedback sessions being held at Midwinter:
    - Saturday, January 25
      - 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Forward Together Conversation - Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 108-B
      - 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM – Forward Together & Division Discussion - Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 112-AB
      - 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM – Forward Together: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Discussion - Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 112-AB
    - Sunday, January 26
      - 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM – Forward Together & Round Table Discussion - Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 108-B
      - 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Forward Together & Chapters Discussion - Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 108-A
    - Monday, January 27
      - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Forward Together Conversation - Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 112-AB

- Feedback session being held online after Midwinter: February 13 at 1 p.m. CST  
(Register: [https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_4pd3QMHTn2h8Gc7fnlGXQ](https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4pd3QMHTn2h8Gc7fnlGXQ))
- Watch the “[Organizational Effectiveness \(SCOE\) Project](#)” Connect space for updates
- “Resolution in Opposition to Charging Prisoners to Read”
- Election of ALA Executive Board members
- Discussion regarding online voting/participation of Council members
- Welcoming ALA’s new Executive Director, Tracie D. Hall  
(<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/meet-alas-next-executive-director/>)

### **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>
  - Midwinter 2020 Documents: <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/annual-and-midwinter-2020>