

ALA Councilors

The ALA Council is the governing body of ALA. It delegates authority to the divisions of the Association to plan and carry out programs and activities in accordance with policy established by Council. Council determines all policies of the Association and its decisions are binding unless set aside by the membership. Any personal member of the Association can be elected to the Council.

ALA Councilors also serve as members of the ALA-Allied Professional Association [ALA-APA] Council.* The ALA-APA Council is the governing body of the ALA-APA and determines all policies of the ALA-APA.

All Councilors are expected to attend Council meetings (typically during the January/Winter event and Annual Conference). In addition, Councilors are expected to attend Membership Meetings. New Councilors will be asked to attend orientation sessions hosted by the Council Engagement and Training Committee.

Duties and Responsibilities

Councilors are charged with the following duties:

1. To annually elect Executive Board Members, Council Committee on Committees (COC), and Planning Budget Assembly candidates the President for the Executive Board, from Director for the Headquarters staff; from the Treasurer, the division president, and the Budget Analysis and Review Committee [BARC] on the projected budget for the following year.
3. By directive to receive at each meeting a report from the Freedom to Read Foundation, the Endowment Trustees, and the Policy Monitoring Committee.
4. To receive the

chapters as provided in the Bylaws.

12. To establish or discontinue divisions or round tables.
13. To establish or discontinue committees and determine their composition, function and size as the Association's needs require.
14. To determine all Association policies; may delegate responsibility to speak for the Association within assigned fields of responsibility in accordance with general Council policies.
15. To authorize changes, additions, and deletions in the ALA Policy Manual upon recommendation of the Policy Monitoring Committee.

Traits & Attributes of ALA Councilor Candidates