

TO: ALA Council

RE: Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), Library and Information Technology Association (LITA), Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA) Dissolving and the Association of Specialized, Government, and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)

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Action requested from Councilors is to cast their vote to dissolve ALCTS, LITA, LLAMA and vote ev
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Spring/Summer • Transition Committee on the appointment of representatives or groups representing the profession's response to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fall • The Commission on the Future of the Profession will submit a report to the Council on the findings of its study on the future of the profession.

January • Draft a strategic plan for the Association of Librarians and Documentalists (ALAD) for the next five years.

Midwinter • Institute a vote to put the proposed amendments to the Bylaws before the Board for their consideration and approval.

Spring through Fall • Arrange to meet with the Commission on the Future of the Profession to discuss the findings of its study and the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. <https://www.ala.org/advocacy>

December • The Commission on the Future of the Profession will submit a report to the Council on the findings of its study on the future of the profession.

Midwinter • The Board will vote to put the proposed amendments to the Bylaws before the Council for their consideration and approval.

Spring • The Commission on the Future of the Profession will submit a report to the Council on the findings of its study on the future of the profession.

Election • The Council will elect the representatives to the Board of Directors.

Project Documentation

The following links provide information on the project proposals.

Overall Project Proposal presented to the Board for their consideration and approval.
<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/2020/01/01/overall-project-proposal>

Bylaws amendments proposed to the Board for their consideration and approval.
<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/2020/01/01/bylaws-amendments>

Appendices to the Overall Project Proposal presented to the Board for their consideration and approval.
<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/2020/01/01/overall-project-proposal-appendices>

New Transitional Working Groups or other working groups.

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TO: ALA Committee on *rgani ation

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RE: Dissol#tion of the Association of Speciali ed, ! overnment, and Cooperative Library Agencies (AS! CLA) division

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valuable contributions to the Association. The anticipated merger date is September 1, 2020, the beginning of the 2020 fiscal year for ALA.

I. Reasons for Dissolution and Merger and Actions Taken

The Association of Specialized, Government, and Cooperative Library Agencies is requesting dissolution in 2020. The division, formed in 1997 (CC, ASCLA no. 4) has 1,000 personal members representing five very different areas of responsibility. These include:

- Services to populations who are underserved due to sensory, physical, health, developmental, learning, attention, or behavioral conditions, and people who are incarcerated or detained (formerly known as special populations)
- State Library Agencies
- Federal and Armed Forces Libraries
- Library Cooperatives and Consortia,
- Independent Librarians and Consultants

The ASCLA Board recognizes that the division is vulnerable, not only financially, but also lacking a critical mass of membership to accomplish the goals to serve the information sharing, professional development, and innovation needs for the five primary areas of the division.

Beginning with difficult discussions in January and April of 2020, the ASCLA Board identified factors leading to the decision to disband, including:

- There will be no Executive Director for ASCLA after the September 2020
- ASCLA continues to see decreases in membership and dues revenue
- The ASCLA Board fully expects that ALA will no longer be able to support a Small Division Subsidy

The Board requested that the Executive Director use the remaining months of 2020, to develop plans and agreements for the incorporation of ASCLA members into other parts of the American Library Association 01491(t)-5 scr#2(n)4. 00178sn a

April %&%&

- Awareness of the need to disband, review of overlap and options
- AS! CLA @oard meetings April ' and April %C

May %&%&

- Conversations with ALA divisions and #nits
- Conversations with AS! CLA leaders
- AS! CLA 9irt#al Membership Meeting May %'

June %&%&

- Develop #p and agreements with divisions and #nits
- Preparation of a petition for C* * and ALA Co#ncil
- AS! CLA @oard meeting June ' '
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- Co#ncil meetings June %1 and %C

July and August %&%&

- AS! CLA staff 4or5 with ALA Membership and IT to prepare divisions and #nits to incorporate AS! CLA members
- AS! CLA @oard meeting July %&
- AS! CLA Membership Meeting and Awards Ceremony July %1
- AS! CLA @oard meeting August %C

September %&%&

- ALA 2D%' begins, membership records #pdated
- This accelerated timeline is ambitious #saTff5. 53056. 91895(g)0. 16. 04304(')-3. 9761()

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ALA *DL*S	Lib Serv to Incarcerated and Detained	2avorable	After investigating another division option, the interest gro#p coleaders indicated that *DL*S is c#rrently the best fit
ALA *DL*S	Lib Serv to <ersons 4ith <rint Disabilities	2avorable	Described the history of ALA contracts 4ith LC , ational Library Service for @lind and <rint Disabled, for revising the Standards reg#larly
ALA *DL*S	Tribal Librarians	2avorable	*DL*S already has liaison responsibility 4ith AILA\$
ALA *DL*S	: niversal Access	2avorable	* riginally s#ggested for AC7L, at the AS! CLA Membership meeting, the re"#est 4as made to stay 4ith other #nderserved pop#lations gro#ps in *DL*S\$
Core	Area/: Li7rar8 Coo1erati5e/%Con/ortia> Li7rar8 Con/ulting		Library consortia and library cons#ltants are recommended for Core (a ne4 division forming for 2D%') 4hose members foc#s on activities across types of libraries\$ The AS! CLA gro#ps 4ill be incl#ded in the petition to form Core\$
Core	Collaborative Digiti ation	2avorable	The AS! CLA interest gro#p complements the e>isting ALCTSHCore gro#ps on Digital Conversion and Digital <reservation
Core	Consortial e@oo5	2avorable	The Consortial e@oo5s e>pressed an interest in -oining Core

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19\$ Integration of AS! CLA Components and Services into other ALA : nits

If the Committee on *perations and ALA Co#ncil approve the merger, the AS! CLA staff 4ill 4or5 4ith divisions and #nits of ALA integrate and absorb the f#nctional components and services of AS! CLA\$ The 5ey reso#rces and services of are/

- <repare for transfer of membership records moved to ne4 divisions or #nits based on AS! CLA Interest ! ro#p
- 3ith staff from the ne4 division or #nit, Comm#nicate 4ith members 4ith abo#t the processes of the change
- Coordinate the transfer of Connect gro#ps and listservs for AS! CLA Interest ! ro#ps,
- Coordinate the transfer of 4eb reso#rces compiled by and for the Interest ! ro#ps, incl#ding library services tool5its and 7ecommeded 7eso#rces to 4eb reso#rce pages in the ne4 #nit or division \$
- Move A4ards handled by AS! CLA to appropriate divisions or #nits
- Arrange for transfer of AS! CLA archives/ online and print
- And other iss#es as they arise

The AS! CLA @oard and staff appreciate the strength of the diversity of the #ni"#e gro#ps that have developed into AS! CLA over the years\$ The @oard and staff are ma5ing a concerted effort to provide a smooth transition and s#ccessf#l integration of AS! CLA members into other parts of ALA\$