**ALA Councilor Report for Virginia Library Association, September 2024**

**I.**                    **Meetings Attended by ALA Councilor since last report:**

* Public Library Councilor Meet-Up - 6/17/24 – virtual
* Social Media: Library Associations Meeting - 6/18/24 – virtual
* ALA Membership Meeting – 6/18/24 - virtual
* Chapter Leaders Forum – 6/28/24 – ALA Conf., San Diego, CA
* ALA Council I – 6/29/24 - ALA Conf., San Diego, CA
* ALA Council II – 6/30/24 - ALA Conf., San Diego, CA
* ALA Council III – 7/1/24 - ALA Conf., San Diego, CA
* Special ALA Closed Council – 7/23/24 - virtual

**II. Highlight of ALA News**

* New membership model began September 1, 2024:
  + - Individual Type I – All Regular members 🡪 $125
    - Individual Type II - Those earning <45k, Support Staff, Retired, and International members. 🡪 $55
    - Supporter – Associates, Friends, and Trustees 🡪 $70
    - Student 🡪 $40
* [Reader.Voter. Ready.](https://www.ala.org/advocacy/reader-voter-ready) Campaign by ALA.
* Sam Helmick chosen as 2024-2025 president-elect after Ray Pun stepped down.
* The American Library Association will present a free [webinar for library workers about Public Service Loan Forgiveness](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9217220148730/WN_-6NI4RmRTpeidKl7Je8l0w#/registration) (PSLF) on Oct. 2, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. Eastern.
* More ALA News can be found at: <https://www.ala.org/news>

**III. Other Updates from Council**

* Adopted new bylaws for ALA-APA to align with the revised ALA bylaws
* Previously discussed resolution to increase services and support for the American Association of School Librarians and Association of College and Research Libraries’ chapters ([CD#51](https://www.ala.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/ALA%20CD%2051%20Resolution%20to%20Support%20School%20%20Academic%20Library%20Chapters.pdf)) to more equitably match those of public library chapters from the Chapter Relations Office, Public Policy and Advocacy Office, and Office of Intellectual Freedom. The resolution called for the creation of a task force that will report back to Council during ALA’s 2025 Annual Conference. The motion passed 151-5
* Council unanimously passed a resolution reaffirming ALA’s commitment to intellectual freedom
* Committee on Organization:
  + Proposed a Makerspace Roundtable – Council voted to table the motion until LLX 2025
  + Proposal to change the name of the Training, Orientation, and Leadership Development Committee (TOLD) to the ALA Leadership Committee passed
  + Request for new committee – ALA Affiliates Committee – passed
  + Discontinue Research & Statistics Committee – passed
* Policy Monitoring Committee – recommendation to [strike outdated language](https://www.ala.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/ALA%20CD%2017.1%20Policy%20Monitoring%20Committee%20Report.pdf) from the ALA Policy Manual – passed
* Publishing Committee proposed the creation of an [ALA journal publication ethics policy](https://www.ala.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/ALA%20CD%2032.2%20ALA%20Journal%20Publication%20Ethics%20DRAFT_2024.pdf) – passed
* Resolution urging library workers and supporters to participate in the 2024 elections
* Resolution to create a working group to review the ASAE Societal Statement Framework and develop criteria to be brought to Council at ALA 2025

**IV. Upcoming**

* ALA Annual Conference will be held June 26–June 30, 2025 in Philadelphia – now accepting submissions.
* LibLearnX will be held in Phoenix, AZ on January 24-27, 2025. Registration opens in October.

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