**ALA Councilor Report, April 15, 2021**

[**Documents**](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/Virtual_Council_Meetings)

[December Meeting Minutes](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%202.2%20December%20Virtual%20Council%20Meeting%20Minutes%20FINAL.pdf) (Discussed at last VLA Executive Committee meeting, but minutes were not available at that time)

**Meetings attended by VLA Chapter Councilor since last report**

ALA Midwinter 2021 Meetings

Council Forum I

Membership Information Session

Council I

Council II

Council III

Forward Together & Chapters Discussion

Spring Meeting

Attended on March 31, 2021

**Resolutions Adopted by the ALA Council at Virtual Midwinter 2021**

* [RESOLUTION in Support of Broadband as a Human Right](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/Resolution%20in%20Support%20of%20Broadband%20as%20a%20Human%20Right%20FINAL.pdf)
* [RESOLUTION to Condemn White Supremacy and Fascism as Antithetical to Library Work](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/Resolution%20to%20Condemn%20White%20Supremacy%20and%20Fascism%20as%20Antithetical%20to%20Library%20Work%20FINAL.pdf)
* [RESOLUTION in Opposition to Facial Recognition Software in Libraries](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/Resolution%20in%20Opposition%20to%20Facial%20Recognition%20Software%20in%20Libraries.pdf)
* [RESOLUTION to Prioritize Library Workers to Receive the COVID-19 Vaccine](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/Resolution%20to%20Prioritize%20Library%20Workers%20to%20Receive%20the%20COVID-19%20Vaccine_0.pdf)
* [RESOLUTION on the Misuse of Behavioral Data Surveillance in Libraries](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/Resolution%20on%20the%20Misuse%20of%20Behavioral%20Data%20Surveillance%20in%20Libraries.pdf)

**Other Highlights from ALA Midwinter 2021**

* Discussion of the [Forward Together](https://forwardtogether.ala.org/index.php/reports/) Final Report ALA CD 35
	+ Recommendations for a reimagined ALA Governance model, worked on this since June 2018
	+ Seeks to enable strategic and effective member engagement, financial stability, organization-wide planning
	+ Report recommended new structure that includes various types of groups. Phases out ALA Council, but creates “Leadership Assemblies” and also includes Board of Directors, Divisions, Round Tables, etc. (see full list in report linked above)
	+ Next steps: New working group established in Spring 2020 to carry on the work, Council vote #1 in January 2021, Council Vote #2 in June 2021, Membership vote in Spring 2022
* Forward Together Fiscal Analysis Report ALA CD 37

**Highlights from the ALA Council March 2021 Meeting**

* Resolution to Prioritize Library Workers to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine, from Chapter Relations Committee and Committee on Library Advocacy
	+ A group investigated this resolution as they were tasked to do at the Midwinter meeting. In summary, they determined that each locality is in a different situation. They also stated that making libraries an official “essential service” is a slippery slope because it may put libraries and library workers in situations that they would not want to be in. Their full report is attached in a separate document.
* Forward Together Working Group: new members have been appointed, they will be working to develop resolutions based on the analysis of SCOE recommendations. In future meetings Council will debate on the resolutions and then vote. This leading to the June 2022 full vote on the reorganization of ALA.