

ALA Councilor Report for Virginia Library Association, April 2025

ALA Council Documents are located here:

https://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_actions

I. Meetings Attended by ALA Councilor since last report

- ALA Governance Institute on 1/24/25 - LibLearnX, Phoenix, AZ
- APA-ALA on 1/25/25 - LibLearnX, Phoenix, AZ
- Council I on 1/25/25 - LibLearnX, Phoenix, AZ
- Council II on 1/26/25 - LibLearnX, Phoenix, AZ
- GODORT Chat on 2/7/25 – virtual
- Get Familiar with Freedom of Information Laws – 2/25/25 - virtual

II. Highlight of LibLearnX Council News

- ALA-APA Council session included:
 - Approved - The establishment of the new Library Management Staff Certification Program
 - Approved - The establishment of the new Library Support Staff Certification Program
- Council I included:
 - Nominations of candidates for the councilors for Executive Board, elections to be held in February.
 - Approved, ALA Corporate Sponsorship Guidelines to be inserted into ALA's Policy Manual
 - Adopted, ALA CD#48 Resolution on the ALA Executive Board Composition - be revised to return to its previous language.
- Council II included:
 - Approved, ALA CD#19.1 - the "Prisoner's Right to Read: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights"
 - Adopted, ALA CD#20 Tribute Resolution in Honor of FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel

II. Other Council News:

- Leslie Berger announced LibLearnX registration totaled 1,625
- Executive Director search ongoing – Interviews in March & April with a goal to announce at Annual Conference
- Approved, ALA CD #17 Merge language in Code of Professional Ethics
- Approved, ALA CD#25, Section 8. Council Succession.

- Defeated, ALA CD#27 (Action 1), Establish a Library Makerspace Roundtable
- Approved, ALA CD#27 (Action 2), Replacement of Council Tellers Committee with adjusting the charge of the Election Committee.

III. Other ALA notes:

- ALA Elections - Closing April 2
- ALA Annual Conference will be held June 27-30 in Philadelphia – with special guests Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, George Takei, Brene Brown, Joe Hill, and Geena Davis
<https://2025.alaannual.org/>
- Show Up for our Libraries – ALA’s Advocacy campaign – visit ala.org/showup
- ALA is collecting stories about library impact – [Share your story](#)

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