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- **Proposal** to remove VALLA from Continuing Education Committee
- **Proposal** to sunset Continuing Education Committee
- **Proposal** to create a VALLA 2024 Task Force

The Continuing Education Committee has had difficulty maintaining leadership and CE opportunities, particularly after the 2008 economic crisis when travel was restricted by many institutions. Currently, the Continuing Education Consultant for the Library of Virginia provides weekly free training information to all VLA members, and all other VLA units have been doing their own training sessions (CaTS, VLAPAF, VLACRL, etc.) To streamline the organization, it is proposed that we sunset the Continuing Education Committee, removing the Virginia Library Leadership Academy from the CEC umbrella and establish it as its own Committee (with the Chair appointed by the President and 2nd VP of VLA.)

To help usher in this change, a VALLA 2024 Task Force has been suggested, with Clint Rudy (past VALLA Chair, VALLA graduate and Suffolk Public Library Director) as Chair with input from previous VALLA graduates and Co-Chairs, including Margaret Howard, who chaired the 2022 VALLA. The Virginia Public Library Directors Association has pledged input and guidance as well, as they have a vested interest in growing library leaders in VA. We would also seek representation from deans at academic libraries in the Commonwealth.

The Task Force will be charged with:

Establishing protocol for

- applications for future cohorts
- communication with potential and accepted candidates
- securing speakers for the Academy
- evaluations/surveys of past academy attendees and VALLA 2024 attendees
- ensuring that the program is financially self-sustaining
- recruitment of mentors
- assistance with completion and implementation of projects
- a project management cycle for all future VALLA programs
- site selection for VALLA 2024 and all subsequent VALLA events

Requires: Immediate conversation between Zach Elder, Lisa Varga, Margaret Howard and current members of the Continuing Education Committee.

Required revisions to Manual:

- Remove references to Continuing Education Committee from pages 3, 40, 47, 48.
- On page 47, remove Purpose, Objectives, Officers and Membership. Modify VALLA Logistics paragraph to remove any reference to CEC, as well as page 48; the CEC webpage will be replaced by a VALLA page.

Required changes to VLA website:

- Removal of CEC from the Committee Service Interest form
- Remove CEC webpage and move any content to other relevant locations