

NHLA American Library Association Chapter Councilor Report
ALA Annual Conference
Chicago, IL
June 23 - June 27, 2023

It was once again my privilege to serve as the NH Chapter Councilor at ALA's recent governance meetings. Thank you to the NHLA Executive Board for appointing me to complete the remainder of Lori Fisher's term. I will no longer be the official NH Chapter Councilor, but I will be serving a two year term on the ALA Executive Committee and will be available to discuss all things ALA and libraries!

Some items of note from the three Council sessions which took place at ALA Annual:

In an effort to make ALA membership meetings more accessible, Council passed a resolution to no longer require pre-registration for members to vote in person at the hybrid Membership meeting starting at ALA's 2024 Annual Conference and Exhibition, creating a same-day registration voting option ([CD #10.2](#)).

Of particular import was the passage of ALA Standards for Library Services for the Incarcerated and Detained ([CD #14.1](#)). I recommend taking a look at this document that came from the ALA Committee on Diversity.

A Resolution Condemning Discrimination against Library Workers and Supporting the LGBTQIA+ Community ([CD#58](#)) was approved.

In the week prior to the conference, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) announced that the 2024 World Library and International Congress (WLIC) would be in Dubai, UAE. At Council II, International Relations Committee (IRC) Chair Julius Jefferson, Jr. presented IRC's report ([CD #18.1](#)) including a resolution on ALA's objection to the location of the WLIC because of Dubai's criminalization of homosexuality. Through the amendment process, [Council requested](#) that "1) ALA reaffirms its commitment to uphold its professional ethics, especially freedom of expression and individual rights, and 2) It is essential for IFLA to ensure that that WLIC is a safe and inclusive space for all members of our profession, and 3) ALA strongly objects to the selection of Dubai without the inclusion of the full and unfettered participation of the LGBTI-SIG and the allowance of programming and other activities related to the LGBTQIA+ community with guarantees of the safety and immunity from prosecution of crimes related to consensual homosexual activity and gender expression. 4) ALA supports IFLA to find a location in the MENA region for WLIC where all members are able to fully participate." The amendments also call to revisit discussions about ALA's participation in IFLA WLIC during the first council meeting at LibLearnX 2024.

A resolution asking ALA to investigate the possibility of changing dates for future Annual Conferences to allow LGBTQIA+ members to attend their local Pride events ([CD #59](#)) also passed.

The budget update ([CD #13.3](#)), financials from the first seven months of FY23 ([CD #13.4](#)) and a revised budget schedule for FY24 ([CD #13.5](#)) were all presented to Council.

Council will next meet at [LibLearnX in Baltimore, MD](#) from January 19 -22, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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