

NJLA Executive Board ALA Councilor July 2023



Annual Conference
Chicago, IL June 22- 27, 2023
<https://2023.alaannual.org/>

Look back at ALAAC23 - Many sessions and speakers

Meetings attended:

ALA Membership Meeting and Information Session Saturday June 24 10 - 12 pm

ALA Connect forums engaging membership, not only conference, other meetings online

Every member in 2023 is consequential, more can move needle with censorship and budgets

Relaunch Lawyers for Librarians, 10 mutual aid helplines

ALA Council I Saturday June 24 2:30 - 5 pm

ALA Council I: Reports and Resolutions

New prison library standards passed, new Executive Board appointments discussed

Geraci explained that the recent changes to the ALA Bylaws will gradually bring the number of Councilors-At-Large down to 36 by 2026. This means NC is searching for 18 candidates for 12 spots, rather than the usual 50 candidates.

Executive Board member Sara Dallas presented a successful resolution to reaffirm ALA's position on the freedom to read (CD #55).

Annual registration numbers, which by end of day June 23 was a total of 15,486 (9,289 paid), exceeding the number of expected registrants and exhibitors.

FY24 positive revenue to expenses ratio- new revenue streams and budget metrics

ALA Council II Sunday June 25 9 - 11:30 am

Council II: Condemning Discrimination against the LGBTQIA+ Community.

Amendments to ALA Policy Manual approved

Policy Monitoring Committee (PMC), proposed two amendments to the ALA Policy Manual (CD#17.1), which were approved by Council.

a resolution that ALA Bylaws Article VII Section 2 be amended by striking "may be held virtually" and inserting "shall be held virtually."

Resolution Condemning Discrimination against Library Workers and Supporting the LGBTQIA+ Community (CD#58) was put forth by ALA councilor Erin Berman.

ALA Executive Director Tracie D. Hall announced a conference attendance total of 15,706.

ALA Council III Monday June 26 9- 12 pm

Council III: Inquiry into Conference Date Changes Approved

Council also addresses Dubai selection for 2024 WLIC

Resolution on ALA's objection to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) choosing Dubai, United Arab Emirates, as the location for IFLA's 2024 World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) because of the city's criminalization of homosexuality.

Council approved several amendments to IRC's resolution that clarified ALA's disapproval of the location unless IFLA can assure the protection of LGBTQ participants from prosecution and the unfettered inclusion of LGBTQIA+-related programming, or otherwise find a new location in the region.

Calling for ALA to investigate the possibility of changing dates for future Annual Conferences, noting LGBTQ members regularly have to miss their local Pride events (CD #59) to attend.

ALA budget approved, \$49 million to \$50 million

Committee on Accreditations CD30 approved - Self studies repetitive, EDI standards for programs

Opening General Session,

featuring Judy Blume & Special Guests

Friday, June 23: 4:00PM - 5:30PM, CT

'What Is It about This Book That Scares You?'

Author Judy Blume on book bans and being a supportive adult



Library Marketplace Hours

Friday, June 23: 5:30pm – 7:00pm | until | Monday, June 26, 9:00am – 2:00pm

