

Report of the ALA Council Committee on Committees

Per the ALA Bylaws, the Executive Board of the American Library Association shall consist of thirteen (13) members including: the four (4) officers of the Association, the immediate past president, and eight (8) councilors elected by Council to three-year (3-year). The Committee on Committees (CoC) shall nominate annually from among the current members of the Council candidates for nomination to the Executive Board to serve three-year terms. Upon election to the Executive Board, members shall continue to serve as councilors for the duration of their terms.

The Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for service on the Executive Board. We received a strong and competitive pool of nominations, and our deliberations were thoughtful and, at times, challenging due to the high caliber of all nominees. In reaching this slate, the Committee carefully considered a range of factors, including Board roles and responsibilities and current composition of the Executive Board. We extend our sincere thanks to all members who put their names forward or nominated colleagues for consideration, and we appreciate their willingness to serve and contribute to the organization.

The first candidate receiving the highest number of votes in each of the following positions will be elected to a 3-year term (2026-2029). Additional nominations may be made from the Council floor during the Council I meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. The election will take place immediately following the Executive Board Candidates Forum on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 5pm Central and will close on Tuesday, January 27 at 9am Central. Results will be shared by the ALA Election Committee during the Council III Meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

Detailed biographies and statements of each candidate will be made available in early January 2026 at the bottom of the [Council Document webpage](#).

The Council Committee on Committees is pleased to present the following slate of four (4) candidates for the election by Council of two (2) ALA Executive Board members¹.

2026-2029 ALA Executive Board Candidates



Shauntee Burns-Simpson

Director, Youth & Family Services
District of Columbia Public Library



Lesliediana Jones

Director - Authur Neef Law Library
Assistant Professor
Wayne State University Law School



**Anchalee (Joy)
Panigabutra-Roberts**

Associate Professor
Head of Cataloging
The University of Tennessee
Libraries



Julia Warga

University Librarian
Director of the Library
John Carroll University

2025-2026 Committee on Committee,
Maria McCauley, Chair
Ana Elisa de Campos Salles
Bradley Kuykendall
Erika Long
Joseph Thompson

¹ *On April 7, 2025, the ALA membership voted to approve a change to the composition of the ALA Executive Board, reducing the number of seats from ten (10) to eight (8) councilors.

"Section 1. Composition. The Executive Board of the American Library Association shall consist of thirteen (13) members including: the four (4) officers of the Association, the immediate past president, and eight (8) councilors elected by Council to three-year (3-year)."

As a results of this change, Council will only elect two (2) councilors for Board service. Through attrition, the Board will reach the updated total of eight (8) councilors by 2028.