



# *What to Know about Running for* **ALA PRESIDENT**

## ***Presidential Traits***

- ALA presidents must have **leadership skills**, demonstrated through diverse service and position experiences at any organizational level.
- Leading the association requires a **strong commitment to library values and the ALA mission**, as well as **actively involving members** in planning for the future and incorporating their ideas and concerns.
- Your **enthusiasm and passion** will be the foundation for your leadership role in ALA.

## ***Time Commitment***

You should expect your time as ALA president-elect and president to be similar to a **half-time job**. A **flexible schedule** is essential. Time commitments include:

- Two monthly virtual meetings: ALA Executive Committee and ALA Executive Board.
- Quarterly meetings (in person with hybrid option): fall, winter, spring, and at the ALA Annual Conference.
- An average of 6 to 10 media requests per week.

## ***Support from ALA***

ALA provides:

- **Funding to support your work** as president-elect and president.
- **Travel and registration** for ALA Annual Conferences and ALA Executive Board meetings.
- An **orientation** at the start of your term.
- **Media and parliamentary trainings** to ensure you are an effective spokesperson and president.

## ***Campaigning***

Campaigning for ALA president is **not required**, but you may do so. Typical efforts include websites, mailings, and visiting chapter meetings, affiliate gatherings, and division conferences.

- Campaign-related expenses can average **\$2,000 to \$5,000**.
- ALA offers up to **\$1,000 in reimbursement** for campaign expenses.

## ***Learn More***

- Visit [ala.org/election](http://ala.org/election) or scan the QR code.
- Email [governance@ala.org](mailto:governance@ala.org).
- Reach out to any Nominating Committee member.





# *What to Know about Running for* **ALA COUNCIL**

## **Councilor Traits**

- As part of ALA's policy-making body, councilors should possess a **commitment to advancing ALA's mission and goals**.
- Councilors should be **willing to engage members** to listen to their concerns and needs and **advocate for librarians and library workers** on issues impacting our profession and communities.

## **Time Commitment**

- Councilors are expected to attend the **ALA Annual Conference and any special ALA Council meetings**. There is a hybrid attendance option.
- Councilors are encouraged to attend the **ALA Information Membership Session** and the **ALA Virtual Membership Meeting**.
- Councilors should devote **time to prepare** for ALA Council decisions and **speak with members**.

## **Support from ALA**

- Councilors receive **no ALA financial support**. However, your home institution may be willing to support you, as ALA Council service brings institutional visibility and contributes to local and national issues.
- New councilors are encouraged to attend **Councilor Orientation** at the Annual Conference.

## **Campaigning**

Campaigning for election to ALA Council is **not required**, but you may choose to do so.

- **ALA does not provide reimbursement** for ALA Council campaign expenses.
- Some candidates choose to actively promote their candidacy to **colleagues, divisions, round tables, and affiliates**.
- Candidates can request a **statement of support** from a potentially supporting unit or organization.

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