

ALA-Allied Professional Association  
Board of Directors  
Midwinter 2006

TOPIC: ALA-APA Advisory Committee

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval in concept and referral to ALA-APA COO

DRAFT MOTION: *The ALA-APA Board of Directors approves in concept the creation of an ALA-APA Advisory Committee and refers this motion, including the draft charge, to the ALA-APA Committee on Organization for review prior to submission to the ALA-APA Council for adoption.*

ACTION REQUESTED BY: Jenifer Grady, Director, ALA-APA

DATE: 10 January 2006

BACKGROUND:

The ALA-Allied Professional Association has, since its inception, been balanced between the realities of a modest resource base and the need for a robust organizational structure. ALA-APA-only standing committees have been created in areas unique to the ALA-APA: (1) salaries and status and (2) certification. ALA-APA committees whose membership mirrors that of ALA standing committees have been created in “housekeeping” areas common to organizations – Budget Analysis and Review, Bylaws, Organization.

With the slow, steady growth of ALA-APA programs and services, there has been increasing need for an overall advisory body. The “advisory committee” structure has long been used in ALA. Within ALA, an advisory committee “evaluates programs, policies, or projects and recommends courses of action...” [ALA policy 6.6.2] Creation of an advisory committee is requested for the ALA-Allied Professional Organization. It is recommended that the committee include five persons, of whom one is appointed chair. Members of the committee should serve two-year terms, renewable once, except that initial appointments should be for a combination of one and two-year terms, for the sake of continuity on the committee going forward. All appointments would be made by the ALA-APA president-elect.

The proposed charge of the ALA-Allied Professional Association Advisory Committee is as follows: *To advise the ALA-Allied Professional Association on activities, problems,*

*and procedures related to development of ALA-APA services and products. The ALA-APA Advisory Committee will advocate for the mission of the ALA-APA and assist in fundraising and advocacy related to ALA-APA programs and services. The ALA-APA Advisory Committee will monitor the implementation, progress and ongoing evaluation of ALA-APA programs and services. The ALA-APA Advisory Committee will make recommendations to the ALA-APA Board of Directors ~~or ALA-APA Council~~, as appropriate.*