

**ELECTED POSITION: AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COUNCILOR**

**AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA) REQUIREMENTS:** Nominees must be personal members of the ALA.

**COUNCIL DESCRIPTION:** The ALA provides that each state, provincial and territorial chapter is entitled to one councilor elected by the members of the chapter. Chapter membership is not limited to members of the ALA. Council is the governing body of the ALA. It delegates to the divisions of the association authority to plan and carry out programs and activities in accord with policy established by the Council. Two meetings are required each year, one at annual conference and one not less than three months prior to the association meeting (Midwinter.)

**WLA DESCRIPTION:** The ALA Councilor is elected by majority vote of the WLA membership, as declared by the Election Committee, for a four year term in even numbered years divisible by four. The position is reimbursed for attendance at the Midwinter and Annual Conferences of ALA. The incumbent is a voting member of the WLA Board. The Councilor will complete transfer of their duties to the newly elected Councilor, following the summer ALA Conference.

<b>RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	<b>OFFICERS, INTEREST GROUPS &amp; OTHERS INVOLVED:</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED:</b>	<b>TIMELINES:</b>
Act as representative and liaison between the WLA and the ALA	WLA Board, ALA Council, ALA and WLA membership	Attend all WLA Board meetings and planning retreats, WLA annual conference, reporting on issues and actions of the ALA.  Attend ALA Midwinter and Annual Conferences, and be present at all ALA Council meetings as a voting Council member representing the Washington Chapter of ALA.  Prepare written report of ALA activities and issues for distribution at the WLA annual conference membership meeting(s).	Eight to ten meetings per year.  Two meetings per year.  Annually
Promote membership and interest in the ALA and its activities.	WLA membership  WLA Conference Committee  WLA Conference Committee  Editors of WLA Association and Interest Group publications	Disseminate information about ALA activities, distribute membership applications and ALA conference information throughout Washingtons library community.  Arrange for and staff an ALA information exhibit at WLA conference.  Arrange program for the Washington ALA Chapter meeting during WLA conference, traditionally a breakfast, jointly sponsored by the PNLA.  Inform membership of ALA activities and issues through WLA publications, including every issue of <i>Alki</i> .	As appropriate  Annually  Annually  Regularly
Supports WLA strategic planning process and special projects	Coordinator of Strategic Planning, other WLA Standing or Ad Hoc Committee Chairs	Supports and assists in planning and carrying out projects as requested.	As appropriate

