

Advocacy and Public Policy Committee

Purpose

The Advocacy and Public Policy Committee (APPC) advises the Association on the Association's public policy work, which primarily consists of monitoring, evaluating, and influencing government decisions (legislative, judicial, regulatory, or otherwise) on relevant matters in the United States, Canada, and internationally.

Charge

The Advocacy and Public Policy Committee is an Association committee. It advises the development of concrete positions and strategies that reflect the Association's stated priorities in public policy; reviews the ongoing implementation and progress of this work; and, when necessary, helps Association members mobilize and respond to public policy issues of major interest.

Membership

- The committee shall be chaired by an ARL member representative appointed by the Board of Directors.
- The committee is composed of 9 to 12 ARL member representatives and member library staff. The majority of the committee is composed of member representatives.
- A Board liaison is a member of the committee.
- The Executive Director of CARL is an ex-officio member.
- The Executive Director appoints staff leads.

Terms

- The committee chair serves a two-year term; one year in the role of vice-chair, and the second as chair. The only exception for a third year of service is when a member is elected to be a committee vice chair in her or his second year.
- A committee member serves a two-year term renewable at the conclusion of year one, or until a replacement is selected, unless the Board of Directors decides in exceptional circumstances that an additional renewal term is justified.
- The Board liaison serves a one-year term.
- The CARL representative serves a one-year term renewable each year.
- The staff lead serves on the committee until reassigned or leaves the Association.

Meetings

The committee meets at a minimum twice a year at Association meetings, convening virtually as necessary, via video and/or telephone conference.

Areas of Responsibility

Reviews the Association's ongoing public policy work—both the substantive positions and methods of its advocacy—as principally executed by ARL staff. This includes oversight of the Association's:

- timely communications to keep the membership informed on key issues;
- partnerships with and outreach to other organizations, stakeholders, and
- experts on public policy matters; and
- allocation of scarce resources to various issues, including novel and
- emerging topics that may be of significant interest to research libraries.

Decision-Making

The committee makes recommendations to the Executive Director and, as appropriate, to the Board.

Code of Conduct

The committee adheres to the ARL Code of Conduct in all of its deliberations and activities.

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