

## Advocacy and Public Policy Committee

### Charge

The Advocacy and Public Policy Committee (APPC) is an Association committee. It develops concrete positions and strategies that reflect the Association's stated priorities in information policy; influences national and international public policy to advance the research environment; helps Association members mobilize and respond to public policy issues of major interest; and monitors and responds to major legal and policy developments in the US and internationally.

### 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 beyond two years, is if a member is elected to be vice chair in their first or second year of service.
- 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 as needed to conduct the work of its charge; at a minimum, it will meet during the Spring and Fall Association meetings.

## **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;
- experts on public policy matters;
- 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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