

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 renewable for as long as they are a member of the Board of Directors.
- 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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