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1. Communication by ALA Committees and Council Committees to members.
2. Lifespan of Membership Initiative Groups (MIGs)

COO presents an action item related to each of these issues for Council's consideration

## Communication to ALA members by ALA Committees and Council Committees

The following assumptions have guided COO in its thinking about this issue

ALA members are entitled to free access to information about what the committees that serve them are working on, have accomplished or plan to do. This is consistent with ALA's open meetings (Policy 7.4.4) and open activities (Policy A.4.3.16) issue

least twice a year. These reports will be included in the Annual Conference report to Council:



COO encourages committees to include information in those reports that goes beyond action items brought to Council a section that addresses issues, as appropriate, such as th

## Lifespan of Membership Initiative Groups (MIGs)

With the exception of special task forces (which are usually appointed by the ALA president), MIGs are the only membership units that at the time of their creation are time-limited. COO recommends the following change to the guidelines:

At the end of its first ~~the~~ years of existence, a membership initiative group may request renewal for an ~~additional~~ three-year term by providing a petition for that purpose signed by at least 100 ALA members in good standing to the ALA Committee on Organization, may request another place within the ALA structure by following the procedures for establishing that type of group, or may request the ALA COO to disband it. These same options are open to a MIG at the conclusion of each ~~three~~ year period of its existence.

This requires slight revision of Policy A.4.3.12 through addition of the highlighted text

A Membership Initiative Groups (MIG) is formed when a group of ALA members identifies a common concern or interest about librarianship which falls outside the delegated responsibility of a single division, roundtable, or unit, and wishes to establish a short-term, **renewable** mechanism to address this concern or interest. To establish a MIG, which must be approved by COO and reported to Council, a group must submit to the Committee on Organization a statement of purpose, at least one hundred signatures of ALA members in good standing, and the names and addresses of designated organizers. **Once established, a MIG may operate for three years at which point it may re-petition for another three year term, may request another place within the ALA structure by following the procedures for establishing that type of group, or may request the ALA COO to disband it. The petitioning process can be renewed every three years. If the repetition process is not carried out when due, the MIG will be disbanded.**

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**ACTION Item #2:** Resolved, that Council approve the following revision to ALA policy A.4.3.12

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