

American Library Association Constitution and Bylaws Committee
Report to Council

Midwinter Meeting 2016—Boston, Massachusetts

1. Joint Council of Librarians of Color application for affiliate status with ALA

At its fall 2015 meeting, the ALA Executive Board approved EBD #12.7 2015-2016. It forwarded to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee the application by the Joint Council of Librarians of Color for affiliate status with ALA. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has the responsibility to “examine the applicant’s constitution and bylaws to see that no conflict exists between the ALA constitution and bylaws and the applicant’s.”

Relevant documents are:

The ALA Constitution

<http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/constitution/Constitution.pdf> or <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/constitution/constitution>

ALA Bylaws

http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/constitution/bylaws_rev_8-20-12_1.pdf or <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/constitution/bylaws>

American Library Association Affiliation Guidelines

<http://www.ala.org/groups/affiliates/affiliates/criteria>

ALA Executive Board document EBD #12.7.1 2015-2016 (sent separately) includes:

- o A letter dated October 1, 2015 from Dr. Jerome Offord, president of the Joint Council of

Council referred the proposed amendment back to the Committee for further consideration. The proposal did not adequately state Council's role in approving affiliation requests. Members of Council