

OPEN MEETING POLICY: An Interpretive Statement  
of the American Library Association

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renumbered by Council  
at the 2003 ALA

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The policy on Open Meetings, 7.4.3., reads as follows:

"All meetings of the American Library Association and its units are open to all members and to members of the press. Registration requirements apply. Closed meetings may be held only for the discussion of matters affecting the privacy of individuals or institutions."

The American Library Association is a national educational association with an organizational pattern of units and sub-units with distributed responsibility for the conduct and accomplishment of its business. As a membership association, its structure, procedures, and actions do not parallel public

In support of its goal of promoting and improving library service and librarianship, the ALA conducts activities such as: developing standards; accrediting library school programs; granting scholarships, awards, and other recognitions; developing and conducting continuing education programs; publishing monographs and periodicals; reviewing and recommending publications; publicizing library needs and services; recommending legislation; providing advisory assistance; conducting many other projects and programs related to the development or improvement of library services.

Matters affecting the privacy of individuals or institutions frequently include such areas as:

Deliberations concerning the performance of personal members.

Deliberations concerning the qualifications of members being considered for office.

Deliberations concerning the qualifications of individuals or institutions being considered for grants, scholarships, or similar recognition.

Deliberations concerning the ability of an institution to meet published criteria or standards.

Deliberations concerning contractual matters, and matters with legal or financial implications for individuals or institutions.

Deliberations concerning awards to individuals for achievements and/or creative works.

Deliberations concerning awards to institutions or organizations

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS (cont.)

106.4 Rules and Regulations (cont.)

\* 106.4.3 Open Meetings

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NOTED THAT IN THE ALA COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 1971...

recognized members of the press with closed meetings being only for the discussion of matters affecting privacy of individuals or institutions

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INFORMATION FOR THE PRESS:

The American Library Association welcomes the press to the meetings of the

The Press Room and the Press Table at meetings of the Membership, Council, and Executive Board are intended to help the press in its coverage of the Association's activities.