Council Financial Orientation

- The ALA Budget and Decision-Making Process -

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The Financial Process Starts and Ends with Your Actions

At Each Midwinter Meeting

 Council approves the Association's Programmatic Priorities and Strategic Directions

At Each Annual Conference

 Council approves the Annual Estimates of Income

Sources of ALA Revenue



18% **Dues**

36% **Publishing**

24% **Meetings & Conferences**

Awards

Where Does Your ALA Dollar Go?



14%
Advocacy for Libraries and the Profession

12%
Information
Policy and
Intellectual
Freedom

12% 40%

Professional and Leadership Development

13%

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion 21%

Member Engagement and Support

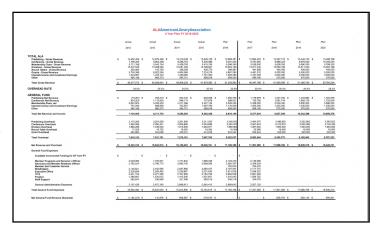
ALA Operating Structure

TOTAL ALA OPERATING CAPITAL General Fund GRANTS & Headquarters **AWARDS** Building **ALA ENDOWMENT Divisions** DC & CHOICE Offices **Round Tables** IT, Furniture & **Equipment** CAPITAL **PROJECTS**

The ALA Strategic Directions & Five Year Financial Plan How Do We Achieve the ALA's Mission and Fund It?

ALA Key Action Areas

- Advocacy for Libraries & the Profession
- Diversity
- Education & Lifelong Learning
- Equitable Access
- Intellectual Freedom
- Literacy
- Organizational Excellence
- Transforming Libraries



ALA Mission

ALA Strategic Directions

- Advocacy
- Information Policy
- Professional & Leadership Development
- Equity, Inclusion and Diversity

ALA Five Year Plan

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	General Fund*	Divisions	Round Tables	Grants & Awards	Long-term Investment	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
+B) TOTAL ALA BUDGETARY CEILING (for approval)	30,120,362	28,387,887	2,091,551	3,413,210	366,268	64,379,278
Net Asset Balance (projected at end of FY 2016)		14,761,317	1,649,643			16,410,960
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Core Organizational Values

ALA Annual Budget

Guided by ALA's Mission and Strategic Directions, the ALA Five Year Financial Plan and Annual Budget act as ALA's financial "roadmap"

Who are Key Stakeholders in Development of ALA Budget?

- Broad Overview
 - Strategic Plan
 - Senior Management
 - Planning & Budget Assembly
 - Member Leaders

- Governance View
 - Executive Board
 - Council
 - BARC
 - Finance & Audit Committee

- Staff View
 - Divisions
 - Round Tables
 - Committees
 - Departments
 - Units



Budget Analysis and Review Committee- BARC -

- ALA Council standing committee
 - six members at large from general membership
 - two members from Executive Board
 - ALA Treasurer is a member
- Has primary responsibility for detailed review and monitoring of budget

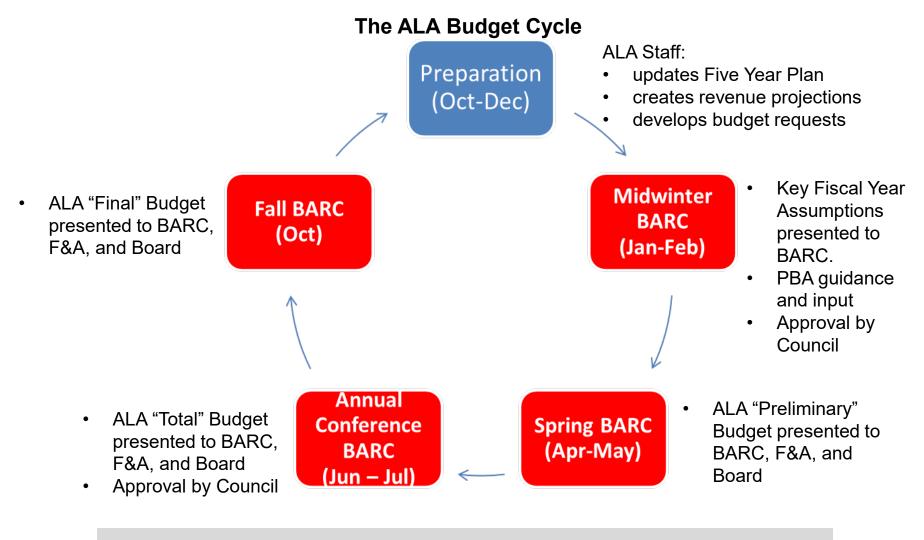
- Charged to review proposed budget as forwarded from Executive Board in spring
- Reviews current year's budget financial performance
- Reviews resolutions from Council that may have potential financial implications
- Reports to Council on performance of budget

Council Referrals to BARC

- BARC is charged with determining financial impact, if any, of any referrals from Council
- BARC works closely with Resolutions Committee to provide a transparent review process for resolutions
- BARC reports to Council on findings of financial impact analysis
- Recent Council Referrals to BARC
 - Roadblocks to Diversity Leaderships
 - Fossil Fuel Investments in ALA Endowment

ALA's Annual Budget Process

How Do We Set Priorities and Allocate Resources Annually?



With the dual goals of mission attainment and financial sustainability, the process for FY19 began in Oct-Dec 2017 (1st Quarter FY18)

Other Important Information to Know

- Final adjustments can and are made to budget between Annual Conference and Fall Executive Board meeting
 - final budget is approved at this time (October), even though new fiscal year has started
- Once final budget is approved, it is final
- New projects/initiatives introduced outside approved budget process will generally have to wait until next budget cycle
 - new projects/initiatives developed outside budget process are handled on a case by case basis and encouraged to wait until next budget cycle

The ALA Operating Agreement

- Establishes a shared responsibility for the management of the Association
- Adopted in 1976 by ALA Council, revised in 1982
- Framework for ALA General Fund and Divisions to function together effectively and efficiently
- Divisions have the autonomy, independence and freedom to pursue goals and objectives specific to them
- Collaboration/Cooperation is our primary priority as ALA and its Divisions have opportunities...to stimulate and build on each other's strengths

An Important Aspect of the Operating Agreement

The Overhead AKA Indirect Cost Rate

- Covers mandated central services i.e. Human Resources, Accounting, Building, Office Space, Legal etc.
- The rate is calculated annually in Spring/Early Summer via a financial model
- The calculation is determined by taking the indirect costs generated by the model for ALA's revenue generating units - <u>Conferences and</u> <u>Publishing</u> divided by their revenue
- Currently 26.5%

Strategic Budget Investments

- Enhance fundraising capacity
 - ✓ Reallocate existing staff positions to support 2.5 additional FTE
 - ✓ Major gifts director, prospect researcher and support
- Support 21st century advocacy efforts
 - ✓ CRM (customer relations management) system for advocacy information
 - ✓ Support for enhanced outreach and engagement including "fly-in" event early in budget season for strategic legislative contacts
- Strengthen IT infrastructure and services
 - ✓ First year of three-year planned investment for capacity and customer service
 - ✓ Improved access to services, communication and information for members, staff and public

Additional Useful Resources

- Member Leaders
 - > Treasurer Maggie Farrell
 - **BARC Chair Peter Hepburn**
- ALA Staff
 - **Executive Director**
 - **▶** Division Executive Directors
 - > CFO and ALA Finance Staff
- Online Webinars and Other Training
 - www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/financialdata
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