

ALA Wyoming Chapter Councilor Report
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For a summary of all actions upon which the Council voted during this conference, please go to:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governance/council/councilactions/councilactions.htm>

and select the 2006 Annual Conference link.

For background documentation of these actions and complete agendas, please go to the 2006 Annual conference section on the following page:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governance/council/councilagendas/councilagendas.htm>

The ALA Councilors also act as the ALA-APA (ALA-Allied Professional Association) Council. For a brief synopsis of actions of the ALA-APA Council at the annual conference, please go to:

<http://www.ala-apa.org/about/20052006ACCouncilactions.html>

In the following paragraphs I am providing information on a few items of particular interest:

ALA Dues Increase

ALA members were asked to vote on a revised dues structure in the election which began in March 2006. The dues increase and structure were approved by the membership by a vote of 7,876 in favor versus 6,220 opposed, as announced in May 2006. During the discussion of this topic at Council III, there was some concern that the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) had not investigated a graduated dues structure as the Council membership had thought they had requested. BARC has been directed to plan for a graduated dues study. There was a call for volunteers to assist with this planning, and I submitted my name, but I do not know if I will be selected. However, I would be glad to forward your suggestions for criteria to be considered in the study.

ALA-APA Library Staff Salary Survey

The UW Libraries were among the sample selected to participate in the first ALA-APA Library Staff Salary Survey, which was conducted this past spring. I found that the staff job categories did not reflect the academic library organization very well. Jennifer Grady, the ALA-APA staff liaison, gave a presentation on the survey process. She is interested in receiving suggestions for how to improve the survey for future years. If you participated in the survey, I would be happy to forward your comments and suggestions. If you were not a participant, but you are curious about the survey, I would be happy to show you the survey instrument.

Planning and Budget Assembly

I was elected to this group for a two year term beginning at the 2007 Midwinter conference and ending with the 2008 Annual conference. As I understand it, this assembly is supposed to be reviewing the actions of the BARC and assisting in their work, but in the past the assembly has not been particularly active. The group may be able to assist with the graduated dues study.