

Appointment to ALA Accreditation Reviews in the Fall of 2016

ALA is pressing CLA to appoint two individuals as observers to two Accreditation Reviews in the Fall of 2016. They insist that appointing people a year out is necessary in order to be able to recruit reviewers. She did however note that knowing observers that far in advance is not as imperative.

The two reviews are:

McGill on September 26 and 27, 2016
UBC on November 14 and 15, 2016

The observer is expected to follow the guidelines for conflicts of interest (which would include, for instance: any former or current student, or employment, contracts, etc., with the institution, or any personal relationships with employees of the institution—anything that would impinge upon the person's ability to be objective), as stated in section III.4, and confidentiality, as stated in section III.5.4.

There is a cost to the CLA associated with these appointments. We have traditionally budgeted \$250 as we choose someone local however have in the recent past had to cover greater than that when we could not identify a local member of the community to act as an observer.

The ALA-COA process manual ('AP3', as it's affectionately called ;-)

http://www.ala.org/accreditedprograms/sites/ala.org.accreditedprograms/files/content/AP3/4thedition/AP3_all_sections_4th_edition_final_08-07-15.pdf

Recommendation:

Given the cost factor associated with the appointments and CLA's intent to apply for dissolution in June 2016 the Executive Director recommends that an appointment of an observer to the two ALA Accreditation Review Processes be delayed until an organization(s) is identified to take over this role in the future.