



American Legion Auxiliary

*A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans,
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TO: National Executive Committee Members, National Officers, National Chairmen, Past National Presidents

CC: Dept Presidents; Dept Secretaries, NHQ Staff; National Committee Members

From: Kelly Circle, Executive Director

Re: Weekly Briefing 10-09-2020

Special Committees update

 We're looking for YOU! We need volunteers to serve on two special committees:	
ALA Inclusion & Diversity Committee	ALA Code of Ethical Conduct Review Committee
Want to help create a fun and welcoming environment for all? This committee will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop inclusion & diversity goals• Expand paths to leadership• Identify what success looks like• Get our members on board	Have experience with bylaws, corporate policies, or working on a board? This committee will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the existing Code• Develop procedures for addressing violations• Recommend changes to ALA Constitution & Bylaws• NOT be addressing unit/department-level conduct
Apply by: December 31, 2020 www.surveymonkey.com/r/ALASpecialCommittees	

The application link is LIVE!! Please share with all your ALA friends who might be interested. This is an excellent opportunity to have more members be involved so help us spread the word! If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Website update

Our current website is still up and running so members are not aware of what is going on behind-the-scenes. It's been a learning and complex experience! Our team is working with the website developer to fix the final glitches so our new website will work as it should. After that, we will do lots of testing to make sure everything is working and then we will go for the launch! We do not have a launch date right now because there are so many factors at play. Know that the staff are working very hard to get this done so our members can easily find and use information to work our mission.



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Red Book update

The printed red books should be delivered to NHQ this month and our plan is to distribute them as soon as possible thereafter. I'll attach a list of changes each week so everyone can update their printed copies. I'll wait to start sending the updates until the printed copies are shipped. The online red book is updated as changes come in and is a searchable document so going online might be the easiest way to find someone's contact information.

Membership update

As of today, we are at 175,802 for a membership total. That is ahead of where we were in 2019 but since we were only pulling reports every two weeks last year, we don't have a comparison to last year this week. We'll pull the report again next week and confirm we are still ahead. Keep processing those renewals and encourage your friends to renew now!

Who can resist a funny cat photo?? This is my cat, Foster, looking annoyed that I invaded his space. It made me laugh and I hope you laugh too!

