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At its Spring Meeting, held April 25-26, 2019, the ALA Committee on Accreditation (COA) took the following actions:

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What follows reflects the

Reviewed and approved the following policy adjustments to fourth edition:

***Section I.5.1 Responsibilities of the Office for Accreditation:***

Removed the first sentence fragment and inserted the highlighted bullet point:

~~Among the responsibilities of the Office for Accreditation are:~~

Coordinating and supporting activities that are directly related to the accreditation of master's programs of education for library and information studies;

Maintaining relationships with other accrediting agencies within the accreditation community, including CHEA and ASPA;

Maintaining contact with programs. This may include programs that are in the process of undergoing a comprehensive review or those that are interested in seeking accreditation from the ALA;

Providing information to graduate programs, potential students, employers, ALA members, the press, and the general public about the accreditation process, policies, and procedures, as well as the accreditation status of specific graduate LIS programs;

Manage conflicts of interest that may compromise the integrity of the accreditation process;

Providing publications, programs, and other activities to promote the awareness and enhance the knowledge of ALA members, other library and information associations, and the general public about the ALA accreditation process, trends in library and information studies education, and trends in higher education accreditation;

Maintaining a schedule of comprehensive reviews and making it publicly available;

Maintaining the Directory of ALA-Accredited Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies.

***Rationale:*** To replicate language on conflict of interest in other sections of and to address the new Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Policy 2018 language in paragraph 12J: "... (2) an effectively administered conflict of interest policy that covers all accrediting organization staff..."

***Section I.5.2 Directory of ALA-accredited programs:***

Removed mention of the Google map and alpha-by-institution listing and added hyperlinks to the three remaining versions of the Directory.

A current directory of ALA-accredited master's programs in Library and Information Studies is available in several different two formats on the Office for Accreditation website.

[Directory of ALA-accredited programs in a searchable database format](#)

[Directory of ALA-accredited programs in pdf format](#)

~~Directory of ALA-accredited programs as a Google Map~~

~~Directory of ALA-accredited programs by institution~~

A historical list of all ALA-accredited programs accredited since 1925 is also available on the Office for Accreditation website.

[Historical list of accredited programs](#)

***Rationale:*** To concentrate Office for Accreditation efforts on maintenance of the most authoritative version of the Directory (the database version).