

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA-COA) COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION

In accordance with the [2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures](#), Paragraph 43, this summary describes the formal action taken by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors with regard to an accrediting organization seeking recognition by CHEA.

Profile of Accrediting Organization

Type of Accreditor: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 63

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

Accredits master's programs in library and information studies offered under the degree-granting authority of institutions located in the United States, its territories, possessions, and protectorates and, by agreement with the Canadian Library Association, Canada. (2001)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA in May 2001

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 24–25, 2012

Decision: Continue to defer recognition

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation (ALA-COA). The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (2006 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

The Board of Directors deferred recognition in order to obtain additional information regarding ALA-COA's accreditation standards or policies that require institutions or programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Paragraph 12(B)(1), 2006 CHEA Policy and Procedures).

Prior Actions on ALA-COA's Application for Recognition

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 23, 2012: The Board of Directors deferred recognition in order to obtain additional information regarding ALA-COA's accreditation standards or policies that require institutions or programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Paragraph 12(B)(1), 2006 CHEA Policy and Procedures).