

American Library Association
Midwinter 2014 Executive Board Meeting
Report of President-Elect, Courtney Young

Orientation to Washington Office

I attended a one day orientation with ALA Treasurer Mario Gonzalez at the Washington Office on November 18, 2013. It focused on the two main aspects of the work in that office: governance and technology policy. The morning was spent highlighting the work of the Office of Information Technology Policy (OITP). The afternoon focused on day-to-day operations, press releases and social media, and governance including the Office of Government Relations (OGR) and the Committee on Legislation (COL).

Committee on Committees

The committee slated eight (8) nominees to run for four (4) positions on the ALA Executive Board. The first three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to three (3)-year terms, and will be seated on the Executive Board at its fall meeting on October 24-26, 2014, in Chicago. The fourth candidate receiving the greatest number of votes will be seated immediately on the Executive Board at the 2014 Midwinter Meeting to complete the unexpired five-month term (January 28 through July 1, 2014) of Sylvia K. Norton. Two of the eight slated nominees have withdrawn their name from consideration.

The committee also worked and provided me with their ranked recommendations for committee appointments.

Committee on Appointments

Eight members of the committee, comprised of the eleven division presidents-elects, worked and provided me with their ranked recommendations for committee appointments.

Presidential Focus

I met with my advisory committee and ALA staff liaison JoAnne Kempf on December 13 at ALA Headquarters in Chicago. We made significant progress towards planning for my 2014-2015 presidential year. My general ideas were strengthened and improved by our brainstorming session. We spent a considerable amount of time talking about how to tap into and aid the progress of association driven initiatives and past presidential initiatives related to my areas of interest (diversity, career development, engagement and

outreach) and make the membership and public more aware of these activities. A career development idea generated by Kevin Reynolds paralleled a project Lorelle Swader in HRDR mentioned to me related to career coaching. We consulted with Lorelle and identified a way to build on this pilot project. My presidential budget proposal will include funds earmarked to support it. We will meet during the Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia to prioritize the ideas we generated in December and develop an action plan.

Interviews

I was interviewed by the Penn State alumni magazine, The Penn Stater. The piece was published in the November 2013 issue.

I spoke with a reporter from the Portland (ME) Press Herald.

<http://www.pressherald.com/news/Maine-libraries-write-new-chapter-on-lending.html>

Travel and Speaking Engagements

November 7, 2013 - closing co-keynote speaker with Mark Puente (ARL) for the Taiga Forum "Academic Libraries and Diversity" in Austin, TX.

November 13, 2013 - conference keynote at the SCLA/SELA joint conference in Greenville SC.

December 8-10 – attended Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) conference. Mary Ghikas and I also represented ALA at a CNI Executive Roundtable on e-books.

December 11, 2013 – presented the Penn State University Libraries Faculty Organization forensic "Diversity, Development, and Engagement: Planning for a Presidents

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