

**2017-2018 ALA-APA CD#5  
2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting**

**TO:** ALA-APA Council  
ALA-APA Board of Directors

**RE:** 2018 Midwinter Report

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:**

*No action requested.*

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**BACKGROUND:**

The ALA Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA) is a nonprofit professional organization that end, the ALA-APA is focused on two broad areas:

Certification of individuals in specializations beyond the initial professional degree.

Direct support of comparable worth and pay equity initiatives, and other activities designed to improve the salaries and status of librarians and other library workers.

### **CPLA Program**

The Certified Public Library Administrator (CPLA) Program is a voluntary post-MLS certification program for public librarians with three years or more of supervisory experience. Its aim is to further professional education and development and help librarians move to a higher level of practical professional experience. To date, there are a total of **301** enrollees in the program and **97** graduates.

### **LSSC Program**

The Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC) Program offers library support staff the opportunity to commit to professional development and continuing education through the completion of competency sets developed and implemented by the ALA-APA. To date, there are a total of **560** enrollees in the program and **183** graduates.

### **National Library Workers Day (NLWD) and Equal Pay Day**

Once every few years the dates for **National Library Workers Day (NLWD)** and **Equal Pay Day** coincide with one another. This is one of those years. Both will be held on **April 10, 201**

The APA does not have members. It is a companion organization to the ALA and serves its members and the library community at large. Please consider supporting our efforts by giving financially. Your contributions and support make it possible for the organization to continue to strive every day for the advancement of all library employees. No gift is too small. On the ALA homepage, go to “*giveALA*” and select “*Offices Other*” and then *ALA-APA*.

### **Social Media**

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