**JOHN C. DESANTIS**

**Candidate for ALA Executive Board 2016**

**CURRENT POSITION** Cataloging & Metadata Services Librarian

Bibliographer for Russian, Theater and Film Studies

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 03755

**EDUCATION**  University of Toronto B.A. with high distinction, Russian 1978

University of Toronto M.A., Slavic Languages 1979

University of Toronto A.B.D., Slavic Languages 1986

University of Toronto M.L.S. 1991

**ALA ACTIVITIES**

**American Library Association (ALA), 1990 – present**

* + Councilor-at-large, 2004-2010, 2011 – present
  + Planning and Budget Assembly, 2015- present
  + International Relations Committee, 2014-2016
  + Committee on Committees, 2013-2014
  + Nominating Committee, 2013-2014
  + Resolutions Committee, 2012-2014
  + Committee on Organization, 2010-2012
  + Council Committee of Tellers, 2008, 2009, 2010 (Chair)
  + Committee on Professional Ethics, 2007-2009

**Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), 1991 – present**

* College Libraries Section, 1991-1998
* University Libraries Section, 1999 – present
* West European Studies Section, 1992-2001
* Slavic and East European Section, 1991 – present
* Automated Bibliographic Control Committee, 1998-2000
* Executive Board, 2004-2005
* Nominating Committee, 2013-2014, Chair, 2014-2015

**Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS), 1999 – present**

* + Collection Management Section, 1999 – present
  + Cataloging and Metadata Management Section, 1999 – present
    - Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access, 2011-2013
    - Subject Analysis Committee, IFLA representative, 2012-2015
  + Council of Regional Groups, 1999-2002
* Speakers Bureau Committee, 2000-2002

**Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT), 1991-1999**

* Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Task Force, 1991-1999
  + - Book Awards Committee, member (1993-1994), Chair (1995-1997)
    - Steering Committee, 1995-1997
    - Breakfast Program Planning Committee, 1996-1999

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT), 1999 – present**

* Stonewall Book Awards Committee, 2001-2003
* Breakfast Program Planning Committee, 2003-2005 (Chair)
* Steering Committee, 2003-2005 ***over→***

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**Video Round Table (VRT), 2000-2005**

* Notable Videos for Adults Committee, 2003-2005

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA)**

* Classification and Indexing Section, Standing Committee, 2011- present
  + Planning Committee for Open Session Program, 2012-2013, 2013-2014 (Chair), 2014-2015, 2015-2016 (Chair)
  + Planning Committee for Satellite Conference, 2011-2012

**Online Audio-Visual Catalogers (OLAC), 1997 – present**

* Cataloging Policy Committee, 1999-2001

**OCLC**

* Global Council, delegate, 2011 – present
* Representative to VIAF Council, 2013 - present
* Americas Regional Council, 2011 – present
  + Executive Committee (Secretary), 2014-2016
  + Nominating Committee, 2011-2013
* Metadata Advisory Group, 2014 - present

**Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, 1980-1988, 2001 – present**

* Committee on Library and Information Resources, 2001 - present
* Subcommittee on Collection Development (2014- present)

**East Coast Consortium for Slavic Library Collections, 2001 – present**

* Dartmouth representative; Chair, 2007-2009

**New England Library Association, 1998-2014**

Executive Board, 2000-2002; Conference Committee, 2000-2003; NETSL (New England Technical Services Librarians), Executive Board, 1998-2002; President, 2001-2002

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

* ACRL Member of the Week, July 26, 2010
* NETSL Award for Excellence in Library Technical Services, 2012

**STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS**

I have been a member of ALA for 26 years and a member of ALA Council for 11 of those years. Throughout this time, my work with ALA has provided the foundation for the most important of my various professional development activities. With my experience in the Association and in the profession, I would bring to the Executive Board my institutional memory, along with a firm commitment to work for our members while moving the Association forward.

I have always viewed ALA as the official voice for the library profession. We know that librarianship continues to evolve, lately at breakneck speed, in response to the changes in user needs, advances in technology, and overall challenges in our society. It is important for us to ensure that ALA also evolves with these changes and continues to advocate for the relevance of our profession and for the lasting importance of libraries and information centers.

If elected, I would work with the Executive Board and with Council to provide leadership and support for all types of libraries, tirelessly defend intellectual freedom, and guide the Association on its path toward addressing member needs, maintaining financial stability, and advocating for libraries in the socio-political and legislative arenas. I would also work toward strengthening the Association’s focus on information literacy, library and information science education, and recruitment to the profession.