

ALA Task Force on Sustainability

Charge: The Special ALA Task Force on Sustainability is charged to develop a white paper that describes areas of focus and recommendations for the ALA Executive Board to increase the adoption and implementation of sustainable practices by the Association, the profession, libraries and the communities they serve. The discussion should include the following:

- How the Association may provide leadership and serve as a model for sustainability practices more broadly in the profession;
- How the Association may provide leadership in the adoption of sustainability practices in libraries; and,
- How libraries may provide leadership and serve as a model for sustainability in the communities they serve.

Timeline: Interim report to the ALA Executive Board, 2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting, Denver
Final report to the ALA Executive Board, 2018 ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans

Composition:*

Chair: Sustainability Round Table – Immediate Past Chair**

Division Representatives:

Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) [*preservation*]

Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) [*state agency*]

Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) [*digital strategies*]

Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA)
[*leadership/management competencies*]

Round Table Representatives:

Learn Round Table (LEARNRT) [*training*]

Sustainability Round Table (SUSTAINRT) [*sustainability*]

Staff Liaison: Mary W. Ghikas, Senior Associate Executive Director, ALA

Board Liaison: Lessa Pelayo-Lozada (Proposed)

*Mary Ghikas will reach out to Divisions / Round Tables for recommendations for appointments. Rene and Rebekkah will likely be SUSTAINRT reps. Julie and Jim will work together on appointments invitations, final list, etc.

**A co-chair appointment would be appropriate as well.

NOTES from 4/25/17 call: KMF, MG, Rene, Rebekkah –

- Rebekkah sent a “framework,” which we all agree was too complicated; she will reach out to Westchester business council for their framework, which is what the NYLA group is using.
- Focus on “community change agents” fits with ALA’s “looking outward” and “librarians/librarians transform” themes.
- This is a switch in mindset, not a checklist.
- There is a spectrum of sustainability – not yes/no.

NOTE: See email dated 6/6 for additional information on work done-to-date.