Executive Board Conference Call Notes
May 17, 2016

Present for the call: President Sari Feldman; Immediate Past President Courtney Young; Treasurer Mario Gonzalez; Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels. Board Members: John DeSantis, Loida Garcia-Febo, Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., Sara Kelly Johns, Mike Marlin, and Gina Persichini; Washington Office Executive Director Emily Sheketoff; Director of the Office of ALA Governance JoAnne Kempf; and Executive Board Secretariat Kerri Price. President-elect Julie Todaro; Sr. Associate Executive Director Mary Ghikas; and Board Members Peter Hepburn and James Neal were absent. Observer: Andrew K. Pace.

I. **Budget Update**
Mario Gonzalez and Keith Michael Fiels reported on the FY 2016 budget, noting that revenue projections for ALA as a whole is favorable, although Publishing revenue is lower than projected. Final Midwinter numbers are still coming in, but revenues are expected to be slightly lower than originally expected and expenses are higher. More budget information will be available during the June 2, 2016, Virtual Membership Meeting.

II. **Update on the 2016 Annual Conference in Orlando, FL**
Keith Michael Fiels noted that registrations for the upcoming 2016 Annual Conference are at 6,330, compared to 8,848 for the 2015 Annual Conference in San Francisco. Exhibitor registrations are 3,946, compared to 4,730 for San Francisco. Total registrations are at 10,276, compared to 13,578 for San Francisco. Advertising compared to San Francisco is even. ALA anticipated lower attendance for Orlando, compared to San Francisco, but registrations are still lower than expected. An update will be provided during the June 2, 2016, Virtual Membership Meeting.

III. **Libraries Transform Campaign**
Sari Feldman and Keith Michael Fiels noted that 2,700 libraries have registered to participate in the campaign. Recent activities include the Libraries Transform pop-up café event at Chicago’s Millennium Park, the National Library Week Sign-Up promotion that sent approximately 5,000 packages to libraries that included Libraries Transform logo window clings, bookmarks, and other campaign materials; and participation in Book Expo America. President-elect Julie Todaro plans to incorporate Libraries Transform into her presidential year (2016-2017) initiative – The Expert in the Library.

IV. **Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**
Keith Michael Fiels noted that the Task Force will submit its final report to the Board in the coming weeks, once it obtains and analyzes the final survey data. Time will be set aside at the upcoming 2016 Annual Conference to discuss implementation of the recommendations.

V. **Election Process Task Force**
Keith Michael Fiels reported that the Election Process Task Force is in the final stages of gathering and analyzing member feedback for incorporation into its final report. The report will contain revisions to election processes as well as a revised election calendar, and will be presented to the Board at the 2016 Annual Conference.
VI. **Librarian of Congress Nomination**
Emily Sheketoff discussed upcoming hearings for President Obama’s Librarian of Congress nominee, Dr. Carla Hayden. Confirmation hearings took place and were very positive. Dr. Hayden received several questions that she is responding to in writing. In addition, several senators requested meetings with her. Once the meetings occur, the Committee on Rules and Administration will vote for the nomination to go to the full Senate, at which point the vote will be placed on the Senate calendar.

VII. **U.S. Government Transition Planning**
Keith Michael Fiels and Emily Sheketoff met with Julie Todaro to plan a strategy for communication with major party transition teams. The Washington Office is currently arranging meetings with consultants in Washington and has sent a questionnaire to all candidates. Thus far, no responses have been received.

VIII. **ITTS External Review Update**
Keith Michael Fiels reported on one of the issues noted in the April 2016 External Review of ALA ITTS – use of external ITTS systems by ALA divisions and other units. Guidelines will be drafted that address this issue and will require ITTS review of any potential outside contracts to ensure that security and accessibility standards are met.