Executive Board Conference Call Notes  
September 14, 2017

Present for the call: President, Jim Neal; President-Elect, Loida Garcia-Febo; Treasurer, Susan Hildreth; Past President Julie Todaro; Board Members; Trevor Dawes, Karen Downing, Julius Jefferson, Lessa Kanani’opua Pelayo-Lozada, Mike Marlin, Andrew Pace and Gina Persichini; Interim Executive Director Mary Ghikas; Director of Governance, Joanne Kempf and Executive Board Secretariat, LaTasha Bryant. Board member Patty Wong was excused.

Added: OCLC standing on LC
The OCLC is standing firm on LC headings on illegal aliens awaiting the Library of Congress action. The Library of Congress is looking at general policy to make this issue more transparent in particular.

Added: Update from Michael Dowling re: Disaster Relief following hurricanes Harvey and Irma
Many schools have been damaged in the Caribbean and residents are using libraries as an alternative. They are requiring school supplies. Loida Garcia-Febo reported that the REFORMA Conference scheduled to take place in Puerto Rico was cancelled. The hotel contract included a natural disasters clause and the registration fees, deposits and donations will be refunded.

1. Statement on MW2022 in San Antonio
There was a discussion on the statement that summarizes the Board discussions on the MW meeting scheduled for San Antonio in light of the Texas “bathroom bill”. The bill was ultimately not passed; we are not moving the conference. A statement will be shared with Council, EDI Task force and GLTBTTRT.

2. Sustainability Task Force
The task force has been established. It is a good group of people and everyone is excited about the project.

3. Executive Director Transition Update
Mary Ghikas sent a summary of what will happen with ALA staff during the transition period before/after the new Executive Director is hired. Close to $1M was taken out of the FY18 revenue budget. The three biggest divisions are represented in the Sr. Management group (PLA, AASL and ACRL). The two-percent salary increase remains intact; no increase to benefit costs. The goal is to try to create unity within the organization and the number one concern is complexity. The next ALL-staff meeting will be scheduled in mid-November.

4. How to Communicate w/Members on Important Developments & Events
There was a discussion about how to establish internal protocol to make sure all staff are on the same path regarding issuing statements. There was also a question about what constitutes a “major development”. The discussion will be continued with Jeff Julian at the Fall meeting.

5. USBBY Appointment from YALSA
The recommendation was approved and we will send notice to YALSA and the appointee.