



How Your ALTA Regional Vice-President Can Help You

The ALTA regional vice president office was created to establish and maintain working relationships with all trustees and trustee groups within a specified region. In some situations, the regional vice president works through the state trustee organizations. Where such groups are weak or nonexistent, the regional vice president works directly with trustees, assisting them to be effective supporters of libraries.

THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

The ALTA regional vice president is a volunteer who accepts, through appointment by an ALTA president, the responsibility to work in a group of states. Within the limitations of time and funds, the regional vice president:

- I. Establishes a working relationship with the state trustee groups and trustees in a specified region, to include:
 - Providing information on the current activities of ALTA.
 - Making personal contact with the officer(s) or board of the state trustee organization.
 - Attending, when possible, the annual meetings of state and regional groups.
 - Corresponding regularly with the state and regional groups.
 - Assisting, when requested, to plan programs or to solve problems.
 - Developing a working knowledge of general library development and legislation in the states of the region.
 - Sharing information from ALTA resources, including publications, news, ideas, program materials, and speakers.
 - Receiving publications from state groups.
 - Knowing about state agency services to trustees.
 - Promoting membership in ALA and ALTA.

- II. Serves as ALTA's field representative to:
 - Channel information and interpret policies and programs of ALTA.
 - Relay to the ALTA Board information on library trends, trustee thinking, and trustee activity.
 - Plan extension of ALTA effectiveness as a consultant to trustee groups and a source of information.
 - Identify potential leadership for service at the national level through membership on ALTA committees.
 - Report reactions to ALTA publications and programs.
 - Cooperate with the ALTA committees in identifying needs and suggesting projects.

- III. Is a knowledgeable member of ALTA and ALA and:
 - Reads widely in the library field.
 - Is familiar with ALA and ALTA goals and policies.
 - Is informed on national legislation in the library field.
 - Sees the position of regional vice president as one of service to the states and to ALTA.

ACTIVITIES OF REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

As the job of ALTA regional vice president has evolved, the persons holding the positions have expanded their activities to meet unique regional needs.

Examples of activities performed by regional vice presidents, taken from their annual reports, include:

- Attending state meetings of trustees.
- Helping to plan trustee meetings, including suggesting topics, workshops, speakers, techniques, and procedures.
- Assisting in organization of trustee groups including working

- on bylaws, committee structure, relationship to state agencies, and communications.
- Stimulating the organization of trustee groups where they did not exist, including regional associations of trustees.
- Counseling individual officers and boards of trustee groups on problems and plans.
- Speaking to trustee groups or serving as discussion leaders, etc.

- Offering special help on censorship problems, policies, projects, and membership.
- Suggesting sources of expert help in problem areas.
- Sending newsletters to the trustee group officers to share ideas.
- Consulting with state library agencies on expansion of trustee activity.
- Recruiting trustee leadership within a state or region.
- Reporting state activities to ALTA.

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Regional Vice President of ALTA

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