

## ALA Executive Board Election 2014

**Candidate:**           **Gail A. Schlachter**

**Current Position:**    President, Reference Service Press  
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**Education:**            University of Minnesota, Ph.D., Library Science, 1971  
University of Southern California, M.P.A., Public Administration, 1976  
University of Wisconsin, M.A., Library Science, 1967  
University of Wisconsin, M.A., American Colonial History, 1966  
University of Wisconsin, M.A., Education, 1966  
University of California, Berkeley, B.A., American History, 1964

**ALA Activities:**        Member continuously since 1974

### **ALA Council Activities**

COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE (elected to 5 terms; current term: 2012-15)  
COUNCIL FORUM CO-CONVENOR (served 2 terms: 2005-9)  
DIVISION COUNCILOR, RUSA (elected by RUSA members, 1990)  
MEMBER, Committee on Committees (elected by Council), 2007-8  
MEMBER, Council Rep to the Planning and Budget Assembly (elected), 2012-14  
MEMBER, Committee on Research and Statistics (CORS), 2013-15  
MEMBER, Council Resolutions Committee

### **ALA Committee Activities (selected)**

CHAIR, ALA Publishing Committee (appointed, 2 terms, 2010-12)  
CHAIR, *American Libraries* Advisory Committee  
MEMBER, ALA Membership Committee

### **ALA Divisions/Units (selected)**

PRESIDENT, Reference and User Services (RUSA) 1988-89  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, *Reference and User Services Quarterly (RUSQ)*, 1997-2000  
REFERENCE REVIEW EDITOR, *RUSQ* (formerly *RQ*): 1977-88  
DIRECTOR, RUSA Board of Directors  
CHAIR, Publishing Committee, LAAMA (appointed, 2 terms)  
TREASURER, Ethnic Materials Information Round Table (EMIERT), elected 2 terms  
PRESIDENT, Chapter of Academic & Research Librarians (CARL), ACRL  
MEMBER (current): RUSA, PLA, ACRL, IFRT, SRRT, EMIERT  
DONOR: Reference Service Press Award (\$2,500 per year), RUSA, 1985- present.

### **Other Library Activities:**

TREASURER, REFORMA California Gold Chapter  
DIRECTOR, Board of Directors, California Library Association (CLA)  
REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE, CLA Assembly  
CHAIR, Professional Standards Committee, CLA  
PRESIDENT, Chapter of Academic & Research Librarians (CARL), CLA (now part of ACRL)  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR, *CARL Newsletter*  
CHAIR, Librarians, Publishers, and Vendors Committee, CLA  
CHAIR, Awards and Scholarship Committee, CLA  
DONOR: Reference Service Press Fellowship (\$3,000 per year), CLA, 1993- present.

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- Awards:** "Distinguished Alumna of the Year," University of Wisconsin School of Library and Information Studies, 2007
- "Resolution of Appreciation for Gail A. Schlachter, RUSQ Editor, 1997-2000." Reference and User Services Association, 2000
- "Best Academic Title of the Year," *Choice*, 1997
- "Louis Shores-Oryx Press Award" (for significant achievement in the field of reviewing), Reference and User Services Association, 1997
- "Isador Gilbert Mudge Award for Distinguished Service to Reference Librarianship," Reference and User Services Association, 1992
- "Best Reference Book of the Year," *Library Journal*, 1990
- "Best Reference Book of the Year," *School Library Journal*, 1989
- "Best Professional Book," *RQ*, 1986
- ALA/Knowledge Industry's Award for Library Literature (for the outstanding contribution to library literature that year), American Library Association, 1985
- Statistics Fellow, Social Science Research Institute, University of Southern California, 1973-1974
- "Outstanding Professor," University of Southern California, 1973
- Beta Phi Mu. 1971.
- Title II-B Fellow, Higher Education Act (University of Minnesota), 1968-1971
- Ford Foundation Fellow, University of Wisconsin, 1965

**Note:** For more information on my professional activities & contributions, go to:  
[www.rspfunding.com/GailSchlachter.html](http://www.rspfunding.com/GailSchlachter.html)

## Statement of Professional Concerns

During my professional career, I have experienced librarianship from many perspectives--as an educator, librarian, manager, user, consultant, author, publisher, database producer, and passionate library advocate.

In the process, I've focused my professional energies on working within ALA as a member, officer, and donor to support the values I view essential to our field:

- Intellectual freedom
- Transparency
- Diversity
- Access
- Continuous learning
- Literacy

I am proud to belong to an association that fights effectively for these values.

Yet I am concerned about ALA's future. Our financial situation is challenging. To continue vital member services, increase membership, advocate for what we value, and win allies, our financial base needs to be as strong as our commitment to our values.

With my library, financial, administrative, and entrepreneurial background, I bring a unique set of skills that will make a contribution and a positive difference as the Executive Board works toward that goal.