

ALA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION 2014

Candidate: **Mike L. Marlin**

Current Position: Director, Braille and Talking Book Library
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Education:
University of Washington, MLIS, 1992
Brown University, B.A. Semiotics and Communications, 1986

ALA Activities:

ALA Member, 1992-present

- ALA Councilor-at-Large, 2011-14
- ALA Digital Content Working Group member, Accessibility Subcommittee, 2012-present
- ; ALA Committee on Diversity member, 2013-15
- ALA/ASCLA Representative to IFLA Libraries Serving People with Print Disabilities (LPD) Section, 2013-17
- ; ASCLA Awards Committee member, 2013-2015
- ASCLA Working Team Member, LC/NLS Project to Review and Revise the Standards and Guidelines of Service for the Library of Congress Network of Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 2010-11
- ASCLA Member, Ad Hoc Electronic Resources Committee, 2007-08
- ALA/ASCLA, Secretary, Accessibility Assembly, 2007–10
- ASCLA Library Services to Special Populations Section: Secretary, Library Service to People with Visual or Physical Disabilities Forum, 2007–10
- SRRT International Responsibilities Task Force, Co-chair, 2012-14
- SRRT Action Council Coordinator, 2010-11
- SRRT Action Councilor-at-Large, 2007–13

I am a member of ASCLA, LITA, RUSA, EMIERT, GLBTRT, IFRT, IRRT, NMRT, Reforma, SRT, and SRRT

ALA Chapter Involvement:

California Library Association: Member, Intellectual Freedom Committee, 2010-13; Member, Accessibility Interest Group, 2008–present; Member, Collection Development, Library Management, Reference, Public Library Interest Groups, 2010-present

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Library Related Honors and Awards:

- Institutional Liaison to California Council of the Blind, National Federation of the Blind of California, Blinded Veterans Association of California
- Member, Reading Rights Coalition, 2009 – present
- Mentor, Business Advisory Council, Sensory Access Foundation (Sunnyvale, CA), 2008-12
- Librarian/Fundraising Liaison for Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education (BFREE), 1998-2008
- Pima County Public Library Liaison to Tucson Mayoral Commission on Disability Issues, 2005-07
- Vice President, Patron Advisory Council, Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, 2002-04
- Co-founder/editor/contributor, The Tentacle: Sounding the Depths of Northwest Creative Music (print and online Seattle magazine), 1997-2002
- Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) member

Statement of Professional Concerns

I am vested in ALA, desire its success, strongly advocate for the growth of librarianship and libraries, advocate continuously for the Library Bill of Rights, strive to represent membership and my known constituents, and enjoy lively debate. I have never considered myself an executive, despite having recently cut off my pony tail... and I have retained my constructive, pro-voices-of-dissent disposition! In researching the EB and how I might contribute to its decision making process, I believe an inquisitive member with specialties who admits he/she doesn't know all the answers will be an asset to the Board. I have spent career time analyzing budgets and I enjoy deconstructing ALA policy into its core elements. Philosophically, I will fight for decisions to be inclusive, incorporate diversity, accessibility, respect for opinions of others, progressive ideals, and rationality.