

**ALA EXECUTIVE BOARD
ELECTION 2019**

Candidate: **GLADYS SMILEY BELL**

Current Position: Peabody Librarian, Hampton University
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Education: Long Island University (Greenvale, NY), MLS, 1973
Howard University (Washington, DC), BS, Zoology/Allied Sciences
(Chemistry and Physics), 1972

ALA Activities:

- ALA, 1984-present
- Councilor-at-large, 1999-2001, 2004-present
- PMC, chair, 2018-2019
- Committee on Library Advocacy, 2013-2015
- Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums (CALM), chair, 2012-2013
- Intellectual Freedom Committee, 2011-2013
- APA Certification Committee, 2006-2009
- Committee on Committees, 2008-2009, 2015-2016
- Committee on Organization, 2003-2005
- OTIP Subcommittee on Telecommunications, 2000-2002
- Diversity Council, 2001-2004
- Spectrum Initiative Scholarship Jury, 1999/2000, 2002/2003

ACRL, 1984-present

- Outstanding Books For The College Bound, ACRL liaison, 2013-2014
- Professional Development Scholarships Committee, chair, 2010-2012
- AFAS Section, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Secretary and Member-at-large, 1994-2001

LITA, 1984-2000
RASD/RUSA, 1984-2005

Honors and Awards: ALA Equality Award, 2007
BCALA Distinguished and Excellent Service to the Profession Award (s),
2000-2017

Other Professional Activities: Virginia Library Association, 2017-present
Freedom to Read Foundation, 2012-2018
BCALA, Past President and Executive Board member, 1992-present
NAACP Image Awards, Literary Sub-committee, 2006-present
JCLC 2006 conference co-chair and Steering Committee, 2012, 2018
IMLS, Laura Bush 21st Century Library Program, Review Panel, 2011, 2015

STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS:

My primary concerns are library advocacy, diversity and intellectual freedom. All libraries need ALA's leadership and support in maintaining and improving the position of libraries and librarians (especially during today's economic times). The recruitment and retention of a diverse library workforce is paramount to a richer library climate, attracting academic and professional endeavors, and strengthening the ability to have an impact on the next generation of leaders. Freedoms (intellectual, reading, access, etc.) are one of the most important aspects of librarianship and should be ardently advocated.