

ALA ELECTION BOARD ELECTION 2019

Candidate: Karen G. Schneider

Current Position: Dean of the Library, Sonoma State University, 1801 East Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park CA 94928

Education: Simmons College (Boston, MA), PhD, Managerial Leadership in the Information Professions, 2017; University of San Francisco (San Francisco, CA), MFA, 2006; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Champaign, IL), MSLIS, 1992; Barnard College (New York, NY), BA, English, 1982

ALA Activities

ALA, 1992-Present

- ALA Councilor at Large, 1997-2001, 2002-2004, 2012-2015, 2017-
- ALA Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness, 2018 -
- Search Committee, American Library Association Executive Director, 2017
- Planning and Budget Assembly, 2013-2015
- Nominating Committee, 2012 - 2013
- Library Education Subgroup, Digital Content Working Group, 2012 - 2013
- Task Force on Electronic Member Participation, 2007-2009
- Presidential Implementation Task Force, 2006 - 2008
- Web Advisory Committee, 2003 - 2005

LITA, 1993 - Present

- Nominating Committee (Chair), 2014
- Nominating Committee, 2012
- Top Technology Trends panel, 2004 - 2010; occasional moderator, 2012-
- Internet Resources Interest Group, 2008-2010
- LITA Forum 2009 Committee, 2008 - 2009
- Blogging/Wiki Interest Group (BIGWIG) (Founding co-chair), 2005 - 2006
- LITA Councilor, 2005-2006
- Internet Room Steering Committee, 1993 - 1996

ACRL, 2010 - Present

- ACRL 2017 Contributed Papers Committee, 2015-2016
- Information Technology Task Force, 2010-2011

GLBTRT, 1993-Present

- Interim Secretary, 2011-2012
- Bylaws Task Force, 2009 – 2011

Library-Related Honors and Awards

- Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award, 2014
- Selected by the Electronic Frontier Foundation to accept Pioneer Award “on behalf of librarians everywhere,” 2000
- Leadership Award, University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science, 1998

Statement of Professional Concerns

In my 26 years as an ALA member I have built a strong record of involvement in ALA that cuts across my decades of experience in public, special, and academic libraries and leverages my passion for intellectual freedom, technology, diversity, social justice, fiscal management, and association governance. I have served thoughtfully and collegially in many roles and with many peers from all areas of our profession. I am now serving my fifth term on Council. The Association is facing hard decisions about how we continue to thrive and grow, and we will also be selecting and onboarding a new Executive Director. I care deeply about ALA and the librarians, library workers, and other stakeholders it represents. In this time of decisions and transitions, I would be honored to be selected by my peers to put my wide and deep expertise to use as a member of the ALA Executive Board.