

**Report of the
ALA Scholarships and Study Grants Committee
Midwinter 2014
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Sunday, January 26 Meeting, PCC 110B**

Issues that Affect the Committee's Work: As a result of support and immediate action by ALA's Committee on Organization last spring and during the 2013 Annual Conference, the Scholarships and Study Grants Committee (SSGC) has successfully implemented its revised structure. The changes to the committee significantly increase its efficiency and effectiveness by reducing its size and adjusting its composition, the key issues causing delays in timely work due to persistent problems with the lack of an online or in-person meeting quorum.

Committee members are now appointed by the ALA President-elect with consideration for stakeholder groups rather than coming largely from such groups as representatives. Representatives had not been consistently provided and often were unable to take on the additional responsibility of service on another committee in those instances when they were designated as SSGC members.

The SSGC is successfully conducting work virtually, and at its first face-to-face meeting of members serving through 2014 or 2015, the newly configured committee included 7 of its 10 members present along with online contributions from 2 others. Committee members and our ALA staff colleagues are pleased to be able to conduct business on time with an engaged and focused group who make SSGC work a priority.

Recent Committee Work:

- During the fall of 2013, work was begun on recruiting jury members for the 5 general scholarships currently directed by SSGC. Personalized emails and appointment acceptance forms were sent to approximately 40 ALA members either with previous ALA jury experience or those recommended by others knowledgeable about the necessary qualifications for jury members. Jury formation was completed in mid-February. Review of scholarship applications for awards prior to ALA Annual 2014 will begin following the deadline date for submissions and after online orientation sessions for jury members.
- To meet application requirements for ALA General Scholarships that support School Librarians and that specify enrollment in accredited ALA and NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) programs, the necessary documentation is being revised and updated. Consultation with other ALA units, including ALSC and LITA will occur in time to have the revisions in place for the 2014/15 scholarship cycle.
- MW 2014 meeting roster - **Present:** Lynne O. King (Chair), Alice S. Knapp, Jonathan J. Lu, Amrita Madray, Andrea R. Malone, Jene Brown (Intern), De Anza Williams (Intern) and Lorelle Swader (staff liaison). **Absent:** Min Chou, Michael John Hughes and Dora T. Ho (Executive Board Liaison).

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