

Chapter Relations Committee Annual Conference 2015 Report

Committee Charge:

To develop and recognize chapters as integral components of ALA. To encourage discussion, activities and programs that support the mutual interests of ALA and the chapters. To advise when requested on proposals and actions of other ALA units that may affect chapters. To provide a forum wherein chapters can share ideas and concerns of common interest and identify common needs and goals. To communicate these chapter needs and goals to ALA and ALA goals, programs and priorities to the chapters. To encourage and maintain a cooperative and supportive relationship among ALA, its units, and the chapters. To formulate and review periodically requirements for chapter status. To serve as an advisory committee to the Chapter Relations Office.

Committee Members:

Ann H. Hamilton , Chair; Carey D. Hartmann, Ben Allen Hunter, Alan A. Kornblau, Rodney E. Lippard, Donald L. Roalkvam, Kelly M. Robinson, Suzanne L. Sager, Eric C. Shoaf, Elaine E. Steinberg, Cathy Wolford, Melissa M. Brooks (Intern), Mr. Louis Munoz, Jr (Intern), James Neal (Executive Board Liaison), Michael Dowling (Staff Liaison), Don Wood (Staff Liaison)

Division Representatives to CRC: Caroline Fuchs (ACRL), Regina Beach-Bertin (LITA), Dana Lucile Jemison (ALCTS), Carolyn Larson (RUSA), Felton Thomas, Jr. (PLA)

CRC Member Liaisons to Other Groups: ALA Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion—Majed Khader; Freedom to Read Foundation—Alan A. Kornblau; Literacy Assembly—Ann Hamilton, CRC Chair; Education Assembly—Ben Allen Hunter; Legislation Assembly—Carey D. Hartmann; Recruitment Assembly—Rodney Lippard; Planning and Budget Assembly—Don Roalkvam; Advocacy Group—Ann Hamilton, CRC Chair

Chapter Relations Committee at Annual Conference

Documents and reports related to this report are located in the Chapter Relations Committee ALA Connect community at <http://connect.ala.org/node/237595>.

Current

- *Meetings*. The CRC held two meetings (Sat and Mon) in Chicago. Attendees (30+ each mtg.) included Chapter Presidents, Executive Directors, Chapter Councilors
- *Chapter Leaders Forum*. The CRC organized, with the Chapter Relations Office (CRO), another successful full-day Chapter Leaders Forum. The Forums, which have been held at each Midwinter and Annual for over twenty years help prepare incoming Chapter Leaders (President-elects, treasurers, Chapter Councilors, Ex. Directors, etc.) for their roles guiding their associations. Thirty-six participants from 24 Chapters and the Mountain Plains Library Association attended. Topics covered included "18 Things About Leading Your Association That You Absolutely Must Know Before Leaving This Conference Room!"; "ALA and Chapters Moving Forward"; and an Open Discussion period.
- *Executive Board Liaison Report*. James G. Neal, ALA Executive Board provided his report, which was distributed to the CRC.

- *Migration from Capwiz to Engage.* Forty-five percent of the Chapters have migrated to Engage. Of these, 31 percent have an active Engage site, 14 percent have created a site. Illinois, Vermont, Delaware, Colorado, and South Carolina reached out for information and how to proceed to set up their Engage sites (as of June 8, 2015). Free training webinars are planned for this summer to help in the migration.
- *State of the Chapter Annual Report.* This project began in 2012 on the Chapter Relations Committee's recommendation that all Chapters complete the "State of the Chapter Annual Report." These snapshots help Chapters and ALA assess the health and vitality of state and regional library associations. They also help highlight notable activities and achievements that can be modeled, and identify challenges and needs that may be addressed collectively.
 - All the Chapters' data obtained through the latest recorded surveys are posted online and can be downloaded.
 - Chapter Councilors are tasked with responsibility for their Chapter's completion and submission of the "State of the Chapter Annual Report." Regional Chapter Presidents are asked to oversee the submission of their regional report.
 - NOTE: The 2013 State of the Chapter Report obtained data for FY2012. The 2014 State of the Chapter Report obtained data for FY2013. The 2015 State of the Chapter Report obtained data for FY2014.
 - CRO will send the 2016 State of the Chapter Report to the Chapter Councilors after the 2015 Annual Conference. The deadline to complete the survey will be at the end of September.
 - CRC members will be asked to review the survey and offer suggestions.
- *Money Smart Week @ Your Library, April 19-25, 2015.* Almost 1,000 public, academic, school, and even prison libraries presented about 5,000 programs in 49 states participated. Learn more about Money Smart Week, shepherded by the Chapter Relations Office, at @ALA_CRO #MoneySmartWeek and <http://www.ala.org/offices/money-smart-week>. Money Smart Week 2016 will be held from April 23-30.
- *2015 Student-to-Staff Program.* (<http://tinyurl.com/k2d8tgg>). Every year Chapter Relations Office with support from Conference Services coordinates the Student-to-Staff Program (S2S), which was established in 1973. S2S is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for 40 qualifying students engaged in ALA student chapters to attend an Annual Conference and enrich their studies. This year's students will be working with 25 ALA units. For more information about the student-to-staff program, including a list of the 2015 students and participating schools, see <http://www.ala.org/groups/most-current-information-student-staff-program> and <http://www.ala.org/membership/article/2014/forty-ala-student-chapter-members-participate-2015-student-staff-program>
- *Joint Student Membership.* Thirty-six Chapters (state library associations) allow students to join them and ALA for one low price of \$38, from now through August 31, 2016. The number of Chapters partnering with ALA in the program increased by eight since the 2015 Midwinter Meeting. It is anticipated that at least four additional Chapters will join by the end of FY2015.
- *American Library Association Strategic Directions.* The ALA Strategic Directions Council Document (dated June 22) was distributed to the committee.
- *Washington Office Update.* Emily Sheketoff presented a brief report on the lobbying efforts of the Washington Office. She thanked the Chapters for their advocacy. Online registration for National Library Legislative Day 2016 will open in December 2015. NLLD is May 2-4, 2016. (see

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>) and encouraged Chapters to organize delegations to Washington, DC; CRC encouraged Chapters to contribute financial support, if possible.

- *International Council of Library Association Executives (ICLAE)*. Several Chapter executive directors reported to the CRC on what was discussed at the ICLAE meeting on Sunday.
- *Liaison and Representative Reports*. CRC liaisons made brief reports from the following groups: ALA Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion—Majed Khader; Freedom to Read Foundation—Alan A. Kornblau; Literacy Assembly—Ann Hamilton, CRC Chair; Education Assembly—Ben Allen Hunter; Legislation Assembly—Carey D. Hartmann; Recruitment Assembly—Rodney Lippard; Planning and Budget Assembly—Don Roalkvam; Advocacy Group—Ben Hunter. Also reporter were Division Representatives—Regina Beach-Bertin (LITA), Dana Lucile Jemison (ALCTS), Caroline Fuchs (ACRL), Carolyn Larson (RUSA), Felton Thomas (PLA)

Of particular note was the report by Majed Khader, from the ALA Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (TF-EDI), co-chaired by Trevor A. Dawes and Martin L. Garnar. The TF-EDI Report to the ALA Council and Executive Board, ALA Annual Conference, June 2015, San Francisco, CA, was distributed to the committee. Majed Khader pointed out that the task force will continue to gather information from members and nonmembers. TF-EDI plans a discussion program at the 2015 Annual Conference, and will continue discussions at the 9th National Conference of African American Librarians, St. Louis, Missouri, August 4-8, 2015. Additionally, a third survey will be conducted as ALA approaches the 2016 Midwinter Meeting in Boston.

TF-EDI was unable to host a speaker at the 2015 Annual Conference due to scheduling conflicts. If funding for diversity-related initiatives is available, TF-EDI will focus on hosting speakers at both the 2016 Midwinter Meeting and 2016 Annual Conference.

- *Open Discussion*. The Libraries Transform campaign was discussed. ALA is urged to provide Chapters with an advocacy toolkit, which would include specific advocacy strategies Chapters could accomplish in this campaign.

2016 Midwinter Meeting in Boston

- The CRC will discuss the progress of the ALA Strategic Plan in light of Advocacy, Information Policy, and Professional and Leadership Development.

The 2015-2016 Chapter Relations Committee

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