

ALA Executive Board Election 2014

- Candidate:** **Gina A. Persichini**
- Current Position:** Networking Consultant
Idaho Commission for Libraries
- Education:** University of South Florida; MLIS, 1995
Florida Atlantic University; BA, English, 1991
Valencia Community College; AS, Business, 1990
- ALA Activities:** ALA, 1994-present
Idaho Chapter Councilor, 2006-present
Committee on Organization, 2012-present
Council Orientation Committee, 2013-present
Task Force on Electronic Member Participation, 2007-2008
Chapter Relations Committee, 2008-2010
Current Member of:
ASCLA, Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies
LITA, Library and Information Technology Association
GLBTRT, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Round Table
IFRT, Intellectual Freedom Round Table
LEARNRT, Learning Round Table
NMRT, New Member Round Table
- ALA Chapter Activities:** Idaho Library Association, 2001-present
ILA Board 2002-2003, 2006-present
Florida Library Association, 1995-2001
Board Intern, 1998-1999
Association of Library and Information Students (University of South Florida)
President, 1994-1995
- Other Activities:** Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative
Chair, 2010-2011
Southeastern Institute on Collaborative Leadership, 2001
Snowbird Leadership Institute, 2000

Statement of Professional Concerns

My primary issues of concern for ALA are fiscal efficiencies, an engaged membership, and the role of libraries in broadband connectivity.

ALA's budget is top priority. We need to continue to ask questions, consider options, and work together to identify efficiencies while maintaining a service level which attracts and engages membership. And, we can do more to reach members who have been around for a long time but have not engaged fully with the association. The ideas, skills and experience of middle-generation members have not been fully utilized.

ALA has had success with national broadband issues, but there is more to do. Locally, libraries need to maintain, or claim, their place at the table. ALA can work with libraries and chapters to make this happen.

My experience working with multi-type library consortia and statewide collaboration will be a benefit to ALA as we tackle these and other priorities.