

**American Library Association  
Midwinter 2016 Midwinter/Executive Board  
President-Elect Report – Julie Todaro**

**ALA Leadership**

I continue to thank Board leadership as ALA President-elect and am still learning from Board Steering Committee phone discussions, Board conference calls, our Fall Board meeting, NYC December meetings and my liaison work with the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force (with more information following.)

**Task Force on EDI** (ALA Connect has meeting agendas, minutes.)

The Task Force continues to make progress with regular emails and phone calls.

Midwinter/Now

- TF leaders are working with new ALA staff in EDI areas for onboarding.
- The TF is offering a number of programs (awareness and training) at Midwinter, co-sponsoring several other programs and has identified and advertised programs on topic and offered by other groups.
- ALA Member input (focus group, “hearings,” program audiences, and 2/3 surveys etc.) content includes:
  - In-person member content that was placed in a grid has been subdivided and TF membership has been divided into subgroups to review content to group and prioritize as needed.
  - 2/3 surveys have been distributed and TF members have been working with Kathy Rosa on an analysis of results from the first survey and will check in to see the status of the analysis. Results from #'s 1 and 2 will be condensed and “summarized for public consumption.” By Midwinter an executive summary of preliminary findings should be ready for distribution. Draft questions for survey 3 will be available for the TF before Midwinter as well. An in-depth analysis of surveys 1, 2 and 3 will happen when the TF work is concluded.

Orlando

- Armbands: We will follow up to see if some armbands will be available for TF members at Boston as a teaser for Orlando.
- Day of Service for Orlando planning is underway and the TF is working with the Librarians Build Community Program to coordinate activities.
- ALA Orlando general program discussions include Dream Defenders who have programs on the Stand Your Ground law and the TF is focusing on Sunday programs to avoid SRRT’s primary activity. Trevor and Martin will welcome attendees at the start of all programs, and Jody and Wendy will each be at one of the sessions for the whole time.

Final Report

The TF is outlining their final report and expect it to include their actions accomplished and a prioritized list of recommendations and ‘who’ within or external to ALA might accomplish the activities. Recommendations are likely to include an implementation oversight workgroup (Ex. Ad hoc TF, etc.)

### **TF on Context for Future Accreditation**

This TF has had a number of conference calls and has divided into subgroups and identified a timeline. Individuals have identified research to review and the chair is attending meetings at ALISE.

### **Committee Appointments**

Of the three major projects - Committees on Nominations; appointments to ALA Committees and appointments to Council Committees – the processes for ALA and Council committees are on schedule with the Nominations Committee almost complete (two slots left to fill.)

### **Presidential Initiative**

My Initiative Steering Committee met the second week of November in Chicago to continue planning for my presidential initiative. My focus is “Libraries Transform: the Expert in the Library.” I have academic, public, school and special working groups along with an advocacy, management and leadership working group and then an Expert Panel for vetting products and information. Groups meet at ALA conferences and virtually. As stated before, Janice Welburn (Marquette) and Beth McNeil (U of Iowa) are co-chairs of the overall focus with workgroups having either tri-chairs or co-chairs.

### **Presidential-elect/Midwinter Activities**

There will be a number of activities (business meetings, receptions and a fundraiser) in the President-elect’s suite. I will join the rest of the Board members in attending meetings, acting as a liaison and hosting as needed.

### **Travel and Speaking Engagements**

#### **2015 - Past**

August 31 – September 3rd - ALA Headquarters Orientation/Media Training-Chicago (ALA \$)

September 18-19 - Keynote-TLA District Meeting Lubbock, Texas (ALA \$, TLA \$)

October 9 Keynote- TLA District Meeting, Austin, Texas (no \$)

October 23-25th – ALA Fall Executive Board Meeting-Chicago, IL (ALA \$)

November 5-8th – Welcome, AASL National Conference, in Columbus, Ohio (ALA \$)

November 13th – 14th Todaro Initiative Steering/Advisory Committee Meeting (ALA \$)

December 3-5th – Publisher meetings; Carnegie, “Love My Librarian” event –New York, NY (ALA \$)

December 20th – IMLS Laura Bush Awardees LIS Graduation/Keynote- Little Rock, AK (no ALA \$/all \$ reimbursed by UNT)

#### **2016 - Upcoming**

January 7-12th - ALA Midwinter Meeting-Boston, MA. (ALA \$)

January 20-21<sup>st</sup> – Sari Feldman visits Texas/Austin Community College

February 25-27th – Keynote TCCTA – Texas Community College Teachers Association, Houston, TX (no ALA \$)

April 7th Keynote & service in ALA meeting - Tennessee Library Association Spring Meeting–  
Chattanooga, TN 9:00 a.m. (ALA \$)  
April 8th - Keynote-Denver, CoALA Denver, Colorado (ALA \$)  
April 15-17th – ALA Executive Board Meeting-Chicago, IL (ALA \$)  
April 20-23 - 3 programs-Texas Library Association Houston, TX (no ALA \$)  
April 27-28th - Keynote-Ohio-Northeast Ohio Regional Library System, NEO Twinsburg, Ohio (ALA  
\$, NEO \$, 250 \$ to Spectrum)  
May 2-3 – Attend – ALA Legislative Day (ALA \$)  
June 23 – 28th – ALA Annual Conference – Orlando, FL (ALA \$)  
July 19-22nd - Keynote-Library Leadership event Columbus, Ohio (ALA \$)  
September 22nd - Keynote, Kentucky Library Association (ALA \$) (proposed)  
November 2-4th – Keynote, NMLA Annual Conference-New Mexico, (ALA \$)

### **Pending Scheduling**

Washington Office Orientation  
International Travel