

**ALA EXECUTIVE BOARD
ELECTION 2017**

- Candidate:** MATTHEW P. CISZEK
- Current Position:** Head Librarian, Penn State Shenango
Lartz Memorial Library, 177 Vine Avenue, Sharon, PA 16146
- Education:** University at Buffalo-SUNY (Buffalo, NY), MLS, 1996
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- ALA Activities:** ALA, 2007-present
- Councilor-at-Large, ALA Council, 2013-present
 - Committee on Diversity, 2014-2016
 - Constitution and Bylaws Committee, 2014-2016
- ACRL, 2007-present
- University Libraries Section, 2007-present
 - Library Marketing and Outreach Interest Group, 2015-present
- LLAMA, 2008-present
- Membership Committee, 2010-2012
 - Diversity Task Force, 2010-2011
- GLBTRT, 2007-present
- Director-at-Large, 2014-present
 - Steering Committee, 2008-2010
 - Membership Committee, Chair, 2008-2010
- IFRT, 2014-present
- Organization and Bylaws Committee, 2016-present
- NMRT, 2007-2013
- Annual Conference Local Information Committee, Chair, 2009-2010
 - Endnotes Committee, 2009-2010
- Other Professional Activities:** Freedom to Read Foundation, member, 2008-present
- Library Related Awards:** Penn State University Libraries' Diversity Award, 2013

Statement of Professional Concerns

Librarianship is an ever-changing and continuously evolving profession. As our professional organization, ALA has a duty to equip libraries and library professionals with the tools, training, mentoring, and support necessary to thrive in this environment. Over the last nine years, I have built a strong record of involvement in the Association, through service as an ALA Councilor-at-Large, committee membership, and positions within several divisions and round tables. I will strive to ensure the Executive Board represents the desires and diverse points of view of all ALA members. I have a strong commitment to the goal of a more diverse profession that includes those from under-represented groups, and am a strong proponent of library advocacy on local, state, and national levels. My experience within the Association, combined with my desire to make ALA a member-driven and diverse organization, are assets that I will bring to the Executive Board.