

**American Library Association  
Fall 2013 Executive Board Meeting  
Report of President-Elect, Courtney Young**

Sustained ALA Leadership Focus

Maureen Sullivan and Barbara Stripling have made a concerted effort to include me in their thinking and planning, so that we have a sustained leadership effort that carries through from one president to the next seamlessly. I appreciate this collaborative approach to association leadership.

Orientation

September 17-19 I visited ALA Headquarters in Chicago for two days of orientation and one full day of media training. The staff took a more issued based approach to my orientation to build on the orientation I received prior to serving on the Executive Board in 2009-2012. I appreciated the opportunity to further my understanding of the complex and robust work being done by ALA divisions, round tables, offices, and ALA-APA. I am excited to continue the conversation started over lunch with the division executive directors, as well as the member engagement conversations with the many ALA staff whose work touch this important area of work. As has been noted by previous president-elects, the orientation is great and a reminder of just how much there is to learn.

Orientation to Washington Office

I will attend a one day orientation with ALA Treasurer Mario Gonzalez at the Washington Office on November 18, 2013. It is my understanding that orientation will focus on the two main aspects of the work in that office: governance and technology policy.

Digital Content

Barbara Stripling appointed me as a liaison to the Digital Content Working Group co-chaired by Bob Wolven and Sari Feldman. The group has an active listerv where the co-chairs and members provide updates from key meetings and highlight trends from around the country and around the world.

Committee on Committees

This year the Committee was charged with identifying eight (8) nominees to run for four (4) positions on the ALA Executive Board. The first three (3) candidates receiving the

highest number of votes will be elected to three (3)-year terms, and will be seated on the Executive Board at its fall meeting on October 24-26, 2014, in Chicago. The fourth candidate receiving the greatest number of votes will be seated immediately on the Executive Board at the 2014 Midwinter Meeting to complete the unexpired five-month term (January 28 through July 1, 2014) of Sylvia K. Norton, recently appointed executive director of the ALA American Association of School Librarians (AASL). The names of eight (8) Councilors will appear on the ballot at the 2014 Midwinter Meeting, along with the names of any Council floor nominees. Council will be asked to vote for no more than four (4) candidates.

The committee was limited to nominating councilors who have already served on Council at least both at 2013 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. This is outlined in the Bylaws Article III, Section 6(c): Bylaws Article III, Section 6(c) "Candidates shall be nominated from among the members of the Council who are serving by virtue of election to it, as provided in Article IV, Section 2.b., c., d., and e. of the Bylaws, and who will have served at the Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference immediately preceding their prospective terms as Executive Board Members."

The Committee met by conference call to identify the slate for election to the Executive Board. Lois Ann Gregory-Wood contacted the nominees to verify willingness to stand for election. The slate will be announced to the Council list as soon as it has been completed. Kerri Price guided this committee through an orientation to our work to identify members for appointment to committees in another conference call on October 10. I appreciate and thank the members of this committee for all of their hard work – Roberto Delgadillo, John DeSantis, Eboni Henry, and Julius Jefferson.

#### Committee on Appointments

This committee, comprised of the eleven division presidents-elects, met by conference call on September 25 and identified the slate for the ALA Nominating Committee to be approved by the Executive Board. Kerri Price guided this committee through an orientation to our work to identify members for appointment to committees in another conference call on October 9.

#### Past ALA President Initiative

During the 2013 ALA Past President's luncheon in Chicago there was interest by attendees in being more informed about ALA happenings and engagement by ALA. I suggested that a closed ALA Connect group for past presidents might be a great way to pass along information and allow us to be better ambassadors for the Association. Working with Kim Olsen-Clark, Keith Michael Fiels, JoAnne Kemp, and Jenny Levine the group has been created.

#### Presidential Focus

I am in the planning stages for my 2014-2015 presidential year. I intend to focus on the value of membership as demonstrated through diversity, career development, and engagement and outreach. These build naturally on much is already being done in ALA.

In collaboration with a presidential advisory committee, members, and ALA staff I hope to highlight activities already taking place, identify opportunities, and spotlight how members are at the heart of all we do. I deeply appreciate the opportunity.

My advisory committee includes Kevin Reynolds, Alexandra Rivera, Ken Stewart, Derek Mosley, and Yolanda Cuesta. I anticipate inviting one or two more people to join the committee. We hope to identify a date in late November or early December to hold a face-to-face advisory committee meeting in Chicago.

### Travel and Speaking Engagements

On July 29-30 I attended the Revisiting the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Ten Years Later symposium sponsored by ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) and Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF), and Google's Washington Office. As noted on the ALA Washington Office blog, "The symposium, the midway point in a larger project on CIPA (funded by Google, Inc.), brought together 35 experts representing school, public, and academic librarians, as well as representatives from educational associations, education technology, IT networking, and non-profit policy organizations and think tanks." The goals were "to Identify and explore current issues surrounding CIPA implementation" and "identify research questions questions that will further the library profession's (and other stakeholders) understanding of how filtering content for young people is having an impact on their long-term capacity to develop critical thinking skills, to become productive and engaged adults, and to ultimately contribute to a globally competitive 21st century society." The second day of the symposium included two Google Hangout sessions available here: <http://youtu.be/gtxcxk3zJO0>. I participated in the Hangout by providing Twitter support via #CIPA\_ALA13.

I attended the IFLA Conference in Singapore on August 17-22. It was my first time attending IFLA. At the request of Michael Dowling, I spent time each day at the ALA Booth in the exhibits hall. This gave me an opportunity to meet librarians, library school students, and IFLA past presidents. It was also a reminder of the experience of the exhibitors at the Midwinter Meetings, Annual Conferences, and division conferences. It was also an excellent opportunity to build a strong working relationship with Barbara Stripling and Keith Fiels.

### Upcoming Travel and Speaking Engagements

On November 7 I will be a closing co-keynote speaker with Mark Puente (ARL) for the Taiga Forum. This year's theme is focused on diversity.

On November 13, I will deliver the keynote address at the SCLA/SELA conference focusing on.

As mentioned earlier, I will go to Washington, DC, for an orientation to the ALA Washington Office.

On December 13 at the invitation of Barbara Dewey, Dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communication, and the Penn State University Libraries Faculty Organization, I

will present a forensic on ALA happenings. This will likely include highlights related to e-books, the *Declaration*, and a forecast of my presidential year.

A meeting of my presidential advisory committee is pending for late November or early December 2013.

#### Point of Personal Privilege

I cannot thank the ALA staff enough for their support, kindness, good humor, expertise, and patience. This includes the warm greeting I receive from Archie when I enter the building; the support from Governance Office staff JoAnne Kempf, Cheryl Malden, Kerri Price, Willie Glispie, and Lois Ann Gregory-Wood; Keith Fiels and Michael Dowling at IFLA; Macey Morales during the media training; and Jenny Levine in ITTS for her social media guidance.