

**American Library Association  
Spring 2014 Executive Board Meeting  
Report of President-Elect, Courtney Young**

Committee Appointments

I worked extensively with Kerri Price in the ALA Governance Office to make appointments and identify alternates for declined appointments and resignations. This work is ongoing.

Joint Statement from the Presidents of the Ethnic Caucuses and ALA

President Barbara Stripling led the ALA Executive Committee's conversation with the Executive Board of the Black Caucus of ALA regarding the press release condemning the Association's decision to hold the 2016 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando 2016. The positive and open conversation resulted in a joint statement with several action items including the formation of a Presidential Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. I thank and commend President Stripling for her fast and effective work in this area as it provides a strong foundation for my work in this area during my presidential year.

Presidential Focus

I met with my advisory committee during the Midwinter Meeting. I updated them on the approved budget proposal and support for the plan to continue and complement current initiatives. We also discussed the career development facilitator program (CDFP).

Kevin Reynolds, Lorelle Swader, and I will speak on April 9 to sketch out the plan for announcing the CDFP to Chapters, application process, deadline, and selection criteria.

Executive Director Visit

Keith Fiels visited me in Pittsburgh March 6-7, 2014. In addition to meeting my staff, he had the opportunity to meet the Director of Campus Libraries, the Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate and Learning Services, the campus' Chancellor (a former librarian) and director of academic affairs. Keith and I discussed my goals for 2014-2015 and how they fit into current ALA initiatives and activities. I believe we have identified some real opportunities moving forward to strengthen the Association's work for the membership, for libraries, and for the public.

## Interviews

I was interviewed during the ALA Midwinter Meeting for the American Book Sellers Association newsletter.

## Travel and Speaking Engagements

On March 12-15 I attended the Public Library Association conference in Indianapolis IN. I gave brief remarks as part of a *Declaration* signing at the Indianapolis Public Library on March 14.

On March 21, 2014 I gave a presentation at the 11<sup>th</sup> Columbia University Libraries Symposium "Leaders Everywhere: Fostering Leadership Across the Academic Library Organization".

On March 31-April 1 I attended the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) conference.

On April 5 I gave the conference keynote at the University of Missouri Graduate LIS Student Conference in Columbia MO.

## Upcoming Travel and Speaking Engagements

On May 1-2, I will participate in the Summit for the Future of Libraries in Washington, DC.

On May 5-6 I will participate in National Library Legislative Day.

On May 17, I will be the commencement guest speaker at the San Jose State University