**American Library Association**

**Patty Wong, President-Elect Report**

**October 2020**

It was a highlight of my personal and professional career to be elected President-Elect for the American Library Association. While challenging for all members and staff during this time of COVID, the focus on libraries and library workers responding to the ongoing information and support needed by our community: students, families, faculty and teachers, historians, our governing boards, our advocates, our jurisdictions, our leaders and the public – and adapting to those needs were highlights of our abilities to adapt, pivot, and respond. Many thanks to our colleagues in the profession and allies, and our exceptional ALA staff. The following is a list of engagements that predates my inauguration.

All speaking engagements and communications have been held virtually or telephonically.

**Speaking Engagements:**

The Library Community Moving Forward in the New Normal (AASL, ACRL, PLA, Chapter Relations, Public Programs, UFL) 6/4

Pacific Library Partnership: Future of Libraries 2020: Focus on Equity, Anti-Racism and Work in the New Normal” – CREI: Cultivating Race, Equity and Inclusion in CA Libraries 10/7

**Virtual Engagements**

* UCLA: YA Services Online Class with Candice Mack , 5/11
* ALA Connect Live 5/21

# **Canceled Engagements**

Seoul Copyright Forum 2020: Current Copyright Issues in a post-COVID-19 Era, 10/15

**Onboarding**

* New Board Member and President-elect Orientation – 4 sessions through June 2020
* ALA Media Training, 5/29

**Executive Board Support**

* ALA Parliamentarian & Member Leaders Meeting, 5/14

**Forward Together Support and Conference Committee Support**

I have been attending as many preparatory meetings of the Forward Together Team to support their work with the Council forum meetings and information gathering. I have attended all of the Conference Committee meetings to provide support as well.

Interviews

* Santa Monica Daily Press, Madeleine Pauker 5/6/20

# **Meetings**

2021-2022 ALA Presidential Focus

My Presidential Focus will highlight the intersection of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in ALA’s existing work with school libraries, tribal, rural and underserved communities, sustainability and universal broadband and digital inclusion, especially in the areas of public policy and advocacy.

Of special note is the support of the dialogue and decision making of ALA governance and the Forward Together Working Group, member engagement and development and working with the Board and the Executive Director in support of the Pivot Strategy and ALA’s finances, and the efforts of the Philanthropic Advisory Group. The strength of our Divisions and Roundtables and Chapters are key to our success.

My team:

Lessa Kanani’opua Pelayo-Lozada, Chair

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

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Lynn Connaway

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Miriam Tuliao

Shali Zhang

Camila Alire, Senior Advisor

Ken Yamashita, Senior Advisor

Cheryl Malden, Staff Liaison

**The work** began with a series of meetings with Tracie Hall and the staff team relative to those areas.

Broadband - overview of Broadband efforts at ALA (6/18) with Tracie Hall, Kathi Kromer, Alan Inouye and Marijke Visser

**A special thank you to ALA staff Marijke Visser (Broadband), Kristin Lahurd (Rural and Underserved Communities), Sylvia Knight-Norton (School Libraries), and Jamie Santoro and Melanie Welch (Sustainability) for their work in framing the topics from an equity lens for the Presidential Task Force. Thank you to Holly Robison and Sheryl Reyes for their guidance and support and to Cheryl Malden for your support with the Presidential Task Force.**

**September 30 –** Meeting with Committee on Committee and Committee on Appointment members

**October 7 and 9–** A teleconference meeting was held with members from the 2020-2021 Presidential Advisory Committee and ALA Staff to discuss the progress being made to begin the groundwork to identify the intersection of the work, to listen to the framework of subject matter experts and ALA priorities. Initial ideas revolve around how to engage the membership, highlight the work (perhaps an issue devoted to equity and broadband and digital inclusion in American Libraries), use of Connect Live as a vehicle to reach members and showcase ALA’s work, and tying this into the 145th Anniversary of ALA.

**October 19** – Joint BARC/F&A Meeting ALA Executive Board Virtual Spring Meeting