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**American Library Association**

**Annual 2018 Executive Board Meeting**

**Report of President Elect, Loida Garcia-Febo**

Committee Appointments

I worked extensively with JoAnne Kempf in the ALA Governance Office to make appointments and identify alternates for declined appointments.

I worked with Lorelle Swader in the ALA-APA Office to make ALA-APA committee appointments and identify alternates for declined appointments and resignations.

Planning to support ALA existing work

Conversations with ALA staff from ALA PAO, ALA WO, OLA, Diversity Office, ALA-APA, and IRO to identify ways to support their current work related to advocacy, diversity, international relations and wellness which also bring expanded professional development for our members have been very fruitful.

Advocacy: Support the redesign of the Advocacy University website already underway and support the advocacy activities started by the Washington Office related to storytelling to impact library advocacy by developing a video series to teach library advocates how to effectively use storytelling to impact library advocacy.

Diversity: Promote a social media video campaign to raise the visibility of a diverse representation of library workers, champions and patrons, and to help deepen the understanding of the principles of ALA’s Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Strategic Initiative.

International Relations: Introduce new feature to highlight international ALA members to encourage engagement and retention of membership, and increase membership. Coordinate online programs related to international issues such as the Sustainable Development Goals and the Library Map of the World.

Wellness: Revamping of the design and content of the ALA-APA Wellness website. Enhancing of the current conference wellness programming, and introduce new online wellness programs.

National Library Tour

Each year the ALA President visits libraries across the country. This year, we will formally include and expand these visits in a National Library Tour, “Libraries = Strong Communities.” With the goals of raising the profile of libraries, engaging our communities, and encouraging support for libraries in our country, we will coordinate advocacy events in partnership with Cambridge PL in Massachusetts, North Miami PL in Florida, Pikes Peak PL in Colorado, Los Angeles PL in California, and Seattle PL in Washington. We will include academic, public, school libraries, and state library associations in these efforts.

Global Tour

I will bring my message “Libraries = Strong Communities” to regions of the world where ALA already has long standing commitments by formally including these in a Global Tour. Current annual commitments include The Guadalajara Book Fair (FIL), Sharja, and the German Library Association Annual Conference. Others will be added as I continue to coordinate with ALA staff.

Interviews

“Meeting with the Next President of the ALA Loida Garcia Febo, a Librarian of Action!” *World Library* magazine of the National Library of Korea. Seoul, South Korea. May 2018. <https://tinyurl.com/y75qvjud>

“Change begins with us. Interview with Loida Garcia-Febo, ALA President-Elect.” *Biblioteche Oggi*. Milan, Italy. April 2018. <http://www.bibliotecheoggi.it/index/index>

Interview by a library radio station from San Jose, Costa Rica. May 2018.

Travel and Speaking Engagements

May 2-4: CIBI 2018 International Library Conference in San Jose, Costa Rica. Keynote speech: “Libraries leading: empowering ourselves for challenging times." This speech will be included in the printed conference proceedings. The U.S. Embassy provided financial support for this travel.

May 8-9: National Library Legislative Day in Washington DC. Met with Congressmen Maloney, Fasso, and Donovan, from New York, and with Congresswoman Gonzalez-Colon from Puerto Rico to advocate for libraries.

June 3-5: Association of Caribbean University, Research Institutional Libraries Annual Conference. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Keynote speech: “Towards a more Equitable, Diverse, and Inclusive Open Access: OA at the intersection of Social Justice.” ACURIL provided financial support for this travel.

June 11-15: German Library Association Annual Conference. Representing ALA as part of our agreement with this association which runs until 2019. <https://tinyurl.com/jbeszqf> Met with academic and public German librarians to explore future collaboration. I will write an article based on my participation on this conference and my visits to various libraries to be published on one of ALA’s publications later in the Fall.

Upcoming Travel and Speaking Engagements

June 22: Opening remarks at the International Relations Round Table Pre-Conference “Give us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses: How libraries are serving immigrant and refugee populations.” <https://tinyurl.com/y8e3q6hp>

June 22: Remarks related to overall themes at the LITA Avracamp 2018. <https://tinyurl.com/y76lm56x>

July 17-18: Ohio-NET, 2018 Library Leadership Ohio Institute.

August 22-29: WLIC IFLA Congress in Kuala Lumpur

September 19-20: Kentucky Library Association

October 3-4 Georgia Library Association

October 5-6 Pikes Peak Public Library, CO

October 11-12 Missouri Library Association

October 17-18 Cambridge Public Library, MA

October 22-23 New England Library Association (NELA) Annual Conference

October 24-25 Oregon-ACRL Chapter Annual Conference

November 4-9 Sharja Conference

November 25-28 FIL Guadalajara International Book Fair

November 2018 I Love My Librarian Award