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**2017-2018**

**American Library Association**

**Spring 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. This work is ongoing.

Collaboration with the ALA Executive Director

Mary and I are in constant communication. We have discussed my goals for 2018-2019 and how they fit into current ALA initiatives and activities. I appreciate Mary’s advice and support immensely. 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.

Collaboration with ALA President

I am very grateful for the support and advice of Jim. We met in New York, where we both reside, in March to converse about ongoing initiatives and concepts to benefit our members, our profession, and the association’s strategies.

Presidential Focus

I met with my Advisory Board during the Midwinter Meeting and I updated them on the approved budget proposal. We have continued working online on potential actions to support the work of ALA existing initiatives related to advocacy, diversity, international relations and wellness which also bring expanded professional development for our members.

Advocacy: Support the advocacy activities started by the Washington Office related to storytelling to impact library advocacy.

Diversity: 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: Support work done by the International Relations Office to increase the international membership which has experience a decline via opportunities related to education and engagement.

Wellness: Support the review of the ALA-APA Wellness website, and enhance the existing programs for library workers during the ALA conferences.

Interviews

Kojo Nnamdi Show, a daily local talk show broadcast by WAMU, the DC region's NPR affiliate. Wayne Wiegand, author of the upcoming book "The Desegregation of Public Libraries in the Jim Crow South: Civil Rights and Local Activism," was featured on the show. As a representative of the ALA, I spoke about ALA ongoing actions to reduce barriers.

Travel and speaking engagements

February 28: Attended the the Convocation Reception of the Art Librarians Society of North America 46th Annual Conference in New York City

March 8-11: Alaska Library Association Annual Conference – Keynote: “Together we can: libraries building community.”

March 13-17: Convegno Stelline from the Milan Library Association in Italy – Keynote: “Libraries are for everyone: developing communities, providing access, and saving lives.” This speech was included and already published in the printed conference proceedings. The U.S. Embassy provided financial support for this travel

May 26: NYC Feminist Zine Fest at Barnard College.

April 3: Master of Information Colloquium from Rutgers University School of Communication and Information – presentation under the event’s theme: “Helping Puerto Rican Libraries.”

Upcoming Travel

May 2-4: Costa Rica library conference. This speech will be included in the printed conference proceedings. The U.S. Embassy provided financial support for this travel.

May 7-9: National Library Legislative Day in Washington DC