

**American Library Association
Fall 2017 Executive Board Meeting
President-Elect Report – Loida Garcia-Febo**

Sustained ALA Leadership Focus

I would like to express my deep appreciation to Jim Neal for his collaborative approach in 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. Members of the ALA Executive Board and staff have been incredibly helpful in ensuring my success. I appreciate Mary Ghikas for her thoughtful insight on ALA. A special thank you to JoAnne Kempf for her continuing guidance.

IFLA 2017

I had the pleasure of attending the 2017 IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Wracław, Poland from August 17 – 24. It was an honor to complete my second term as a Governing Board Member of IFLA and my term as Chair of IFLA's Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP). The ALP conference program, titled Advancement of Libraries, featured activities carried out by the ALP: libraries, advocacy, and development, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Building Strong Libraries Associations, International Advocacy Programme, and International Leaders Programme.

It was a pleasure to give the guest speech at the program of the Women, Information, and Libraries Special Interest Group about the Intersection of Libraries, Technology, and Women. I also had a great time moderating a discussion about "New Skills, New Roles" part of the Knowledge Café hosted by the Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section of IFLA. Other sessions attended included, IFLA New Professionals Pre-Conference, Management of Library Associations Section meeting, National Library Associations meeting, and the National Libraries Conference event.

IFLA was a wonderful opportunity to be strengthen connections with library leaders around the globe, as well as connect with the US delegation. I look forward to attending in Kuala Lumpur next year.

Orientation

On September 27, 28, and 29 I was at ALA Headquarters in Chicago for my President Elect orientation. The knowledge acquired during my Executive Board tenure was a great basis for this training. I enjoyed a day of media training on Wednesday, and two days learning more about the many different aspects of ALA. 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. This will be very helpful to me as I continue into my presidential year and work toward my initiatives.

Washington Office Orientation

On October 12, I attended the ALA Washington Office Orientation in D.C. with Kathi Kromer and her team. It was a very informative session and I am appreciative of all of their time. The focus of the day was governance and technology policy. We also met with the National Hispanic Media Coalition.

Board Liaison

I am happy to continue as a member of the Finance & Audit Committee of the Executive Board, and as liaison to various units of ALA such as: Advocacy Committee, Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA), International Relations Round Table, Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table, and REFORMA, The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking.

Council Committee on Committees

The Committee on Committees met had an initial conference call in August 29 to discuss the process for nominations to the Executive Board. We should reconvene after the deadline to receive nominations for the EB. Our next meeting to consider all the nominations is set for the second November 9. Thank you to LaTasha Bryant for walking us through these processes.

ALA Committee on Committees and Committee on Appointments

Thank you to LaTasha Bryant and JoAnne Kempf for all the information they have provided to me regarding the Committee on Committees and the Committee on Appointments.

The Committees are comprised of the presidents-elect of the divisions. The Committee on Committees, met by conference call on Wednesday, September 11 to provide guidance about the process to appoint ALA's Nominating Committee. The Committee will met again by conference call to discuss the slate.

The Committee on Appointments had another conference call in October 2nd to provide an overview of all the ALA committees and received a tutorial on the database to review received applications which are due in November 3rd, 2017.

I appreciate everyone's thoughtful insight during these calls.

Presidential Focus

My Advisory Committee will meet on October 29-30 to discuss, in detail, the vision for my presidential year. My Presidential initiatives focus on the areas of Advocacy, Diversity, Professional Development, International Relations, and Wellness. My theme is "Together: Libraries Building Community." My Advisory Committee includes Betty Turock, Barbara Ford, Lorlene Roy, Martin Garnar, Trevor Dawes, Mario Ascencio, Maria McCauley, Julia Warga, and Robin Kear,

Media

I was happy to speak on videos, in English and Spanish, celebrating the National Hispanic Heritage Month produced as part of an ALA partnership for Google's Latino Cultures Launch spearheaded by the ALA WO / Office for Information Technology Policy. The videos were recorded and edited by staff members of Brooklyn Public Library. These are featured on the article, "Latino Cultures Platform a New Library Resource Google project brings thousands of cultural artifacts online" by Emily Wagner from ALA WO. Link:

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/latino-cultures-platform-a-new-library-resource/>

Interviewed by American Libraries for "Rebuilding Communities after Disasters: How libraries are connecting patrons to support, aid, resources." September 27, 2017.

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/rebuilding-communities-disaster-relief/>

Interviewed by EFE (Spanish international news agency) about Banned Books Week. September 29, 2017.

Interviewed by Library Journal for a piece about libraries affected by hurricanes. October 10, 2017.

A Facebook page and a website created during my election campaign are transitioning to be pages of the ALA President-Elect for the period of 2017-2018. They are available here:

<https://www.facebook.com/Loida4ALAPresident/> and <http://loidaalapresidentelect.com/calendar/>

Travel and Speaking Engagements

July 10th – Visited Montclair Public Library to speak with its director about services to communities.

July 11, 13 – Attended IFLA programs presented during the the United Nations High Level Political Forum focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), New York City.

July 17 – Attended the Launch of the Development and Access to Information Report at the NYPL. Event part of IFLA's programming during the High Level Political Forum.

July 26 – Keynote Speaker at the New England Library Association's First Diversity Summit, Amherst, MA.

July 28 – Keynote Speaker at the University of Puerto Rico, EGCTI (LIS school) Graduation Event, Rio Piedras, PR.

August 10-11 – Gave remarks at the Opening Reception of the 10th National Conference of African American Librarians, Atlanta, GA.

August 16-24 Attended IFLA 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland.

September 24-26 – Keynote Speaker at the Arkansas Library Association Annual Conferenve, Bentonville, AR.

October 5 – Attended ALA programs at the New York Comic Con (NYCC) Professional Day in NYPL, and greeted people at the ALA Booth at the Javits Center where NYCC took place.