

# Reports for DLA Executive Board Meeting

February 20, 2014



In this document, there are reports from:

Officers: ALA Councilor; Treasurer

Divisions: Public Library Division; Youth Services Division

Committees: Archives; Handbook and Bylaws; Scholarships, Awards, and Citations; Membership; Conference Planning

State Friends

## ALA Councilor Report, submitted by Hannah Lee

### ALA Midwinter 2014: DE Chapter Councilor Report

#### Council I

January 26, 2014

Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director, reviewed ALA Executive Board actions since the 2013 Annual Conference. This included authorizing the use of a [statement on appropriate conduct at ALA conferences](#); upholding the Committee on Accreditation's decision to withdraw accreditation from the MLS program at Southern Connecticut State University; and approving the continuation of a 10% voluntary salary reduction for the Executive Director and Senior Associate Executive Director for fiscal year 2014.

A resolution was introduced and passed on *Electronic Communications for ALA Council* that would establish a task force to study communication methods for Council, especially as it relates to making accessible Council documents in electronic form; the task force will provide an interim report at Annual 2014 and a final report and recommendations at Midwinter 2015.

#### Council II

January 27, 2014

Mario Gonzalez, ALA Treasurer, presented the FY2015 programmatic priorities, which correspond to the 2015 ALA strategic plan:

• Diversity • Equitable Access to Information and Library Services • Education and Lifelong Learning • Intellectual Freedom • Advocacy for Libraries and the Profession • Literacy • Organizational Excellence • Transforming Libraries

The Policy Monitoring Committee found one item that required Council action on the *Resolution on Prayer in ALA Meetings*, which was passed at the 2013 Annual Conference. The Committee requested to revise the original resolution, which stated: "The American Library Association, as a secular institution in a country that is increasingly diverse religiously, refrains from having public prayers during its meetings.

Moments of silence may be observed during meetings.” The recommended revision was stated as: “The American Library Association refrains from having public prayers during its meetings. Moments of silence may be observed during meetings.” Council voted to approve the revised wording.

The Freedom to Read Foundation presented on the status of the Tucson Unified School District’s Mexican American Studies program, which was shut down after the State Superintendent of Instruction issued a notice saying that the program was in violation of Arizona Revised Statute § 15-112. Students and teachers filed a lawsuit against the Superintendent and challenged the constitutionality of the Arizona Revised Statute, which prohibits the use of class materials or books that encourage the overthrow of the government, "promote resentment toward a race or class of people," are "designed primarily for pupils of a particular ethnic group," and "advocate ethnic solidarity instead of the treatment of pupils as individuals." The court determined that only one provision was unconstitutional; the students have filed an appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Freedom to Read Foundation joined other organizations in filing an amicus brief in support of the students’ First Amendment claims.

A resolution was introduced and passed to *Improve Member Access to ALA Unit Governing Information*. It resolves that ALA will adjust policy so that the governing bodies of ALA Divisions and Round Tables shall make drafts of their meeting minutes or other reports available via the unit’s ALA-hosted web page within 30 days of the meeting, and to maintain an easily available historical record of these meetings and action reports.

After much debate, the resolution to recognize Edward Snowden as a whistleblower failed.

A resolution to allow programs at Midwinter was referred to the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC), since this would have financial implications.

Council discussed the status of a resolution on the digitization of U.S. government documents, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation (COL) at the 2013 Annual Conference with a request to report back to Council at the 2014 Midwinter Meeting. COL did not do so. Council approved a motion for COL to submit a report at the 2014 Annual Conference on the resolution on digitization of U.S. government documents.

### **Council III**

January 28, 2014

Four councilors were elected to the ALA Executive Board: Peter Hepburn (Head Librarian, College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita, California), Gina Persichini (Networking Consultant, Idaho Commission for Libraries, Boise, Idaho), Gail Schlachter (President, Reference Service Press, El Dorado Hills, California), and Mike Marlin (Director, Braille and Talking Book Library, California State Library, Sacramento, California).

A resolution was introduced and passed on *Expanding Federal Whistleblower Protections*. A resolution

on *Curbing Government Surveillance and Restoring Civil Liberties* was also introduced and passed, as was a resolution on *Maintaining Government Websites During a Government Shutdown*.

Author Lemony Snicket (Daniel Handler) approached the ALA Awards Committee with the offer of providing the [Lemony Snicket](#) Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with Adversity, a \$3,000 award to the honoree with up to \$1,000 to cover travel expenses and \$1,000 for administrative costs (for a total of \$5,000). Snicket has offered to provide \$5,000 per year for 5 years—converting to an endowed award after the 5-year review process if both parties wish to continue. The Awards Committee requested approval from Council to create this new award, which Council granted.

ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels reported that the final attendance for the 2014 Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia was 12,207, including 8,407 registered attendees and 3,800 exhibitors. This compares to 10,731 total attendees in Seattle for Midwinter 2013 and 9,929 total attendees in Dallas for Midwinter 2012.

Council Documents in their entirety can be found here: <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/council-documents-midwinter-2014>

### **Archives Committee Report, submitted by Sarena Fletcher**

Committee last met December 17, 2013 at the Lewes Public Library. There are currently 11.25 linear feet of processed archival material. Two large boxes remain to be processed.

Sent out board member histories to ALA Councilor, Scholarships, Awards & Citations, Executive Board, PLD, DASL, CRLD and YSD for review and completion.

There are 255 items fully scanned with optical character recognition (if applicable) and accessible on the [Delaware Heritage Collection portal](#).

### **Handbook and Bylaws, submitted by Jon Jeffrey**

The following amendments to the DLA Handbook were approved by the Executive Board at recently held DLA Board meetings and are ready for membership voting session(s) for acceptance and inclusion in the Handbook. Note: Amendments to the **Bylaws** section of the Delaware Library Association contained in the DLA Handbook, pages 2-8, require an affirmative vote of a quorum of the members at two consecutive voting sessions, one of which must be a general meeting. Amendments to the **handbook** section, starting page 9, which interprets the bylaws, shall be approved by an affirmative vote of a quorum of the members in a voting session, which may be a general or special meeting or a special voting session.

The amendments below are listed separately under Bylaws and handbook sections.

#### 1. Bylaws

- Existing: Article III, Governance, Part B. Executive Board, Sec. 4. The Executive Board may invite representatives of agencies or organizations having purposes similar to those of the Association to be non-voting members of the Executive Board, e.g., the Delaware State Librarian.

Proposed revision with added sentence: Sec. 4. The Executive Board may invite representatives of agencies or organizations having purposes similar to those of the Association to be non-voting members of the Executive Board. **Such positions may include the Delaware State Librarian and a representative of the Friends of Delaware Libraries.**

- Proposed item to replace the existing Article III, Governance, Part B. Executive Board, Sec. 5 statement on page 5.

**A member shall hold only one voting position but may hold a non-voting position simultaneously, at the Board’s discretion. A non-voting Board member may hold more than one non-voting position, also at the Board’s discretion.**

- Proposed item under : Article III, Governance, Part B. Executive Board as a new section 6 on page 5 (change existing numbering of Secs. 6-8).

**A voting member of the Board holding a committee position shall recuse him/herself from voting if there is a potential conflict of interest.**

- Proposed item under Article III, Governance, Part B. Executive Board, Sec. 7 (renumbered Sec. 8) to insert “**voting**” between “the” and “members .”

A majority of the [**voting**] members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

- Proposed item under Article I, Part C. Chapter Status, Sec. 3 page 2.

Delete: **The Councilor shall submit Association Bylaws amendments to ALA.**

## 2. handbook

- Proposed item to add under Duties of Officers and Executive Board of the Association, Executive Board, page 12.

**Appointed representatives of agencies or organizations having purposes similar to those of the Association are non-voting members of the Executive Board.**

- Proposed item under: Duties of Officers and Executive Board of the Association, Executive Board, page 12.

Insert “**and the Executive Director**” between “Committee chairs” and “are non-voting members of the Executive Board.”

- Proposed item under Handbook and Bylaws Committee (Special) Duties #2, page 15.

Delete: **To secure ALA approval of any revision or amendments of the Bylaws through the ALA councilor.**

## Membership Report by Sara Thomas

Since our meeting in November, we have had 4 members join or renew. We now have a total of 217 DLA members.

## Conference Planning Report, submitted by Beth Borene

The final checklists for each presenter will be turned in to MLA by Friday, February 21. This should be the last of the paperwork.

The conference brochures and online registration are now available on the web:

<http://www.mdlib.org/conference/default.asp>

They are also linked from DLA’s conference page: <http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla/conf.htm>

A link was added to the MLA membership registration page to send any potential DLA membership sign ups to our membership registration web page. Current members were notified by email on Monday February 10.

200-300 print brochures will be mailed to current DLA members, once the print brochures have arrived at Bear Library and have been addressed with mailing labels, by the end of this month, weather permitting. Christy Payne will see that all the brochures get sent to our school library members. Beth Borene will see that the public library members receive their brochures – and that any remaining members also receive their brochures.

Due to a last minute change in MLA's conference committee planning schedule, moving its February meeting to one week later than usual, Cathay Keough will attend in Beth's place on Wednesday February 26. Beth will then attend the March meeting next month.

Beth is still working on a Wednesday night event for DLA attendees at Conference. If you have any ideas, please let her know.

There are twelve confirmed vendors at the conference. They are planning to have a bingo card to encourage attendance to the exhibit hall.

There will be both a hospitality suite and a networking uncommons at this year's conference. Please see the conference brochure, page 5 for details.

Poster submission deadline was Feb 16. Proposals will be reviewed by the joint conference committee at a later date. Three proposals were submitted by people from Delaware libraries.

MLA has reported that the conference will take up the whole hotel, except for the captain's quarters, which MLA did not want anyway.

We are still soliciting entries for the Silent Auction. Beth will be contacting the programming committee in New Castle County to see if any of their crafty groups would like to create a basket of their creations to enter into the auction. So far we have about eight donations from people/libraries in Delaware.

### **Treasurer Report, submitted by Ed Goyda**

Refer to attached report: Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2014.

### **Scholarship Committee, submitted by Elaine Fike**

- The Scholarship and Awards/Citations Committee consists of Chairperson, Elaine D. Fike (Georgetown Public Library, library director) and members: Katie McDonough (Delaware Division of Libraries, Administrative Librarian), Mary Ann Farrell (Del-Tech Wilmington Campus, head librarian) and Janice Haney (Appoquinimink School District, Brick Mill Elementary, Library/Media Specialist).
- The deadline date for scholarship applications and nominations for awards was changed this year to try to meet the printing deadline for the MLA/DLA conference program booklet. The deadline

for scholarships and awards was moved to January 15, 2014 for presentation at the MLA/DLA conference in May 2014.

- One scholarship application for the Helen H. Bennett Scholarship (school librarianship) was received from (Erica)Megan McCrery. Her forms, references, and transcripts were reviewed by the committee. See attachments for her application form and personal narrative. McCrery\_scholarship 001 -003, and 008-009.
- One retired DLA member (John C. Painter) was nominated for the appointment to Life Member in DLA. See attachments Painter\_award 001-002.
- One individual (Senator Christopher Coons) was nominated for the Distinguished Service Citation. See attachment. Coons\_award 001.
- Upon approval by DLA Executive Committee, the scholarship and award winners will be notified by the committee chairperson.

#### **State Friends, submitted by Kay Bowes**

The Friends of Delaware Libraries has gained two new members to the board -- Terri Allen, who will become the Treasurer, and Bob Wetherall, representing Kent County. Still needed are a couple of representatives from New Castle County. The Board takes very seriously its mission of advocacy, so is moving forward to participate in Delaware Legislative Day as well as National Legislative Day. Each Friends group, hopefully, will craft a letter particular to its own needs to present to our Delaware legislators, stating why increased funding is necessary.

The Friends of Delaware Libraries plans to have its annual meeting at the same time as the June Delaware Library Town Meeting. This will be a time for voting on the revised by-laws and officers of the organization.

#### **Delaware Association of School Librarians, submitted by Jen Delgado**

#### **Public Library Division, submitted by Susan Upole**

PLD Executive Board has not met. We are trying to schedule a workshop in either northern Sussex or Kent County in the early spring.

#### **Youth Services Division, submitted by Barbara Keesey**

#### **Blue Hen Book Award**

**The 2014 Blue Hen Book Award winners are as follows:**

Younger Readers: Z is for Moose by Kelly Bingham

Middle Readers: Ghost Knight by Cornelia Funke

Teen Readers: The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

Chairs and members of the 2015 Blue Hen Book Award committees are in the process of rating the list of nominees in each of their categories. Each Blue Hen nominee is being rated based on the Horn Book Guide:

- 6 = Outstanding, noteworthy in style, content, and/or illustration.
- 5 = Superior, well above average.
- 4 = Recommended, satisfactory in style, content, and/or illustration.
- 3 = Recommended, with minor flaws.
- 2 = Marginal, seriously flawed, but with some redeeming quality.
- 1 = Unacceptable in style, content, and/or illustration

Committee members are to have their ratings of each book in their category submitted to the chairs by Monday, February 24, 2014. Chairs are to have the totals to YSD President by Friday, February 28, 2014. Ballots for the 2015 Younger Readers, Middle Readers and Teen Readers categories will be emailed to the children's listerv the first week of March, 2014. Displays of the books for the five nominees in each category should be up and ready starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. Voting for the 2015 Blue Hen Book Award nominees is from April 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014.

In the meantime, YSD is calling for nominees from public librarians, patrons, library community staff, etc... for the 2016 Blue Hen Book Award. For guidelines in nominating a Blue Hen book please contact the President of YSD.

**The following are members of the 2015 Blue Hen Award Committees:**

**Younger Readers: (Picture Books)**

**Chair:** Tameca Beckett: Laurel Library  
 Cheryl Clem: Elsmere Library  
 Kim Tull: Woodlawn Library  
 Sherri Scott: Georgetown Library  
 Kerry Gleason: Wilmington Library

**Middle Readers: (Chapter Books)**

**Chair:** Rebecca Norton: Dover Library  
 Christina Poe: Seaford Library  
 Marleena Young: Harrington Library  
 Barbara Keeseey: Appoquinimink  
 Maureen Miller: Lewes Library

**Teen Readers:**

**Chair:** Sara Thomas: New Castle Public Library  
 Leah Howard: Wilmington Library

Nick Rhodaside: Brandywine Library  
Lisa Burris: Bear Library  
Jeanne Benzel: Brandywine Library

I am in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Blue Hen Marketing Committee to discuss the marketing suggestions at the last meeting, a year ago, and where/when the committee can move forward with marketing recommendations. A date/time should be set by the time of the DLA Board Meeting on Thursday. I have purchased a prototype of a Blue Hen display board to be displayed in each public library, bookmobiles and DDL. I am currently seeking funding for this potentially effective in-house marketing tool. I have approached Kay Bowes, President of the Friends of Delaware Libraries and plan to seek financial help if possible from DLA/DDL. More details will be presented to DLA on Thursday and the Youth Services meeting on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **YSD Officer and DLA Conference**

YSD Vice President, Amy Abella, has resigned her position as Youth Services Librarian at Woodlawn Library. At present, she is deciding whether to continue on as President of YSD for the 2014/2015 term, as well as, continue in the capacity of hosting and being the contact for the DLA workshop she arranged for the conference. I indicated to DLA Vice President Beth Borne and to Amy, that I would step in if Amy was not able to host her workshop at the DLA conference. I will have more information by the DLA Board meeting on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**The all-day YSD winter meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> in Dover.**