

DLA Reports from Committee Chairs and Division Presidents for July 16, 2015

ALA Councilor Report, Hannah Lee

Delaware Chapter Councilor Report
2015 American Library Association Conference
San Francisco, CA
Submitted by Hannah Lee

Council I

June 28, 2015

The **ALA Awards Committee** reported on the proposed establishment of the Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr. Award for Innovation and Service to Community and Profession. The award is intended to recognize an administrator in a public library setting for leadership qualities in anticipating emerging trends in services, products, and technologies that will enhance the library's position in its community.

Council approved the adoption of the **Strategic Directions Document**, which reflects two years worth of conversations at all levels of the organization around the country. Key action areas are: advocacy for libraries and the profession; diversity; education and lifelong learning; equitable access to information and library services; intellectual freedom; literacy; organizational excellence; and transforming libraries.

Council passed a *Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries*, in which ALA "recognizes the important and unique role libraries play in wider community conversations about resiliency, climate change, and a sustainable future and begins a new era of thinking sustainably in order to consider the economic, environmental and socially equitable viability of choices made on behalf of the association."

Council also passed a *Resolution Denouncing the Systemic Racism that Motivated the South Carolina Shootings*.

Council did not approve a *Resolution on Libraries and Schools Affected by the Conflict in Gaza and Israel in 2014* and referred the *Resolution Against Mass Surveillance of the American People* to the Committee on Legislation for review.

Council II

June 29, 2015

Courtney Young, ALA President, asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Cynthia Graham Hurd, a public library manager in Charleston, S.C., and the eight others who were killed at the Emanuel A.M.E. Church.

The **International Relations Committee** reported that almost 600 librarians from 62 countries registered for the 2015 ALA Annual Conference. The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Library and Information Conference will be held in Columbus, OH from August 13-19, 2016. Additionally, ALA is partnering with READ Global (Rural Education and Development) libraries, other NGOs, and government organizations in Nepal to help rebuild and restock the hundreds of libraries destroyed or damaged by the earthquake in April 2015.

The **Freedom to Read Foundation** (FTRF) discussed several areas of litigation:

Prison Legal News v. Kane – This spring the FTRF joined with journalists, booksellers, publishers and others to successfully challenge a Pennsylvania law that allows a victim to sue a convicted offender to stop any conduct — including speech — that causes “mental anguish.” On April 28, 2015, a U.S. District Court Chief Judge struck down the Pennsylvania law, finding the law “manifestly unconstitutional.”

Antigone Books v. Horne: In September 2014, the FTRF joined with booksellers, publishers, and photographers to challenge an Arizona statute that makes it a crime to publish, sell, loan or disclose images that include nudity without the depicted person’s consent for each distribution. Although intended to target “revenge porn,” the law, as written, potentially makes criminal the dissemination of a large number of historic, artistic, educational and other newsworthy images.

Arce v. Huppenthal: At the time of the Council II session, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals had not published a decision in this lawsuit filed by teachers and students in the Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) against the Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction and other state officials. The lawsuit challenges the constitutionality of an Arizona statute prohibiting 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,” or “advocate ethnic solidarity instead of the treatment of pupils as individuals.” The Mexican American Studies program was severely impacted under this statute. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals heard the parties’ oral arguments on January 12, 2015. Constitutional scholar Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the law school at UC-Irvine, argued the case on behalf of the students. [Note: on July 7, 2015, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the district court’s decision and ruled that the students’ claims of discrimination can go forward to trial. The ruling stated that portions of the Arizona statute violate the First Amendment, and that there were “genuine” issues regarding whether the enforcement of the law was “motivated at least in part by discriminatory intent”].

Council III

June 30, 2015

Mario Gonzales, ALA Treasurer, highlighted ALA’s programmatic priorities: advocacy for libraries and the profession; diversity; equitable access to information and library services; education and lifelong learning; literacy; organizational excellence; intellectual freedom; and transforming libraries. He also reviewed ALA’s strategic initiatives; FY16 budget highlights; enabling strategies; and FY16 key initiatives.

He requested approval of the total ALA FY2016 Budgetary Ceiling of \$67,087,027, which Council approved.

The **Committee on Legislation** (COL) announced the creation of an orientation manual to be used as a tool for incoming members and others interested in the work of the COL. COL approved changes and additions to the ALA Core Competencies, which address government information skills and the management of and access to government information. COL offered a substitute resolution for the *Resolution Against Mass Surveillance of the American People*. Council amended the resolution, but ultimately referred the resolution back to COL and the Intellectual Freedom Committee for further review.

The **Intellectual Freedom Committee** announced that the 9th edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual has been published. The Library Bill of Rights also had revisions in the areas of Internet Filtering, Labeling Systems, and Rating Systems. Council approved each of the revised interpretations.

Council approved a *Resolution on Gun Violence*, in which ALA “deplores the gun violence that materially affects libraries and the communities we serve; and will work with state chapters and affiliates to support legislation that allows the prohibition of the carrying of guns in or near libraries and educational institutions.”

Council approved the *Resolution to Endorse Statement from the Movement for Black Lives on Charleston Shooting*.

Council also approved the *Resolution on Improving Access to Spanish, Bilingual and Books in Various Languages for Children in Detention Centers*.

The final grand total attendance at the ALA Annual conference in San Francisco was 22,696.

Archives Committee Report, Sarena Fletcher

Handbook and Bylaws Jonathan Jeffrey

July 16, 2015

Recent business

Beth Borene has joined the Handbook and Bylaws Committee for 2015-16. A membership ballot vote prior to the DLA Annual Business Meeting overwhelmingly approved rolling membership. This action was taken based on the recommendations of the Membership Chair and the Executive Board.

The approved handbook section of the Handbook and Bylaws will be updated under:

Membership, II Dues, Section A. (original text)

The membership year is July to June, matching the Association fiscal year. Membership dues become due in July of each year. Persons rendering dues after May 1st will be added to the membership list of the following year.

(new text in bold, 5/8/2015)

The membership year for any member is twelve consecutive months effective the first day of the month following receipt of dues payment.

New business

Possible further revision of handbook to be consider by the board:

Membership, II Dues, Section C. (original text)

Members who have not paid dues for the current year are no longer members of the Association. Their names will be retained on the mailing list for a time period selected by the Membership Committee, with the approval of the Executive Board.

(alternative text in bold, 7/16/2015)

Members who have not paid dues for **their** current **renewal** year are no longer members of the Association. Their names will be retained on the mailing list for a time period selected by the Membership Committee, with the approval of the Executive Board.

Respectively submitted,

Jonathan Jeffery, Chair

Beth Borene, Member

Membership & Web Report submitted by Sara Thomas

Membership:

We currently have 40 people who have renewed their membership for 2016. However, since we now have rolling membership, we technically have 246 active members. I sent the google document earlier today, please let me know if you need anything else in regards to an actual list. So far, 1 member has taken advantage of joint ALA/DLA membership. So far, one benefit of switching to rolling membership is catching those who have let their membership lapse. A lot of renewals so far are from people who were not members last year!

Website:

We have a strong web team who are on top of their game! Everyone knows their roles and responsibilities. If there is anything that needs to be updated please let me know. Monthly division updates can be sent to me and I will add them to each page.

Conference Planning Report, Beth Kloetzer

Treasurer Report, submitted by Ed Goyda

Refer to attached reports.

Scholarship Committee, Vacant

State Friends, Kay Bowes

No report for this time period.

College & Research Libraries Division, Melissa Jones

Delaware Association of School Libraries Division Jen Delgado

Public Library Division Rose Harrison

Youth Services Division, Lea Rosell

**Delaware Library Association
Youth Services Division Report**

DLA Executive Board Meeting

May 8th Meeting

Officers for the 2015/2016 year were assigned. Barbara Keesy became the immediate Past President. Lea Rosell became President. Katyna Cera-Proulx became the Vice President, and Jessica Webb was voted in as Secretary/Treasurer.

Summer Reading

Children's and Teen librarians from around the state are currently focused on their Summer Reading Programs. The children's theme is Every Hero Has a Story, and the teen theme is Unmask!. There have been a number of successful programs throughout the state to date. The Lewes Library held a Heroes Picnic and even though the picnic portion was rained out, 130 people attended in the upstairs meeting room. Cascading Carlos was well received at the South Coastal library on 6/25 and the Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation was a hit the day before.

Blue Hen

YSD has designated 7/15 as Blue Hen Book Award Day. In the future we hope to have the Governor officially commemorate and recognize this day. Unfortunately, time constraints made this impossible for the current year. To date the 2017 Blue Hen Nominations stand at: 18 nominations in the early reader category, 4 in the middle reader category, and 6 in the teen category.

Membership

Our goal over the course of the upcoming year is to increase the number of children's and teen librarians currently listed as members of YSD. An actual, numerical goal has yet to be established. Further information will be available after the next YSD meeting. Currently, only 65% of youth librarians are members of YSD.

Jobs Webpage, submitted by Julie Brewer

Nominations, Suzanne Smith

No report for this time period.

State Librarian, Annie Norman