2017 ALA Annual Conference  
ALSC Board of Directors  
Chicago, IL  

DRAFT MINUTES  
as of 10/24/2017

Session I: Friday, June 23, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Hyatt Regency McCormick, Regency Ballroom E

Board of Directors in attendance: Paula Holmes, Amy Koester, Andrew Medlar, Jamie Naidoo, Doris Gebel, Julie Roach, Jenna Nemec-Loise, Nina Lindsay, Christine Caputo, Vicky Smith, Mary Voors, Karen MacPherson, and Vicky Smith

Board Member excused absence: Kay Weisman

Staff in attendance: Aimee Strittmatter, Marsha Burgess, Courtney Jones, Angela Hubbard, Kristen Figliulo, Laura Schulte-Cooper and Elizabeth Serrano

Guests: Matt McLain, Sara White, Christine Gaffney, Sarah Gowdy Herford, Tori Ann Ogawa, Linda Ernst, Sue McCleef Nespecy

Proceedings

• Meeting called to order at 1:01 p.m. by President Nina Lindsay and will conduct meeting in a more informal manner.
• Agenda approved as submitted.
• Consent agenda approved as submitted.
• Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Announcements and Reports
N. Lindsay announced that ALA Executive Board Liaison Andrew Pace will not be able to attend the ALSC Board meeting but his talking points have been forwarded.

Committee Quarterly Reports
There was discussion around the anticipated launch of the new ALA Connect in August and how it will require a review of best practices around how committees and other groups conduct work and share information. N. Lindsay will be reviewing this with the Priority Group Consultants at their Saturday meeting.

Discussion/Decision

Emerging Leaders Project Report
The Emerging Leaders provided background on their project and noted there were both short and long-term
recommendations. The Emerging Leader’s group was formally thanked for their work. There was discussion around member preference for local, in-person vs. online interactions.

**Strategic Plan Implementation for FY18**
The Board discussed implementation of the strategic plan at length with capacity of members and staff in mind. Priorities around advocacy, diversity and inclusion, and learning and development were identified for the FY 2018 budget which will be shared with the Budget committee by the fiscal officer.

**Division Councilor Update**
J. Nemec-Loise reported on Youth Council Caucus activities and that the YCC will pilot for a new meeting schedule. President-Elect Julie Todaro’s vision for making every member of ALA an effective and sustained advocate, and presented the Dorothy Evans Memorial Resolution for co-sponsorship by ALSC.

MOTION, to accept the Dorothy Evans Memorial Resolution as submitted. 
MOTION, accepted.

**Membership Meeting Overview**
N. Lindsay provided an overview of the Membership Meeting agenda and instructions for Board members facilitating interactive discussion breakouts. The Board discussed engaging all ALSC members to be advocates.

**Batchelder Award Questions**
The Board of Directors discussed the recommendations posed by the prior Batchelder committee as well as the original intent of the award.

ACTION: Create a Batchelder Award Evolving Task Force.

**Advocacy and Legislation NLLD Report**
It was reported that the Advocacy and Legislation co-chairs Africa Hands and Kendra Jones appreciated the opportunity to attend National Library Legislative Day. The committee is asked to submit a proposal for any future NLLD attendance, on an annual basis, addressing how the committee will be served by the person identified to attend; how attendance and resulting post-attendance activities integrate into the strategic plan, move the association forward; and benefit the entire membership.

**Session II: Tuesday, June 27, 1:30-5:00 p.m., McCormick Place, Room W176c**

**Board of Directors in attendance:** Paula Holmes, Amy Koester, Andrew Medlar, Jamie Naidoo, Doris Gebel, Julie Roach, Jenna Nemec-Loise, Nina Lindsay, Christine Caputo, Vicky Smith, Mary Voors, Karen MacPherson, Vicky Smith and Kay Weisman

**Staff in attendance:** Aimee Strittmatter, Marsha Burgess, Courtney Jones, Angela Hubbard, Kristen Figliulo Laura Schulte-Cooper and Elizabeth Serrano

**Guests:** Julie Dietzel-Glair, Joanna Ward, Amy Clark, Ruth Anne Champion, Deanna Romriell, Kirby McCurtis, Kendra Jones, Amy Sears, Peggy Sullivan, Laura Jenkins, Kathi Kromer

**Proceedings**
Announcements and Reports
A. Medlar accepted the American Library Association Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table Award for Political Activism awarded to ALSC on Monday morning and the plaque was passed around the table.

ALA Washington Office Director Kathi Kromer introduced herself to the Board and invited open communication with her office.

Diversity within ALSC Task Force Final Report
The task force was thanked and complemented for putting together a variety of recommendations that will provide access and engagement for members and for reaching out to the Budget committee in advance. Several of the recommendations had been discussed during Friday’s meeting as part of the strategic plan implementation discussion.

MOTION, to accept the recommendations of the Diversity within ALSC Task Force, in spirit, and called for the formation of a task force: to implement recommendations 2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.5, 5.4 and 5.7; to consider recommendation 1 and report back to the Board at Midwinter 2018 on whether and how to address the spirit of this recommendation; and to prioritize the remaining recommendations, including identifying performance metrics for them and implementing them, as well as possible, within the length of the TF term, which will be concurrent with the duration of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan.
MOTION, accepted.

CSK Book Award Committee Members at Bill Morris Seminar
It was stated that this was an opportunity for continuing the pilot and establishing deliberate metrics for success, including recommendations for continuation and expansion, and assigning a point person to support the two members. The Board discussed potential ways in which the seminar could be expand and/or extended regionally and more frequently.

MOTION, to accept the extension of the CSK Morris Seminar Pilot Program, as accepted by the previous ALSC Board, and the addition of a board liaison to report back on success.
MOTION, accepted.

APALA President’s Request for Co-Sponsorship of President’s Program
The Board discussed the request to co-sponsor the Asian/Pacific American Library Association’s President’s Program featuring children’s author LeUyen Pham. It was acknowledged that the program would overlap with the Leadership & ALSC meeting and that ALSC could support members in their choice via messaging.

MOTION, to approve the co-sponsorship, in name only, of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association’s President’s Program at the ALA 2018 Annual Conference.
MOTION, approved.

Report on Joint Youth Executive Committee Meeting
J. Naidoo reported that the ALSC Executive Committee met with the AASL and YALSA Executive Committees on Thursday. The group agreed to meeting more frequently utilizing online platforms.

**Division Councilor Report**
J. Nemec-Loise reported on the highlights of Council activity at Annual conference. Fifteen members attended the Youth Council Caucus meeting on Saturday evening. The discussion was productive and there is interest in developing training and webinars on what Council does with a specific reach to non-youth members to support youth issues.

Council discussed and passed two resolutions: 1) passed a resolution on global climate change which calls for libraries to preserve and make available factual, scientific data, information and literature both from government and citizen sources pointing to evidence of global climate change and 2) a resolution to create responsible spaces which calls for libraries to adopt and enforce user behavior policies that protect patrons and staff from harassment while maintaining ALA’s historic support for the freedom of speech.

A tribute resolution was adopted in honor of Keith Michael Fiels and the memorial resolution for Dorothy Evans was adopted.

The resolution on family care came back from the policy monitoring committee without any implications.

J. Nemec-Loise will share additional Council activity through the Councilor’s report in ALCMatters.

**Organization & Bylaws Committee Motions**

The committee provided an overview of the motions submitted to the Board regarding requests to change aspects of two ALSC committees.

APPROVED, a revised charge, from the Organization & Bylaws committee, for the Liaison to National Organizations committee, as amended (to remove the word “external”).

APPROVED, a name change recommended by the Organization & Bylaws committee: “Liaison to National Organizations” committee to “Building Partnerships” committee (amended to remove the word “External” from the name).

APPROVED, a name change recommended by the Organization & Bylaws committee: “Library Service to Special Population Children and Their Caregivers” committee to “Library Service to Underserved Children and Their Caregivers” committee, and the revision of the committee’s charge to reflect the new name (changing “special populations” to “underserved”).

APPROVED, a composition change, from the Organization & Bylaws committee, for the Library Service to Underserved Children and Their caregivers committee (aka: Library Service to Special Population Children and Their Caregivers committee) to: Two co-chairs appointed in alternating years, plus five members (2 co-chairs+5).

The Board of Directors thanked the O&B committee for their work and dedication.

**Budget Committee Report & Approval**
D. Romriell presented the current and proposed FY 18 ALSC budget and shared the Budget committee’s
recommendations which took into account the $50,000 support for strategic objectives. Additionally, the Budget committee recommended a transfer of funds from the net asset balance to the endowments in the amount of $250,000 in FY 2021, with the project(s) to be determined one year before the transfer date. The Friends of ALSC will fund two scholarships to attend the National Institute in September 2018 as well as a networking event at the 2018 National Conference.

MOTION, to approve the Budget committee’s recommendations for Fiscal Year 2018, as outlined in their report to the Board and in Document 31a.
MOTION, approved.

New Business

GLBTRT Political Activism Award Honorarium
The Board discussed the $1,400 honorarium received as part of the GLBTRT Political Activism Award and there was agreement to donate it to the LGBT Center of Raleigh Library.

MOTION, to earmark approved, the donation of the honorarium from the GLBTRT Political Activism Award to the LGBT Center of Raleigh (NC) Library, and in honor of the award, allocate $1,400 from Friends of ALSC for a scholarship supporting attendance at the 2018 ALSC National Institute for a North Carolina ALSC member who identifies as LGBTQ.
MOTION, approved.

Community Forum
The board agreed to set the time, date, and topic online, following Annual.

Intellectual Freedom Committee Proposal
The Board discussed the proposal to collaborate with the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund to develop a free, downloadable comic that would use content from the “Kids Know Your Rights!” handout and feature ALSC’s brand.

MOTION, to approve in principle, a proposed collaboration with the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund (CBLDF) to produce a comic with details to be coordinated by appropriate ALSC staff.
MOTION, approved.

Board profiles will be featured on the ALSC blog, with 2018 outgoing Board members prioritized. The profiles will be linked to the ALSC Board roster page.

N. Lindsay thanked the outgoing Board members for their work and the new Board members for their time during conference.