

To: ALSC Board of Directors  
From: Nina Lindsay, ALSC President  
Re: President's Report for ALSC Midwinter Meeting February 2018  
Date: April 11, 2018

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I am pleased to submit this report of my major activities since my report for the Midwinter 2018 Board Meeting.

### Upcoming Programs

#### **Charlemae Rollins Presidents Program**

Co-chairs Sujei Lugo and Megan Schieshman continue planning for *Considering All Children: A New Ideal in Evaluating and Engaging around Books for Youth*. The panel, with Margarita Engle, Jason Reynolds, Debbie Reese, and Ebony Thomas, will be moderated by Edith Campbell.

### Division Business

#### **Appointments**

- Following Board action at Midwinter, I appointed the following:
  - [Awards Program Review Task Force](#)
  - Melissa Depper, of the the ECRR Oversight Committee, as designee to bring formal recommendations from that committee (as it prepares to sunset) to Board at Annual, on the topic of Next Steps for Early Literacy.
- With the conclusion of Midwinter, the role of Appointing Officer has transferred to President-Elect Jamie Naidoo.

#### **Award Program Review**

The Board's Midwinter Discussion of our awards program, with an initial focus on the name of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, has attracted great interest from members and nonmembers alike, with a very wide range of opinions on the matter. I have been working with staff and the chair of the Award Program Review Task Force to track, consider, and where appropriate respond to online conversations and other communications sent to ALSC or myself. I have endeavored to update members on the Board's action via the blog, and to ensure the work of the task force is bringing in a full spectrum of considerations as they work on their recommendations to the Board for our next discussion on the topic at Annual conference.

#### **Next Steps for Early Literacy, and ECRR Oversight Committee**

Another topic of stakeholder conversation following Midwinter has been the Board's decision to move Every Child Ready to Read into maintenance mode, as we look towards next steps in early literacy. I had a phone call with Marisa Conner, the PLA-appointed chair of the Every Child Ready to Read Oversight Committee, to discuss the ALSC Board's considerations and logistics of the committee's last round of work as it concludes its obligations this fall.

In order to ensure the Board captures the knowledge and recommendations of this committee as we work on “going deeper” with the ECRR practices, and in discussion with Marisa Conner, I have assigned a member of the committee to bring formal recommendations to the Board at Annual conference.

### **Strategic Planning**

Following Board discussion at Midwinter, I worked with the Executive Committee to prepare a brief Strategic Plan Annual Assessment Worksheet and assigned Board Members to working groups to prepare these worksheets for our discussion at Annual

### Other Division Business

- Held weekly meetings with ED Aimee Strittmatter and VP Jamie Naidoo
- Developed agendas for online meetings (below)

### Online Meetings Held

- ALSC Priority Group Consultants & Committee Chairs Meeting, April 9, 2018
- AASL/ALSC/YALSA Joint Youth Executive Committee Meeting, April 9, 2018
- *Scheduled: ALSC Member Community Forum, April 12, 2018: Doing ALA Differently*
- *Scheduled: ALSC Board Meeting, April 16, 2018*

### Communication/Press

- ALSC Blog Posts:
  - [Join ALSC Leadership Discussions at Midwinter](#) February 6
  - [Board Action Update: the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award](#) February 11
  - [Next Steps for Early Literacy: Board Update](#) March 6
  - [ALSC Awards Program Review Update](#) March 26
- Gave an interview to Anne Ford of American Libraries regarding the Award Program Review, for their June issue

### Travel

- PLA Conference, Denver CO, March 20-24th. ALSC and GLBTRT co-hosted a member social at the Parkway Central Library. I also visited with members at the ALA booth in the exhibits.