

**American Library Association
Executive Board Spring Meeting
President-Elect Report – Sari Feldman**

ALA Leadership

Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support and guidance. Midwinter as President-Elect was an exciting experience, and I enjoyed continuing to meet with members and colleagues from across the country. I am very appreciative of Courtney L. Young and Barbara Stripling for their time and assistance, as well as ALA staff including Keith Michael Fiels, Michael Dowling, JoAnne Kempf, Kerri Price, Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, and Cheryl Malden.

Midwinter Conference

Midwinter was a flurry of activity, but exhilarating. I am very appreciative of the time to meet with library professionals from across the country with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and areas of expertise.

My conversations about Presidential Initiatives were very helpful in informing my thoughts and messaging. I was happy to be back with the DCWG, if briefly, and to get updated on their activities. I also attended BCALA and COA meetings as liaison.

I look forward to working with all of the Division Presidents-elect in the coming year and was grateful for the opportunity to meet with them during lunch on Saturday.

Madison Award

It was my pleasure to present this year's Madison Award to Senator John Cornyn in Washington, D.C. on March 13th during Freedom of Information Day. Senator Cornyn also has been active in the fight to make federally-funded research accessible to the public. As co-sponsors of both the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FACTA) and the Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2013 (FASTR), Sen. Cornyn has spearheaded efforts to give Americans open access to taxpayer-funded research and to achieve the social and economic progress for which such access is a necessity.

Committee on Committees

Thank you to Kerri Price and Lois Ann Gregory-Wood; members of the Committee; Ann Crewdson, Karen Downing, Susan Gregory and Jim Kuhn for all their hard work over the last several months. Work continues to finalize the remaining appointments.

Committee on Appointments

Thank you again to Kerri Price for her assistance in ensuring that all committee appointments have been made. Work continues to finalize the remaining appointments.

Presidential Focus

I presented my presidential platform concept during Midwinter Conference and had excellent feedback. The four areas of focus: ONE ALA, Change Management, Recruitment, and Stakeholder Engagement, were well received and elicited helpful dialog. My advisory committee also met during the conference to discuss the outcomes from the platform

presentation. I hosted Alan Inouye and Larra Clark from ALA's Office of Information and Technology Policy, and Marci Merola and Macey Morales from ALA's Advocacy Office and Public Information Office respectively after Midwinter to discuss what they had in the works as it relates to advocacy and messaging around OITP's *Policy Revolution!* Initiative. I wanted to ensure that my efforts complement the work of other ALA efforts. Thank you to them for taking the time to meet with me at Cuyahoga County Public Library.

We are now developing communication strategies for a launch.

Travel and Speaking Engagements

I have been honored to field several media inquiries over the past several months, and look forward to continuing to talk to the media about libraries and library professionals.

Joint event with Arizona Library Association, SULA, Arizona SU Alumni Association and the iSchool – Phoenix, AZ 2/4/15 – 2/5/15

Mi Ok Kim, Voice of America reporter – 3/3/15

Madison Award Presentation and met with legislative aides of Congresswoman Marcia Fudge – Washington, D.C. 3/12/15 – 3/13/15

Met with State Legislators to discuss library funding – Columbus, OH 3/19/15

ACRL Conference – Portland, OR 3/25/15 – 3/27/15

REFORMA Conference – San Diego, CA 4/1/15 – 4/4/15

Brian Shields, Senior New Anchor, WAMC/Northeast Public Radio – 4/13/15

EBook Conference for Librarians: The Future of Libraries – Munich, Germany 4/20/15 – 4/21/15

ALA Legislative Days – Washington, D.C 5/4/15 – 5/5/15

V International Seminar of Library and Information SIBI 2015 – Lima, Peru 5/26/15 – 5/29/15