

**DRAFT Board Actions  
ALA Annual Conference  
New Orleans, LA  
Saturday, June 25, 2011  
1:30-4:30 p.m.**

*To be reviewed and approved at Fall Board meeting*

- Present:** Audra Caplan, President; Marcia Warner, President Elect; Sari Feldman, Past President; Directors at Large: Irene Blalock; Luis Herrera; Judy Napier; Mary Ann Hodel; Gary Shaffer.
- PLA Councilor:** Christine Lind Hage
- PLA Staff:** Barb Macikas, Executive Director; Linda Bostrom, Manager, Professional Development; Steven Hofmann, Manager, Web Communications; Kathleen Hughes, Manager Publications/ Editor *Public Libraries*; Mary Hirsh, Project Manager; Melissa Faubel Johnson, Meeting Planner/National Conference Manager; Amy Sargent, Marketing and Communications Manager; Lynn Slawsky, Program Officer; and Julianna Kloeppel, Program Coordinator.
- Excused Absence:** Sara Dallas
- Guests:** Marilyn Boria, Elmhurst (Ill.) Public Library; Carol Brey-Casiano, El Paso (Tex.) Public Library; Toni Garvey, Phoenix Public Library; Eva Poole, Denton (Tex.) Public Library; Portia Latalladi, Chicago Public Library; Georgia Lomax, Pierce County Library System; Emily Sheketoff, ALA Washington Office

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. **By consent, approved** the adoption of the agenda.
3. **By consent, accepted** the following reports: President's Report (2011.57); 2011 Draft Spring Board Actions (2011.58); 2011 PLA Election Results (2011.59); Membership Report (2011.60); PLA Partners Report (2011.61); "Public Libraries" Magazine Report, (2011.62); Publications Reporter (2011.63); Educational Activities Update, (2011.64a and 64b); Leadership Task Force Report (2011.65); Turning the Page 2.0 Report (2011.66); Technology Benchmarks Report (2011.67); Slate of Candidates, PLA 2012 Election (2011.68); Awards Program Report (2011.69); PLA 2012 Conference Report (2011.70); Technology and Web Communications Report (2011.71).

**Discussion/Decision Items—decision items are identified as ACTION**

4. **ACTION.** Adoption of the FY2012 Budget, and review of FY2011 results. *Marilyn Boria*, Chair, PLA Budget and Finance Committee and *Barb Macikas*, Executive Director. The Board discussed the FY11 financial reports (2011.73 and 2011.74) and **approved** the FY12 budget as presented.
5. PLA President *Audra Caplan* reported on ALA Legislative Day and PLA advocacy efforts. Overall, PLA experience was positive and meetings with Federal offices scheduled by the Washington Office are a good idea; however, the groups need to be prepared in advance with talking points and need to be downsized, perhaps with one representative per division attending each meeting. President Caplan recognized outgoing chair of the PLA Legislation and Advocacy committee *Kathleen Reif* for her outstanding work and thanked her on behalf of the Board.
6. **ACTION.** PLA Councilor *Christine Hage* reported on ALA Council agenda items including resolutions on "Wiki-leaks" and patron confidentiality. A motion asking Hage to act on PLA's behalf at Council on relevant matters was **approved**.
7. ALA OITP E-Book Subcommittee. *Hage*, a member of the [OITP E-Book Subcommittee](#) of the ALA [Presidential Task Force on Equitable Access to Electronic Content \(EQUACC\)](#), reported on its work and alerted the Board to

the FAQ on the OITP website. She noted that public libraries have many questions regarding e-books and we need to continue to provide the profession with resources on this important issue.

8. ALA Washington Office Report (2011.77) WO Director *Emily Sheketoff* reported on Federal work force investment plans, FCC digital literacy initiative and portal, the EQUAAC task force, and alerted the Board to information on the Washington Office site related to e-government.
9. **ACTION.** PLA/AASL/AAUP Report (2011.78). *Nann Blaine Hilyard*, member of the group and *Jo Ann Carr*, AASL representative, reported to the Board on the history of the group and recommended that PLA create a standing AAUP committee. The Board thanked Hilyard for her report and **deferred** a decision on creating a committee till the Fall meeting.
10. Mega-Issue Debrief, *Audra Caplan* and *Marcia Warner* recapped the morning mega-issue discussion with PLA leaders and members, facilitated by *Paul Meyer*. *Meyer* will prepare a report with recommendations for the Board's review at the Fall meeting.
11. **ACTION.** CoP Task Force Report. *Caplan* reviewed the task force's report and thanked chair *Jay Turner* for the excellent work he and the task force have done. A motion was made to accept the report with thanks and to sunset the CoP Task Force. **Approved.**
12. ALA Privatization Task Force. *Caplan* reported on the work of the Task Force; [a toolkit](#) is now available. It is a resource for libraries/communities facing possible privatization. *Caplan*, *Carolyn Anthony* and *Christine Hage* were PLA's representatives on the Task Force. *Caplan* thanked *Anthony* and *Hage* for their excellent work.
13. Digital PL of America Report. *Luis Herrera* reported on the [Digital Public Library of America project](#). *Herrera* is an advisor to the project; it is on a fast-track timeline.
14. **ACTION.** A slate of pre-conferences for the PLA 2012 conference (2011.83) was presented and **approved** by the Board.
15. ALA Office for Research and Statistics *Judy Hofmann* provided information (2011.85) about the [Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study](#) report. She noted that demand for PC's in libraries continues to increase while funding decreases.
16. **ACTION.** A draft Council resolution (2011.86) on the Workforce Investment Act was presented and the Board **voted to support** the resolution, which requests that the US Congress include public libraries in their Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).
17. **ACTION.** *Caplan* and *Warner* reported on their meeting with the Tech Notes group and recommended that a PLA Technology Committee be created. The Board **approved** creation of a PLA Technology Committee and requested *Warner* to make the appointments to the committee.
18. Nominations for ALA Council and President. *Carol Brey-Casiano*, a member of the ALA Nominating Committee, encouraged the PLA Board to send the nominating committee suggestions for Council and President.
19. Gifts were presented to outgoing PLA Board members *Luis Herrera*, *Irene Blalock*, *Sara Dallas*, *Sari Feldman*, *Judy Napier*, *Mary Ann Hodel*, *Gary Shaffer* and to President *Audra Caplan*, with thanks for their work in support of PLA and public libraries.
20. PLA President *Caplan* invited everyone to attend her President's Program featuring Laura Lippman and David Simon, Sunday, June 26 at 1 p.m. and to the reception following.
21. **ACTION.** Motion to adjourn was **approved** at 3:40 p.m.