

**American Library Association
Fall 2014 Executive Board Meeting
President-Elect Report – Sari Feldman**

ALA Leadership

I wish to offer my sincere appreciation to Courtney Young as I have transitioned into my new role. Courtney took time to personally visit me on June 12th at Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL) to discuss her vision, and answer my numerous questions. I also had the pleasure of hosting ALA Executive Director, Keith Michael Fiels, at CCPL on July 14th. I appreciate his thoughtful insight on ALA. Barbara Stripling and other members of the ALA Executive Board and staff have been incredibly helpful in ensuring my success. A special thank you to JoAnne Kempf for her continuing guidance.

IFLA 2014

I had the pleasure of attending IFLA 2014 in Lyon, France from August 15 – 22. I found it fascinating to review the Trends Report, and be reminded that we are a global and connected world. The same trends and issue that affect libraries in the United States, affect libraries around the world. I especially enjoyed the insightful conversation I had with Dr. Claudia Lux and her efforts to build the national library in Qatar. IFLA was a wonderful opportunity to be introduced to library leaders around the globe, as well as connect with the US delegation. I look forward to attending in South Africa next year.

Orientation

On September 8, 9, and 10 I was at ALA Headquarters in Chicago for my orientation. I enjoyed a day of media training on Monday, and two days learning about the many different aspects of ALA including the work of the divisions, roundtables, and other various offices. I appreciated being introduced and reintroduced to all the various aspects and staff of ALA. This will be very helpful to me as I continue into my presidential year and work toward my goal of thinking “One ALA.”

Washington Office Orientation

On September 29th, I attended the ALA Washington Office Orientation in D.C. with Emily Sheketoff and her team. It was another very informative session and I am appreciative of all of their time.

Digital Content Working Group

I am honored that Courtney Young has appointed me as liaison to the Digital Content Working Group. As the former co-chair, I am eager to continue working with and learning from this

dynamic group of individuals. As evidenced by the recent revelation about Adobe and its privacy breaches, there is still much work to be done.

Committee on Committees

Thank you to Kerri Price for all the information she has provided to me regarding the Committee on Committees and the Committee on Appointments, as well as the thoughtful assistance of Lois Ann Gregory-Wood throughout this process. The Committee had an initial conference call discuss the slate of individuals for the Nominating Committee on October 2nd. Lois Ann worked diligently to confirm each person's willingness to stand for election. The Committee met again by conference call on Friday, October 17th to discuss other committee appointments. Thank you to Kerri Price for her guidance during this call.

Committee on Appointments

The Committee, comprised of the presidents-elect of the divisions, met by conference call on Wednesday, October 15th to provide me with guidance on nominations for committee appointments. We were provided an overview of all the committees, including atypical committees and received a tutorial on the database to review received applications. Thank you to Kerri Price for walking us through this process. I appreciate everyone's thoughtful insight during this call.

Presidential Focus

My Advisory Committee met on September 4th to discuss, in detail, the vision for my presidential year. I plan to focus on creating "One ALA" and work to communicate the transformation of our profession. My Advisory Committee members include Clara Bohrer, Luis Herrera, Portia Latalladi, Karen Danczak Lyons, Sarah Pritchard, Ramiro Salazar, Mega Subramaniam, Betty Turock, and Robert Wolven.

Travel and Speaking Engagements

August 8th – "Why Libraries Are More Important Than Ever" – City Club of Cleveland
August 15 – 22nd – IFLA 2014 – Lyon, France
September 4th – Advisory Committee Meeting – Cuyahoga County Public Library
September 8 – 10th – ALA Headquarter Orientation – Chicago, IL
September 29th – ALA Washington Office Orientation – Washington, D.C.
October 8th – Ohio Library Council Convention & Expo, Keynote Address – Columbus, OH
October 9th - Ohio Library Council Convention & Expo, Ohio Libraries into the Future - Kitchen Table Conversation – Columbus, OH
October 24 – 26th – ALA Fall Executive Board Meeting – Chicago, IL
November 5th - NYLA Annual Conference Continuing Ed Readers Advisory Workshop – Saratoga Springs, NY
November 6 – 9th – LITA Conference – Albuquerque, NM
December 2nd – Love My Library Event – New York, NY