

ALA Liaison to American Association for the Advancement of Science.
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Flattening the World: Building a Global Knowledge Society was the theme of the AAAS Annual Meeting, held February 16-20, 2012 in Vancouver, B.C. My initial role as ALA Liaison to the AAAS was working with Kiki Forsythe, Senior Publisher Relations Specialist for *Science*, and Nicole (Nikki) Maylett of AAAS conference services to award sponsored registrations for the Annual Meeting to 30 librarians. I promoted the sponsored registration offer on a number of different email lists, eliciting responses from over 50 librarians. I sent registrant information to Kiki and Nikki regularly, updating a master spreadsheet with each new registrant. The process was more time-consuming than anticipated, with many additions, deletions and substitutions to the list for weeks on end.

A more interesting role was coordinating a librarians' caucus at the Annual Meeting (labeled, unfortunately, as simply "librarian orientation" in the program). We heard presentations from librarians, writers and teaching faculty who are involved in collaborative efforts to improve scientific literacy. The presentations sparked a lively discussion among the 27 attendees, including 10 individuals from Canada. It was especially good to hear from our Canadian colleagues. Kiki Forsythe and others from AAAS were also in attendance.

My other activities at the Annual Meeting included the Affiliates meeting, the Section T business meeting (the ALA liaison is affiliated with the Information, Computing, and Communication Section or Section T), plus all plenary sessions and as many symposia and topical lectures as possible. I also brought together colleagues in Ohio to present a poster session on digital projects we have underway with science faculty in our consortium. We were very pleased that AAAS accepted our proposal for the education section of the general poster session. See *Faculty, Librarian and Student Collaboration: Enhancing Science Teaching with Digital Collections* <http://slidesha.re/NyRFyK>.

Kiki Forsythe has indicated that AAAS will again offer 30 sponsored registrations for librarians at the next Annual Meeting, to be held in Boston, February 14-18, 2013. *The Beauty and Benefits of Science* is this year's theme, and I hope many ACRL STS members will take advantage of the free registration offer. Attending the AAAS meeting is an excellent opportunity to meet with scientists, science writers and journalists, and thousands others in the wider scientific community. I am looking forward to the meeting myself, and thank the STS Liaisons

Committee for their recommendation of my appointments as ALA
Liaison to the AAAS.

Respectfully submitted,

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