**TO:** PLA Board of Directors

**RE:** ALA Executive Director Search Process Update

**FROM:** Barb Macikas

**DATE:** June 3, 2019

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:**

Report

The ALA Executive Director search committee was appointed by the ALA Board this Spring. The PLA Board went on record to share their concern about the committee’s lack of public library representation. The 14-person search committee includes eight academic librarians (including the chair); two school librarians; one public librarian and three staff representatives. PLA prepared a document about public library/PLA concerns and provided it to the two division representatives to the committee, Jim Neal and Steven Yates, to share with the committee.

The search committee has met and begun to review applicants. The timeline has the committee holding semi-finalist interviews in early October and making recommendations to the ALA Board following that meeting. The ALA Board will hold interviews with finalists the week of Oct. 21-24. The goal is for the new ED to begin January 2020.

**PLA STRATEGIC GOAL LINK (check all that apply)**

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