**TO:** PLA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Barb Macikas

**RE:** Future PLA Board Meetings—Fall 2019 and Midwinter

**DATE:**  March 25, 2019

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:**

Information/Discussion

**BACKGROUND**

Fall 2019 Board Meeting

Past Fall Board meetings have been held as standalones or in conjunction with other conferences whose memberships are aligned with or related to public libraries. For the latter, the board most recently met in conjunction with the International City-County Management Association. At the time, PLA was partnering with ICMA on leadership academy curriculum and data projects (Edge) supported by the Gates Foundation. Subsequently, those partnership concluded and the board decided it was not necessary to meet in conjunction with ICMA. In Fall 2019, however, ICMA will hold its [conference in Nashville](https://icma.org/2019-icma-annual-conference). There may be some value to meeting there given the PLA2020 conference. Based on past practice, if meeting with ICMA, the Board would meet on Oct. 20-21 and could spend the balance of its time at the ICMA conference. We might work with the PLA Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships Committee to make connections at ICMA and/or consider presenting or exhibiting at ICMA. Or, the Board could determine to meet elsewhere.

Dates to avoid are October 24-27. ALA BARC and ALA Executive Board meeting are scheduled then and we should try to avoid scheduling over those.

Midwinter

ALA will not hold future Midwinter Meetings after 2020. The Midwinter Meeting scheduled for Jan. 17-21, 2020, in Philadelphia will be the final ALA Midwinter Meeting. In January 2021, ALA will host a new event. The focus of that meeting will be on CE, specifically leadership and youth media (see attachment). The number of committee meetings will be significantly reduced. Specific information about the new event and which committees will be allowed to meet has not been communicated. The Board may want to consider its plans for the 2020 meeting (see “options” document attached).

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The Board will want to select a date for the Fall meeting. The Board may want to consider plans for future January meetings.

Attachments-Future of Midwinter doc and Midwinter 2020 options