

**ALA Executive Board
Election 2018**

Candidate:

Ben Hunter

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Education:

PhD in Managerial Leadership in the Information Professions, Simmons College (in progress)
Master of Science in Library Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2005
Master of Music in Music Composition, University of Oregon, 2004
Bachelor of Music, University of Idaho, 2000

ALA & Chapter Activities:

American Library Association

Idaho Chapter Councilor (2014-present)
Planning & Budget Assembly (2015-2017)
American Libraries Advisory Committee (2017-2019)
Resolutions Committee (2017-2019)
Subcommittee on Communication and Coordination Among ALA and its Chapters (2016-2017)
Chapter Relations Committee (2012-2016)
Chair (2015-2016)
Chair, Library of the Future Award Committee (2016)
Chair, Melvil Dewey Medal Award Committee (2015)
ABC-CLIO Award Jury (2014)

Library Leadership and Management Association

Mentoring Program (mentor) (2013-2015)
Continuing Education Committee (2011-2015)
Program Committee (2011-2013)

Idaho Library Association

ILA Executive Board; ALA Councilor (2014-present)
2018 Annual Conference Committee (2017-2018)
Chair, Emerging Leaders Selection Committee (2017)
Chair, 2018 Annual Conference Site Selection (2016)
Chair, Emerging Leaders Selection Committee (2015)
Past-President (2011-2012)
President (2010-2011)
Vice President/President-Elect (2009-2010)
Chair, Region 2 Conference Planning Committee (2008)
Chair, Region 2 Conference Planning Committee (2007)

Honors & Awards:

ILA Idaho Librarian of the Year (2017)
Library Journal Mover & Shaker (2013)
ALA Emerging Leaders (2011)
Association of Research Libraries Academy Fellow (2005-2006)

Selected professional activities:

Peer reviewer, *Journal of Academic Librarianship* (2014-present)
Instructor, Independent Study in Idaho, various library science courses (2013-present)
Book reviewer for *Choice Reviews* (2007-present)

Statement of Professional Concerns:

Though I have spent my career working in academic libraries, my approach to librarianship is diverse and far-reaching. Many years of working with the Idaho Library Association has allowed me insight into the needs and concerns of many different types of libraries serving many different types of communities and given me valuable experience with local and state level advocacy and outreach. As Idaho Chapter Councilor, I have worked to inform and engage Idaho's library community about ALA's activities and initiatives and bring the perspectives of Idaho librarians back to ALA; within ALA I have sought to improve communication between individual chapters and between chapters and the rest of ALA. Bringing that same focus on transparency, member involvement, and multi-directional communication to the larger context of ALA and its Divisions, Round Tables, and affiliated groups will guide my actions as an enthusiastic and engaged member of Executive Board.