

ALA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION 2019

Candidate: **Eboni M. Henry**

Current Position: School Media Specialist, District of Columbia Public School
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Education: Clark Atlanta University (Atlanta, GA), MLIS 2004
Tuskegee University (Tuskegee, AL), BA, English, 2002

ALA Activities: ALA Member, 2004-present

- ALA Councilor-at-Large, 2013-present
- ALA Committee on Legislation, 2013-2018
 - Subcommittee: Government Information 2014-2016
- ALA Planning and Budget Assembly, 2016-2018
- ALA Public Awareness, 2018-present, Chair
- ALA International Relations Committee, 2018-present
- APA-Standing Committee on the Salaries and Status of Library Workers, 2010-2011, 2011-2014, Chair
- Children's Book Council Joint Committee, 2010-2011

Public Library Association, 2005-2010

New Members Roundtable, 2005-2010

AASL, 2018-Present

- Inspire Special Event Grant Committee, 2018-present

EMIRT, 2015-2016

ALSC, 2004-Present

- Local Arrangements Annual Conference 2006-2007

District of Columbia Library Association, 2005-present,

- Children's, YA, and School Interest group, 2006-2012, chair,
- Director of Advocacy, 2013-2017, chair

BCALA, 2004-Present

- International Relations Committee, 2008-present, Chair

Statement of Professional Concerns

I have been a passionate and committed member of ALA for 14 years and have consistently advocated for library equity, diversity, school libraries, and sustainable youth-centered services. As an Executive Board member I will continue to address these concerns within the framework of our strategic directions. I will also uphold our professional values, code of ethics, and be a listening ear to members regarding their concerns for profession development. My experience as a children's librarian, public library branch manager and currently a school media specialist and my active involvement in ALA advocating for the profession on the local level, has made me realize that there is a serious need to focus on increasing skilled and trained School Media Specialist in schools across the nation. As we move forward as an association, I ask for your vote to be the voice and leader on the Executive Board those strengths our profession with a commitment to school libraries.