

LITA Councilor Report

Annual 2018

As LITA Councilor, I serve on the LITA Board, LITA Executive Committee, the ALA Division Leadership Group (all Division Executive Committees), and ALA Council. This is the second year of my second consecutive three-year term, which ends after Annual 2019. In addition to the LITA Councilor role, this was the second year of my second consecutive (fifth overall) term as an appointed member of the OITP Advisory Committee – I roll off OITP Advisory after Annual 2018. This is my third year as an ALA-unit-appointed member of the ALA Advocacy Coordination Group – OITP and RUSA both appointed me this year. Additionally, this was the first year of my first term as an appointed member of the ALA Council Orientation Committee.

Beyond formal-commitment involvement, as I seem to do every year for the last several, I have been a co-collaborator / co-author for several ALA Council resolutions. The big two this year are: *Resolution on Addressing Roadblocks to Diversity in the Leadership Pipeline* (working with COD & ODLOS to reflect current ALA efforts and initiatives) and *Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation* (COPE Chair looped me in for process and phrasing consultation).

ALA OITP Advisory Committee

There was a lot of high-priority stuff in the OITP and Washington Office information and technology policy pipeline over the last year. Leading up to midterm elections, ALA WO is attempting to solidify gains, activate library-friendly voters and partners, and reach out to prospective partners on a range of issues. There is a lot of crazy stuff to watch for as the policy landscape continues to contort around the current administration. As I have shared in my OITP emails to Council (bcc LITA Board), there are a lot of moving parts. Library-based initiatives are exploding (good) but library-related federal-policy developments are in flux (funding shaky but currently holding, information/internet policy trending less well).

ALA Annual 2018 Council Topics

- There is a resolution forthcoming to reinstate the MLS requirement for the ALA ED position based on the ballot question votes from the last election (relates to LITA Board statement from MW 2018)
- *Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation* (LITA Board endorsed in May)
- Council Forum times and days have been changed (scheduler entries should be correct now) to Monday & Tuesday morning for Council Forum 1 & Council Forum 2 and Monday afternoon 4-6pm for Forum 3
- Lois Ann Gregory Wood (ALA Staff for 50 years!) & Don Wood (ALA Staff for 40+ years) are retiring

ALA Council Highlights from ALA Annual 2017 and ALA MW 2018:

- Council Actions http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_actions
- Council Agendas http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_agendas
- Council Documents <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council-documents>
- Council Recordings <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/councilaudio>

-Aaron Dobbs, LITA Councilor