

ALA Executive Board
Election 2018

Candidate: Edward A. Garcia

Current Position: Library Director, Cranston Public Library (Cranston, RI)

Education: University of Rhode Island, MLIS, 2008
University of Rhode Island, Information Literacy Instruction Certificate, 2008
University of Rhode Island, BA History, 2003

ALA Activities: ALA, Member, 2006-present, Founding member of 1876 Club at ALA Legacy Society

- Councilor-at-Large, ALA Council, 2011-2014, 2014-2017, 2017-2020
- Paul Howard Award for Courage Jury, 2016
- Committee on Committees, 2015-2016
- Committee on Diversity, 2014-2016
- Spectrum Scholarship Selection Jury, 2013 & 2014
- Emerging Leaders Interest Group Steering Committee, 2011-2013
- Emerging Leaders Selection Jury, 2011
- Emerging Leaders Program, 2010

RUSA, Member, 2006-present

- Director-at-Large, RUSA Board of Directors, 2015-2018
- Co-Chair, RUSA Name Change Task Force, 2016-2017
- RSS Nominating Committee, 2011
- Chair, RSS Public Relations & Marketing Committee, 2010-2011
- Member, RSS Public Relations & Marketing Committee, 2007-2010
- RUSA Emerging Leader, 2010

Member: LITA, PLA, GAMERT, GLBTRT, Graphic Novels & Comics MIG, Diversity MIG

Other Professional Activities: Library Board of Rhode Island, member, 2008-present
Congressman Jim Langevin's Education Advisory Committee, member, 2015-present
Rhode Island Library Association, member, 2006-present
Rhode Island Library Association, Legislative Action Committee, Co-Chair, 2016-present
Rhode Island Council of Economic Advisors, member, 2014-2016
University of Rhode Island GSLIS Advisory Board, member, 2012 to present
Ocean State Libraries consortium, President, 2015-2016
Freedom to Read Foundation, member, 2017 to present
REFORMA, member, 2006 to present

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Honors & Awards: Rhode Island Library Association Library Advocacy Hero Award (2017)
Hassenfeld Family Foundation Rhode Island Public Service Fellowship (2017)
2016 LibraryAware Community Award, Third Place (*Cranston Public Library*) (2016)
University of Rhode Island GSLIS Excellence Award for Leadership, Innovation & Service to the Profession Award (2013)
Library Journal Mover & Shaker (2010)
RI Coalition of Library Advocates William Bergeron Public Library Award (2008)
University of Rhode Island GSLIS PRISM Plus Fellowship (2006-2008)

Statement of Professional Concern:

I am honored to receive a nomination to stand for election to ALA Executive Board. As I enter my third term on Council, I believe my experience within ALA makes me well suited to work with ALA members, Councilors, and staff to improve our association.

Before I entered librarianship, I worked for non-profits such as the American Diabetes Association and large corporations including Sony Music. Those experiences taught me how to work and communicate within large organizations. My past experience brings fresh perspective and a proven track record of working with varied groups to achieve goals and objectives.

If elected I will work to increase the resources allocated to diversity within our association. I want to make our association more vibrant and inclusive by working to make it more accessible to new members of our profession while still valuing the wisdom, commitment, and experience of our longstanding members.