

TO: LITA Board of Directors

TOPIC: Shepherds for LITA Programs at ALA Annual

ACTION / INFORMATION / REPORT: ACTION

SUBMITTED BY: Natalie DeJonghe, PPC Chair

DATE: April 1, 2019

SUMMARY

Additional shepherds are needed for ALA Annual program slate.

BACKGROUND

PPC members who attend ALA Annual are expected to shepherd LITA programs. This involves being in the room before the program begins to check on the speakers and pass out evaluation cards and then staying through the program to take a head count and collect evaluation cards at the end of the session.

There are 22 LITA programs slated for ALA Annual. There will be 7, possibly 8, members of PPC attending ALA Annual meaning each member will be responsible for shepherding at least 3 programs. The majority of members, myself included, attend ALA Annual supported by our workplace. Asking members to devote 3+ hours of their conference time and possibly miss panels that are more relevant to their jobs is a big ask.

ACTION REQUESTED

We request that the Board locate additional volunteers to shepherd programs to ensure PPC members are not responsible for shepherding more than a maximum of 2 programs each. PPC attempted this last year independent of the Board and received almost no response from the other committees and only had one actual volunteer assist with shepherding.