

ALA Councilor

Annual Report to the Board

October 3, 2009

As ALA councilor representing the Kentucky Library Association, I attended council forums and council meetings for both ALA and ALA-APA at Midwinter in Denver and Annual in Chicago. From these meetings emerge many action items and resolutions with some being passed and some not passed. Quarterly Board reports have outlined some of the most significant actions. In this annual report, I will summarize some of the most noteworthy. All ALA Council actions can be found from <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/governance/council/councilactions/index.cfm>.

Kentuckians in ALA news:

As ALA Councilor, I send out items of news and opportunities to the KLA list serv. During the past year I sent out an announcement to apply for the traveling exhibit, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," and grant from ALA and the National Constitution Center, funded by NEH. **Cynthia Atkins from Hopkinsville Community College** applied and won. The exhibit will be on display at Hopkinsville Community College in 2010.

In April, 2009 the ALA elections the following Kentuckians won:

Judith Gibbons was elected **Councilor-at-Large**

Gail Kennedy, LAMA Vice-President/President-Elect

Deana Groves, New Member Round Table Vice-President/President-Elect (2-year term)

Melissa Laning LAMA HRS Member-at-large (2-year term).

Congratulations and appreciation go to **Terri Kirk** who completed her three-year term on ALA's Executive Board.

ALA Actions

Library Education: The Library Education Task Force won Council's approval for a set of "Core Competencies for Librarianship", specifying a set of outcomes that "A person graduating from an ALA-Accredited masters program in library and information science should know and, where appropriate, be able to employ: Foundations of the Profession, Information Resources, Organization of Recorded Knowledge and Information, Technological Knowledge and Skills, Reference and User Services, Research, Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning, and Administration & Management." For more information, please see the following website:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/educationcareers/careers/corecomp/index.cfm>

ALA Resolutions

Resolution on Access for Physical Mobility Impaired Conference Attendees” presented by June Pinnell-Stephens, passed overwhelmingly.

“Resolution on Accessible Computer Workstations at ALA Annual Conference and Midwinter Meetings” by Melora Ranney Norman passed.

“High Speed Internet Wireless Access at Conference Hotels” by Ria Newhouse was defeated.

A “Resolution on Civil Marriage Equality Regardless of Sexual Orientation” passed.

A Resolution Promoting Sunday, October 4, 2009 as “Intergeneration Day Means Libraries” was passed unanimously.

Resolutions on accessibility of Library web sites and for accessibility of databases purchased by Libraries also passed.

A “Resolution Endorsing Legislative Proposals for Affordable, Universal Health Care” passed with near unanimous support. A “Resolution calling for an “Action Plan to Remedy the Current Library Budget Crisis”also passed.

A “Resolution to expand electronic participation“ that will make accessible over the ALA website the recording of the entire deliberations of ALA Council beginning with the next Mid Winter Meeting, Boston, January 2010 passed.

Judith Fingeret Krug who passed away April 11, 2009 was a remarkable leader in the struggle to educate the public concerning the right to the free expression of ideas. At the June 13, 2009 the KLA board passed a resolution honoring Judith and making her an honorary member of the Kentucky Library Association. This resolution was added to similar resolutions from every state and presented at Council III, 2009.

Copies of the final wording of all resolutions and action items from Council Sessions are available on the ALA website
<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/governance/council/councilactions/2009mwandannualactions/mwcouncilactions.pdf>

I attended the following meetings:

MidWinter 2009

Orientation for new councilors, January 24, 2009
 ALA Presidential Candidates’ Forum, January 24, 2009
 ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information, January 25, 2009
 ALA-APA Council Information Session, January 25, 2009
 ALA Council I, January 25, 2009
 ALA-APA Council, January 26, 2009
 Executive Board Candidates Forum, January 26, 2009
 ALA Council Forum, January 26, 2009

ALA Council II, January 27, 2009
Council Forum, January 27, 2009
ALA Council III, January 28, 2009

- Items of Action for Midwinter, 2009 can be found from

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/governance/council/councilactions/index.cfm>

- My voting record for Midwinter can be seen at

http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/governance/council/attendanceandvoting/vote_tally2004_2009/index.cfm

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Orientation for new councilors, July 11, 2009
ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information, July 12, **2009**
ALA-APA Information Session, July 12, **2009**
Membership Meeting #I, July 12, **2009**
ALA Council I, July 12, **2009**
Membership Meeting II, July 13, **2009**
ALA-APA Council, July 13, **2009**
ALA Council II, July 14, **2009**
ALA Council Forum, July 14, **2009**
ALA Council III, July 15, **2009**

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- The voting records for Annual are not yet available.

My quarterly reports to the Kentucky Library Association discuss in more detail some of the actions taken at Council meetings.

In my third year as the Kentucky Chapter's ALA Councilor, I will attend MidWinter, 2009 in Boston and Annual in Washington D.C.

I am honored to be serving as the ALA Councilor for Kentucky. I am open to your comments and suggestions regarding any items that are before ALA.

Respectfully Submitted,

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ALA Councilor 2007-2010