Kentucky Library Association

October 19, 2011

Dear African American Librarian & Library Round Table Members:

The 2010-2011 AALLERT Chair, Constance Ard spent the year analyzing the effectiveness and necessity for the African American Librarians and Library Employee Round Table. She held conversations with the founding members of the Round Table and the 2010-2011 Chair of the Recruiting, Mentoring, & Diversity (RMD) Committee.

Ms. Ard also reviewed the existing KLA structure for the RMD Committee and concluded that the committee has a similar mission to the work that was conducted by AALLERT. In addition, the Minority Scholarship Committee also has a mission to promote diversity within KLA and the library profession.

Ms. Ard conducted a survey of the KLA membership in September 2011 to quantify the interest in and value from AALLERT to the KLA Membership. She has provided the results to the KLA Board and can be made available to the KLA membership as requested.

The conclusion of these activities according to the Annual Report of the Round Table to the KLA Board was: "The research, review and survey stand to justify that a separate Round Table that has had several years of challenges in funding, support, participation and leadership recruitment is no longer a valuable component of KLA."

During the September 28, 2011 KLA Board Meeting, the AALLERT Chair moved to dissolve AALLERT based upon the research conducted throughout the year.

In accordance with KLA's policy on the Dissolution of a Round Table, you are being notified of this impending action for your input. The policy can be found in *The Blue Book*, **Section 27.6 Dissolution of a Round Table**, located on our website, www.klaonline.org.

Below you will find an Opinion Form offering the following options: to dissolve the Round Table or to retain the Round Table. Please respond by November 4, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact me or Terry Buckner, President.

Thank you,

Leoma Dunn
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Please return your vote by **Friday, November 4, 2011** by mail or email to:

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____ I vote to **dissolve** the African American Librarians & Library Employees Round Table.

____ I vote to **retain** the African American Librarians & Library Employees Round Table.