

members to ALA Executive Board, ensuring representation across

On Tuesday, November 14, 2018, the Board of Trustees met in Dallas, Texas. All three ALA President-Elect candidates and both ALA Treasurers were present for the session as well.

The knowledge gathered from the completed ERM process, shared by Elyse Rudes, Sheryl Reyes, and Holly Robinson.

Chair, Council Committee on Appointments (APPC):  
During the IT outage, a kickoff meeting to outline the process of appointments was recorded and the application deadline was extended. Volunteer data will be due for full consideration.

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access and time to apply as well as to the Presidents of the ALA  
duty:

- Amanda Kordeliski, American Association of School Librarians (AASL)
- Claudette McLinn, Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)
- Brad Warren, Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL)
- Don Allgeier, Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures
- Dr. Brandy McNeil, Public Library Association (PLA)
- Dr. Shannon D. Jones, Reference Users Library Association (RUSA)
- President Deborah Doyle, United for Libraries
- Amber Creger, Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA).

Spokesperson for the Association in the Absence of the President or When Asked to Do So:

On September 17, 2024, the American Library Association hosted its third national gathering dedicated to intellectual freedom in its nearly 150-year history. As chair of the event's Steering Committee, it was an honor to represent ALA in my new capacity as President-Elect for Free People Read Freely: A National Summit on Democracy, Intellectual Freedom, and Book Censorship in the 21st Century. President Cindy Hohl, bestowed the great honor to provide closing remarks (attached) and contribute to the panel, "The Way Forward: A Playbook to Protect and Preserve the Freedom to Read" with moderator Dr. Martin Garnar, author and founder.

## Challenges and Opportunities

### Challenges:

- Navigating resource constraints, staffing gaps, and political/social disquietudes while accomplishing the duties of this office.
- Ensuring broad member engagement in leadership appointments and decision-making processes.
- Committing time to connect and bond with the Executive Committee and Executive Board members in context to our exceedingly busy/productive schedules.
- Maintaining strong working relationships in local, state, and national spheres while managing a personal work/life balance.

### Opportunities:

- Learning from ALA President Cindy Hohl, the ALA Executive Board, ALA Council, and our tremendous community of member leaders.
- Strengthening collaboration through the unique skills, perspectives, and experiences of my Presidential Advisory Committee members. Members include:
  - Co-Chairs, Ana Elisa de Campos Salles and Christina Rodrigues
  - Adriana Blachart-Hayward, K.C. Boyd, Kat Breitenback, Skip Dye, Naphtali Faris, Rachel Fryd, Ed Garcia, Tyler Hahn, Dorcas Hand, Eboni Henry, Rob Lescher, Kathy Lester, Candince Mack, Angie Pilkington, Andrew Pace, Corinthia Price, Leah Richardson, Rebekkah Smith Aldritch, Sally Stieglitz, and Paula Willey
- Expanding advocacy efforts to address emerging challenges such as book bans and digital equity as they continue to serve as national matters of significant interest and concern.

## Looking Ahead

As I prepare for the months ahead, my immediate priorities include:

1. Launching a Presidential ALA Connect space to organize, plan, and crowdsource initiatives.
2. Hosting an informal gathering at 2025 LLX Conference in the Presidential suite ( t)-2 (o to)2 (n)7 (fs)1 (ig).