

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

RUSA, Member, 2006-present
x Director-at-Large, RUSA Board of Directors, 2008
x Co-Chair, RUSA Name Change Task Force, 2017
x RSS Nominating Committee, 2011
x Chair, RSS Public Relations & Marketing Committee, 2010
x Member, RSS Public Relations & Marketing Committee, 2010
x RUSA Emerging Leader, 2010

Member: LITA, PLA, GAMERT, GLBTRT, Graphic Arts & News MIG, Diversity MIG

Other Professional Activities: Library Board of Rhode Island, member, 2008-present
Rhode Island Library Association, member, 2006-present
Rhode Island Library Association, Legislative Action Committee Chair, 2016-present
Rhode Island Council of Economic Advisors, member, 2016
University of Rhode Island, SLIS Advisory Board member, 2012 to present
Ocean State Libraries consortium, President, 2015
Freedom to Read Foundation, member, 2017 to present

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 (2016)
University of Rhode Island GSLIS Excellence Award for Leadership, Innovation & Service
to the Profession Award (2013)
Mover & Shaker (2010)
RI Coalition of Library Advocates William Bergeron Public Library Award (2008)
University of Rhode Island GSLIS PRISM Plus Fellowship (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-library Award