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AILA President's Column

Susan Hanks
AILA President 2008-09

Greetings -

I would like to thank the executive board and all the members of the American Indian Library Association (AILA). I truly do not stand in this position alone, I am backed by all of you. I am relying on your support and vision to guide me through this year. I am humbled by the honor to serve you and will continue to ask for your guidance.

I would like to extend many thanks to our immediate past-president, Janice Rice, for her leadership during 2007-08. She proved an adamant supporter for tribal libraries and indigenous peoples and cultures, and an eloquent spokesperson at our many events including the 2007 national Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums conference and the June 2008 American Indian Youth Literature Awards ceremony.

Many wishes for a wonderful retirement to Lotsee Patterson. She has truly been an inspiration to me and has helped guide me in my service to indigenous librarians and tribal libraries. A founding member and past president of AILA, Dr. Patterson

has been honored for her work with tribal libraries and for recruiting and mentoring indigenous librarians.

She is the recipient of numerous awards, including but not limited to: the Oklahoma Library Association's Distinguished Service Award; American Indian Library Association's Distinguished Service Award; the United States National Commission on Library and Information Science Silver Award; the ALA Equality Award; and the Beta Phi Mu Award for distinguished service to education in librarianship. She has served on many committees including: Native American Pre-Conference to the 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services (Co-Chair); various bodies of the American Library Association, including Council, the Committee on Accreditation, the American Association of School Librarians Board of Directors, and Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS) Advisory Committee; and currently serves on the IMLS National Museum and Library Services Board.

She helped initiate federal funding for tribal libraries through the National Commission on Library and Information Science. Dr. Patterson's

Tribal Library Procedures Manual is the best guide for new tribal librarians and is currently being updated under the guidance of Satia Orange, ALA's Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (DRAFT, 3rd ed., www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/olos/toolkits/TRAILS-Oct08.pdf).

Dr. Patterson remains very committed to tribal library and cultural issues, and will continue to advocate for resources and services for tribal libraries.

Please mark your calendars for the 2009 National Archives, Libraries, and Museums conference, October 18-22, in Portland, Oregon. It is a wonderful gathering of tribal staff from libraries, archives, museums, and cultural centers providing many opportunities to learn, explore new resources, network, and celebrate tribal heritage and culture. Many AILA members are working closely with the Oregon State Library and the Tamástslikt Cultural Institute to plan this year's conference. Watch the website for upcoming information <http://www.tribalconference.org/>.

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We Shall Remain: An Event Kit for Libraries

Loreine Roy (Anishinabe)
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On April 13, 2009, the first episode in the *American Experience* television series, *We Shall Remain*, will air nationally on PBS stations. The remaining four episodes will air on subsequent Monday evenings through May 11 (check your local listings). While the series covers only selected events in American Indian history, libraries are invited to engage their communities in discussion and events related to local Native history and contemporary Native life.

Librarians in all types of settings—school, public, academic, and tribal libraries—are invited to plan public programming around the series, and help awaits them in the form of a 24-page publication, *We Shall Remain: An Event Kit for Libraries*, written by Dr. Patty Loew (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe), a journalism professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A PDF version of the kit is available on the series Web site (www.pbs.org/weshallremain/

[libraries](#)). This article introduces the kit, highlighting its purpose and features.

The event kit is designed to provide librarians with guidance on developing public programs prior to, during, and after *We Shall Remain* is broadcast. The kit identifies many partners that librarians can call on to help develop their public programming, including local public television and radio stations, Native communities and organizations, museums and historical societies, and educational institutions, including schools, colleges and universities, and, especially, tribal colleges.

The kit features over fifty full-color images, including those related to the content of the five episodes, historic and contemporary images of Native people and life, photographs of individuals involved in a variety of ways with the series and the educational outreach, and book and video cover art. The cover art for the kit features the signature image for the series: a photograph taken at a powwow in 1992 by Bob Charlo of

the Kalispel Nation. This photograph of a teepee with an American flag waving from a lodge pole lends itself to intense discussion about some of the key issues in the television series, including the themes of cultural adaptation, resistance, survival, and sovereignty.

Content in the kit is arranged in eighteen sections, starting with a brief introduction. A table, “About the Series,” presents each of the five episodes with a brief abstract, timeline of periods covered, geographical connection, tribes featured, key historical figures introduced in the episode, and the overarching themes such as leadership, land loss, and self-determination. “Beyond the Broadcast” summarizes the other multimedia components of the *We Shall Remain* project. This includes ReelNative, the production of some forty films produced by Native peoples that show their contemporary lives. The project also features Native filmmakers as part of a mentoring program with other documentary

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New AILA Newsletter Editorial Staff

The American Indian Library Association has a new editorial staff for its Newsletter. We look forward to working with everyone and are interested in hearing from all of you for future newsletters. Feel free to contact us at any time; information can be found on the AILA Web site.

Mary Johnson (Santee Sioux), Editor, is the Library Director at Nebraska Indian Community College. Prior to working at NICC, she taught English at the University of South Dakota and at The

University of Texas at San Antonio. Mary is also involved in the Santee Dakota Language Preservation Project in the Santee community.

Lisa A. Mitten (Mohawk), Copyeditor, has been a member of AILA since 1984, and served two terms as president. Formerly a bibliographer at the University of Pittsburgh for 14 years, she has been the book review editor for anthropology, history, and sociology since 2000 at Choice Magazine (<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/publications/choice/index.cfm>)

published by ALA’s Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). Lisa is also the creator and webmaster of Native American Sites found at <http://www.nativeculturelinks.com/indians.html>.

Clare Castleberry, Book Review Editor, is the Interlibrary Loan Librarian at Saint Mary’s College of California. She is originally from Port Vincent, LA and received her MLIS from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She has been out in California for about two years.

Preparation for a Career in Indigenous Librarianship

2009/2010 Graduate School Diversity Mentoring Fellowship at the School of Information, The University of Texas at Austin

Dr. Lorie Roy has received a graduate school Diversity Mentoring Fellowship for 2009-2010 to assist one individual with "Preparation for a Career in Indigenous Librarianship." The new graduate student will be involved in three key activities: (1) documenting the national library initiative for "We Shall Remain," the PBS program on American Indian history that will air in spring 2009; (2) The American Indian Experience, part of the American Mosaic online reference source from ABC-CLIO; and (3) "If I Can Read, I Can Do Anything," a national reading club for Native children.

A description of the fellowship as posted on the University of Texas at Austin's Web page follows:

"The purpose of the Diversity Mentoring Fellowship program is to help faculty members at The University of Texas at Austin bring outstanding new graduate students to

campus that add to the diversity to our campus and mentor them.

Diversity Mentoring Fellowships are reserved for students who are U.S. citizens (or permanent residents), with low socio-economic status and/or clear, demonstrated financial need, who are entering graduate school at the university for the first time in summer or fall 2009 (current undergraduates are eligible). The Mentoring Fellowship will be "awarded" to a faculty member who applies during fall 2008. During the recruiting season from January to early April, the faculty member will be able to nominate a student for their fellowship. The Fellowship Program in the Office of Graduate Studies will verify that the student nominated has been admitted to the faculty member's program and satisfies the citizenship condition.

During the academic year 2009-10, a Diversity Mentoring Fellow

will receive a stipend of \$16,000, plus an additional amount to help with medical insurance expenses. During each long semester the Fellow will also receive up to the maximum Tuition Benefit Assistance (currently \$3258) toward tuition and required fees. A student entering in spring 2010 can continue the fellowship in the summer or the fall. Students will be expected to carry nine hours of course work."

Dr. Roy must nominate a student for the fellowship by March 11, 2009. A prospective student who completes the application process may be invited to visit the University of Texas campus in April 2009. Please contact Dr. Roy immediately with your interest. She can be reached at loriene@ischool.utexas.edu.

For further information, please see the following Web site: <http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/funding/fellowships/mentoring.html>

AILA President's Column

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News from our 2008 award-winning authors:

Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* has been banned by Crook County High School in Bend Oregon. Sherman Alexie "said he has already mailed a box of books to the Crook County Library. 'It's hilarious because I just got an offer from Tennessee that they are picking the book for the whole state, [...] It's not like Tennessee is the center of all things liberal. This book is so mainstream.'"

http://www.inlander.com/content/newscommentary_%E2%80%94_sherman_alexies_book_absolutely_true_diary_part_time_indian_runs_trouble_or

Chief Joseph Medicine Crow, *Counting Coup: Becoming a Crow Chief on the Reservation and Beyond*, received the U.S. Bronze Star and the French Legion of Honor on June 25, 2008, and was nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor on July 17, 2008.

<http://www.kulr8.com/news/local/21609529.html>

The American Library Association has a new poster "Celebrate Native American Literature," featuring the art of Jeanne Rorex Bridges from the cover of Tim Tingle's *Crossing Bok Chitto*, and includes the Choctaw translation.

http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog&_pn=product_detail&_op=267

We Shall Remain: An Event Kit for Libraries

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producers. *We Shall Remain* is also producing a one-hour radio documentary that will air on Native radio and National Public Radio stations. The Web site will feature additional content about the series including interviews and a teacher's guide. A number of states and cities are coordinating local efforts related to *We Shall Remain*. The work of these coalitions is described at www.pbs.org/weshallremain/beyond_broadcast.

The kit presents a range of library program ideas. This includes background on Native storytelling, tips on planning a storytelling event, and suggestions for storytelling programs such as open mic events featuring family stories, coordinating local oral history initiatives, and hosting group discussions around ReelNative films.

Libraries are the perfect venues to hold reading circles. The kit features a discussion guide to Louise Erdrich's book *The Plague of Doves*. Included is advice on planning the reading circle, information about the author, and

discussion questions for the reading circle. Links are provided to AILA and Oyate. The library section of the *We Shall Remain* Web site also contains two handouts that provide additional suggested titles for adult and young reader circles. The latter is organized by age level (high school, middle school, and elementary school).

The kit provides ideas for other types of programs on how to address biases, how to host youth art contests and art projects, and how to organize discussion programs on topics such as varying perspectives on Thanksgiving, Native language preservation and revitalization, and forums on leadership. A page in the kit is devoted to each of the five episodes of *We Shall Remain*, with suggestions on hosting a public film festival and advice on introducing each episode along with tailored discussion questions. Additional content recommends additional Native films and guidelines on how to evaluate media about Native peoples. The kit concludes with several bibliographies of related books, films, and Web sites associated

with each of the five episodes, along with general listings of other books, reference works, Web sites, and organizations associated with Native peoples. The bibliographies are coded by reading level: adult, middle school, and high school.

In summary, *We Shall Remain: An Event Kit for Libraries* is an excellent resource for librarians before, during, and after the broadcast. We expect that the content will be a much-used resource now and into the future. Please visit www.pbs.org/weshallremain/libraries to list the event you are planning in conjunction with *We Shall Remain*. I welcome your comments, suggestions, and questions at loriene@ischool.utexas.edu.

Loriene Roy was 2007–08 president of the American Library Association and is currently a professor in the School of Information, University of Texas at Austin, and an advisor to We Shall Remain.

DEMCO Scholarship

DEMCO and AILA are partnering to establish annual scholarships to encourage American Indians/Alaska Natives to choose librarianship as a career and to support professional development for tribal librarians.

DEMCO's generous \$3000 annual donation will allow increased financial support for American Indian students in pursuit of graduate studies in library and information science and will also support training for tribal librarians currently working in tribal libraries. DEMCO's financial assistance is greatly appreciated and will allow more American Indians to enter the ranks of professional librarianship and provide much needed opportunities for tribal librarians nationwide to better serve their communities.

IMLS Calls for 2009 Native American Library Service Grant Applications

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is accepting applications for the 2009 Native American Library Services Basic Grants and Enhancement Grants.

These grants are designed to help Native American libraries support their communities by improving their collections, establishing or enhancing their technological capabilities, making their libraries and holdings accessible to all users, and strengthening their traditional library services to ensure that patrons are able to find the

information they need.

Application deadlines for the grants are listed below. Further information regarding these grant opportunities can be found at the IMLS Web site listed below.

Basic Grants: March 2, 2009

Enhancement Grants: May 1, 2009

<http://www.ims.gov/applicants/grants/nativeAmerican.shtm>

Knowledge River Accepting Applications

*Submitted by Jessica Nadine Hernandez
Knowledge River Scholar and G.A.*

It is a pleasure to announce that Knowledge River is now accepting applications for our 8th cohort. Based at the University of Arizona's School of Information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS), Knowledge River is concerned with the information interests and needs of Hispanics and Native Americans. Our program offers students the opportunity to earn a Master of Arts degree in Information Resources and Library Science, enhanced with Hispanic and Native American cultural perspectives. Our degree is fully accredited by the American Library Association.

Since its inception six years ago, Knowledge River has become a leader in graduate professional education of Hispanic and Native American librarians and information specialists. When the current cohort graduates, more than one hundred Hispanic and Native American librarians will have entered the field through Knowledge River.

Cohort 8 begins with one introductory class (IRLS 504: Foundation of Library and Information Services) requiring a one-week residency in Tucson. Information on dates is available on our website at [http://](http://sirls.arizona.edu)

sirls.arizona.edu. Full-time semester attendance in Tucson is required in Fall 2009 and Spring 2010. Most students complete the 36-credit degree with an additional summer and/or fall semester. Support offered to KR scholars includes tuition and fees for IRLS 504, a graduate assistantship for Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 (usually involving 20 hours of work per week in a library), customized academic advising and support, and peer support from fellow students. Additional funds for completing the degree are usually available.

Knowledge River scholars must be accepted for admission into the SIRLS graduate program. Application materials must be submitted no later than February 1, 2009. More information, including how to apply, can be found on our website: <http://sirls.arizona.edu/KR/indexl>. Anyone interested is encouraged to email us at KRiver@mail.sbs.arizona.edu, or call us at 520-621-3565 and ask to speak to someone about Knowledge River applications.

Librarians today are front line information providers, and Knowledge River scholars bring the benefits of the Information Age to Native American and Hispanic communities. We appreciate your support by posting our brochure and sharing this information with others. Assistance from colleagues such as you is essential for the ongoing recruitment of the most qualified applicants. Thank you!

At left is a photo of Cohort 7.



ALA Midwinter

If you will be attending ALA Midwinter in Denver, these are the dates, times, and locations for AILA and related meetings:

OLOS Subcommittee on Library Services to American Indians

Fri., Jan. 23, 2009, 4-5:30pm
Colorado Convention Ctr,
Korbel Ballroom 3C

Committee on Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds

Sat., Jan. 24, 2009, 10:30am-12pm
Colorado Convention Ctr, Rm 405

AILA Business Meeting

Sun., Jan. 25, 2009, 4-6pm
Colorado Convention Ctr, Rm 407

Streams of Language, Memory, and Lifeways Conference 2009

Please save the dates of October 18-22, 2009 for the National Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums Conference which will take place at the Red Lion on the River in Portland, OR. The conference is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, sponsored by the Western Council of State Libraries, and hosted by the Oregon State Library and Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute.

A series of pre-conferences will be held on Monday, Oct. 19, with the conference sessions starting on Tuesday, Oct. 20 and running through Thursday, Oct. 22.

As we plan this conference, we are interested in hearing from you as to:

1. Subjects you wish to learn more about;
2. Presenters you wish to hear;
3. Vendors/exhibitors you wish to see;
4. Possible sponsors.

The Conference website is: www.tribalconference.org/ or email Malissa.Minthorn@tamastslíkt.org.

American Indian Library Association Business Meeting Minutes June 29, 2008, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Anaheim Embassy Suites South,
Landmark Ballroom B

Attendees:

Paulita Aguilar, Lynne Altstatt, Monica Beard, John D. Berry, Monica (Kirby) Birrer, Kathleen Burns, Naomi Caldwell, Mary Jane Cedar Face, Heather Devine, Mary K. Dodge, Lois Dye, Carlene Engstrom, Christopher Frazier, Jody Gray, Susan Hanks, David Hurley, Liana Juliano, Sarah Kostelecky, Ally Krebs, Sandy Littletree, Betty J. Mason, Gary McCone, Michael McLaughlin, Cheryl Metoyer, Leslie Monsalve-Jones, David Ongley, Anna Pope, Janice Rice, Deborah Robertson (guest), Theresa Seidel, Emily Sheketoff (guest), Lucie Wall Stylianopoulos, Ramona Tecumseh, Holly Tomren, Ben Wakashige, Kelly Webster, Rob Wolfe, Jennifer Young

I. Call to Order

Janice Rice called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

II. Prayer

Ally Krebs offered the opening prayer.

III. Introductions

All those present introduced themselves.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The Development and Fundraising Committee Report will be added after the Communications and Publications Committee Report.

Kelly Webster will report for the Nominations & Elections Committee rather than Jody Gray.

David Ongley will not report on IILF6.

John Berry moved to approve the agenda as revised. The agenda was approved unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes

Lynne Altstatt moved to approve the minutes. The minutes from the AILA Business Meeting from the 2008 Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, PA were approved unanimously as submitted.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Joan Howland, Treasurer, was unable to attend. Janice Rice provided the Treasurer's Report as submitted via email.

VII. Executive Board Report

Carlene Engstrom announced that the Executive Board approved a 2008-09 budget of \$10,400 based on the previous year's collections. Janice Rice announced that Kelly Webster will be writing a job description for a Membership Coordinator position. Kelly Webster is serving as Listserv Manager, and Kathleen Burns has stepped down as Interim Newsletter Editor.

VIII. AILA Committee Reports

Janice Rice announced that committees that had already submitted a written report would not

give an oral report at today's business meeting. The written reports were instead distributed at the meeting and will be appended to the meeting minutes. This allows more time for discussion at business meetings.

a. Bylaws and Constitution

Co-Chairs Stephanie Joseph and Victoria Santana were unable to attend. Lynne Altstatt reported for the committee. The committee would like to propose several changes to the Bylaws, as detailed in the committee's written report. Article VII of the AILA Constitution states that amendments to the Bylaws must be made by a mail vote, but it has been difficult in the past to achieve a quorum using this method. The committee recommends considering electronic voting as an alternative. However, AILA does not have an email address on file for all members. It was suggested to use a mail ballot with a postage-paid response envelope, combined with additional notification via email and the newsletter. The vote will take place after the end of July, giving AILA members until then to renew their memberships.

IX. Legislative Update

Emily Sheketoff from the ALA Washington Office provided a legislative update. She distributed handouts with information on various issues and recommended subscribing to the *District Dispatch* (<http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/>) to keep up with what is going on in Washington.

• Amendments in the *Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act of 2007* (HR 2419) add libraries serving rural communities into Sec. 6302 of the

Senate's version of HR 2419 – "Telemedicine, Library Connectivity, and Distance Learning Services in Rural Areas." This provision makes rural libraries eligible to receive grant funding for broadband services. Information about applying for this funding will be forthcoming.

- On June 10, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awarded Native American tribes across the United States \$1.22 million dollars to improve and sustain their library services. The grant monies will be distributed among 209 tribes. Basic grants of \$5,000 each were awarded to 34 applicants, totaling \$170,000. Basic grants with the additional education/assessment option, worth \$6,000 each, were awarded to 167 applicants, representing 175 tribes, for a total of \$1,050,000.

- The *Library Services and Technology Act* (LSTA) is up for reauthorization in 2009. The ALA Washington Office would need to hear from us in the next few months if we want any changes to the Native American set-aside or to express support for continuation of the set-aside as is.

- Tribal libraries are now eligible for the Federal Library Depository Program (FDLP). Carlene Engstrom has been appointed to the Depository Library Council.

- The Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) is tracking the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) progress on protection of traditional cultural expression. Carrie Russell with OITP would like to hear from people interested in this topic or who have special expertise, in order to be sure that American Indian areas of concern are addressed.

Carlene Engstrom suggested inviting Carrie Russell to the Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums National Institute in Oklahoma to address concerns about WIPO.

Gary McCone mentioned that specialty crop research is also part of the *Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act of 2007* (HR 2419). Twenty-eight million dollars has been allocated for this fiscal year ending Sept. 30. Information about applying for this funding will be published in the Federal Register.

A small taskforce was convened to prepare a statement to the ALA Washington Office on behalf of AILA regarding the LSTA. Ben Wakashige volunteered to chair the task force, and David Ongley, Heather Devine, and Jennifer Young volunteered to serve on the task force.

X. *We Shall Remain* PBS series and NEH *Let's Talk About It* Proposal

Deb Robertson, director of the ALA Public Programs Office, spoke about these two initiatives.

- The *We Shall Remain* PBS series will air in April 2009. Lorie Roy is working with WGBH television in Boston to develop companion learning materials that will be distributed to libraries across the country.

- LeAnne Howe has written a proposal for a NEH endowment *Let's Talk About It* series focusing on Native American literature. *Let's Talk About It* is a reading and book discussion program that focuses on reading a common series of books selected by a nationally known scholar, then discussing them in the context of a larger theme. If the proposal is

funded, Deb Robertson will come back to AILA to report on next steps.

XI. AILA Committee Reports, continued

a. American Indian Youth Literature Awards

Naomi Caldwell, Chair, encouraged all to attend the American Indian Youth Literature Awards reception on Monday, June 30, at 5:30pm at the Anaheim Marriott. Naomi thanked the committee members, including Carlene Engstrom, Sarah Kostecky, Gabriella Kaye, and Lisa Mitten. Naomi thanked Little, Brown and Company for providing free copies of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* at the reception. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* will be coming out in paperback in the fall; Little, Brown and Company will be providing free copies of the book to every tribal library in the nation, and the publisher has asked AILA to distribute these copies. The book award committee will coordinate this effort.

b. Communications and Publications

Liana Juliano, Chair, reported for the committee. The AILA brochure is being redesigned and is still in draft form. The AILA website was successfully migrated to a new host. The committee developed job descriptions for Newsletter Editor and Listserv Manager.

c. Development and Fundraising

Liana Juliano, Co-Chair, reported for the committee. Liana announced that DEMCO will fund AILA with \$3,000/year for scholarships. Liana will be stepping down as Co-Chair. If you would like to join the committee,

please contact Richenda Wilkinson at wilkinr@linnbenton.edu.

d. Distinguished Service Award

This committee had no news to report.

e. Nominations and Elections

Kelly Webster, Co-Chair, announced that all officers are continuing except for the position of Vice President/President Elect. Liana Juliano was nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no nominations from the floor. Vote was taken by a show of hands. Liana Juliano was unanimously elected Vice President.

f. Scholarship Review Board

Jody Gray, Co-Chair, announced two AILA scholarship winners for this year, Linda Epps and Annie C. Smith, in the amount of \$500 each.

David Ongley suggested increasing the amount of the scholarship, given AILA's increased amount of money available to fund scholarships. The Scholarship Review Board will look at the options and report back to the Executive Board.

XII. Other Committee Reports

a. OLOS Subcommittee on Library Services to American Indians

Carlene Engstrom, Chair, announced that the subcommittee held its first meeting separate from AILA on Friday, June 27, 2008. OLOS has asked that the subcommittee meet separately from AILA and have its own agenda. The subcommittee will meet again at Midwinter to discuss where both AILA and the OLOS subcommittee are going and discuss

appropriate roles for each group and how they will work together.

b. ALA 2008 Programs

Carlene Engstrom, as past president of AILA and the Program Committee chair, mentioned AILA's four programs at this conference: Digitizing Indian Country, The Healthy Librarian (co-sponsored with BCALA), Coming to the Talking Circle, and the American Indian Youth Literature Awards Reception.

c. ALA 2009 Programs

Janice Rice, as incoming past president and Program Committee chair, asked for volunteers to work on next year's programs.

d. Diversity Council

Jody Gray reported for the committee. Jody is stepping down as Diversity Council chair, and Leslie Monsalve-Jones is the incoming chair. Jody will send a Diversity Council report to the listserv, including information about the ALA election results.

e. New Members Roundtable Orientation

Teresa Mares volunteered to represent AILA at the New Members Roundtable Orientation on June 27, 2008. She distributed AILA brochures, advertised AILA's programs at ALA, and received one new membership. President Janice Rice thanked Teresa for her work.

f. Joint Mini-Conference with REFORMA Northeast/AILA/APALA/BCALA/CALA

Janice Rice thanked Mary Ahenakew for representing AILA at this event.

Mary submitted a written report.

g. Committee on Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds

Sandy Littletree distributed a draft copy of the *Advocacy Guide for Tribal Libraries*. She would like to insert more photos and quotes; please email Sandy (Sandy_Littletree@ncsu.edu) if you have any photos or quotes to share about your tribal library's success stories. Sandy also reported about the updating of the *TRAILS* (Training and Assistance for Indian Library Services) *Manual*, which is planned to be complete in time for the October Tribal Archives, Libraries & Museums National Institute in Oklahoma. It will be available online and also hopefully by print-on-demand.

David Ongley has been chair for the past year; he was asked to continue as chair and accepted. Susan Hanks and Liana Juliano are also on the committee, and Carlene Engstrom, Mary Dodge, Janice Rice, and Sandy Littletree have been attending. This group has been sponsoring the *Advocacy Guide for Tribal Libraries*, the revised *TRAILS Manual*, as well as the *Advocacy Guide for Rural Libraries* a few years ago. Carlene Engstrom was the AILA representative to this committee. David moved that Carlene be made a full member and that Sandy Littletree fill the AILA representative position. The motion was carried unanimously. The committee is also working on some other small projects, which David will detail in a written report.

h. Many Voices, Many Nations

This event was held Friday, June 27, 2008 and featured performances by Native poets, writers, and performers,

including Sherman Alexie. Thank you to everyone who attended.

i. JCLC II

Naomi Caldwell and Janice Rice asked for help planning the next Joint Conference of Librarians of Color. AILA was the first caucus to donate \$4,000 towards the next conference.

j. Tribal Archives, Libraries & Museums National Institutes 2008

David Ongley announced that the Training for American Indian Library Services Institute will be held October 21-23, 2008 in Oklahoma (<http://www.tribalconference.org/>). This is a follow up from last year's conference. Next year a full conference will be held in Portland, OR. After the Portland conference, it is yet to be determined who will operate the conference. A survey was sent out to last year's participants. The Executive Board will draft an official response to this survey.

XIII. Adjournment

Carlene Engstrom motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leslie Monsalve-Jones. The meeting was adjourned at 3:53pm.

XIV. Appendices

1. Report of the Bylaws and Constitution Committee
2. Report of the Communications and Publications Committee
3. Report of the Development and Fundraising Committee
4. Report of the Scholarship Review Board
5. Report of the Subject Access and Classification Committee

6. Report from the 2008 Joint REFORMA Northeast AILA APALA BCALA CALA mini-conference

Report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee

The Co-Chairs of the Committee are Stephanie Joseph and Victoria Santana. The members are Lynne Altstatt, Jolie Graybill, Ally Kreb, and Mildred Walters.

The Committee hopes to examine the constitution and bylaws and may suggest further changes. Particularly, we will consider amendment of the constitution or bylaws thru e-voting. The Committee encourages members to contact any Committee member to suggest or comment on the constitution or bylaws.

The Committee recommends the following changes to the Bylaws:

1. In Article III, Executive Committee: Remove the current Section 3: "The first duly elected Executive Board shall assume office at the close of the 1981 annual meeting."

Rationale: This section is no longer needed.

2. Substitute a new Section 3 to read as follows: Section 3 The AILA Representative to the American Library Association Diversity Council will be appointed by the Executive Board and will serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Board.

Rationale: The Diversity Council representative serves as a very important link between AILA and ALA. That person must be well informed and act as the conduit of

information between the organizations. The best way to insure good communication is to have the representative sit on the Executive Board. Ex-officio means that the person sits there by virtue of holding a position or office.

Communications and Publications Committee Report

Charge:

The committee shall review procedures and policies related to communication and make recommendations for any needed changes. As a short-term goal, the committee shall consider the following suggestions from the Executive Board: that the web page design be updated to include a menu rather than one long page; that the President's column from the newsletter be updated regularly on the web page; and that methods for regularly soliciting content for the Newsletter be established.

2007-2008 Goals:

Migrate AILA website to new web hosting service; Transition AILA newsletter from print format to digital format; Update AILA brochure; Create job description for Newsletter Editor; Look at listserv options to decrease unnecessary traffic

The committee has been busy working on several projects over the year. The *AILA Newsletter* is now available on our web site. We will be offering our membership the option of having the newsletter sent via mail or online. This will be done by sending an email to AILA members soliciting their preferences by asking them to click on a link that will record their answers in a spreadsheet. Once we have that information, we can

reduce printing and postage costs, which will help AILA financially.

Kathleen Burns will be stepping down as the Newsletter Editor so the search for a new Newsletter Editor must begin. The committee has created a job description for the Newsletter Editor, with the recommendation that an editorial team be created to distribute the work more evenly, as it is quite a large job. I would like to thank Kathleen for her hard work on the *Newsletter*.

The Committee has completed a new brochure that should be available for use at Annual. The brochure has an updated look and feel and includes wonderful pictures from Diné College and Sinte Gleska College. Many thanks to LaVera Rose for making this possible.

We have moved the AILA Web site to a new hosting platform this year using GoDaddy and will begin exploring new ways to offer services to our membership online. The most obvious option would be the ability to join/renew AILA via the Web site. With the help of Kathleen Burns, we should be able to offer this option through the use of a PayPal account.

There had been some complaint from members that there are too many extraneous messages on the AILA listserv. Thanks to Kelly Webster, who took over as AILA listserv manager, we were able to change the settings so that replies to messages will go directly to the sender instead of the whole listserv.

Finally, the committee has created a listserv manager job description and revised the listserv guidelines. I would like to recognize John Berry for his

many years of hard work as founder and keeper of the listserv.

Development and Fundraising Committee Report

Members:

Co-Chairs: Richenda Wilkinson and Liana Juliano; Paulita Aguilar, John D. Berry, Heather Devine, Monique Lloyd, Colleen Major, Valerie Yazza

The committee had some small successes this year. Our primary success was in securing \$3,000 from DEMCO for AILA scholarships. DEMCO has expressed interest in funding our scholarships on an ongoing basis. Representatives from the committee and AILA will meet with representatives from DEMCO to work out the details.

Other accomplishments:

- Recognition of donors (on the Web site and in the newsletter) - Thanks to Liana and Monique
- Created a form letter for soliciting donations - Thanks to Liana
- Formalized relationship and procedures with event organizers - Thanks to Richenda

The committee was unable to secure funding for the literature awards ceremony. Liana solicited funding from over twenty gaming tribes and Richenda solicited funding from eighteen library vendors, but our requests were too late. We have learned from this experience that we need to secure funding before Midwinter for events that will be held at Annual.

Given the fact that we may secure an ongoing source of funding for AILA scholarships, the committee needs to

revise its fundraising goals. We are going to work closely with the Executive Board to create new goals.

The committee needs more members. We are especially in need of people who are willing to contact potential donors and spearhead some of our efforts. Please contact Richenda if you are willing to help.

AILA Scholarship Committee Report

The Scholarship Committee, composed of Joan Howland (Co-Chair), Jody Gray (Co-Chair), and Holly Tomren (member), received two strong applications for the 2008 AILA scholarship. Both are dynamic and focused women with a demonstrated record of academic excellence and commitment to pursuing a career in librarianship. Both applicants have strong connections to their Native communities and an articulated passion for serving the information needs of American Indians.

Under criteria 4 of the scholarship guidelines, there is a presumption that students would be enrolled for a full academic year subsequent to receiving the scholarship. However, one applicant has completed most of the requirements for her MLIS and will graduate in August 2008. The other applicant is in a similar situation and will graduate in December 2008.

The Scholarship Committee requested an exception to the guidelines and, in the spirit of the scholarship award, the AILA Executive Board authorized the Scholarship Committee to award two \$500 scholarships. Therefore, both Linda Epps and Annie Smith will receive scholarships.

Subject Access and Classification Committee Report

Committee Members: Co-Chairs Kelly Webster and Jacquie Samples; Lynne Alstatt, Kathleen Burns, Ann Doyle, Mario Klimiades, Timothy B. Powell, Stephanie Owen, Laurel Tarulli, Holly Tomren

Activities:

Continued to enhance the Committee's wiki at <http://ailasacc.pbwiki.com/>

- Kept it up-to-date since then by adding important resources
- Listed relevant SACO activities
- Collaborated on SACO proposals for new headings and changes to existing headings
- Monitored SACO proposals and posted the status of relevant potential new headings on the committee wiki at <http://ailasacc.pbwiki.com/Subject+Headings>
- Indian men-women (cross-reference for Two-Spirit people). Approved/added to authority record on November 2007
- Birch bark (cross-reference for Birchbark) LC made Birch bark the authorized form with Birchbark as a cross-reference, November 2007
- Collected in-depth comments and suggestions for proposals from Sandy Berman
- Got helpful feedback from Yale's SACO Coordinating Committee on other proposals

Using a survey, began compiling the committee's directory of members with SACO or NACO training or connections. The survey can be found on our wiki at <http://ailasacc.pbwiki.com/> under "Initiatives."

Report from the 2008 Joint REFORMA Northeast, AILA, APALA, BCALA and CALA Mini-conference

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On May 16, I had the honor and pleasure of representing AILA as a panelist at the 2008 Joint REFORMA Northeast, AILA, APALA, BCALA and CALA Mini-conference. The conference took place at the beautiful Instituto Cervantes Library in midtown Manhattan, and was attended by librarians, support staff, publishers, distributors, and students in the Northeast region. Tables were available for participants to display flyers and brochures about upcoming events and programs. Carlene Engstrom, Library Director at Salish Kootenai College sent me some brochures about the upcoming 2008 American Indian Youth Literature Award reception at the ALA Conference in Anaheim, so I was able to have them available for the conference attendees. Director Ana Maria Velazquez began the day with a tour of the library, which has a collection of 70,000 titles as well as a large collection of audiovisual materials. After the tour, we ate lunch in their art gallery, where we had the opportunity to network. Lunch was preceded by opening remarks by REFORMA Northeast President Elect Libbhy Romero and Loida García-Febo, Immediate Past President. They introduced representatives from the library associations, at which time I was able to say a few words about AILA and announce the upcoming AILA reception in Anaheim. Next, Keynote

Speaker Danilo H. Fugueredo spoke to us about librarianship, his Latin culture, and his passion for writing.

The conference concluded with two panel discussions with speakers from AILA, BCALA, and CALA. I was on the first panel with two librarians, Hong Yao, Associate Coordinator, Collection Development, Queens Library and Louise Blalock, Chief Librarian of the Hartford Public Library. We each spoke about how our libraries are using various technologies to meet the cultural and social needs of our patrons, and how today, libraries are much more than institutions to visit to locate books for knowledge and enjoyment, but are places for people to go who do not have any other access to computers and other technologies. Today, librarians work hands-on, assisting patrons one-on-one with using computers to not only find books in their collections, but to help people find jobs, educational opportunities, grants and scholarships, and so on. The second panel featured Phyllis Hodges, Research Associate, Library and Information Service Credit Suisse Securities, Hong Miao, Public Services Librarian, Marywood University Library, and Brooklyn Public Library Skills, Training & Employment Project Leader Kerwin Pilgrim. They talked about professional development, preparing for job interviews, skills training development for professional success, leadership, and team building. The conference ended with acknowledgments to the people who helped organize the event and to all of us who attended and participated as panelists.



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