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President’s Letter

Naomi Bishop

Dear AILA Members,

As I reflect on the successes and challenges of the year so far, I see abundant dedication from AILA members. Together we were able to help preserve IMLS funding for libraries and advocate our stories through Tumblr (<https://triballibrarystories.tumblr.com/>). Thank you for sharing your library funding stories! AILA will continue to advocate on behalf of our communities and work to improve library services for American Indians.

Last year AILA executive board interviewed past AILA leaders and elders. From the interviews conducted we learned how AILA can continue to engage members and support each other. This summer the executive board met and set some goals and priorities for the 2017-2018. At the top of our list is to refresh our website and engage our members.

In order to engage our membership, we simplified the committee structure and are highlighting specific projects for the next year. We need your help to make AILA strong and visible to our profession and communities. Here are some opportunities to get involved and volunteer with AILA:

1. Development and Fundraising- seek out fundraising opportunities and sponsorships
2. Membership and Mentoring- organize

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Naomi (left) with Sandy Littletree (right) and Lotsee Patterson (center)

- local meet-ups and promote mentoring program
- 3. Recognition- Scholarship Review Board- review applications and select scholarship recipients
- 4. Outreach -Talk Story Grant- review grant applications, select winners, promote via social media, update website and encourage family literacy in your library
 - Outreach - AILA Youth Literature Awards Committee- review and promote books
 - Outreach-help plan webinars and conference programming
 - Outreach- AILA 40th Anniversary Planning Task Force- Plan for events in 2019
 - Outreach- Cataloging and Subject Classification working group
- 5. Communications - Assist with fall and spring newsletter
 - Communications- promote AILA social media
 - Communications- update and maintain AILA website

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please fill out the form on our website or send me an email. Over the next few months AILA will update and refresh the website. I am looking forward to sharing an updated site that keeps members informed and shares more of what is happening

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across the country in our library communities. I am also looking forward to announcing the 2018 AILA Youth Literature Award winners in February next year.

Thank you all for your AILA membership and for your dedication and support of AILA! Together we can make a difference in our profession and our communities.

Sincerely,

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Tribal Library Participates in National Programs

Aaron LaFromboise

The past year has been a busy one for Medicine Spring Library. We applied and participated in two national pilot programs, Future Ready with the Library, and the Inclusive Internship Initiative. Future Ready with the Library is a program targeted to a Middle School audience to help those students with college and career readiness. The Inclusive Internship Initiative is geared toward 16-18 year old students to expose them to the library field with the hopes of planting a seed for future librarians of color. Both initiatives entered new territory for Medicine Spring Library.

Medicine Spring Library is the academic library at Blackfeet Community College. Like many tribal college libraries, we also serve as a community library for the Blackfeet Tribe, providing access to services and materials for all residents of the reservation. In 1993, the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council appointed Medicine Spring Library as the tribal archives, cementing our place within the community.

While all programs and services are open to the community, many people are not aware of our community status, mistaking that we are only available to the college students. Being part of national initiatives has helped us gain exposure within the community, showing that we are here for everyone.

Future Ready with the Library is a Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) program, and will soon be naming its second cohort. Medicine Spring Library staff were excited to collaborate with YALSA, as we have not had that connection in the past. In January, Library Director Aaron LaFromboise attended training in Atlanta during the ALA Midwinter Meeting. Here we learned about social-emotional learning, adolescent development, community outreach, and program outcomes. The goal of the Future Ready is to have each participating library hold at least one program for middle school kids about college and career readiness. The catch was, that we had to find a community organization to partner with us for our program.

In the end, we collaborated with Honor Your Life, a community organization the supports youth health and wellness. We held a two-day camp at the library with information sessions, team-building exercises, and a career day. Local professions came in and gave presentations about their jobs, many of the career presentations were coupled with hands-on components. Participating in the career presentations were a crew from the wildland fire department, a law enforcement investigator, a school principle, National Park Service employees, a nurse from the operating room, and a veterinarian. All of these professionals are Blackfeet tribal members, except for the Park Service employees. It

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Volunteer with AILA!
<https://goo.gl/forms/wWcGzPSY-EUiWqllv2>

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was exciting to have middle school students in the library during the summer because we have few teen and pre-teenage patrons.

The Inclusive Internship Initiative (III) is a program sponsored by the Public Library Association through an IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Pre-Professional grant. Medicine Spring Library was lucky enough to host two high school students for the summer long program. The interns and the library director traveled to Washington D.C. in June. While in D.C., they learned about librarianship and the importance of encouraging minorities to enter the field. The interns learned about current issues and trends in librarianship, and how minority populations are served through library services. The goal of the internship was to have the interns complete a community project at the library.



Medicine Spring Library, Aaron LaFromboise

The two interns hosted by Medicine Spring Library assisted the library staff with summer programming, a first for the library. The library hosted eight programs during the summer, including a Library Lodge at the annual powwow, a kids day, a float in the parade, a book sale, the Future Ready camp, and a few other smaller children's programs. The interns used the programming as their community project. They also learned about the different areas of the library, and what type of work happens in each one. III had a wrap-up session in Chicago where all of the interns presented their projects to the group. It was an interesting experience, for the interns, and the library alike.

Medicine Spring Library has never participated in national programs, and has not conducted much outreach to teens and pre-teens. The summer initiatives were excellent experience for everyone involved. We encourage other tribal libraries to apply for opportunities when they come around, just not all at the same time!

Cataloging and Classification

Lara Aase

The AILA Executive Board is pleased to announce the newest iteration of the Subject Access and Classification Ad Hoc Committee. Now a "working group," members will meet online to discuss ways to improve current subject headings, thesauri, and classification schemes. The group will contribute suggestions of subject terms to the newly established "Latin American and Indigenous Peoples of the Americas" SACO (Subject Authority Cooperative Program) Funnel and will consider the possible benefits of proposing a new Library of Congress main class for topics related to Indigenous peoples.

If you would like to be part of the working group, please contact Lara Aase at laase at fortlewis dot edu.



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FRIDAY, February 9

3 – 4 pm

Embassy Suites, Crystal Salon A

American Indian Library Association Executive Board Meeting

SUNDAY, February 11

1 - 2:30 pm

Embassy Suites, Silverton Salon 2

American Indian Library Association Business Meeting

AILA Executive Board Wants to Hear from You!

Is it time to ask ALA to reconsider officially supporting the Protocols for Native American Archival Materials?

Let us know at: <https://goo.gl/forms/eFIPhIM4IVsOwA1B2>

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Business Meeting

June 25, 2017 - 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Hyatt Regency McCormick, Grant Park/CC 12AB, Chicago, IL

Minutes taken by George Gottschalk

Call to Order

Omar Poler called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. with 18 people in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

Omar welcomed members with opening remarks stating that we need a collective voice now as much as we always have. As an organization, AILA should continue to build on the good work of our Founding Elders who fought from the White House Preconference in 1979 through the early 1980s to establish funding to support and sustain tribal libraries.

Omar underscored the desire of the Executive Board to create a vibrant organization, declaring the coming year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) to be "The AILA Year of the Volunteer."

Opening Prayer

At 3:08 p.m., Omar invited members to a moment of silence and reflection.

Introductions/ Ice Breaker

Upon conclusion of the moment of silence, members went around the circle of attendees and offered introductions.

Approval of Agenda

At 3:20 p.m. Omar requested any changes to the Agenda. Liana Juliano asked that it be noted that JCLC will take place in Albuquerque in 2018, not in 2019 as listed on the original agenda. Apart from this small correction, the agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

At 3:21 members approved the minutes of the board, then invited Gina Persichini, AILA's ALA Executive Board liaison, to speak to members.

Gina Persichini – ALA Executive Board Liaison to AILA

Gina reported that ALA's focus is, as expected, on the current push to preserve IMLS funding, and visibility and viability of libraries in general. She also noted that ALA had a rough quarter, financially, with some anticipated struggles in the coming Fiscal Year. ALA membership numbers are down, and Division membership numbers are down. Round Table members, however, are up, and the Board's initial assumption is that this is due to Round Tables costing less than Divisions. With Keith Fiels retirement, ALA is in the process of seeking a new Executive Director, with final interviews anticipated for October 2017. Mary Ghikas will serve as interim Executive Director.

Gina then called for questions from AILA members.

Sandy Tharp-Thee asked if ALA is in any position to assist with tribal library funding, particularly with the current threat to funding in Washington, D.C.

Gina stated that she does not know, but will bring our inquiry to the ALA Board's attention.

Omar asked what the best means for AILA to remain in coordination with decision makers

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regarding the current funding concerns is at this time. Gina stated that the work is carried out in ALA's Washington Office, and there has been a step-by-step plan throughout these recent efforts. The current stage of this plan is continued contact with legislators and appropriators. Omar reiterated that AILA would like to remain at the table on these issues.

Treasurer's Report (Liana Juliano)

At 3:30, Liana Juliano presented the treasurer's report, stating that the AILA Executive Board had approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2018. The board approved a set-aside of funds to redesign our website in response to member feedback and requests for an updated web presence. As well, funds have been set aside for the Youth Literature Awards, with the awards ceremony to be held in New Orleans at the ALA 2018 Annual Meeting. Liana also reported that in unexpected, good news, despite the loss of our Talk Story grant from Toyota in coming years, Toyota notified AILA and APALA that they would grant one more year of funding for 2018 to afford both organizations an opportunity to plan for the future of Talk Story.

Executive Board Report (Heather Devine-Hardy)

At 3:32 Heather Devine-Hardy presented the Executive Board report. During the Executive Board meeting, Patrick Sweeney, of EveryLibrary, spoke to the board about initiating a campaign for Tribal Libraries Funding. EveryLibrary is a Political Action Committee that works on local library ballot initiatives. Because EveryLibrary has funds in place, AILA will not need to provide any expenditures, thus the Board approved this initiative.

The Board also engaged in brainstorming to improve outreach and engagement, and committed to projecting organizational goals for AILA through the next three months, six months, one year and two-year intervals.

As well, the Board has voted to simplify the committee structure of AILA to better enable member recruitment. Over the next three months, Board members will draft Committee charges and incorporate these changes into the website redesign to better serve members.

The Board will pilot online meetings to improve inclusive options for members beyond ALA Annual and Midwinter Conferences, and to underscore that volunteering for AILA service does not require conference attendance.

Finally, due to changes within ALA's Conference structure, the Board will solicit feedback from AILA members regarding the best time option for the membership meeting.

At this point, Omar asked those present for initial feedback on a meeting time. No consensus was reached, but and the Board will proceed with a survey and feedback call via the AILA member e-mail list. However, all present did endorse re-establishing an AILA Social at conferences, and taking steps to ensure this because entrenched as part of the standard AILA schedule at ALA Conferences.

At 3:40, Heather Devine-Hardy concluded her report on the Executive Board meeting, and solicited Committee reports.

Announcement of Scholarship and Travel Grant Winners

Clyde Henderson was awarded the 2017 Virginia Mathews Scholarship. Clyde is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, from the Tangle clan born for the Red Bottom People. Clyde is pursuing a Master of Science in Library Science at University of North Texas.

Two ALA Travel Scholarships for attendance at the ALA Annual meeting in Chicago were awarded:

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Christine Denny is the Library Media Specialist for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

Janet Mumford is an active member of the AILA American Indian Youth Literature Awards committee and is a teacher librarian at Ecole Henry Anderson Elementary School in Richmond, British Columbia.

Omar also stated that the Board has opted to broaden the call for travel scholarships beyond ALA to afford members more options, and to reinforce that ALA attendance is not a requirement of volunteer participation.

Announcement of Emerging Leader

AILA's 2017 Emerging Leader is Joy Bridwell from Stone Child College Library.

Heather reminded everyone that AILA has two options for identifying an AILA Sponsored Emerging Leader. AILA can identify and put forward a specific individual, or AILA can review the list of newly selected Emerging Leaders and choose from that list.

AILA Youth Literature Awards Committee 2018

AILA Youth Literature Awards will be announced at Midwinter 2018, in Denver, CO.

Talk Story

Talk Story grants were increased from \$600 to \$750 in 2017, and were awarded to four libraries this year:

1. Acoma Learning Center, Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico
2. Aniak Public Library, Alaska
3. Medicine Springs Library, Blackfeet Community College, Montana
4. Delaney Southwest Special Collections Library, Fort Lewis College, Colorado

Save IMLS Ad Hoc Committee

Omar Poler updated that an ad hoc Committee had been formed to ensure awareness of the importance of funding for tribal libraries. Very few people in the general population are aware of IMLS, in general, and within that population, even fewer are aware of the tribal library funding and its importance. So far, 25 stories have been gathered for the <https://triballibrarystories.tumblr.com/> site. Packets were also prepared and included for National Library Legislative Day, May 1-2, 2017.

Omar provided additional details regarding the work with EveryLibrary. Over the next two weeks, past ALA and the July 4th holiday, AILA will provide content and language for EveryLibrary to craft the awareness campaign and petition for tribal library funding.

Committee on Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds (RNTLOAK)

RNTLOAK updated "The Small but Powerful Guide – Management and Advocacy Toolkit for Rural Native and Tribal Libraries" and is completing work on revising the TRAILS (Tribal Library Procedures Manual) guide.

Harvard's Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians

Patricia Cutright, Member-At-Large and past recipient of AILA funding for this Institute provided an update for 2017. AILA is granted one nomination spot for this Institute and in 2017 that spot was granted to Valerie Nye from the Institute of American Indian Arts.

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Patricia clarified that for AILA-nominated-attendees, Harvard waives tuition for this Institute. However, the costs of lodging and meals must still be covered by the attendee(s). For Valerie Nye, IAIA funded the additional costs, but the Board should consider if it is willing and able to fund these costs for potential future AILA nominees.

Because of the high visibility and value of this Institute, as well as the Institute's appreciation of AILA, Patricia does urge AILA to continue its affiliation with this Institute, in whatever capacity is possible.

Mentoring Committee

At 3:55, Omar reported that thanks to Member-at-Large, Ofelia Zepeda, we have six mentees participating in AILA's first year of a new mentoring program.

Omar reiterated Heather's Executive Board report that we have simplified the committee structure and hope to engage in more robust and representative recruitment of volunteers for the committees.

New Committee Structure

At 3:57, Omar elaborated on Heather's report of the simplified committee structure. Beginning July 2017, with incoming President Naomi Bishop, AILA will have five committees:

1. Budget and Finance
2. Outreach
3. Membership
4. Recognition
5. Communications

The hope is to make volunteering as easy as possible, and will be reflected in the website re-design, and in the mandate to make July 2017 to June 2018 the Year of the Volunteer.

40th Anniversary

At 4:00, Omar acknowledged we must close the meeting soon, but did remind people that 2019 would be the AILA 40th Anniversary, to be celebrated at the Washington, D.C. ALA Annual Conference. AILA will form an ad hoc committee to plan for the 40th Anniversary.

Announcements

Omar urged everyone, if possible, to attend the 2017 Jean E. Coleman Library Outreach Lecture Monday, June 26, 2017 8:30-10am W184 in McCormick Place West, presented by Janice Rice.

Liana reminded everyone that JCLC will be in Albuquerque, NM in 2018 and AILA contributed seed funding for the conference. Everyone should watch for the program call, and submit proposals so AILA will be well-represented.

Adjournment

Liana Juliano moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 p.m.
Erin Hollingsworth seconded.

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