



I also have the benefit of working with an outstanding class of division presidents-elect. We met in Chicago on October 19, and will meet again at Midwinter in Atlanta. Our focus is on sharing information about our goals and plans, preparing for the inaugural event in Chicago in June 2017, and discussing the working relationship between ALA and the divisions.

One of the responsibilities of the President-Elect is to work with the Committee on Committees of ALA Council and with the Committee on Appointments to propose individuals to serve on the various Council, ALA and joint committees. Appointments are made to 15 Council committees, 20 ALA committees, and 2 joint committees. During November and December, information about the individuals who volunteered to serve on these committees was reviewed and discussed, and the draft membership has now been finalized for all 37 committees. Input was also solicited from current committee chairs and staff liaisons. We focused on reflecting the full diversity of ALA in these appointments. As part of these committee appointments, we also work on the identification of individuals to serve as interns on the committees. The letters of invitation will be sent to the prospective committee members after Midwinter. We are assisted in this complex and rigorous assignment by the outstanding governance office staff, in particular Kerri Price. I note with enthusiasm the large number of ALA members who volunteer for these committee assignments. Their experience, expertise and commitment to the Association, the profession and libraries, make this task very challenging.

- implementation of important changes in annual conference programming and meeting schedules

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libraries, the Institute for Museum and Library Services, OCLC, National Archives, Digital Public Library of America to advance our shared interests and clout, and to develop cooperative programs and activities.

- School Libraries: We must embrace as a library community advocacy for school libraries as foundational to the health of our work to prepare students who are college and career ready. We must fight the closing of school libraries, the reductions in professional staffing, and the erosion of budgets. With weakened school libraries, we create a nation that is not able to locate and evaluate information that is accurate and balanced. Knowledge literacy is fundamental.

Over the past six months, I have attended several professional conferences and meetings, and have made several presentations:

- The IFLA Congress in Columbus, Ohio, in August 2016, including service on the Standing

