

Seems like just yesterday we were in Washington D.C. attending ALA's annual meeting and celebrating the one year anniversary of the Library Support Staff Certification Program. How appropriate that this program would debut under Camila Alire's ALA presidency. Camila has always been supportive of library staff.

Wow. We HAVE come a long way since COPE3. In addition to the certification program, LSSIRT members have been appointed to various ALA committees and we just elected our 2nd LSSIRT representative to ALA council. Accomplishments to be proud of? Yes. These accomplishments also bring new challenges. How can LSSIRT support the certification program and the support staff enrolled in it? How do we continue to foster growth and retain

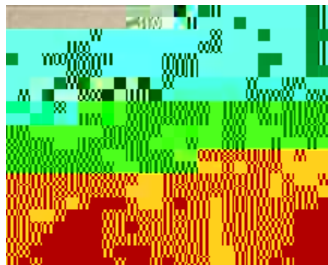
use email or conference calls to accomplish their goals. Attendance at the midwinter or annual meetings is not required of committee members. It would be great to see more than just the steering committee members and ALA staff at our next business meeting in San Diego this January. Please contact me if you have questions about LSSIRT, would be interested in working on a committee or running for a LSSIRT office. I can be reached at 307.777.5913 or by email at tpallu@wyo.gov.



Washington DC Convention Center



Trish Palluck receives the LSSIRT President's gavel from Past-President Dorothy Morgan



Darlena Davis, graduated on May 27, 2010, cum laude, with a Bachelors of Arts from Chicago State University. Her minor was in Criminal Justice with strong interest in Sociology.

LSSIRT Mini-Minutes from Annual

LIBRARY SUPPORT
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ANNUAL MEETING,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26,
2010

Renaissance,
Washington, D.C.,
Room 07

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting was called to order; Trish Palluck as Incoming Vice President was introduced as facilitator. AnnaMarie Kehnast sent a resignation letter to the board prior to the meeting. We had several guests that were introduced to the group.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report with budget discussion were accepted as read.

ALA Councilor, Jennifer Kutzik, informed the Steering Committee about the motions she was going to

endorse at Council Meetings early next week.

Karen Strege, LSSC, gave an update on the National Certification Program, LSSCP and the future plans with the new grant from IMLS.

Joseph Eagan, as the ALA Board of Directors Liaison to LSSIRT, reported on membership of the ALA. As of Nov. 2009-62,865 included 59,423 personal memberships, 3208 organizational memberships and 234 corporate memberships. LSSIRT membership went from 598, Nov. 2008 to 617, Nov. 2009.

Trish Palluck, Kareen Turner and Valeria Fike volunteered to be on the Program committee to help create a LSSIRT track at conferences.

Board Reports were given from Nomination and Membership committees.

Under New Business, Anita Kosinski has started work on the Dining Out in New Orleans for Annual, 2011 with the help of Darlena Davis, ALA Liaison.

A new strategic planning committee was formed. Trish Palluck is the Chair.


The LSSIRT Steering Committee meeting at ALA Midwinter will be scheduled for Saturday morning, on Jan. 24, 2009 from 8 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Discussion was held to have a discussion group session at both Mid-Winter and Annual conferences for LSSIRT so LSSIRT would show up in searching the programs for significant functions.



LSSIRT sponsored a well-attended session





Selected ALA Council
actions taken during
Annual Conference,
June 27-29, 2010,
Washington, D.C. The
full text of all actions
may be accessed at:

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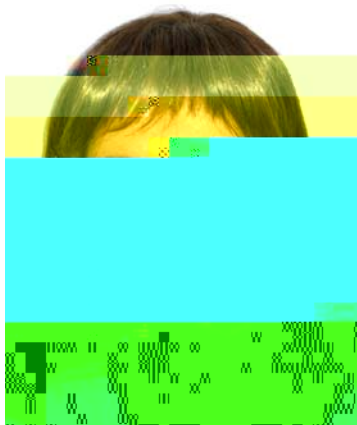
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LSSIRT Councilor's Report (continued)

*Thank you, Jennifer,
for your valuable
contributions as
LSSIRT Councilor.*



**Incoming ALA LSSIRT
Councilor, Valeria Fike**

organizations and legal bodies in cities, counties, or states that by law discriminate against gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender people.”

ADOPTED, the following action item contained in ALA CD#27.2, Committee on Organization (COO) Report: Action Item #1. Establishment of a Retired Members Round Table. “The establishment of a Retired Members Round Table, supported by petition by ALA members, addresses both a growing interest and a growing demographic within the Association. The

proposal came to COO with draft bylaws and a statement of purpose in place. The statement reads as follows: The Retired Members Round Table (RMRT) shall exist to develop programs of particular interest to retired persons from all types of libraries and all forms of library service, including formal opportunities for continued involvement and learning; a variety of leadership training and opportunities for mentoring; lifelong professional involvement and networking; and, active engagement in the American Library Association and the

profession of librarianship.”

It has been my great honor and privilege to serve as your first LSSIRT Councilor. I appreciated the support of all the LSSIRT members and of my fellow Councilors. Please, welcome our incoming Councilor, Valeria Fike. She may be contacted at: College and Career Information Center, College of DuPage Library, 425 Fawell Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 or by email at: fikeva@cod.edu or phone at: (630) 942-3874.

LSSIRT Members Receive Awards

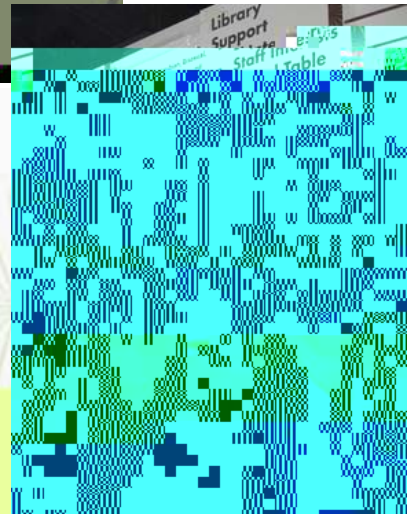
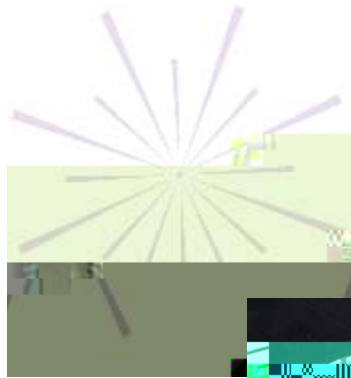
LSSIRT secretary Karen Turner has won the Lorrie Shuff Paraprofessional Award for 2010. First awarded in 1996, the award recognizes distinguished Paraprofessional library service in Arkansas libraries. The name was changed to the Lorrie Shuff Paraprofessional Award in 2002 in memory of Lorrie Shuff. Nominations are open to any member of the

Arkansas Library Association. Nominees must be employed in an Arkansas library as a paraprofessional at the time of nomination.

The award criteria was based upon the role of the individual in promoting staff development, the issues of concern to paraprofessionals, and participation in the Arkansas Library Association

Paraprofessional Roundtable.

Jennifer Kutzik, outgoing LSSIRT ALA Councilor, was recently elected Chair-Elect of the Colorado Association of Libraries Paraprofessional Division. She continues to serve on the ALA Membership Committee.



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Our mission is to provide an arena within ALA for programming, communication and networking for library support staff.

Sign-up for the LSSIRT Members-Only E-list!