

## President's Corner

Hello again! A special welcome to any new members that may be reading our newsletter for the first time! ALA's annual conference in New Orleans is just around the corner. I hope to see many of you there later this month. The LSSIRT Business/Member-ship meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 25 at the Convention Center Marriott, Blain Kern E room. Please come and share your ideas with the steering committee as we develop a plan to keep LSSIRT moving forward.

The Library Support Staff Certification Program (LSSCP), the inclusive language now used by ALA, and representation on ALA council are symbolic of LSSIRT's work and commitment to meet the recommendations of COPE3. My

sincere thanks to all involved, especially past LSSIRT leadership for their guidance in helping us achieve those milestones. Yes, we as support staff have come a long way and can be proud of what has been accomplished. But now is not the time to let our momentum slide. LSSIRT must continue on as a vital player within the ALA arena. There are still recommendations from COPE3 to address. How can that possibly happen when our membership numbers reflect the brutal budget and staffing cuts many libraries have been experiencing over the last couple of years? Not an easy question to answer. The challenge is before us.

As your president I look forward to addressing that challenge over the next

year. I am asking the LSSIRT steering committee to make membership, both recruiting and retention and marketing their priorities during the coming year. I'm hoping you too will give LSSIRT membership as high a priority as you can. My personal priority is to make every member feel they are an active part of LSSIRT even though they may not have the opportunity to attend ALA conferences. I hope to hear from many of you during the coming year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about LSSIRT or regarding support staff happenings or concerns in your state or region. You can call me at 307-777-5913 or email me at: [trish.palluck@wyo.gov](mailto:trish.palluck@wyo.gov)

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# **LSSCP News**

News from the Library Support Staff Certification Program (LSSC)

Nancy Bolt, LSSC Co-Project Director

## **Staff changes:**

Jenifer Grady, Director of ALA-APA and one of the guiding forces behind LSSC, has decided to pursue her career in Nashville, TN. Jenifer has been the Director of ALA-APA since its beginning in December, 2003. She has developed ALA-APA into an organization that supports working librarians and offers two certification programs: LSSC and the Certified Public Library Administrator (CPLA) Program. Neither certification effort would have succeeded without Jenifer's dedicated efforts. She will be missed.

Ian Lashbrook, LSSC's new Research Associate, will move to full-time with Jenifer's departure. The new Director of ALA-APA is Lorelle Swader, who is also the staff liaison for the Library Support Staff Interests Round Table (LSSIRT) and Director of ALA's Office for Human Resources Development & Recruitment. Karen Strege and I will continue as Project Co-Directors until the end of the IMLS grant in June, 2013.

Registration Assistance

## Maureen Sullivan Elected ALA President-Elect

Maureen Sullivan has been elected to the 2012-13 presidency of the American Library Association (ALA).

Sullivan defeated Susan Stroyan, information services librarian at the Ames Library at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill. Sullivan received 5,259 votes. Stroyan received 3,642 votes.

As ALA president, Sullivan will be the chief elected officer for the oldest and largest library organization in the world. The ALA has a membership of more

than 62,000 librarians, library trustees and library supporters. Its mission is to promote the highest quality library and information services and public access to information.

"I am humbled and honored to have been elected to serve the dynamic profession of librarianship," Sullivan said. "I look forward to working with Sue Stroyan and other members who will help ALA lead the 21st century information revolution."

Sullivan is a consultant to

numerous libraries of all types - academic, public, school, law, health sciences and other special libraries – and library consortia. In addition to her consulting work, Sullivan is a professor of practice in the Ph.D. program, Managerial Leadership in the Information Professions, at the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

For complete election results, please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/59efgg>

[ALA-APA Press Release, April 29, 2011]

## Newly Elected LSSIRT Steering Committee Members

Anthony "JP" Pendleton has been elected as the Vice President/President-Elect of the Library Support Staff Interests Roundtable (LSSIRT). The Vice President serves for the first year after election as Vice President, the second year as President, and the third year as immediate past-President. In the event of the absence, disability, death or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President.

"JP" is currently the Head of Circulation at Auburn University Libraries (Auburn, GA). He has been serving on the LSSIRT Steering Committee as a Member-at-Large,

and has been a member of ALA since 2005. He was also the winner of the Auburn University Spirit of Excellence award in May 2009. In his Statement of Professional Concern, "JP" wrote, "As a group, we must continue to support efforts to further training (LSSC), advancements, and salary improvements while still maintaining the focus on customer service, staff work environment, and technology advancement needs."

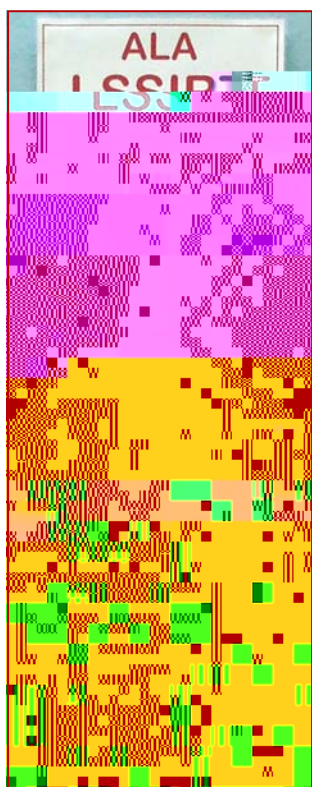
Newly-elected LSSIRT Steering Committee Members-at-Large are Karen E. Coleman, Danville Public Library (Danville, VA) and Valentin Colon, AFSCME Local 1930, New York Public Library Guild (New York

City, NY). They will serve three-year terms, from July 2011-June 2014.

Karen is currently an Administrative Assistant and a member of the Pittsylvania County Community Action Board. "My biggest concern is employees need to work as a team and remain customer service oriented for our patrons, because our community gives us our jobs," wrote Karen in her Statement of Professional Concern.

Valentin has been a member of ALA since 2002 and received a 10 year membership award from the New York State Library Assistants Association.

Congratulations to our new LSSIRT leaders!



Linda Owen, former COLT support staff certification and (L)SSIRT leader, passed away on February 28, 2011. Linda retired in December 2009 after a 25 year career at the University of California-Riverside Libraries.

From 1990-1996, Linda served as Vice-President/President/Past President of COLT (Council on Library/Media Technicians). During that time, COLT and a newly-formed ALA support staff Membership Initiative Group (MIG) were both petitioning ALA for round table status. The leaders of each group agreed to join forces to create the Support Staff Interests Round Table (SSIRT, later LSSIRT), which was chartered in 1993. In 1994, COLT revisited the issue of a national





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Report:

Kerrie announced all good news for feedback. Please submit articles/information to Jennifer or Kerrie. Next deadline for Newsletter content is Feb. 15th. Jennifer reported





For timely updates and for networking with LSSIRT colleagues, be sure and sign-up for the very low volume LSSIRT e-list.