



# Montana Library Association

*From the Mountains to the Prairies*

## **MLA BOARD REPORTS**

Office held/Chair of: American Library Association Representative

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### **Progress or Successes Since Our Last Meeting:**

Resolutions: From the issues caucus, one resolution has been suggested to bring forward to the membership at the annual conference, a resolution on net neutrality. I sent the resolution out to the membership, and I have asked the division presidents to discuss the resolution at their meetings. We will discuss and vote on the resolution at the membership meeting at the conference.

Midwinter: I attended the ALA Midwinter meeting from February 9-13 in Denver. A couple of highlights from the meetings:

- ALA Organization – President Jim Neal introduced the new plan to look at the organization of the Association. The goal is to review how the organization works, and in what ways it can be organized to better suit the members. We participated in an exercise to help determine what we want from the Association. The committee will continue to work on this process.
- Resolution on socially responsible investments – Council asked the Budget Analysis and Review Committee to work to increase the percentage of endowment funds invested in socially responsible portfolios, and to exclude portfolios that include fossil fuel investments.
- Net neutrality – The council voted on a paper brought forward by the Intellectual Freedom Committee on net neutrality. The goal of the paper was to introduce the issue, and to list some of the impacts. For more information on that paper, search the ALA website for Net Neutrality Statement.

### **New Issues:**

I will be attending the next ALA Annual meeting in New Orleans on June 22-26, 2018.

### **Board Action Requested:**

None at this time.

### **Other Comments:**

**Financial Report: FY 2016 budget: \$3690**

**Amount spent: \$235**

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