

AzLA [Title/Committee Name] Report

October 2017

Updates:

This update will include my July report as well as the October report. On July 15, the Burton Barr Central Library was heavily damaged due to a storm and I was not able to complete the quarterly report at that time. My apologies for not being able to provide this information sooner.

Since my April report I attended the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago in June. This was a much more sedate conference than previous ones, with hot topics including:

- Passage of a statement on Global Climate Change (http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org/aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2017_annual/cd_41_global_climate%20change%20statement_62517_FINAL.pdf)
- Passage of a statement on Libraries as Responsible Spaces (http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org/aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2017_annual/cd_44-44.2_cod_62617_FINAL.pdf - page 4)
- Requirement for the new ALA Executive Director to have an ALA or CAEP accredited Master's Degree

The issue of the ALA ED having an MLS was quite contentious, to the point that it required a standing vote. In the end the MLS requirement was retained. I have learned just this week that the Search Committee completed its process without finding a suitable candidate. They will be recommending that the search be reopened and that an MLS be preferred but not required.

Action/Discussion Items for board meeting:

none

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