MLA/ALA CHAPTER COUNCILOR

August 21, 2020

Term Length:
The MLA/ALA Chapter Councilor shall be elected for a three-year term in accordance with the Bylaws of the American Library Association.

Eligibility:
Must be a member of good standing of ALA.

Responsibilities:
1. To represent the interests of the Minnesota Library Association to the American Library Association and vice versa.

Duties:
1. Serve as a voting member of the MLA Board of Directors.
3. Insofar as possible, attend the ALA Chapter Relations Committee meetings.
4. Although the Councilor is to be guided by the wishes of the MLA membership, MLA policy gives the Councilor latitude in voting on issues that come before Council, especially in cases where debate on the issue at the meeting may have changed the issue from when it was discussed by the MLA membership or the Board of Directors.
5. Serve as a member of the MLA Membership Committee.
6. Coordinate annual selection of MLA sponsored, ALA Emerging Leader with the ALA office.
7. Provide information on ALA membership and activities either at a table or booth at MLA annual conference.
8. When possible, arrange Minnesota gathering at ALA conference.
9. Support the Board of Directors in reaching annual goals.

Estimated Time Commitment: 3-6 hours per month and travel.

Reports:
1. Annual and monthly updates as needed to the Board of Directors on ALA issues.
2. Written reports to the Board of Directors on actions taken by the Council at the Midwinter Meeting and the Annual Conference of the American Library Association.