

**Public Library & Trustees Section (PLTS)
Annual Report 2018**

In a year that was perhaps more “political” than others, I want to thank the members of the PLTS Executive Committee (past and present) for their sound words of wisdom that hopefully kept me on track over the last 12 months. Deb Robertson, Francine Canfield, Amy Hafer and Rose Barcal all deserve gold stars for putting up with my many questions!

Our standing committees did a great job as well. Thank you to these members who gave of their time and talents this year:

Awards Committee - Denise Lawver – Chair, Becky Baker, Deb Robertson, Laurie Yocom

Bylaws Committee - Jessica Chamberlain – Chair, Becky Baker, Deb Robertson, Todd Schlechte

Nominating Committee - Joan Birnie – Chair, Cathy McMahon, Megan Klein-Hewett, Deb Robertson,
Julie Dinville

Programing Committee - Rose Barcal – Chair, Pat Leach, Monica Tidyman, Frankie Hannan

Early in 2018 a very brief electronic survey was done, asking members how they preferred PLTS funds to be used. The top two answers, by far, was to pay for conference speakers and spring meetings. Preconference expenses and donations to the Scholarship fund were a distant third and fourth in the results. Obviously continuing education opportunities are important, at least to those who responded to the survey. Expenses for the two PLTS awards were next, and finally donations to the Legacy Fund rounded out the survey.

These preferences were taken to heart as planning took place for the 2018 Spring Meetings. In response to previous evaluations four sites were selected this year: Seward, Tilden, Lexington, and Alliance. I personally want to thank the directors of these libraries for making the local arrangements: Kathy Thomsen, Cindy Simeon, and Stephanie O'Connor all did a great job! PLTS partnered with SCYP, the Paraprofessional Section, and the Regional Library Systems for this event and they also have earned our thanks. Featured speakers were David Drozd from the Center for Public Affairs Research, University of Nebraska Omaha and Sheryl Feinstein, Dean of the College of Education, University of Nebraska Kearney. Attendance was improved from last year (around 85 total), due in part to the addition of a fourth location. While expenses were slightly more than the income from this event (mainly due to the extra site), the evaluations were very positive.

The Bylaws committee determined that due to the major review of the Bylaws last year that nothing needed to be addressed in 2018. An additional note: NLA is working on updating the Association’s bylaws and handbook so there may be changes that need to be made in the future.

The Programing Committee worked hard to bring us the eight PLTS sponsored programs that you have or will be attending this year. Thanks go to them for working with some new procedures this year, including having NLA leadership more involved in conference programming than in previous years. Another change is scheduling the PLTS business meeting at breakfast. Please make sure to let the new officers know what you think of this schedule change for the future. Next year NLA

meets jointly with Iowa so it will be an unusual year, but after that the Programing Committee will be back in full swing.

The Awards Committee reviewed nominations for the Excalibur Award this year and are pleased to recognize Gayle Roberts, current Library Director at the Blair Public Library & Technology Center, as the 2018 Excalibur Award winner. Congratulations Gayle! Next year's emphasis will be on the Advocacy Award, though any nominations will be reviewed by the committee.

Megan Boggs, current webmaster for PLTS, recently requested to be relieved of these duties as soon as possible. Jean Hurst has agreed to take on these duties, but it appears that this will need to wait until after the NLA website is transferred to their new service.

Finally, our Nominating Committee worked extra hard this year to find great candidates for three open positions, due to the midyear resignation of our Vice Chairperson. The candidates for Chairperson were Karen Frank and Andrew Sherman. The Vice Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect candidates were Jodene Glaesemann and Laura Marlane. Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer were Amy Hafer and Frankie Hannan. The result of the election are below. Please welcome our 2019 Executive Committee and thank you to everyone who agreed to run for office this year.

Chairperson – Andrew Sherman

Vice Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect – Jodene Glaesemann

Secretary/Treasurer – Amy Hafer

Past Chairperson – Becky Baker

Webmaster – Megan Boggs, transferring to Jean Hurst when NLA's website transfer is complete

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve. It has certainly been an interesting and educational year! Please remember to say yes when asked to serve, and have a great year!

Becky Baker, PLTS Chairperson