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June 9, 2014

**Annual report for the Constitution and Bylaws Committee**

This year, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee considered five requests for amendments and crafted five proposals for consideration at the ALA 2014 Annual convention in Las Vegas. The proposals will be voted on by the membership by ballot.

In brief, the amendments are:

1. Proposal to create a new standing committee on mentoring
2. Proposal to clarify the members of the Executive Board
3. Proposal to clarify the terms of Executive Board officers
4. Proposal to clarify the duties of the Immediate Past President
5. Proposal to create a new line under the Constitution, Article II, to support ethnic affiliates in ALA

The committee has also drafted documents for internal use to clarify the process and timeline of proposing amendments, and these documents will be finalized in late summer of 2014 for implementation in the next year.

Paul Lai (chair), Ann Crewdson, Florante Ibanez, Holly Okuhara, Anchalee Roberts



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## Annual Committee Report – DUE 06.20.13 to your Executive Board Liaison

Purpose: To outline committee accomplishments from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014. To document and archive our year.

Date: 6/21/2014

Committee Name: Family Literacy Focus

Chair(s): Lessa Pelayo-Lozada

List specific committee accomplishments from January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013. If you produced a document, press release, etc., please attach.

Awarded 10 \$600 grants to libraries across the country for a Talk Story program (see press release for more information).

Prior to January but continuous tasks/updates:  
Began Facebook & Pinterest pages to highlight APA/AIAN materials and resources.

<http://www.pinterest.com/talkstorylib/>

<https://www.facebook.com/talkstorylibrary>

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# TALK STORY

sharing stories, sharing culture

a joint project of the american indian library association and the asian/pacific american librarians association

June 16, 2014

**The American Indian Library Association and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association Announce Winners of the 2014 Talk Story Grant**

The American Indian Library Association (AILA) and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA), supported by Toyota Financial Services, are pleased to award a \$600 grant to each of the following 10 libraries and community organizations to host ***Talk Story: Sharing stories, sharing culture*** programming. The winning libraries and community organizations are:

The Asian Pacific American Historical Society (APAHS) in Atlanta, Georgia -- in partnership with Chamblee Public Library, a branch of the Dekalb County Public Library in Georgia -- will put on a Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Children's Program including a dance performance, shadow puppet performance and hands-on crafts session.

The Association for the Advancement of Filipino American Arts & Culture (FilAm ARTS) in Los Angeles, California -- will support a community story-telling gathering called "Saysay Stories of Historic Filipinotown" at the Echo Park Library in October 2014 in celebration of Filipino American History month.

The Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library, Gila River Indian Community in Sacaton, Arizona -- will use the funds to offer two events focusing on the history of Gila River Indian Community cultural traditions expressed through traditional music of the Pima and Maricopa.

The Gwinnett County Public Library in Lawrenceville, Georgia -- in partnership with the advocacy Center for Pan Asian Community Services and the Asian/Pacific-American Historical Society -- will purchase materials for and present Storytime Go-Go kits focusing on APA culture and themes and offer events focusing on performance art from the Young Audiences of Atlanta.

The Hercules Library in Hercules, California -- will use the funds to support their Philippine Independence Day celebration for the entire community. Raq Filipina and her band will perform a blend of world music informed by traditional songs of the Philippines.

The Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, North Carolina -- will purchase Cherokee language books published by the nearby New Kituwah Academy. Two programs will be held in June and July -- a Cherokee bilingual story-time and celebration of culture and a Craft and Dance Demonstration in conjunction with the Oconaluftee Indian Village.

The Monterey County Free Libraries in Marina, California -- held a successful "Hands Across the Pacific" program in May featuring local residents from Vietnam, China, Indonesia, Guam, and Hawai'i as presenters of stories, songs, and information from their country or culture.

The North Park Branch Library in San Diego, California -- will have weekly programs during the month of September that highlight the history and culture of the Kumeyaay Nation.

The Powell Museum in Page, Arizona -- will partner with the Page Public Library to provide programming that shares the continuing history, process and beauty of Navajo weaving.

The St. George Branch Library in Utah -- will offer three programs; a story-time held on the nearby Shivwits Reservation, a bilingual story-time featuring Southern Paiute Tribal Elder Elenor Tom, and an arts and crafts program.

***Talk Story: Sharing stories, sharing culture*** is a literacy program that reaches out to Asian Pacific American (APA) and American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) children and their families. The program celebrates and explores their stories through books, oral traditions, and art to provide an interactive, enriching experience. Grants provide financial support to libraries and community organizations who want to introduce a Talk Story program into their library.

***Talk Story: Sharing stories, sharing culture*** is a joint project between the American Indian Library Association ([www.aila.org](http://www.aila.org)) and the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association ([www.apalaweb.org](http://www.apalaweb.org)). It started as part of ALA 2009-2010 President Camila Alire's Family Literacy Focus Initiative. 2014 is the fifth year that AILA and APALA have partnered on the Talk Story project and allocated grant funding to libraries to implement programs geared towards the APA/AIAN communities. This is the third year that Toyota Financial Services has helped to sponsor grants.

Committee Chairs are Liana Juliana (AILA) and Lessa Pelayo-Lozada (APALA). For more information, please visit the ***Talk Story*** web site: [www.talkstorytogether.org](http://www.talkstorytogether.org).

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**2014 Annual Local Arrangements – Las Vegas Task Force**

Members: Sarah Jeong, Su Kim Chung, Lessa Pelayo-Lozada, Cynthia Orozco, Ann Crewdson, Irene Zapata

The Annual Local Arrangements – Las Vegas Task Force organized an APALA event on June 27, 2014 with a tour of Zappos corporate headquarters and the community-focused Downtown Project, both owned by Asian-American leader Tony Hsieh. Bus transportation provided by LD Tours, and lunch provided by Rachel's Kitchen. Tour guides are Paco Alvarez of Zappos, and Heidi Noelle Stamper of the Downtown Project.

In addition, the Annual Local Arrangements – Las Vegas Task Force organized the venue for the APALA Literature Awards Banquet at KJ Dim Sum and Seafood Restaurant on June 28, 2014. Following the formal presentation and dinner buffet, authors will be available for book signing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Jeong



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## Annual Membership Committee Report

**Chair:** Maria Pontillas

Current Membership Statistics (from Wild Apricot):

Level	Total	Active	Renewal overdue	Lapsed
Corporate	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-
Free Memberships	-	-	-	-
Institutional Member	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	-	-
Library Support Staff	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Life Membership	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>	-	-
Personal Membership	<u>215</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>99</u>
Retiree	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Student Membership	<u>126</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>72</u>
Unemployed	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>415</u></b>	<b><u>232</u></b>	<b><u>183</u></b>	<b><u>180</u></b>

## Membership Committee accomplishments between January – June 2014:

- **Removed 170 lapsed members from the list-serv:** At the request of Ven Basco, we removed all currently lapsed members in an effort to clean-up the list-serv and as an incentive for them to renew and regain access.
- **Emailed 170 lapsed members about renewing:** In addition to the automated renewal message, the membership committee sent personal messages to all lapsed members inviting them to renew.
- **Sent email blast to numerous list-servs:** To recruit new

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members, we sent an email invitation to several professional library message boards including PUBYAC, and the Spectrum Scholars list.

- **Updated automated renewal message:** To personalize the message we added details from APALA Midwinter events in Philadelphia.
- **Updated Membership Form:** We added the unemployed membership level to the form and added a new “recommend a potential member” option.
- **Prepared monthly membership report:** At the request of the Treasurer, we are now emailing her the names and amount paid of each new and renewing member every month.
- **Continuation of monthly “Thank You” emails:** On the first of the month we will continue to send a thank you email to all new and renewing members through the list-serv.
- **Administration of APALA\_L:** This ongoing task involves such duties as adding or removing emails, confirming subscriptions, and updating data for individual subscribers.
- **Addressing member email inquiries:** We continue to address emails received from members and the public that concern matters like membership renewal dates, the dues mailing address, and listserv modifications.



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**APALA Mentoring Committee, 2013-2014  
Annual Report**

Paolo P. Gujilde, Chair  
Johana Orellana-Cabrera, Co-Chair  
Sarah Jeong, Member  
Holly Yu, Member  
Safi S.M. Safiullah, Member

The committee started the call for participants, Mentors and Proteges, to the 2014 Mentoring Program in early December 2013. The call closed in the second week of January 2014 and participants were notified of their involvement in the program later that month. The 2014 Mentoring Program cohort consisted of 13 Mentors and 13 Proteges representing different types of librarianship, interests, and experiences.

After the pairings were conducted, the five committee members became liaisons and were assigned 2-3 pairs to "keep in touch" with periodically during the entirety of the 2014 program. Committee members that are also mentors were assigned to other pairs as liaison. So far, the committee communicated with and asked feedback from participants in March/April and June. One of the feedback is it is preferable to have mentor/protege in the same city or geographical area. This comment is fairly similar to the 2013 survey after the program ended. This is an understandable request but unfortunately, it is a difficult one to implement as other variables (i.e. interests, goals, etc.) affect pairings. Though, future committees could take this as a top consideration. Another survey will be conducted at the end of this year for the incoming committee to make changes to the program, if needed, and statistical data.

In preparation for the upcoming 2015 Mentoring Program and new Executive Board (2014-2015), Mr. Gujilde, Chair, and Ms. Orellana-Cabrera, Co-Chair, will continue working with the program. But, the leadership will change with Ms. Orellana-Cabrera leading the committee as Chair.





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**Annual Committee Report**

Date: June 9, 2014

Committee Name: Scholarships & Awards

Chair(s): Tassanee Chitcharoen & Valeria E. Molteni (co-chairs)

List specific committee accomplishments from January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

- Created a timeline for Scholarships & Awards for selection by committee members.
- Worked with Publicity & Web committees for PR on call for applications, winners, winners' write-ups.
- Submitted updates for newsletter and executive board meetings.
- Selected Ariana Hussain as APALA 2014 Emerging Leader Award from 6 applications and wrote the press release for Publicity & Web committees.
- Selected Hannah Rainey to receive APALA Scholarship Award from 3 applications and wrote the press release for Publicity & Web committees.
- Selected Gerie Ventura to receive APALA Travel Award from 7 applications and wrote the press release for Publicity & Web committees.



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**Web Content Sub-Committee (part of Newsletter & Publications Committee) Report:**

Date: 6/13/2014

Submitted by: Melissa Cardenas-Dow, Chair

**Projects Accomplished:**

1) Article publications: 4 WYN, 4 APA library leader, 4 APA collections, 2 APA authors, 1 APALA 35th Anniversary, 1 ALA-EL 2014 special article

**Projects in Progress:**

1) Icon creation -- onto 2nd iteration of icons; need feedback from APALA EB. Project team: Jaena Rae Cabrera  
2) Resource links categorization -- on-going. Project team: Jaena Rae Cabrera, Raymond Wang

3) Publication of articles for months of June and July 2014:

- APA Library Leader: Lourdes Collantes (June 20, 2014) by Jeremiah Paschke-Wood
- APALA MHS: Tricia Sung (June 23, 2014) by Melissa Cardenas-Dow
- Special: Interview with Annie Pho, 2014 ALA-EL and APALA member (June 30, 2014) by Jaena Rae Cabrera
- APA Author: Bryan Thao Worra (July 7, 2014) by Jaena Rae Cabrera
- Special: Interview with Monnee Tong, 2014 ALA-EL and APALA member (July 11, 2014) by Melissa Cardenas-Dow
- Special: APALA Travel Scholarship Winner (July 16, 2014) by Ann Matsushima Chiu -- after-Annual interview
- Special: Interview with Ray Pun, 2014 ALA-EL and APALA member (July 21, 2014) by Melissa Cardenas-Dow
- Special: APALA 35th Anniversary: Ven Basco (July 28, 2014) by Melissa Cardenas-Dow

4) Negotiation of 1 2014 ALA-EL interview article (with Hanna Lee; tentatively scheduled for July 24, 2014)

**Projects to Undertake:**

- 1) Web Content Style Guide -- we've been following the AP style (more or less), but need to formalize this and commit
- 2) Standardize the resources in WYN -- in conjunction with the style

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- 3) Intellectual Property issue for web content -- an ad hoc committee has been formed but membership and decisions have yet to be determined
- 4) Approach Eileen K. Bosch and/or Young Lee for the 3rd APALA 35th Anniversary article, scheduled to be published in October 2014.
- 5) Research, investigate and set up contact with more APALA founders for web articles.
- 6) Scheduling of article publication for 2014-2015.
- 7) Anti-blackness bias in APA communities -- not sure where or how to do this...through WYN?
- 8) Set up article templates to make writing, editing, and publishing easier for committee members.

APALA Web Content Sub-Committee Members, 2013-2014:

Melissa I. Cardenas-Dow

Chair

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate Student

Jaena Rae Cabrera

Member

The Center for Investigative Reporting, Web Producer/Archivist

Ann Chiu

Member

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate Student

Alyssa Jocson

Member

Green River Community College/Seattle Central College, Librarian

Jeremiah Paschke-Wood

Member

University of Louisiana, Lafayette, Instructional Services Librarian

Raymond Wang

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