

ALA Executive Board Election 2014

Candidate: **Gail Schlachter**

Current Position: President, Reference Service Press
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Education: University of Minnesota, Ph.D., Library Science, 1971
University of Southern California, M.P.A., Public Administration, 1976
University of Wisconsin, M.A., Library Science, 1967
University of Wisconsin, M.A., American Colonial History, 1966
University of Wisconsin, M.A., Education, 1966
University of California, Berkeley, B.A., American History, 1964

ALA Activities: Member continuously since 1974

ALA Council Activities

COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE (elected to 5 terms; current term: 2012-15)
COUNCIL FORUM CO-CONVENOR (served 2 terms: 2005-9)
DIVISION COUNCILOR, RUSA (elected by RUSA members, 1990)
MEMBER, Committee on Committees (elected by Council), 2007-8
MEMBER, Council Rep to the Planning and Budget Assembly (elected), 2012-14
MEMBER, Committee on Research and Statistics (CORS), 2013-15
MEMBER, Council Resolutions Committee

ALA Committee Activities (selected)

CHAIR, ALA Publishing Committee (appointed, 2 terms, 2010-12)
CHAIR, *American Libraries* Advisory Committee
MEMBER, ALA Membership Committee

ALA Divisions/Units (selected)

PRESIDENT, Reference and User Services (RUSA) 1988-89
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, *Reference and User Services Quarterly (RUSQ)*, 1997-2000
REFERENCE REVIEW EDITOR, *RUSQ* (formerly *RQ*): 1977-88
DIRECTOR, RUSA Board of Directors
CHAIR, Publishing Committee, LAAMA (appointed, 2 terms)
TREASURER, Ethnic Materials Information Round Table (EMIERT), elected 2 terms
PRESIDENT, Chapter of Academic & Research Librarians (CARL), ACRL
MEMBER (current): RUSA, PLA, ACRL, IFRT, SRRT, EMIERT
DONOR: Reference Service Press Award (\$2,500 per year), RUSA, 1985- present.

Other Library Activities:

TREASURER, REFORMA California Gold Chapter
DIRECTOR, Board of Directors, California Library Association (CLA)
REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE, CLA Assembly
CHAIR, Professional Standards Committee, CLA
PRESIDENT, Chapter of Academic & Research Librarians (CARL), CLA (now part of ACRL)
NEWSLETTER EDITOR, *CARL Newsletter*
CHAIR, Librarians, Publishers, and Vendors Committee, CLA
CHAIR, Awards and Scholarship Committee, CLA
DONOR: Reference Service Press Fellowship (\$3,000 per year), CLA, 1993- present.

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Awards: "Distinguished Alumna of the Year," University of Wisconsin School of Library and Information Studies, 2007
"Resolution of Appreciation for Gail A. Schlachter, RUSQ Editor, 1997-2000." Reference and User Services Association, 2000
"Best Academic Title of the Year," *Choice*, 1997
"Louis Shores-Oryx Press Award" (for significant achievement in the field of reviewing), Reference and User Services Association, 1997
"Isador Gilbert Mudge Award for Distinguished Service to Reference Librarianship," Reference and User Services Association, 1992
"Best Reference Book of the Year," *Library Journal*, 1990
"Best Reference Book of the Year," *School Library Journal*, 1989
"Best Professional Book," *RQ*, 1986
ALA/Knowledge Industry's Award for Library Literature (for the outstanding contribution to library literature that year), American Library Association, 1985
Statistics Fellow, Social Science Research Institute, University of Southern California, 1973-1974
"Outstanding Professor," University of Southern California, 1973
Beta Phi Mu. 1971.
Title II-B Fellow, Higher Education Act (University of Minnesota), 1968-1971
Ford Foundation Fellow, University of Wisconsin, 1965

Note: For more information on my professional activities & contributions, go to:
www.rspfunding.com/GailSchlachter.html

Statement of Professional Concerns

Gail Schlachter Candidate for Executive Board

During my professional career, I have experienced librarianship from many perspectives--as an educator, librarian, manager, user, consultant, author, publisher, database producer, and passionate library advocate.

In the process, I've focused my professional energies on working within ALA as a member, officer, and donor to support the values I view essential to our field:

- Intellectual freedom
- Transparency
- Diversity
- Access
- Continuous learning
- Literacy

I am proud to belong to an association that fights effectively for these values.

Yet I am concerned about ALA's future. Our financial situation is challenging. To continue vital member services, increase membership, advocate for what we value, and win allies, our financial base needs to be as strong as our commitment to our values.

With my library, financial, administrative, and entrepreneurial background, I bring a unique set of skills that will make a contribution and a positive difference as the Executive Board works toward that goal.