

Candidate Forum for ALA Director Election

This **Saturday, August 29**, from **1:00pm – 3:30pm** we will conduct the ALA Candidate Forum using a Zoom meeting. Due to the large number of candidates running this year (12), we have decided to extend the time for conducting the Candidate Forum to 2 ½ hours to provide sufficient time.

Highlights of the Candidate Forum are as follows:

- ALA members may email questions to be used in the Candidate Forum, anytime up to 11:00am on the day of the Forum, to the moderator, Melissa Marshall at mmarshall@ala-ca.org
- The Candidate Forum will be conducted using Zoom meeting.
- Candidates and ALA members will access the Zoom meeting by clicking on the Candidate Forum link on the ALA website Home Page, which will then require the member to log-in using their ALA member user name and password.
- Once the member has logged in using their ALA credentials, the member will then be directed to an Election Page that lists the 5 seats up for election and the candidates running for each seat. Candidate Statements will also be available for the member to view on the Election Page.
- The Election Page will have a Zoom meeting link (posted shortly before the Forum starts) which will bring the member directly into the Candidate Forum Zoom meeting.
- Melissa Marshall will serve as moderator. Melissa is a neutral third party who has previously served in this role for an ALA Candidate Forum.
- Following a welcome and review of the Forum procedures by Melissa, each candidate will be provided 2 minutes to make an opening statement.
- Following opening statements, the moderator will begin asking questions of the candidates.
- Every question will be answered by each candidate, and each candidate will be given up to 2 minutes to answer the question.
- The order in which questions will be answered will be on a rotating basis as follows:
 - The 12 candidates will be listed alphabetically by last name.
 - The initial question will be answered first by the first candidate on the list and then answered by each candidate down the list.
 - The second question will be answered first by the second candidate on the list and then answered by each candidate down the list.
 - This process will continue for the time allotted to questions (approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes).
- The Candidate Forum is not a debate, but rather an opportunity for candidates to answer questions submitted by the members. There will be no rebuttal allowed by candidates or follow-up questions.
- Following the question period, each candidate will be provided 1 minute to make a closing statement.

Members may submit their questions anytime up to 11:00am on the day of the Candidate Forum.

Please submit questions to:

**Melissa Marshall - Moderator
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