



Executive Director Report
VLA Council
June 8, 2018

Three types of VLA Membership:

Individual Membership

- 2018 memberships paid so far: 770. 346 are in “lapsed” status.
- 2017 Membership: 1003
- 2016 Membership 950 Members
- 2015 Membership 900 Members; 2014 was 806, 2013 was 882 members, 2012 was 881 members

Four Spring events complete: VLACRL Spring Program, The Innovative Library Classroom, VLA Professional Associates Conference and Virginia Library Leadership Academy.

Joint Conference of Librarians of Color Travel Grants: 2 winners selected from a pool of 14 applicants. Thank you to the committee: Todd Elliott (VLA President) Julius Jefferson (Library of Congress) and Eva Poole (Virginia Beach Public Library Director) and Rose Dawson (Director, Alexandria Library) for their service to VLA. All applicants have received notice. LRV working with all applicants to start a new Committee/Forum for VLA that meets the needs of Librarians of Color.

VLA logo updated as well as VLA website. Logo Committee is in process.

American Libraries Online article published May 4. Co-authored with Kelly Miller, Coordinator of Library Services for Virginia Beach City Public Schools and Past President of the Virginia Association of School Librarians:

Finding Advocacy Allies: Library associations in Virginia team up to fight bad bills <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2018/05/04/finding-advocacy-allies/>

National Library Legislative Day: more than 30 Virginians participated; we met with staff from both Senators Kaine and Warner and many of our congresspeople’s staff. Special thanks to Renee DiPilato for making everything happen. VLA spent \$3911 reimbursing attendees for going to DC. Special tahnks also to the Library of Virginia for creating the Library Services and Technology Act Infographic that we distributed to VA legislators. Meeting with Dave Brat went especially well; he came out and met our group and took a photo. Eva Poole and Lisa Varga will meet with Scott Taylor’s people in Virginia Beach

next week to talk about how libraries aid Workforce Development.

ALA Policy Corps: LRV stayed an extra day in Washington for more training with the Policy Corps. This focused on improve and media training, and then discussion of our next steps.

ALA Annual Conference: LRV helping at Chapter Leader's Forum; attending the State Ecosystem Initiative, will talk about Policy Corps at Chapter Relations Committee. Presenting with the Washington Office on Saturday. Volunteering with Resume Review Service, attending International Council of Library Association Executives meetings and presenting on Policy Corps there as well.