

**2016-2017 ALA-APA CD#5_11217_INF
2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting**

TO: ALA-APA Council

RE: 2017 Midwinter Report

ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:

No action requested.

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BACKGROUND:

The ALA Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA) is a nonprofit professional organization

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that end, the ALA-APA is focused on two broad areas:

x Certification of individuals in specializations beyond the initial professional degree.

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Volunteers are being sought for appointments to the **2017-2018** ALA Allied Professional Association committees. Appointments will be made to the following committees: Certification Program, Certified Public Library Administrator Certification Review, Library Support Staff Certification Review and Salaries and Status of Library Workers (see charges, visit [\\$ 3 \\$ & R P P L W](#) Appointments take effect at the conclusion of the 2017 Annual Conference. In order to ensure broad representation and diversity on all committees, geographical location, type of library, gender, ethnicity, previous committee work (ALA, ALA-APA and other), relevant experience, and other factors are considered when the committee appointments are made. To volunteer, visit: <http://ala-apa.org/get-involved/>

Wear Red for Equal Pay Day

Equal Pay Day will be celebrated on **April 4, 2017**. It was first originated by the [National Committee on Pay Equity](#) (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap longer for the same amount of pay. Tuesday was selected to represent how far into the work week women must work to earn what men earned the previous week. Why do we celebrate this day? ALA is Also, as a female dominated profession (over 85%) pay equity is important to all library workers regardless of gender.

#NLWD17 is Coming!

This year, National Library Workers Day (**NLWD**) will be celebrated on **April 11, 2017**. The original resolution to begin the celebration was proposed to recognize the hard work, dedication, and expertise of library support staff and librarians. It was proposed that the Tuesday of National Library Week be designated the day; and, that on that day, interested library workers, library groups, and libraries should advocate for better compensation for all library workers. If the day coincides with the national celebration of Equal Pay Day, these individuals, groups, and libraries should recognize both days together. Library organizations are encouraged to host a celebration and submit a star to honor a great worker, team or department by visiting the NLWD website (www.ala-apa.org/nlwd) . To share stories or plans on how a library organization plans to celebrate, articles can be sent to: libraryworklife@ala.org.

Social Media and Promotional Materials

For monitoring of APA activities and events, visit the website at: www.ala-apa.org or follow the APA on Twitter [@alaapa](https://twitter.com/alaapa) or like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/alaapa) . Keepsake t-shirts and tote bags are on sale in the **ALA Midwinter Store** Z L W K W K/HLEUODRJLHØ :RÛN EHFDXVH ZH GR #DODDS

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