

Greetings! I can't believe we are in August already. I have been moving house over the last few months and am now in the midst of unpacking. I hope you have been enjoying summer.

The SLA board had their changeover meeting a little later than in other years and actually met in July. Since this is usually a two day, in-person meeting and we compressed it to a few hours via Zoom, it was quite different than normal. It went well and we said goodbye to Nicole Bergen (Member at Large) and Amber Daigneault (Member at Large) and welcomed new members Deborah Pelletier (Member at Large), Oksana Moshynska (Member at Large) and Tasha Maddison (VP of Advocacy and Development). Returning Board Members are Darrel Yates (Treasurer), Elaina St. Onge (VP of Engagement and Communications), Luke Muller (Member at Large), Megan Ashcroft (Member at Large) and me, Amy Rankin (President). We are excited for a year of work in the areas of diversity, truth and reconciliation, and much more.

We have started planning the 2022 SLA conference. I hope that you will be interested in joining us on this planning journey. Please send SLA staff Dorothea or Leslie an email, or give them a shout, if you want to join the team. It will be awesome!

Planning and work are underway in a lot of program areas – OBOP, Culture Days, and Library Week. Please keep an eye out for grant applications for programming related to the latter two. It will be another exciting and engaging program cycle for libraries, staff and the public.

We will continue to work on getting ready for the new program year starting in September. We will be having a Board orientation meeting in September, which will get us started with a bang.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Regards,
Amy Rankin
SLA President