

*Because MLA has ambitions to capitalize on its recent growth and financial stability in the next several years, it is desirable that individual Board members be well-rounded, possessing some of the following leadership traits or skills: big picture focus/global outlook; change agent; ability to present, persuade and influence; ability to implement a strategic plan; development/fundraising.*

***Expertise/Interests/Skills Nominee Can Bring to the Board as Described Above:***

As an academic librarian I believe that MLA is an important group because it gives all Michigan librarians the opportunity to work together and find commonalities. I head the Public Services unit at Northern Michigan University's Olson Library, and that means that I coordinate personnel and activities in circulation, reference, instruction, and outreach. This position requires that I not only represent my own position on issues, but that I listen to others and create solutions to any problems. It is also necessary for us to react to issues that are brought to us from the outside, and find ways to serve. It seems to me that the MLA Board has a similar mission--to serve Michigan libraries, no matter their mission.

***Brief Summary of Professional Experience:***

Head of Public Services and Professor, Lydia M. Olson Library, Northern Michigan University, March 2007-present.

Chair and Associate Professor, Library Instructional Services Program, Brookens Library, University of Illinois at Springfield, January 2005-February 2007.

Liaison Librarian, Reference & Instruction Team, Laurence McKinley Gould Library, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, July 2000-December 2004.

Coordinator, Instructional Services, Houston Cole Library, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama, August 1998-June 2000.

***Service to the Michigan Library Association:***

Served on Academic Libraries Day Work Group, 2009-2010, chaired the Marketing Subgroup for Academic Libraries Conference, 2012, and co-chaired the Academic Libraries Conference Work Group for 2013.

Michigan Library Association Nominating Committee 2014.

Michigan Library Association Awards Committee 2015.

***Service to the Profession Outside of MLA:***

American Library Association, Fall 1997-present. ACRL member, Literatures in English Section, College Libraries Section, Women and Gender Studies Section, Digital Scholarship Section, and Instruction Section member.

Served on program committee for the Literatures in English Section, 2007. Served on the program committee for the College Libraries Section in 2008.

Represented MLA on ACRL Chapters Council 2014-2016

***Service to Non-Profit Organizations/Community Outside of the Library World:***

Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association. Member since 1985. Board member, 1988-1990. Chair, ACA Women's Studies, 1987 conference. Chair, Mystery and Detective Fiction, 1998 and 1999 conferences, 2012 and 2013 conferences, and 2017 and 2018 conferences.

Wisconsin Upper Michigan Bridge Association, Secretary 2012-present.  
Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club, Secretary 2011-2013, Librarian, 2009-present.

***Other Board(s) and/or Committee(s) on which you are currently serving:***