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ALA Alumni



When it comes to associations, ALA has a relationship with its members that goes well beyond the norm. For many, ALA is more than an organization to which members belong, it's a place to excel, network, learn, create, and share. It's not just a *community*, it's *family*. When members retire or move on to other pursuits, this connection to the ALA community and family can go away – but with the recent launch of a new initiative, “ALA Alumni,” that no longer has to be the case.

ALA Alumni has been established as an independent program within ALA to allow former members who are retired or who no longer work as legal managers to retain ties to the Association and the profession. In essence, those eligible to participate in the ALA Alumni program are former members who want and choose to stay connected. This is not a new category of membership; in fact, alumni will not be considered members at all, nor will they receive the benefits of membership, per se. However, for a nominal annual “program fee” or “club fee” alumni will enjoy a variety of tailored benefits such as:

- access to a customized alumni Web site that can be accessed from ALA's home page at www.alanet.org. The ALA Alumni site will include news and activities of alumni as well as an online and password protected alumni directory;
- a quarterly e-newsletter with alumni news and ALA happenings;
- a Volunteer Program where ALA alumni can offer their expertise in writing, speaking, and mentoring at various levels in the organization, if they choose to do so;
- an Annual Conference “alumni package,” including a reunion event and other special activities at the Conference, beginning with New Orleans in 2009; and
- opportunities to participate in cruises or other group vacation programs.

Learn more at alumni.alanet.org. ♦

MEET THE ALUMNI ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A five-person Alumni Advisory Committee assists with the planning and administration of many aspects of the Alumni program. The Advisors include:

CAROL VODRA DODD

Alexandria, Virginia

Carol Vodra Dodd's membership in ALA extended from 1977 through 2003. In addition to many Chapter and Regional offices that she held, Dodd served on ALA's Board of Directors from 1994 to 1996. She was a lifetime member of the Large Firm Administrators Caucus, served on the Association's Vendor Relations Task Force, and was a key player in ALA's Intellectual Property special interest group.

JOHN R. GERHARD

Honeoye Falls, New York

John Gerhard joined ALA in 1982 and remained a member until his retirement from Nixon Peabody (Rochester, New York) in 2007. At various points during his ALA tenure, he served on the Member Benefits Task Force, as a Regional Vice President, and he was a tremendous force in ALA's Large Firm Administrators Caucus.

D. JAMES LANTONIO

McLean, Virginia

Prior to retirement, Jim Lantonio was the Executive Director at Milbank Tweed in New York City, and before that, with Sidley & Austin in Chicago, Illinois. He was an ALA member from 1985 to 2005 and a founder of ALA's Large Firm Administrators

Caucus. Lantonio served multiple terms on the Association's Board of Directors and was a frequent speaker at various ALA events.

ROBERTA MATHIE

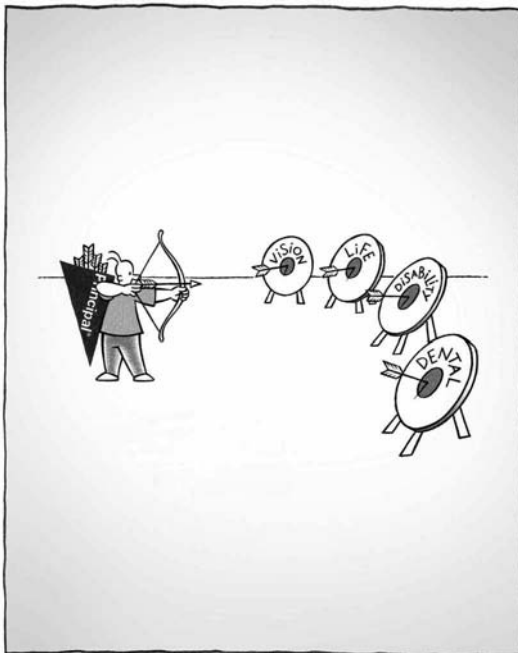
Washington Township, Michigan

Roberta "Bobbie" Mathie was an ALA member for 18 years, starting in 1981. She was the administrator at Sullivan Ward in Southfield, Michigan. Mathie served in multiple Chapter positions, including President of the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter (where she is a life member), and she held Regional Vice President positions prior to her service on ALA's Board of Directors from 1994 to 1997. In 1999, Mathie served as the Annual Conference Chair.

CECELIA VANDERLIP

Janesville, Wisconsin

From 1992 to 2007, Cecelia Vanderlip was a member of ALA and a very active member and leader in ALA's Wisconsin Chapter (WALA). She served in every WALA Chapter officer position, including President, from 1997 to 1998. Vanderlip was on ALA's Member Benefits Committee and the 2004 Annual Conference Committee. Before her retirement, she was the administrator at Nowlan & Mouat in Janesville, Wisconsin.



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