



**Recognizing:** New Jersey Chapter      **Project Title:** Adopt a Chapter

The New Jersey Association of Legal Administrators (NJALA) decided to “adopt” a smaller, less fortunate chapter. The Board of Trustees evaluated nearby chapters that were in the same Region (Region 1). NJALA is lucky to have a large membership (150 members) and good Business Partners, so we felt this was the least we could do for fellow ALA members. We chose to adopt the Central Pennsylvania (Central PA) chapter. The Central PA chapter was delighted to receive our sponsorship. They have only 28 members, and only 2 business partners.

The adoption consists of the following:

- A donation of \$3,000 for Central PA to use to send members to an ALA conference of their choosing, in 2017.
- An invitation to join NJ members at conference dinners and other social events.
- Associate membership in the NJ chapter, where Central PA will be able to send members to NJ events, such as educational seminars, dinners and social events.
- An invitation to Central PA members to participate for free in NJ’s annual Bowl-A-Thon, a charity event that brings members and Business Partners together to benefit local charities.
- This will be an annual sponsorship, to be voted on each year by the NJALA Board of Trustees.

The adoption is intended to improve the educational opportunities of the Central PA chapter, give their members the opportunity to meet regional members, and introduce them to potential Business Partners. We hope that their members will benefit from this relationship. We believe this is the first initiative of its kind in the ALA. Our anticipated budget is \$3,500 per year.