



Should I be elected, I would bring to the American Library Association (ALA), its members, and its stakeholders my deep passion and enthusiasm for the library field and my experiences in education and library administration. Thirty-five years of experience as a leader has not only allowed me insight into ALA's challenges, but also allowed me time to develop close associations with the incredibly talented members of ALA. Both the insight and the associations provide me with the necessary preparation to respond effectively to ALA's opportunities in the 21st century.

-- **Herman Totten**

PLATFORM

Cultural Diversity

Because libraries are providing services to increasingly diverse populations, we must ensure that diversity in all its forms—ethnicity, age, gender, social class, sexual orientation, physical disabilities—is recognized and accepted.

Learning

Lifelong learning is the watchword for library workers in the Information Century. Not only do library workers promote lifelong learning, but they are also known for continuing their own education.

Access

We must join forces throughout the continent to ensure effective use of and equal access to information. American and Canadian libraries play a fundamental role in fulfilling information needs around the world.

Service

It is crucial that practitioners and educators collaborate on clear goals, objectives, and workable solutions to the challenges confronting the dissemination of information. Because library workers are expected to serve our diverse communities quickly, accurately, and effectively, we must continue to encourage literacy and intellectual freedoms.

Salary

Salary issues claim an area where both challenges and opportunities lie. Services provided to our communities by library workers are exceptional and deserve exceptional compensation—first-class pay for a first-class service.

BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Herman L. Totten has been on the University of North Texas (UNT) faculty since 1977. He is a Regents Professor in the School of Library and Information Sciences and since September 1, 2002, serves a rotating two-year appointment as Executive Faculty Assistant to the President of UNT. His previous positions include Associate Dean for the School of Library and Information Sciences at the UNT; Professor and Dean at the University of Oregon; Associate Dean, College of Library and Information Science at the University of Kentucky; Academic Dean at Wiley College; and Chief Librarian at Wiley College.

Dr. Totten is currently the Immediate Past President of the Texas Library Association (TLA), the nation's largest state library association. During his more than 30 years as a member of TLA, he has served as Chair and a member of many committees. From 1993-95, he served as Chair of the Texas State Library Joint

Committee for Statewide Library Planning.

He was the featured personality in the February 10, 2002 edition of the Dallas Morning News High Profile section. He was appointed Trustee to the ARMA International Educational Board of Trustees, June 30, 2001. Annually, the UNT faculty elects one of its members to serve as Summer Commencement Speaker. Dr. Totten was their 2001 selection.

Among his many awards and honors are the 2001 ALA Melvil Dewey Award; the 1999 Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Outstanding Teacher Award; the 1992 ALA Black Caucus Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Library and Information Science Education; and the 1991 ALISE Award for Professional Contributions to Library and Information Science Education. In 1991, he was given the Award of Merit for the Outstanding Alumnus by the Alumni Association of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Oklahoma.

He is a life member of the American Library Association (ALA), where he has served as Chair of the ALA Committee on Accreditation, Chair of the ALA Committee on Minority Concerns, and just completed a term in 2002 on the ALA Council. See a complete listing of his offices below.

- ALA Council, 1999-02
- ALA Resolutions Committee, 1999-00
- ALA Minorities Concerns Committee, 1994-95
- ALA Planning & Budget Assembly, 1993-94
- ALA Library Education Assembly, 1993-94
- ALA Committee on Minority Concerns, Chair, 1991-93.
- ALA Committee on Accreditation, Chair, 1993-94
- Ex officio Member, ALA President's Committee on Cultural Diversity, 1991-93
- Ex officio Member, ALA-COA Subcommittee to Revise The Standards for Accreditation, 1972, 1989-90
- Ex officio Member ALA-COA Subcommittee to Review The Standards for Accreditation, 1972, 1988-89
- ALA Library Education Assembly 1987-90
- ALA Planning & Budget Assembly 1987-90
- Member Interview Panel for the Selection of the ALA Accreditation Officer, Chicago, Illinois, June 3-5, 1987
- ALA Committee on Accreditation, Chair, 1987-90
- ALA Committee on Accreditation, 1986-87
- ALA USDE Accreditation Project, 1984-86
- ALA Committee on Accreditation, 1983-85
- ALA Beta Phi Mu Awards Jury, 1979-80
- ALA Council, 1979-83
- ALA-ISAD Audio Visual Section, Vice Chairman and Chairman-Elect, 1976-78
- ALA Minority Scholarship Jury Chairman, 1976-77
- ALA-LED Beta Phi Mu Awards Committee, 1976-77
- ALA-President's Commission, 1976-77
- ALA-ISAD Nominating Committee, 1974-75
- ALA-LED Nominating Committee, 1974-75
- ALA-ACRL Ad hoc Committee to Revise the 1959 Standards for College Libraries, 1973-75
- ALA-LED-LOMS, Non-Print Media Committee, 1972-74
- ALA-LED Legislative Committee, 1972-74
- ALA-LED-LOMS, Reference Statistics Committee, 1970-72
- ALA-LED Teachers Section, Media Research Committee, 1969-72
- ALA-ACRL Audiovisual Committee, Chairman, 1969-72
- ALA Awards Committee - Clarence Day Awards Subcommittee, Juror, 1967-68
- ALA-ACRL Audiovisual Committee Member, 1967-69

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