

Candidate Statements for 2008 LAUC-B Election

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Margaret Phillips

My goal in running for LAUC-B Vice Chair/Chair-elect is to ensure that librarians continue to have a voice in discussions about the future of the UC Berkeley Library and, in particular, the future of our profession here. During my 17 years in the Berkeley library and, in particular during my tenure on CAPA, I have seen that every librarian has a unique career and that together we all contribute to the excellence of this organization. I look forward to continuing the on-going discussion with colleagues about the challenges and opportunities of our ever-transforming profession.

Over the years, I have served on a number of LAUC committees including: Nominating and Elections, Professional Development, Cultural Diversity, CAPA, and planning committees for two statewide assemblies and a LAUC conference; from 2000-2002, I served as LAUC rep.

Secretary

Paul Atwood

Previous experience on the LAUC-B Executive Committee provides me first-hand understanding of the importance of governance for librarians both at UCB and throughout the UC system. As Secretary I will facilitate dialog and support decision-making by supplying accurate and timely reporting to the Executive Committee and to the LAUC-B membership. In addition, I will review, update, and document bylaws and procedural workflow as needed.

I served as Chair of the Committee on Affiliated Affairs and am a former member of the Professional Development Committee. I now welcome the opportunity to serve as Secretary for 2008-09.

Frank Lester

I am honored to be running for the office of LAUC-B Secretary. My relevant background includes service as recording secretary for Commission meetings during my time as a staff member at the San Francisco Ethics Commission. As Secretary I would work diligently to achieve mastery of bylaws, policies, and procedures; and to ensure prompt, accurate, and responsible LAUC-B Executive Committee and Assembly minutes recording and distribution, rigorous roster maintenance, and accurate and consistent web reflector and webpage maintenance.

I-Wei Wang

Since joining the reference staff of the UC Berkeley Law Library last year, I have sought to become more active with LAUC-B, as a way of connecting with my peers around the campus and contributing to our collective professional development. I currently serve as the Affiliated Representative on the LAUC-B Committee on Research, and in the coming months look forward to helping plan a dynamic program as a member of the LAUC-B 2009 Conference Planning Committee. I have also worked on other library initiatives, including the FSM Educational Programs Committee and the Digital Rights Management Task Force for a group of affiliated libraries.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve as the LAUC-B Secretary for the 2008/2009 term. My experience on numerous internal law library committees, where I have been responsible for distributing prompt and concise minutes, prepares me well for this role. I hope to bring my energy and perspectives—as a newer librarian, as an affiliated employee, and as a person of color—to help LAUC-B meet the challenges and opportunities before us.

Library Representative

David Eifler

As a new reference and instruction librarian in a subject specialty library I bring a great deal of enthusiasm for our profession, the Library's collection and the demonstrated professionalism of our staff. I am a member of the recently formed Educational Initiatives Council and have actively participated in the New Directions process. If elected, I will work to promote the professional recognition won for us over LAUC's 40 year history in the face of current challenges posed by emerging technologies, public funding cuts, and attacks on the social and educational commons.

Jianye He

As a young area specialist, I've been observing new trends in scholastic communication and changing roles of libraries and librarians in recent years. The library-wide New Direction discussion inspired me in many ways and participation in the library retreat provided me a valuable opportunity to share with other colleagues our common concerns and insights about the future of the library. My experience of collaboration and cooperation within and beyond the East Asian Library also greatly encouraged me to be optimistic in serving the library community. I am very willing to bring my expertise and enthusiasms to serve as Library Alternate Representative to the LAUC-B Executive Committee.

Lisa Ngo

As a new librarian to the Engineering Library at UC Berkeley, I appreciated LAUC's efforts to welcome me to the university and am eager for the opportunity to give back to the organization by participating in the governance and operations of LAUC-B. If elected as a library representative, I will work to support LAUC-B's mission to raise awareness of library concerns within the university and to work with the associations on the other UC campuses. I will also be working on the LAUC-B Conference Planning Committee for 2009 and look forward to being more involved with LAUC in the future.

Jim Ronningen

LAUC has never been more important than now, on the cusp of potentially radical changes to the profession. Locally, New Directions promises to bring fresh concepts to how we serve the UC Berkeley community and define what it is we do, and beyond that we will be engaged in dialogues regarding how we can best take part in the networked environment. Running for Library Representative offers an opportunity to participate in this process, and I would welcome the chance to serve in that capacity.

Affiliated Libraries Affairs Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Ramona Martinez

It is my pleasure to be considered for the position of Affiliated Libraries Vice-Chair/Chair Elect in the LAUC-B Executive Committee.

Over the course of my time working at the law library I have visited the majority of the libraries on campus to use the rich and varied resources available to the UC Berkeley community. Each campus library, indeed each UC librarian, has an individual strength but collectively we are stronger than each of us is on our own. LAUC-B should serve to bring us all together so we can see how we can best support each other in our mission.