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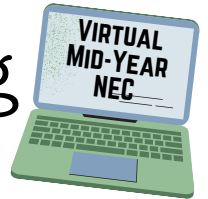
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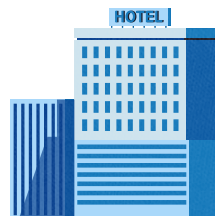
Feb. 24, 2024

On Feb. 24, 2024, at 2 p.m. Eastern, the National Executive Committee will hold its annual mid-year board meeting. This meeting will be held virtually, but like all regularly scheduled national board meetings, it is an open forum meeting. During this meeting, voting members of the board will ratify any national committee appointment changes and charter cancellations since the 2023 National Convention, as well as hear reports from national officers and staff members. The national Finance Committee and NHQ Finance Division will prepare a “Year To Date” presentation for the board, highlighting any areas of concern in the FY24 budget. The national Risk & Compliance Committee, alongside National’s professional auditing firm, will present the external audit for acceptance and filing.

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2024 Housing Link



2024 Conference Agenda Link

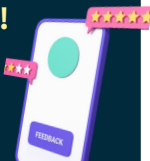


2024 Official Dress Code Link

ALA TODAY SURVEY

FEEDBACK

WE WANT TO KNOW YOUR
THOUGHTS. PLEASE TAKE THIS
QUICK SURVEY!



Flying?

TSA provides data to check airport security wait times through the TSA mobile “MyTSA” app.

MyTSA



WAA



4,225

participating locations across the country,
including Arlington National Cemetery,
on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023



126

 ALA Registered
Sponsorship
Groups

More than **3,000,000** volunteers
across the country and a third of
them are children



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
ANNOUNCES NEW THEME FOR 2024:

LIVE WITH PURPOSE

THIS YEAR'S THEME DRAWS INSPIRATION
FROM THE REMARKABLE STORIES OF
THESE VOLUNTEERS WHOSE IMPACTFUL
WORK IN THEIR COMMUNITIES IS A BEACON
OF INSPIRATION FOR ALL.

Higher Learning

ALANHQ Staff Aiming High



We love that Human Resources Director Shannon Hitchcock is always looking for professional development opportunities for our staff. Last October, at the direction of Executive Director Sara Riegel, we were treated to a LinkedIn Learning subscription that has proven to be a huge success!

The ALANHQ team has access to all kinds of courses; however, the most popular topics are proving to be how to use Excel software, how to give a great presentation, and how to listen for effective communication. You might also find it interesting to know that Christmas Day was the busiest LinkedIn Learning day with 13 courses completed. Not only is this team willing and ready to learn, but they're doing it on their days off!

ALANHQ never turns down an opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives we serve. We take pride in our dedication to continuous development because when we grow, we can help the organization grow.

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STAFF MEMBERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE LINKEDIN LEARNING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

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COURSES COMPLETED

DEC. 25, 2023 WAS THE BUSIEST DATE WITH 13 COURSES COMPLETED

MOST POPULAR CONTENT VIEWED

Excel Training

Unlearning Silence

The 3-minute Rule:
Say Less to Get More

How to Speak
So People Want to Listen

Microsoft 365

722 views

CREDITS EARNED IN PMI, SHRM, AND HRCI PROGRAMS INCLUDE CONTENT FOR...

- Becoming an Ally to All
- The Three Pillars of Effective Communication
- Leading with a Heavy Heart
- Hybrid Project Management: Do What Works
- Project Management Simplified
- Why Projects Fail and How to Improve Their Success
- AI Challenges and Opportunities for Leadership
- Diversity Recruiting

FROM THE DED DESK



Tamara Shumate
Deputy Executive Director

When I was named deputy executive director, I was tasked with helping our volunteers learn more about our NHQ team. It was a challenge I happily accepted and immediately knew I wanted to create a monthly newsletter filled with staff accomplishments, photos, and helpful links.

We are now on our 13th issue and could not be more proud of how this newsletter has evolved over the past year. So, without further ado, please put your hands together for two people who make *ALA Today* possible.

First is our newsletter designer, Sommer Prim. While most of you know her as our executive administrative assistant and the national president's magic wand, she is also a super-creative person with an amazing eye for fashion and design ... which is why *ALA Today* looks so good! Without Sommer, these *ALA Today* issues would just be words on a page, so thank you, Sommer, for making us look so good!

Second is our director of Communications & Marketing, Stephanie Holloway. Every month she makes time to edit *ALA Today* so it's accurate and professional. Even though she has a million things on her to-do list, she takes the time to make sure we are sending out a high-quality piece to our volunteers.

Sommer, you make people want to read my words, and Stephanie, you've fooled people into believing I can spell and use appropriate punctuation — I can't thank you both enough!

If you love reading the newsletter as much as we love sending it, please take a minute to complete a very short reader survey — you can find the link on page 1 of this newsletter.

Sommer



Stephanie



NHQ
NOW
HIRING

PROGRAM
MANAGER

APPLY NOW

EVENT
COORDINATOR

APPLY NOW

MEMBERSHIP
COORDINATOR

APPLY NOW



BUCKLE UP!

ALANHQ was approved for a Special Group Recognition (SGR) license plate for the first time! The ALA-branded license plate is available to all Indiana residents this registration year, which began Jan. 1. Is your ALA department interested in applying for the same benefit in your state?

An SGR plate can promote an organization while using the revenue to improve services provided or special projects. An organization seeking initial participation in the SGR license plate program must submit a completed application, including the required documentation, to the BMV. Read more on the ALA blog.

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LEGION
RIDERS

FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2 	3 FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY
4  USO BIRTHDAY	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 	15	16	17
NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERAN PATIENTS WEEK						
18	19  Presidents' Day  National Coast Guard Reserve Birthday	20	21	22	23	24  VIRTUAL MID-YEAR NEC
25	26	27	28 	29	1	2
TAL DC CONFERENCE						

Mark Your Calendars! 

March 15: The American Legion's 105th Birthday

April 11-12: Focus Briefings

April 12-14: National Chairmen's Meeting

April 15: Purple Up! Day for Military Children

April 27: American Legion Family Day



eNews

Don't forget to check out the monthly ALA eNews. If you haven't done so already, click the button below to subscribe!

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STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Happy Birthday!



Stephanie Holloway
Director of Communications
and Marketing
February



Shannon Hitchcock
Director of Human Resources
March



Maggie Smith
Development Coordinator
February



Bonnie Vest
ALA MIS Specialist
March



Elizabeth Chiavarini
Database Administrator
February



Alexa Freeman
Communications Specialist
March



Ynfinity Taylor
Accounting Coordinator
February



Kelly Harrier
Director of Membership
March

Happy Anniversary!



Cathi Taylor
Archivist
February 1 (13 Years)



Co Bartel
Administrative Assistant
February 23 (1 Year)



Dean Sanders
Development Manager
February 28 (2 Years)



Kristin Hinshaw
Senior Program Coordinator
March 3 (10 Years)



Erin Hoffmann
Accounting Manager
March 24 (10 Years)

WELCOME

NEW

STAFF

Clay Wright

Program
Coordinator



Alexandra Goree

Front Desk
Coordinator

