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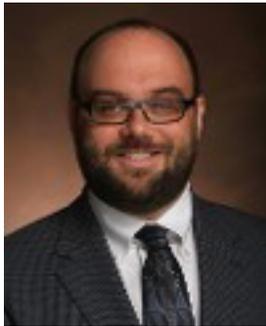
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## President's Message Full Steam Ahead!

By: Stephen Sweeney, CAL President



Happy New Year! I am looking forward to a terrific year, and we will get there together. If you attended the conference in Keystone back in October, you are now ready to Go! There were some great presenters, informative keynotes, and a very

hardworking committee that helped to bring it all together. Now that we are hard at work innovating Colorado Libraries, we have the opportunity to look forward. This year's conference will be in October at the Embassy Suites in Loveland, and will be a dynamic way to think about what your libraries are doing today and in the future, while considering what has happened in the past.

In terms of looking back, take a step back in time with me; not one year, or even ten years, but let's look back 131 years. That's right; CAL is the successor organization to the Colorado Library Association and the Colorado Educational Media Association. Back in 1892, the purpose of the newly formed Colorado Library Association (CLA), was five-fold: 1) To stimulate library interests in Colorado by means of addresses, articles in the press, circulation of printed matter and other proper means; 2) To promote co-operation among the librarians of Colorado; 3) To co-operate with the American Library Association in promoting general library interests; 4) To gather reliable library statistics in regard to the libraries of the State; & 5) To consider library legislation, etc. That information came from the Library Journal in 1893.

Jumping forward all these many years later, compare the goals of 1892 to our current objectives: 1) Support intellectual freedom; 2) Provide continuing education opportunities; 3) Pursue legislative initiatives; 4) Offer

professional development; & 5) Network with librarians and civic leaders. How close have we stayed to our primary objective? We remain a member organization working toward the growth and advancement of ourselves, our profession, and our libraries.

This legislative session is a good example of the good work we are trying to accomplish. At the conference last year, the CAL membership passed a Resolution to Support an Appropriation to the State Grants for Libraries Act. With the help of our lobbyists, we are seeking to fully fund (at \$1.00 per capita) a law that already exists. An additional \$5.2 million will work wonders for our State's library systems. It will bring a minimum of \$3,000 per library or school district, doubling the book and materials budgets in some rural areas. It will also strengthen academic libraries preparing students for productive lives, and improve public libraries efforts to make more early childhood and family literacy materials available to all. Watch your email for ways that you can help make this resolution a reality over the next several months.

We cannot accomplish any of these works without our members, our staff, and our Executive Board. The Board was announced at the CAL Conference in Keystone, and is already hard at work. We met on December 15 to consider the budget as well as other important matters. The afternoon session was more retreat-oriented and focused on setting realistic goals within the realm of project management. The day was a success, and will continue to be measured as a success by the events that happen over the balance of the year. We have one committee that is attempting their first program in a while, and other associations that are working to provide a whole host of programming opportunities over the spring and early summer. I hope to see you at one or many of these events!

Stephen Sweeney  
CAL President 2013

## Paralibrarian Division Update

By: Karyn Pelz, Paralibrarian Reporter

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Steaming into the Future: Libraries Transformed**  
**Wed. March, 27, 2013**

The CAL Paralibrarian Division will be holding their annual Spring Workshop at the Community College of Aurora, on Wednesday, March 27th. This year's theme: Steaming into the Future: Libraries Transformed. A call for presenters will take place in early January. Several scholarships will be awarded for full registration. However, last year several CAL members only scholarships were not awarded due to lack of registration. Consider joining CAL now so you will be able to apply for these CAL Member- only opportunities.

## CoALA Update

By: Sarah I. Smith, CoALA President-Elect



The CoALA Executive Board convened on November 19, 2012 to plan its initiatives for 2012-2013. Attendees at the October 2012 CoALA business meeting, held in conjunction with the CAL annual conference, were surveyed about their priorities for the association. CoALA members ranked educational (“conferences”) and networking opportunities as our highest priorities.

Our members spoke – CoALA listened!

In spring 2013, CoALA will be holding face-to-face workshops and one online workshop to help meet the diverse needs of our members. These workshops will provide our members with great opportunities to develop professional knowledge as well as to meet other librarians with shared interests.

The locations for the spring 2013 workshops will be:

- \* Western State Colorado University in Gunnison – April 26, 2013
- \* Community College of Aurora
- \* University of Wyoming at Laramie
- \* Online workshop hosted by CSU-Pueblo – May, 2013

Additionally, CoALA and CASL are partnering to host a “mixer” at a restaurant in Colorado Springs in February, 2013. Poster presentations will be solicited to incorporate an educational/informational component to this social event.

In 2012-13, CoALA's board members will be investigating resources and methods for measuring the impact of the association's academic library members in further response to feedback culled from the October survey. Pikes Peak Community College Library is in contact with a Library Science scholar from UNC-Chapel Hill for this purpose; the Colorado State Library will also be consulted.

Importantly, CoALA will be nominating the next president of Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL). Please contact Sarah I. Smith, [sismith@coloradomtn.edu](mailto:sismith@coloradomtn.edu), if you know of someone who would make a worthy candidate for this esteemed position. There is great personal and professional reward in serving your association and its members; thus, please note that self-nominations are also welcome.

The next meeting of CoALA will be held on January 4, 2013.

# Trustees & Friends Division Update

By: Robin Gard, Chair

Another new year is upon us. It's trite but true that this is an ideal time to reflect on our past year's accomplishments and think about what we would like to accomplish in 2013.

## **2012 Accomplishments:**

- Successfully sponsored a workshop geared toward our valued Friends of the Library groups. More than 50 attendees representing 20 libraries gathered for a day-long event to help spark new ideas on membership and fund-raising.
- Our six CAL Conference workshops at Keystone were presented to more than 150 members. We held a first ever Trustee Round Table to talk about common issues and learned again that many times we all face the same challenges.
- We have a leadership team in place for our Division who will work together to continually provide value to our members.
- We surveyed our membership about what they want from the CAL Conference and got a terrific response – and we listened to your ideas and will continue to ask your opinions.
- We amended our Division bylaws to allow for voting for officers on the general CAL ballot rather than at the Annual Meeting. This allows more member input and aligns our division with the rest of CAL. The new version will be posted soon on our [CAL Division web page](#).

## **2013 Continuing Goals:**

- Our team of officers will stay connected to CAL Leadership. Our division chair is now a voting member of the CAL Executive Board. Our concerns are listened to and we have a voice in important decisions.
- Keep members updated. We will continue to send out e-mail updates quarterly and to publish articles in the CAL Newsletter.
- Encourage networking – the Conference always reminds us of how valuable it is for trustees, Friends, and advocates to get together and share ideas and information.
- Present educational opportunities. Whether at the CAL Conference or perhaps smaller regional events, we will try to make information and training available.
- Stress advocacy. This is always a concern, particularly this year when we have a funding proposal we want to present to our legislators.

## **Reminders:**

- Don't miss out! Make sure you [renew your CAL membership today!](#)
- Check out the [funding resolution](#) and bring it to your Board to endorse.

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# Thinkin' Outside the Box, School Libraries Rock!

By: Becky Johnson, CASL Past-President



From left: Paula Busey with Samwel Melami  
Photograph by Dana Romanoff, Courtesy of National Geographic Traveler

Paula Busey, a teacher-librarian from Thunder Ridge High School in Douglas County (and Highly Effective Librarian Recognition recipient from CDE this past spring) just received an award from National Geographic for her cross-discipline (and continent!) collaboration to bring a Maasai warrior from Tanzania to work with students at her school and several other Douglas County schools.

The article (italicized below) is featured in the December/January issue of National Geographic Traveler and you can link to the actual interview/photos at the link below that.

We've shared this with our CDE colleagues and received lots of great feedback from non-librarians in the matter of 2 hours. CDE twittered and shared this on other social media. In what other ways can we reach NON-librarians with this story and/or other success stories of how our students benefit from teacher-leaders? We'd love it if you could share out your thoughts!

*"ThunderRidge High School librarian Paula Busey was selected as one of National Geographic Traveler magazine's "Traveler of the Year." Paula received this recognition for the Maasai in Residence Program at ThunderRidge in April of 2010 and 2011, which involved bring-*

*ing Samwel Melami Langidare Mollel, a Maasai warrior, from Tanzania to Highlands Ranch Colorado. Paula met Samwel, who speaks 5 languages fluently, on safari in 2009. She realized that his expertise in wildlife conservation, ethnobotany, the history, culture and challenges of the Maasai would bring a powerful and unique global learning opportunity to ThunderRidge.*

*After raising travel funds through jewelry sales and contributions from the yearbook committee, and with the support from principal Carole Jennings, Samwel left Africa for the first time and taught students at TRHS, Rocky Heights Middle School, Highlands Ranch High School, Saddle Ranch Elementary School, Aurora Central High School, and Pathways Alternative School in Littleton.*

*The students were profoundly and positively affected by the highly interactive lessons Samwel taught in subject areas such as fine and performing arts, wildlife, environmental and health sciences, history and cultural anthropology. They danced, sang, painted their faces as Maasai warriors, made fire with two sticks, and listened raptly to Samwel's stories of growing up Maasai near the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania. Busey explained, "this project illustrates what school libraries can bring to global learning in schools. With the support of our principals we can offer our students rich experiences with collaboration, creativity, and face-to-face interaction with experts from around the nation and the planet."*

Here is the link to interview/photos in this month's issue of National Geographic Traveler, which includes photos and interview.

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/travelers-of-the-year/paula-busey-samwel-melami/>

## MPLA Update

By: Tiffanie Wick, MPLA Representative

### Who's who on your 2013 MPLA Executive Board?

JaNae Kinikin - President  
Webdy Webdt - Vice Prsident / President-Elect  
Dana Braccia - Past President  
Lea Briggs - Recording Secretary

It may be hard to believe, but it's never too early to start thinking about program proposals for the 2013 MPLA/SDLA/NDLA Tri-Conference to be held 25-27 September 2013 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Please consider submitting program proposals at the [South Dakota Library Association page](#).

2013 MPLA membership renewals are now being accepted! Remember, first time members get 50% discount on the first annual membership fee. Thanks so much for your support!

The December 2012 - January 2013 [MPLA Newsletter](#) is now available for your viewing pleasure!

## CALCON13 Update

The [2013 CAL Conference](#) will take place Oct. 17th - 19th, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in Loveland, CO!

The hotel room block deadline for reservations is **Sept. 15, 2013** – but due to limited availability at the Embassy Suites Loveland in 2010 & 2011, we recommend you make your reservations as early as possible. [Make your 2013 CALCON room reservation today!](#)

If you wish to make your reservation by phone, please call 1-800-EMBASSY (362-2779) and ask for the 2013 CAL Conference with booking code **CAL**.



## Upcoming Events

- [NPIG Event:](#)  
Getting Hired as a Professional Librarian | Jan. 19th, 2013
- [CoALA Spring Workshop Series:](#)  
Mar. 15th, 2013, Apr. 12, 2013, Apr. 26, 2013
- [Paralibrarian Division Spring Workshop:](#)  
Steaming into the Future: Libraries Transformed | Mar. 28th, 2013