

**Public Library & Trustees Section (PLTS)  
Annual Report 2017**

First and foremost, I need to sincerely thank the rest of the PLTS Board members; Becky Baker, Amy Hafer, and Pat Leach for helping me out with the tasks required of the PLTS Chairperson. My health took a wrong turn shortly after conference last year and these ladies have stepped up each time I asked for help. I am very grateful to have had the honor to work with such a great team.

Another big thanks goes out to each member of our standing committees. As you can see on our agenda each of and every one of these teams has accomplished a lot of work for our section. Thank you to the following people who served on PLTS committees. I appreciate the time and talents you gave the section this year.

Awards – Becky Baker, Denise Lawver, Deb Robertson, Matt Williams

Bylaws – Becky Baker, Jessica Chamberlain, Dave Mixdorf, Deb Robertson, Todd Schlechte

Executive – Becky Baker, Amy Hafer, Deb Robertson, Pat Leach

Nominating – Joan Birnie, Francine Canfield, Lauren Lofgren, Rachelle McPhillips

Program – Becky Baker, Kendra Caskey, Micki Dietrich, Laura Marlane, Monica Tidyman

Webmaster – Megan Boggs

Spring meetings were held in Seward, Kearney and North Platte. Attendance was very low and as you know, the PLTS Board is trying to figure out what we can do to improve the Spring Meetings to meet the member's needs. The PLTS Board created a survey, which is available at <https://goo.gl/forms/bFJyEKK1gIM9lyc83> . The survey was opened on September 13 and will remain open until October 31 for input.

2017 Speaker: Miguel Figueroa, Director of the American Library Association's Center for the Future of Libraries. Who spoke on: Planning our future while remembering our past. Speaker expenses: \$2,900. Income from 24 registrations at \$30 each: \$720. Donation from Systems: \$500. Total income: \$1,200. The Nebraska Writer's Guild also presented about their Six Corners of Nebraska workshop series in celebration of the Nebraska Sesquicentennial year along with other exciting events planned for this year

The rest of this year has been spent on committee work. As you can see on your agenda, the committees have been very busy this year.

After receiving zero nominations for either award, the Awards Committee elected to not make any awards this year. Instead they have developed a motion to announce one award each year, making each individual award bi-annually. Action on this motion is slated for later in this meeting.

Due to a change made at the NLA level the conference programs planned by the Programming Committee led by our Vice Chairperson, Becky Baker are not identified in the conference schedule. I do know that they worked very hard to put forward excellent sessions that I am sure many of you have attended during this conference.

The Bylaws committee worked very hard also this year. Cleaning up some outdated verbiage and making sure that the terminology was uniform throughout the document was the bulk of the work they accomplished. Another task this group focused on was making the bylaws of the Section match the practice of the Section. With that in mind, you will notice that we are proposing that the Trustees, Users & Friends (TUFS) committee be dissolved. This decision was not made lightly but reality is that there has not been an active TUFS committee for years. I was able to talk with a TUFS committee member from York who had been appointed to this committee and he said he had never been contacted or done any work in this capacity and he did not see any reason to continue the committee. As members of this section trustees, users, and friends are all eligible to serve on any of the other standing committees of the section, but it will require a library staff member to nominate them since the Chairperson of the Section will not know who is available to appoint. Later in this meeting, it will be your turn to determine what PLTS wants to do with this topic.

And last but not least, our Nominating Committee put forth the slate of candidates for the one open position on the board. The candidates for Vice Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect were Francine Canfield and Rebecca Sims. The result of the election makes Francine our new Vice Chairperson. Please welcome our 2018 Executive Committee membership:

Chair – Becky Baker

Vice Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect – Francine Canfield

Secretary/Treasurer – Amy Hafer

Past Chairperson – Deb Robertson

Webmaster – Megan Boggs (She is not going anywhere while Becky is our leader!)

I've enjoyed this year of working for PLTS and in particular the committee members and others that I have reached out to for assistance and or insight. Thank you for this opportunity.

Deb Robertson, PLTS Chairperson