

Dear LLA Membership:

Your Executive board held a special virtual meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 3:00pm to discuss the resignation of LLA President, Julie Champagne.

Usually, this means a bump-up in leadership, with me, as your 1st Vice-President, assuming the role as president. This is how Julie became president earlier than expected, with the resignation of Don Smith the previous year. Julie, however, proposed a different plan of action, which she provided to the board in her resignation letter and through additional conversations with past president, Sonnet Ireland, and me.

Julie's proposal read as:

"I propose that the Board appoint Sonnet to fill the unexpired term of the current LLA president. Why Sonnet? It's all the unfinished business of the transition from P&N [to Amigos. There are] loose ends now, but she is very familiar with them all. It's because this is the conference with a few tweaks that she and Celise, along with many others, planned. She worked hard for the association; it would be her moment of glory; her hard work come to fruition. The most important reason is this would give Jeremy his year to plan. I think it's a win for both Sonnet and Jeremy and a huge win for the Association."

Present at Tuesday's meeting were:

Allison Gallaspy, Subject Specialists Section Chair

Crissie Molina, Public Section Chair

Blair Stapleton, Academic Section Chair

Jeremy Bolom, 1st Vice-President

Sonnet Ireland, Past President

Lora Amsberryaugier, 2nd Vice-President

Vivian McCain, ALA Councilor

Jane Vidrine, LaSSAL Section Chair

Christopher Achee, Parliamentarian

Celise Reech-Harper, *Louisiana Libraries* Editor

Erin Chesnutt, Secretary

Amigo Guests: Hilary Padavan, Kristin Evans

Absent from the meeting were:

Deborah Holliman, Trustee Section Chair

Eric Wedig, GODART Section Chair

Amanda Blanco, LASL president

From the minutes by Secretary Erin Chesnutt:

"Jeremy Bolom called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

After some discussion of maintaining checks and balances between duties of the immediate Past President and current President, it was decided that the unusual nature of the current

situation would allow Ireland to fill the vacant role., as suggested by Champagne in her resignation letter.

Christopher Achee moved to appoint Sonnet Ireland as LLA president for the remainder of the 2020-2021 year. Vivian McCain seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20.”

I hope that you will join me in thanking Julie for her service and the forethought she provided in her resignation. Additionally, I hope you will join me in my great appreciation for Sonnet’s willingness to serve our Association again, so readily and enthusiastically. In some way, it’s a 2020 do-over for her, and I’m sure that she, like myself, cannot wait to see all of you at our conference next year in Alexandria! Keep an eye out for more information and planning to come, especially in terms of awards from me and our awards committees. I’d love to see a full roster at our reception/party.

I remain yours (gladly) as 1st Vice-President,

Jeremy Bolom
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