

Happy New Year! On behalf of the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL), I would like to introduce you to the new board, our new association management firm, and some exciting volunteer opportunities. My name is Tammy Sayles, and I will be serving as President of the Board of Directors this year. I currently work at Pikes Peak Library District as the El Pomar Nonprofit Resource Center Librarian. I am excited and honored to serve on the CAL board, and welcome your questions, comments, and ideas. 2019 will be a working year for the CAL board, and the more input we have from you, the stronger we are as an organization.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carol Smith, CAL Past-President, for her service in 2018. During her Presidency, Carol met with several library directors and encouraged membership to CAL, both individuals and institutions. She managed the oversight of a recent RFP process for a new management company. Often, collecting opinions and resources and putting them into a format that was easy to understand. She's attended several of the association's workshops and meetings. Thank you, Carol, for your leadership, your dedication, and keeping us on track. We really appreciate all you have accomplished.

Below is the 2019 CAL Board Roster:

Executive Officers:

President – Tammy Sayles, Pikes Peak Library District

President-Elect – Ryan Buller, University of Denver

Past-President – Carol Smith, Colorado School of Mines

Treasurer – Mike Varnet, Pikes Peak Library District

Secretary – Anne Holland, Space Science Institute

American Library Association Council – Jayne Blodgett, University of Northern Colorado,

Members:

CoALA President – Rose Nelson, Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries

CoPLA President – Alicia Cartwright, Arapahoe Library District

CASL Co-Presidents – Tiah Frankish, Adams 12 and Terry Brungardt, Widefield School District

ColASL President – Melissa Robohn

Conference Planning Committee Chair – Courtney Drysdale, Regis University and Tiah Frankish, Adams 12

CATS Division Chair – Cameron Riesenberger, Pikes Peak Library District

Maker Division Chair – Antonia Krupicka-Smith, Pikes Peak Library District

Ex-Officio Members:

State Librarian – Nicolle Davies

CLiC – Jim Duncan

ACRL Representative – Meg Eastwood, University of Denver

MPLA Representative – Elena Rosenfeld, High Plains Library District

Parliamentarian – Missy McConnell

We are thrilled to have each and every one serve on the CAL Board. Their selfless giving of their time and talents benefits every member and library in Colorado. Each one is committed to the library profession and I hope others will follow their lead and consider a more active role in CAL. We have lots of volunteer opportunities in membership, conference site selection, legislative, and the list goes on. If you are interested in serving in some way, please feel free to contact myself or any of the board members to discuss your ideas.

In 2018 the CAL Board issued a request for proposal (RFP) for our association management firm needs. After careful and deliberate consideration, the CAL Board voted to finish out our contract with our current provider and begin 2019 with a new provider, The Solution. The CAL Board felt The Solution offered additional services, larger staff support, and stronger communications assistance, and have transferred our contract over to them at the beginning of 2019. Many of you will likely not even notice a change. The website <https://cal-webs.org/>, office telephone number 303-463-6400, and email: cal@cal-webs.org remain the same. The address has changed to PO Box 740905, Arvada, CO 80006-0905. The

Solution representatives, Dot and Heather, will likely be the ones answering your questions. They have both been extremely helpful and insightful, during the transition. The CAL Board is very excited to work with them.

The associations, divisions, interest groups and committees can all use additional volunteers. If you have thought about getting more involved, do it. I got involved in CAL through the conference planning committee, because I love to do event planning, and I wasn't getting that from my current position. I fulfilled that need through CAL, and you can too. It's also a great way to get to know others in the library profession if you are new to Colorado. Take a chance, you may find you really enjoy it. You can find more about each Committee online at www.cal-webs.org/Committees.

The CAL Board is here to serve you. We welcome your thoughts, concerns, suggestions, insights, and, most definitely your time and support. We are looking forward to what's to come in 2019 and we hope you are too. Please feel free to reach out to me at 719-531-6333 ext 2335 or tsayles@ppld.org, or any of the other board members anytime.

Sincerely,

Tammy J. Sayles, MLIS
CAL President