



Chapter News – March 2020

I am writing my final Albany Chapter Update as President. Effective April 1st, I'm turning over the gavel to Richard Lauricella. I never would have imagined that I would be writing this updated sheltered in my dining room in what can only be described anxious times. The world has had to take a pause and let us all hope that it will be brief, and we will be able to join together again soon and have a true appreciation for all the things we have.

Your new Board Line Up:

Richard Lauricella, Shenker Russo & Clark LLP, President
Cheri Bardin, Burke & Casserly PC, President-Elect
Cathie Wright, The Wagoner Firm, PLLC, Vice President
Lindsey Perkins, Couch White LLP, Treasurer
Bridgett Cummings, Heslin Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti, Secretary
Susan Weidman, Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP, Past President

[A big thank you to Sarah Caciola who leaves after serving for the past five years. Sarah propelled the Chapter to win the ALA National "Presidents Awards of Excellence". Sarah was also nominated and was a finalist for ALA National's Quest Award.](#)

Also, leaving the Board are MaryAnne Clark and Kelly Richards, thank you for your service.

Business Partner Summer Social



Please mark your calendars for what we hope will be a non-social distancing event with your colleagues and Business Partners at our annual Business Partner Appreciation night, scheduled for Thursday, June 11th at Swifty's on Everett Road. If the weather is nice, we will be able to sit on their patio. Come out and support your Chapter, and the Business Partners while enjoying some beverages, snacks and a chance to win prizes.

If you know of a local company that is not a Business Partner to our Chapter and you successfully recruit them, you will receive a \$50.00 gift card!



Our annual Salary Survey is right around the corner. Please watch for it in your inbox and submit the completed survey at your earliest convenience. More details to follow.



BOARD MINUTES & BUDGET

Attached are recent Board Meeting minutes and the 2020/2021 Albany Chapter Budget. Any Chapter member interested in attending a Board Meeting should feel free to reach out to Richard Lauricella at richard.lauricella@srclawoffices.com for details.



Have an idea for a Board Meeting topic, just e-mail Cathie Wright at cathie@thewagonerfirm.com with your suggestions.



Keep up to date and follow the Albany Chapter's Facebook page! Check it out for interesting pictures and valuable updates and resources!

<https://www.facebook.com/AlbanyALA/>

There are also pages for the National ALA you may want to follow.



AVAILABLE TOOLS AND VALUABLE RESOURCES

As a reminder there are many valuable tools and resources available to all of you as members of the National Association. A few of them are listed below for your convenience.

ALA member savings in the VIP program at:

<https://www.alanet.org/marketing-opportunities/ala-vip-overview>

ALA's Legal Marketplace can be found at <http://legalmarketplace.alanet.org/>

ALA's Career Center can be found at <https://www.alanet.org/career-center/job-bank-overview>

ALA Online Communities can be found at <http://community.alanet.org/>

ALA Business Partner Listserv is available to subscribers and can be found at:

<https://www.alanet.org/membership/chapters/chapter-leader-resources/chapter-business-partner-relations-resources/ala-bp-listserv>

Mission Statement

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We identify and provide solutions to the most strategic and operational challenges our members and customers face today, while we prepare them for the opportunities and challenges of tomorrow.

ALA's Strategic Plan Update for 2019 Quarter 2 can be found at

<https://www.alanet.org/about/about-ala/ala-strategic-plan/strategic-plan-update-q2--2019>