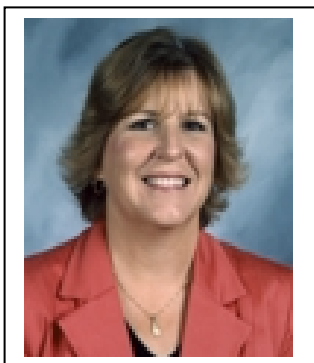


President-Elect: (elect 1)



Gail Janz

Education Background (institution degree, date):

B.S. Illinois State University - Dec. 1979

MLIS - University of Illinois 2002

Employment Experience (include dates):

Media Director Mid-County Unit Dist. -Varna, Illinois 1980-1995

Consultant Sparland Unit School District - 1993-1995; Media Director

Midland Unit Dist. (Consolidation of Mid-County & Sparland) 1995-1998

Media Director Morris Comm. H.S. 1998-Present

Professional Activities (ISLMA):

Introduced conference sessions, worked conference hospitality room; Participated in Panel Discussion Sessions at conference; Participant in ISLMA Leadership Summits; Board of Directors 2004-2006; *Illinois Study* Task Force; Co-chair- ISLMA Webinar Task Force; Professional Development Function Representative 2006-2007; Database Task Force; ISLMA Treasurer 2007-2008

Other Leadership Activities:

Professional-

Board of Directors - Heritage Trail Library System 1994-2000, 2002-2004

Participated in Planning Conference for what would become PALS Library System

Member of Principal and Tech Coordinator Interview Committees

Participant in 1st "Tech 2000" (1991), Tech 2003, Tech 2004, Tech 2005

Successfully promoted Information Fluency to become part of NCA district Goals

SIT Team (School Improvement Team)

Personal-

Past Chair of Missions for local church; Co-founder of local chapter of "Empty Arms" organization

Professional Memberships (other than ISLMA):

ICE; Delta Kappa Gamma (professional Honorary Society for Women Educators)

Statement of Professional Concerns:

Our profession must deal with a number of concerns including budget and staff reduction, difficulty in obtaining a library degree leading to a lack of qualified professionals, and lack of knowledge for what libraries provide to their communities.

We must be leaders in our schools and in our communities. We must promote our programs and continue to support research and publications that strengthens the library community such as the *Illinois Study* and *Linking for Learning*. We must continue to advocate for access to electronic resources provided by the state for all students in Illinois.

I strongly believe that we need to prepare students to meet the challenges of their future, not our past. In doing so, we need to look at Information Fluency; preparing students to use all resources effectively and responsibly while becoming lifelong learners.

Secretary: (elect 1)



Jill Berry

Education Background (institutions, degree, date):

University of Michigan, 1977
Focused on school libraries in the Knapp School Library program
B.A., the College of Wooster, 1973
Elementary teaching certificate
Additional hours (46) at a variety of universities and colleges

Employment Experience (include dates):

Media Resource Center Director, Elm School (K-5), Burr Ridge, IL, 2004-present
Librarian, Bellaire Middle School (5-8), Bellaire, OH, 2003-2004
Teacher, Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy (K-12), Wheeling, WV, 2002-2003
Learning Center Director, St. John Lutheran School (preK-8), Wheaton, IL, 1993-2002
Director, Berry Home Preschool, Ann Arbor, MI, 1987-1992
Media Specialist, Linden Middle School (6-8), Linden, MI, 1979-1981
Clerk/Typist, Native American Indian Library & Program (K-8), Plymouth, MI, 1977-1979
Head Librarian, South Quad, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1976-1977
Children's Assistant, Ashtabula County District Library, Ashtabula, OH, 1974-1976

Professional Activities (ISLMA):

Secretary, ISLMA, 2007-present
LBSS Board of Trustees, 2007-present
Monarch Award Selection Committee, 2006-2007
ISLMA Privacy Task Force, 2006-2007
ISLMA Leadership Summit, 2004 & 2006
Facilitated panel discussion on reading management systems at the ISLMA conference, 2000
Attended ISLMA conferences (except when out of state), 1994-2007

Other Leadership Activities:

Taught Online Resources to teachers in District #181 – 3 sessions, 2007-2008
Participant in 21st Century Information Fluency course and workshop, 2005
Presenter at DuKane School Library Institute (Accelerated Reader and Crown & Lamplighter Awards), 2002
Member of the DuPage Library System Task Force, which wrote the DLS Mission Statement, 2001-2002
Judge for the Illinois Junior Academy of Science State Science Fair, 2002
Presenter at Northern Illinois District Conference for Lutheran Schools
(Resources for school libraries and library professionalism), 1997 & 1999
Wrote and received grant for new computers for the school library, 1998

Professional Memberships (other than ISLMA):

American Association of School Librarians; American Library Association;
Illinois Education Association; National Education Association

Statement of Professional Concerns:

The library is the heart of a school. We can make this heart beat strongly by collaborating with teachers, supporting the curriculum, integrating technology, and showing leadership in teaching research. Every student and teacher benefits from our efforts. As professionals, we need to showcase this important role to ensure adequate funding and staffing in the future. ISLMA provides support to its members through networking, training, and publications such as *Linking for Learning*. This helps each of us grow and become more effective leaders in our schools.



Joyce Reid

Education background (institutions, degree, date):

Master of Arts in Library Science, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1983
Bachelor of Arts in English Education, Western Illinois University, 1971

Employment experience (include dates):

District Librarian, Roxana CUSD #1, 2002 - present
Director of Hayner Public Library District, 1996 -2002
High School Librarian, Pittsfield High School, 1995-96
Library System Consultant, Lewis & Clark Library System, 1979 - 1995
Director of Hartford Public Library, 1973 - 1979
High School Librarian, Union High School, Biggsville, IL, 1971-72

Professional activities (ISLMA):

Personal member of ISLMA throughout the years when working in a school position
Served on the Abe Book Committee for 2 years (one of the original members)

Other leadership activities:

Library Board of Directors, Lewis & Clark Library System (school representative) 2005-current

Professional memberships (other than ISLMA):

American Library Association; American Association of School Librarians

Statement of professional concerns:

The constant growth of new technology, declining budgets, maintaining certified library personnel due to retirements, resignations, providing information literacy skills for students and collaborating with faculty members are just a few of the professional concerns that come to mind. Being a school library media specialist presents many challenges for the most seasoned librarian in today's society. I feel it is necessary for a school librarian to take advantage of the various professional development opportunities that are offered at the annual ISLMA conference and other continuing education workshops offered through the regional library systems and national organizations (ALA-AASL) to keep abreast of the latest trends and technologies to keep our school libraries the center of the school's learning activities. The student of the 21st century must have the ability to access, use and evaluate information competently. We as school librarians must make this happen through ongoing collaboration with classroom teachers, curriculum directors and students. A library bumper sticker that I saw years ago sums up the importance of all libraries: "L+I+B+R+A+R+Y = the formula for a lifelong education."

Treasurer: (elect 1)



Sarah Hill

Education Background (institution degree, date):

Eastern Illinois University, M.S., Ed. Admin., Dec. 2008
University of Missouri at Columbia,
M.A. Information Science & Learning Technologies, 2002.
Eastern Illinois University, B.A. English, 1997.

Employment Experience (include dates):

Paris High School, Paris IL, Librarian, 2005 - present
Fairfield Community High School, Fairfield IL, Librarian, Title I Coordinator,
English Teacher, 2001- 2005

Professional Activities (ISLMA):

Board of Directors, 2006-2008
Session Presenter at 2007 Conference (Library Thing and Blogger Saved My Life!)
Abe Lincoln High School Book Award Reader Panel
Strategic Plan Task Force
Create and maintain ISLMA MySpace page (<http://www.myspace.com/islma>)

Other Leadership Activities:

American Library Association Alex Award committee member, 2007-2008
Lincoln Trail Library System Policy Council, 2006-present
Association of Paris Teachers Secretary, 2007-present
VOYA Reviewer, 2006-present

Professional Memberships (other than ISLMA):

American Library Association; Young Adult Library Services Association

Statement of Professional Concerns:

I love being a school librarian. While I enjoy all the cool Web 2.0 tools and fun gadgets, my first goal is still to find the perfect book for each student. Two years ago I ran for the Board because I wanted to help institute change in the organization. I still want to see a secure area on the ISLMA website for voting, the membership directory, and other valuable resources. ISLMA does fantastic things for its members, especially with legislation, ISBE, and the *Illinois Study*. I love being a part of it and would appreciate your vote.

**Pam McDermott****Education background (institutions, degree, date):**

Rosary College (Dominican University) – MLS Library/Information Science, 1992
Rosary College – BA, Economics/American Studies, 1974

Employment experience (include dates):

Glen Crest School --Library Media Director/ District System Administrator, 1992-Present
Geneva School District -- Part time librarian, 1991-1992
Account Manager; Regional Marketing and Sales, 1975-1989

Professional Activities (ISLMA):

Board member 2005-2007
Marketing & Advertising Chair 2007- present
Press Conference *Illinois Study* Results
Illinois Study Results Presentation Team - DuPage County
Conference Presenter

Other Leadership Activities

DuPage Library System Board of Directors, Secretary
Synergy 2003
Japan Teacher Fulbright Program
COD Information Literacy Grant winner
National Library Day attendee (multiple)
Illinois Library Day (10 years)

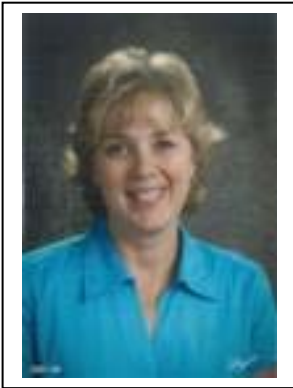
Professional Memberships (other than ISLMA):

ICE (10 years); IEA-NEA;
ALA; AASL; YALSA

Statement of Professional Concerns:

It is imperative that we continue to raise the profile of our profession. Administrators, school boards, teachers and parents do not now who we are or what we do. They do not realize the level of education attained by Teacher-Librarians or Media Specialists. More importantly, they do not understand the impact we have on student learning. Without a concerted effort to educate them, we will remain under-valued, under-funded, and under-staffed, the first program cut.

Board Members: (elect 2)



Michelle Goodwine

Education Background (institution degree, date):

Bachelor's Degree: Psychology with Teacher's Certification
Minor: Business Education, Eastern Illinois University, 1984
Master's Degree: Educational Media, Indiana State University, 2000

Employment Experience (include dates):

Hutsonville CUSD #1, District Librarian 1997 – present
Library Aide 1996-1997
Substitute Teacher 1987 – 1996
Truancy Alternative Program Caseworker 1985-1987

Professional Activities (ISLMA):

Evaluator for the Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Book Award

Other Leadership Activities

Hutsonville CUSD #1 School Improvement Team, Building Design Committee, Handbook Committee
Palestine Academic Foundation Board Member

Statement of Professional Concerns:

In this age of digital overload and the wealth of information readily available to students, the importance of information literacy cannot be stressed too much. Our students need to learn that the first site available is not always the best and certainly not always accurate. Students need to learn how to evaluate any site that shows up on their screens during an internet search. As library professionals, it is our responsibility to take a leadership role in our districts to guide not just our students, but also fellow faculty members who also play a role in teaching our "digital natives" about research and authoritative information.



Annette Mills

Education Background (institution degree, date):

Master of Arts in Information Science and Learning Technologies,
University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, July 2004.
Bachelor of Science in Business Education, University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign, January 1986.

Employment Experience (include dates):

Triad Community Unit School District #2, Troy, IL, Library Media Specialist:
2002 –present

Professional Activities (ISLMA):

Member of the ISLMA Annual Conference Committee – 2007
Participated in ISLMA Leadership Summit – 2006
Participated in unveiling of *Powerful Libraries Make Powerful Learners: The Illinois Study* --2005
Reader for the Abraham Lincoln High School Book Award, 2007-present

Other Leadership Activities:

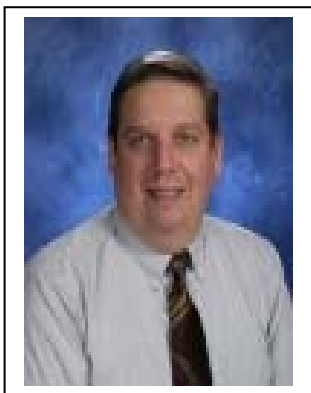
Member of the *AdvancEd* accreditation committee at Triad High School
Coached cheerleading for six years at Triad High School and Middle School
Member of Reading Curriculum Committee, Triad CUD#2
Participating in *Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative*, 2008
Assisting with the designing, moving, and opening of three new school libraries in August, 2008

Professional Memberships (other than ISLMA):

American Library Association; American Association of School Librarians
Lewis & Clark Library System Gatenet Cataloging Consortium; Librarians Advisory Council, Lewis & Clark Library System; School Librarians Information Networking Group, Lewis & Clark Library System

Statement of Professional Concerns:

All students and teachers in Illinois should have access to an adequately funded school library and a qualified librarian. I hope to assist ISLMA in their pursuit of this goal and to ensure that all librarians have an excellent support system in place, through ISLMA. I want to help publicize ISLMA activities and programs and recruit new members to ISLMA so they can reap the benefits of ISLMA membership as I have. A well-informed, current media specialist is essential to Illinois students' successes and membership in ISLMA and participation in ISLMA programs is essential to staying well informed and current.

**John Moranski****Education Background (institution degree, date):**

Louisiana State University, B.A.. History/English, 1983
University of Sussex (England), M.A., American Studies, 1986
University of North Carolina, Certification, Secondary Education, 1989
University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, M.S.,
Library and Information Science, 2005

Employment Experience (include dates):

Auburn High School/Middle School, Librarian, 2004-present
Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, English, 1997-2003
Williams High School (Burlington, NC), English/Journalism, 1990-1995
SE Guilford High School (High Point, NC), English/History, 1989-1990

Professional Activities (ISLMA):

Volunteered for upcoming Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Book Award selection committee
Attended ISLMA conferences, 2004- present

Other Leadership Activities:

Auburn Middle School, School Improvement Team, 2006-2007
Auburn High School, Leadership Team, 2005-2006
Williams High School, Burlington, NC -- member of the committee and the principal author of the report that led to our selection as a National Blue Ribbon School, 1992-93.
Williams High School, Burlington, NC -- member of the committee and principal author of the report that led to our selection as the pilot school for a model of teacher in-service seminars sponsored by the National Humanities Center, 1992.

Statement of Professional Concerns:

I am finishing my fourth year as a librarian after spending 12 years teaching English. One thing I have learned is the central role librarians play in the success of our schools and our students. The librarian is one of the few people in a school who can impact positively the learning experience of every student each year. It is important that more people—our teachers, administrators, school boards, and parents—realize this. As an ISLMA board member, I will promote the work we do and the important part we play in making our schools and our students successful.

**Cathy Ruszel****Education Background (institution degree, date):**

Chicago State University, M.A., Library Science & Instructional Media, 1998
North Park University, B.A., Biology, Elementary & Secondary Education, 1976
National Board Certification, 2002

Employment Experience (include dates):

O. A. Thorp Scholastic Academy, Chicago, IL, Library Media Specialist K – 8,
1993 - Present
Resurrection High School, Chicago, IL, Science Department Chair, 1980-1984

Professional Activities (ISLMA):

Attend annual conferences; co-presented National Board Certification session, 2002
Monarch Committee, 2006, 2007, 2008

Other Leadership Activities:

President of Chicago Teacher Librarian Association, 2002-2003; Vice President, 2001-2002
Mentor for Librarians that are National Board candidates
Site coordinator for Chicago Public Schools National Board Resource Center

Professional Memberships (other than ISLMA):

American Library Association; American Association of School Librarians;
Chicago Teacher Librarian Association (CTLA); Chicago Area School Librarian Network (CASLN)

Statement of Professional Concerns:

My professional concern relates to the Library Media Specialist's role as an equal and integral member of the teaching staff. In a time of budget cuts and the importance of educating students in technological and information literacy, we must continue to underscore the importance of School Libraries that are staffed with certified media specialists. Even after the release of Lance's *Illinois Study*, librarians are continuing to be marginalized. Advocacy and support of legislation like the SKILLS Act is important. We can also raise the awareness of our professionalism through National Board Teacher Certification, which reinforces our role as collaborative teachers.