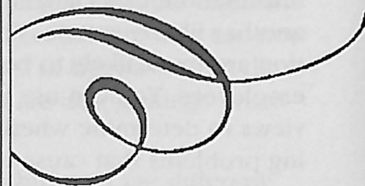


THE WELL-READ LIBRARIAN: BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOURCES

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ARTICLES:

Belanger, D. (1995). Board games: Examining the trustee/director conflict. *Library Journal*, 120 (19), 38-41.

This article cites a survey submitted to 60 libraries that sought to identify areas of conflict between directors and trustees, groups who are generally in agreement. However, the survey demonstrated that there is a gap in understanding between who plays what role in the day-to-day operations of a library as well as the hiring and evaluating of library staff. A number of graphs illustrating the survey are also included in the article.

Long, S. A. (2000). Trustees can be a powerful lobbying force. *American Libraries*, 31(5), 7.

This article, by then-ALA President Long, lays out the steps for effective lobbying by trustees and emphasizes that the boards of over 9,000 libraries in America can be a powerful force in lobbying for library rights and monies.

Miller, E. G. (2001). Advocacy ABCs for trustees. *American Libraries*, 32 (8), 56-60.

This article enumerates the duties of a library trustee, paying particular attention to the role of trustees as advocates for the library – especially in lobbying for funding from area officials. Miller provides tips for approaching advocacy on behalf of the library and ways to lobby for better monetary support.

Rowland, J. (2006). ALTA plays active role in communities. *American Libraries*, 37 (5), 6.

This article is part of the “Association’s Associations” spotlight in *American Libraries*, this time focusing on ALTA, the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates. Planning, advocacy, and programs planned by the association are discussed.

White, H. S. (1999) Authority, responsibility, and delegation in public libraries. *Library Journal*, 124 (15), 59-61.

White details his opinions on the relationship between directors and trustees, touching on such

topics as delegation of duties, the need for contracts for the protection of library directors, and the need for legislative protection and support when it comes to sticky topics.

BOOKS:

Moore, M. (2004). *Successful library trustee handbook*. Chicago: ALA Editions.

Designed to improve the value of library boards, this guide and ALTA-approved training manual is targeted to members of library boards of trustees. The format is user friendly and is written as an orientation manual for incoming trustees or as a review for more experienced board members.

Swan, J. (1992). *Working together: A how-to-do-it manual for trustees and librarians*. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc.

This manual presents the management of librarians and trustees on equal footing – a change from typical books that are geared to exploring one role or the other. This title covers recruitment, training, communication, policies, planning and public relations, and contains samples of public library policies.

LINKS:

Association for Library Trustees and Advocates
<http://www.ala.org/ala/alta/alta.htm>

This website is the official home of ALTA, an American Library Association division, which has a membership of over 1,200. The site provides links to fact sheets, publications, awards, discussion lists, members, and more.

WebJunction’s Friends and Trustees Area
<http://www.webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=14341>

WebJunction.org, “an online community for library staff,” has an area devoted to Friends groups and Trustees, with documents linked including training resources and handbooks from different states and tips and tricks to working on a non-profit board.

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