



MEMORANDUM

TO: MLS Membership and Staff

FROM: Milfred L. Moore, Board President

DATE: January 12, 2010

SUBJECT: Executive Director Announces Retirement

At the January 11th, 2010 board meeting, Alice Calabrese-Berry notified the board of her intent to retire on October 31st, 2010. The Board of Directors accepted her notification with understanding and regret.

Alice has contributed to the library profession on a statewide and national level for thirty-nine years. As the Executive Director at Chicago Multitype Library System, she oversaw the merger of the Suburban Library System and CMLS into the Metropolitan Library System. Before joining the Chicago Library System, Alice was the Executive Director of the Northern Illinois Learning Resources Cooperative (NILRC), as well as the Executive Director of the DuPage Library System. She has served numerous roles in the American Library Association, including being a member of the ALA Executive Board and chair of the Office of Information Technology Policy Committee. She has also held appointments in the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) and the Illinois Library Association, and was a long-standing member of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee.

The benefit of such advanced notice is that the Board of Directors has the chance to evaluate its options in terms of the future structure of the organization. To that end, a committee is being formed to explore all possibilities. This committee will be chaired by Marilyn Boria, MLS Board Member and Director of the Elmhurst Public Library. The committee will consist of representatives from the MLS Board, members, and staff.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please submit a letter of interest to my attention through Dorothy Kovacs at kovacsd@mls.lib.il.us. Submissions are requested by January 29th, 2010.

Any additional questions can be sent to me directly at milfred@earthlink.net. I thank you in advance for your participation as we move forward.