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Stroyan Named as Candidate for ALA Presidency

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University Information Services Librarian Susan Stroyan has been named as one of two candidates for the 2012-13 presidency of the American Library Association (ALA).

Founded in 1876, the ALA is the oldest and largest library association in the world, with members in academic, public, school, government and special libraries. It serves the more than 122,000 libraries in the United States, working to strengthen libraries, the profession, and the public's access to information.

"I am honored, humbled, and excited at the possible opportunity to serve ALA as President," said Stroyan. "I'm inspired by our colleagues around the country that have achieved high levels of success by leading their communities to new heights of library awareness in these difficult economic times."

Results of the election will be announced in May 2011.

Employed at Illinois Wesleyan since 1992, Stroyan was named Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year in 2000. She earned a bachelor's degree in library science from Illinois State University in 1972, and a master's degree and doctorate from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1973 and 1986 respectively. She was named Illinois State University Honored Alumna in 2002.

Active in the ALA since 1975, Stroyan has served as a member-at-large on ALA Council and the ALA Self Study Committee. She chaired the ALA Awards Committee, and was a member of National Conference Executive Committee.

Stroyan has promoted education outside the ALA. She has been a participant and mentor in the Small College Mentor Program. She served as president for the Beta Phi Mu International Library and Information Studies Honor Society. She has also held offices in state and regional library associations including serving as president of Illinois Library Association from 1995-1996.

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