



# NEC Newsletter

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## **National ALA President, 2022-2023 Vickie Koutz**

National President, Vickie Koutz's focus this year will be on "Honoring Veterans every day." Additionally, her project will focus on the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival companions. President Vickie does not want any companion not to be able to attend the National Creative Arts Festival with their veteran because of lack of money. She told a heart-breaking story of a companion who was not able to afford to eat dinner with their veteran at the National Creative Arts Festival. She would also like to raise awareness on our country's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.

Vickie is from Boonville, Indiana. She is married to Past National Commander Jim Koutz and has one son, Michael.

**Follow President Vickie** as she travels the country and world on Facebook at [alanationalpresident](https://www.facebook.com/alanationalpresident).

## **National Websites Information**

Alaforveterans.org is a great resource for staying connected to what is happening in the National organization. Don't have an account yet? It is as easy as pie to set one up. In your search bar type [alaforveterans.org](https://www.alaforveterans.org). To create an account return to the home page and click on create an account. All you need is your membership number. Then provide the information asked for and you are ready to start exploring the website. Once you are logged-in you will see the following tabs: Forms, Committee, Guides, Resources, Policies and Meetings.

**Under Committees**, you will find a list of all the Program Committees and resources to help your unit promote the program. You will find forms and information on requirements for National Unit Awards. Under Americanism you will find information about the Student Essay Contest.

**On the home page under the "About Us Tab" you can find the ALA Magazine, Blogs, eNews and links to ALA Facebook pages.** These resources are a good way to stay informed.

**The Red Book link with the National and Southern Division Chairman's contact information may not be updated yet.**

## Lisa Williamson National Vice-President 2022-2023

Vice-President, Lisa, is from Fairbanks, Alaska. Lisa's son made ALA History when he became the 1<sup>st</sup> male auxiliary member to read his mom's nomination for National Vice- President.

We wish both National President Vickie and National VP Lisa a successful year and pray for safe travels as they travel the country and the world.



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### **Membership Dues Increase Approved at 101 National Convention.**

**National Dues will be increased to \$18.00 beginning in 2024. This is a \$6.00 increase. National Junior's dues will remain the same at \$2.50.**

## Julie Smith NEC 2022-2024

Thank you for electing me as your NEC. I am honored to serve as the NEC for North Carolina. Let me know if I can help you or your unit. Please share the news from National with your units.

It was an exciting and humbling experience to attend my first NEC meeting in Milwaukee. Prior to our meeting we met with the National Parliamentarian, Chris Dickey who spoke to us about basic parliamentary procedures and our role as NEC members. The NEC is the voice between convention meetings. As your elected NEC I am a conduit of information to our department. I will do my best to keep you informed.

The NEC approved the National Appointments, the National budget and ALA Foundation budget at our Post-Convention National Executive Committee Meeting.

I plan to send a NEC Newsletter monthly and emails as needed. The National organization will send a monthly newsletter instead of the weekly updates. These should be posted on the National website.

If there is anything I can do for you and your unit, please contact me.

For God and Country,  
ALA Proud and Strong.  
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