LL&M Seeks Associate Editor Applications

The Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA) seeks an experienced writer or editor to assist in the production and eventually take over as editor of LLAMA’s quarterly journal, Library Leadership & Management (LL&M). Presently the journal is operating with a co-editorship model that is working quite well, and may be a model for a new approach to producing content for LL&M. Applications for a shared editorship role are encouraged.

With the Winter 2010 issue, LL&M is transitioning from a print and electronic model to a Web-only publication. We anticipate that the next several years will offer opportunities for the journal to grow in new directions and employ more graphics, media, and interactivity. The associate editor will be responsible for working closely with the editor in developing and producing each issue and will establish relationships with the Publications Editorial Advisory Board, LLAMA executive board, and LLAMA section and committee chairs. This will include producing and editing content, identifying appropriate topics for publication, and assisting authors in developing manuscripts. More detailed responsibilities are in a public document on ALA Connect, titled LL&M Associate Editor Expectations (http://connect.ala.org/node/84638). Submissions to the journal are invited, accepted, reviewed, and chosen by the editor with the assistance of the associate editor.

After a two-year term as associate editor, the incumbent will take over duties as editor for two years (2013–14). The associate editor serves as an ex-officio member of the LLAMA board of directors and the Publications Editorial Advisory Board. The first issue for which the newly appointed associate editor will share responsibility will be volume 26, number 1.

Applicants must be LLAMA members and have experience within ALA. They are expected to have knowledge of LLAMA and its goals, have an interest in and knowledge of leadership issues relevant to libraries, and a familiarity with management and leadership literature in general. Applicants must have written and published in a print or electronic environment and/or have demonstrated editorial experience. Applicants should have familiarity with technological resources, such as blogs, social websites, and content management systems, as well as knowledge of emerging technologies in publishing.

The successful candidate must make a four-year commitment to attend ALA Midwinter Meetings and Annual Conferences, with emphasis on attending LLAMA section and committee meetings. A stipend up to $1,500 annually will be provided to cover documented travel and/or editorial expenses. Conference registration costs will be covered as well.

Applicants should submit a résumé and cover letter summarizing their editorial philosophy, two to four samples of written work or editorial activities, and three letters of reference addressing their qualifications. In case of co-editorship applications, a single cover letter with individual resumes, writing samples, and letters of reference should be sent, with one individual identified as the primary contact. Materials should be sent in electronic form to Kerry Ward, LLAMA executive director, at kward@ala.org. The deadline for application is May 1, 2010. Finalists will be interviewed at the 2010 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.