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[@Silelda](#) This is a great question and one we should do an [#inaljchat](#) about - a controversial but important topic!

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All you need to present at conferences is the confidence to articulate an idea. Amazed so few LIS students know this! [#libchat](#) [#inaljchat](#)

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Yes! Network. MT [@sendaulas](#) A3 (Part 2) Take advantage of student discounts while you can! Join assns, see which you like best. [#inaljchat](#)

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Tonight's [#inaljchat](#) was inspired by Lauren's posting: Professional Associations for Canadian LIS Professionals <http://inalj.com/?p=19708>



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[@sendaulas](#) Looks like fun! Definitely worth checking out. Not all networking opps have to be super formal [#inaljchat](#)

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Okay, wrapping up for tonight, but so glad to get ideas and inspiration from everyone. Thanks guys! [#inaljchat](#)

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[@LibrarySherpa](#) Yes. I believe a good Venn Diagram makes everything better anyways. [#inaljchat](#)

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[@sendaulas](#) I think that's where the balance comes in. You need a sweet spot of a Venn Diagram to overlap local w/nat'l or int'l. [#inaljchat](#)

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[@ncnewton](#) Not entirely sure, but I've been to a few THATCamps, <http://thatcamp.org>, and they were a lot of fun. [#inaljchat](#)

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[@ncnewton](#) Thanks for the tip. Not many regional options in my neck of the woods, but I try to go when I can. [#inaljchat](#)

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[@asgoodson @needalibraryjob @sendaulas](#) I'm down w/that. [#inaljchat](#) To borrow from "The King's Speech" - slogan suggestion: I HAVE A VOICE!

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[@LizLieutenant](#) Yes, hoping the same! [#inaljchat](#)

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Varies. RT [@ncnewton](#): [@sendaulas](#) Regional can be better than local. Cost effective, great networking, but less cliquy [#inaljchat](#) [#MAC](#)

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[@LibrarySherpa](#) Great analogy! [#inaljchat](#)

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[@LizLieutenant](#) That is extremely frustrating. Maybe send them this,

<http://snaproundtable.wordpress.com> [#inaljchat](#)

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[@sendaulas](#) Good point. It's almost like a buffet versus a la carte ordering. [#inaljchat](#)

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[@INALJOntario](#) Yes, great conversation and ideas tonight. :) [#inaljchat](#)

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Archivists can join SAA, SLA. School librarians can join AASL, PLA. Law librarians can join SLA, AALL. (2/2) [#inaljchat](#)

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Somewhat related, but I think people often don't realize there is a lot of overlap among associations. (1/2) [#inaljchat](#)

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SLA Ky Chapter does too & we speak at their mtgs RT [@needalibraryjob](#): [@kmapesy](#) [@vperryky](#) Yes! DC SLA had students on committees [#inaljchat](#)

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[@LibrarySherpa](#) [@sendaulas](#) Please note this opinion came from some already-employed students, not my instructors. [#inaljchat](#)

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[@needalibraryjob @vperryky](#) Entry point to serving on committees (+ great people)=  
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Well it's been an absolutely fantastic [#inaljchat](#) tonight! Thanks for joining! Keep chatting, I have to go take the garbage out boo!

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[@sendaulas](#) [@LibrarySherpa](#) [@asgoodson](#) yep! I started as a library asst- once again the onus is on the staffer- the info is there [#inaljchat](#)

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[@asgoodson](#) Inform and educate? That's what I'm trying to do! [#inaljchat](#)

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I love mentoring & am happy to help! [#inaljchat](#). Many other professionals do too! Step up & meet us until you find a good coach for you.

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[@LibrarySherpa @asgoodson](#) I know! So much misinformation. I try to remind them that there are groups (committees) for everyone. [#inaljchat](#)

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[@vperryky](#) I agree that's why (even?) students should be encouraged to serve on committees, not just "intern" for them! [#inaljchat](#)

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[#inaljchat](#) A4 I felt excluded from PAs in lib sch b/c I was a distance student. Was not cool, Pitt, NOT COOL!

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[.@sendaulas @asgoodson](#) WHAT?! Oh, hell, no. Ahem, sorry, I mean...that's way off base. That's absurd and misinformed. [#inaljchat](#)

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I got 1st PA experience as support staff which helped land 1st prof job! RT [@asgoodson](#):

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.@LibrarySherpa I'd explain the situation that inspired my comment but it would take more than 1 tweet haha #inaljchat

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@ToriNeedsTea They really should and I feel like they're doing students a disservice if they don't. #inaljchat

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.@needalibraryjob @INALJOntario But, are schools not encouraging PAs anymore? I'm not sure of current climate on campuses. #inaljchat

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Awesome job to .@INALJOntario 's Lauren for hosting #inaljchat tonight Next Monday- same bat time and place- and stick around and chat on!

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[@asgoodson](#) Sadly, I've heard a lot of circulation and even technical services friends say the same thing. [#inaljchat](#)

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[.@INALJOntario](#) OK, thanks. Just wondering what solution you had in mind. I wonder why schools aren't more proactive? [#inaljchat](#)

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MT [@LibrarySherpa #inaljchat](#) A4 AMEX has slogan "Membership has its privileges." Same applies to PAs. System works if you invest in yourself

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[@LibrarySherpa](#) Agreed! People run PAs & have limited time & resources- and we have the internet and PA's have websites- use them [#inaljchat](#)

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[.@INALJOntario @kmapesy @sendaulas](#) But, that's ok, too. Take ownership of your career and be proactive to find PAs. [#inaljchat](#)

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Serving on PA committees can be fun & rewarding. RT [@kmapesy](#): [#inaljchat](#)

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[@LibrarySherpa](#) Honestly I'd be happy with an email blast sent out through the program coordinators at the schools [#inaljchat](#)

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[http://www.cla.ca/Content/NavigationMenu/CLAAatWork/Networks1/Next\\_Generation\\_Netw.htm](http://www.cla.ca/Content/NavigationMenu/CLAAatWork/Networks1/Next_Generation_Netw.htm) ... [#inaljchat](#)

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[#inaljchat](#) A4 So, what can prof assns do better to advertise programs? How much do they have to do, what lengths? [@INALJOntario](#)

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Unfortunately not RT [@INALJOntario](#): re: Q4 [#inaljchat](#) Do you think PAs do a good job of advertising themselves to ALL programs equally?

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[@kmapesy @sendaulas](#) exactly I had to find out about them on my own b/c no one in my prog. mentioned them beyond passing [#inaljchat](#)

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[#inaljchat](#) A4 But, the onus is on the librarian/info pro to seek out a PA for their own prof success. Don't expect it to be handed to you.

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[.@needalibraryjob](#) MLIS programs, Library Tech. programs. msg board etc. that kinda thing

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[#inaljchat](#) A4 I think PAs are not one size fits all. You need to have a core agreement w/their values in order for it to be worth your while

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A4 Make sure you're subscribed to listservs & follow PA on social media so you'll be informed of open volunteer ops [#inaljchat](#)

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A4 [#inaljchat](#) PAs often have special groups like First Five Yrs committee of [#SLA](#) which was created to help SLA reach out to newbies

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[#inaljchat](#) A4 Take advantage of free svcs from PAs, but recognize that membership has benefits and is worth the investment in yourself.

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[#inaljchat](#) A3 involvements in PAs key but the 'internship' in a committee format seems like labor exploitation to me...

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A4 - More outreach? I had multiple professors who emphasized the value of associations. I wouldn't have joined otherwise. [#inaljchat](#)

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Hi I'm parachuting in for a comment but can't stay :) so be warned [#inaljchat](#)

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A4- [#inaljchat](#) resources vary but look for student & new member rates for memberships, events & conferences. Ask if not on websites

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[#inaljchat](#) WELL...\*shameless plug\* join me monthly for [#SLAtalk](#) Twitter chat!

<http://www.sla.org/slatalk-plus-slatalk-archives/> ... [@SLAhq](#)

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MT [@vperryky](#) A3 [#inaljchat](#) everyone has skills to contribute to PAs do NOT be shy. Meet members and ask about opportunities. They NEED you!

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[#inaljchat](#) A3 Is now a good time for, ask not what your prof assn can do for you, ask what you can do for your prof assn? [#askingforafriend](#)

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A3 [#inaljchat](#) everyone has valuable skills to contribute to PAs so do NOT be shy. Meet members and ask about opportunities. They NEED you!

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Q4 What resources do you have for people wanting to get actively involved with their PAs? How can PAs become more accessible? [#inaljchat](#)

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[#inaljchat](#) A3supp Look for travel grants offered to get yourself to a PA conf. That's what I did! My first conf was possible b/c of a grant.

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[@INALJOntario](#) Crazy! That was the first thing I did, plus going to conferences at student rates. Saves SO much money. [#inaljchat](#)

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[@INALJOntario](#) [#inaljchat](#) Chime in on listservs-every voice is valuable! Find a member who has your dream job and ask them about themselves.

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[#inaljchat](#) A3 (supp) Also, I feel that established members of a PA have an obligation to reach out to newbies to invite them to volun roles

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A3supp [#inaljchat](#) find someone active in PA - ask best way to volunteer. For many simply ask to be on a committee. Contact an officer. :)

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Yes! There are often student discounts for events too. MT [@sendaulas](#) Take advantage of student discounts while you still can! [#inaljchat](#)

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RT [@VinessaNJ](#): A3 ... at your first conference/event. [#inaljchat](#) - THIS! volunteering at a conference can get you free/discounted admission!

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[#inaljchat](#) A3 (supp) Jump right in! If you know someone, ask for an introduction to get a volunteer position started. Make yourself known.

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A3 [#inaljchat](#) serving PA roles is best way to network & learn about your field and possibly new avenues. Friends now may be refs later.

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A3 Many PA chapters/divs offer mentoring - take advantage of it at your first conference/event.

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A3 (Part 2) - Take advantage of student discounts while you still can! Join a few associations and see which you like best. [#inaljchat](#)

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“[@LPikeSeeley](#): Q3 [#inaljchat](#) There really is no better way to meet like-minded professionals than immersing yourself in a PA.” This.

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[#inaljchat](#) A3 I urge you to get involved with a PA. That exp gives you skills and exp that can give you an edge in your career or resume.

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[#inaljchat](#) A3 Be a thought leader. You have to be involved to make your vision of the future happen.

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Q3 supplemental Q! How do you recommend a PA newbie get involved? [#inaljchat](#)

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A3 Been lucky to attend some conferences & webinars, and volunteering online this year. Learning new skills and keeping informed [#inaljchat](#)

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Q3 [#inaljchat](#) you can learn many valuable transferable skills from your PA roles. committees to officers. It's fun and easy to get involved!

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[#inaljchat](#) A3 On a committee, running for council, stepped out of Comp in Libraries conf to listen to LITA board virtual meeting. B invlvd

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[#inaljchat](#) Q3 Attend local conferences, am active in Twitter chats and listservs, and am on a committee. Met great people & learned so much.

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Loving all the Answers over at [#inaljchat](#) !

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A3 Attend some local LSSRT meetings. No committees yet. Good for professional development.

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[#inaljchat](#) A3 [@SLAhq](#) allowed me to "find myself" professionally. I found a home there and my work/personal life has been all the better.

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A3 [#inaljchat](#) I think one of the biggest benefits of being actively involved is the people you get to meet!

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A3 - Benefits: Journals such as Public Libraries and Young Adult Library Services give me inspiration. [#inaljchat](#)

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[#inaljchat](#) How about discounts for un/under - employed? Has anyone had good luck with MD or VA ?

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A3 [#inaljchat](#) I met my Mentor through [@ONLibraryAssoc](#); I'm on a committee w/ [@CLA\\_web](#) & recently became mod for their LTAN network

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[#inaljchat](#) A3 Wow, where do I begin? Got me my job and friends. I learned knowledge, know-how and confidence. I could go on and on.

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[@VinessaNJ #inaljchat](#) Great point, especially for those of us with nontraditional jobs.

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Q3 Beyond being a member how are you involved with your PA? What good do you think comes out of getting involved? [#inaljchat](#)

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[#inaljchat](#) A2 Social media and technology in general have made prof assns more interactive and participatory. Take advantage of that!

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[#inaljchat](#) A2 Also states vary greatly. I have more friends in NJLA than in MLA(Md). I've been to one conference in each. I'll go back 2 NJ

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[@LibrarySherpa @VinessaNJ](#) Yes, exactly. [#inaljchat](#)

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.[@VinessaNJ](#) A2 Exactly! It's more meaningful to me to have similar prof interests or experiences than geographic location [#inaljchat](#)

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best of both worlds!! RT [@VinessaNJ](#): A2 It's great if you can find a national org that has an active local chapter. [#inaljchat](#)

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A2 Like [@VinessaNJ](#) said, best bang for your buck is an assoc that has both nat'l/int'l as well as local options in one place. [#inaljchat](#)

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.@VinessaNJ a very good point! [#inaljchat](#)

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A2 - being involved locally & globally gives diff perspectives & broadens your experiences. a subject specific assoc is good too. [#inaljchat](#)

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A2 I prefer national because I gravitate more to folks who hold similar jobs as me, rather than locals with different jobs [#inaljchat](#)

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[#INALJCHAT](#) A2 I think one needs a balance of nat'l/int'l and state/provincial. Being involved locally is as beneficial as on a wider scale.

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[.@needalibraryjob](#) That's why I like [.@APRA\\_HQ](#) and [.@armacanada](#) [#inaljchat](#)

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A2 [#inaljchat](#) 2/2 and those professions have associations too- we can't be too insular - we know our value but need others to too

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A2 also [#inaljchat](#) you need to be involved beyond the library world too- librarians work in [#km](#) [#ci](#) [#prospectresearch](#) [#development](#) etc 1/2

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A2 - in beginning join at least one state/regional and one national/international. Best for me [#SLA](#) and KLA [#inaljchat](#)

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A2 - Unpopular opinion: I think local is definitely cheaper but often times more clique-y since everyone knows each other. [#inaljchat](#)

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[#inaljchat](#) A2 Depends on how tied to the state you are. I'll end up living 18 yrs in MD before I retire, but I'm not a Marylander.

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[#inaljchat](#) Q2 Seems people with less geographic mobility should focus their efforts locally. But national groups help broaden horizons.

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A2 [#inaljchat](#) I would say think local but also stay involved nationally- maybe start with your local chapter SLA or ALA and expand

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A2 [#inaljchat](#) I'd recommend that students check out as many associations as possible & decide fit for themselves student pricing ftw!

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Q2. It depends how mobile you are. I've got the most out of belonging to the Ottawa region association. [#inaljchat](#)

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[@ToriNeedsTea](#) That's why I volunteered to become the new LTAN moderator, hoping to get it more active & engaged! [#inaljchat](#)

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[@LPikeSeeley](#) Completely agree. [#inaljchat](#)

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Q2 Thoughts on regional vs. state/provincial vs. national? Which one(s) would you recommend to new LIS pros? Why? [#inaljchat](#)

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[#inaljchat](#) Q2 coming up shortly :)

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[#inaljchat](#) Q1 Member of SLA since I started my current position 3 years ago. I believe it's one of the most forward-thinking/visionary PAs.

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A1 - Was a member of SLA in library school, but didn't renew once I became a public librarian, great conferences though! [#inaljchat](#)

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A1 [@ALALibrary](#) & [@TXLA](#) since 2012. Why? Dual membership discount applies to Library Technician students, too! [#inaljchat](#)

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A1 [#inaljchat](#) I think of it as 'specialized' libraries because truly anyone can be a member!

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So the 2 biggest reasons for joining PAs seem to be networking and PD, agreed? [#inaljchat](#)

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[#inaljchat](#) A1 I was introduced to [#SLA](#) by my first real library boss Susan Fournier who was president of DC SLA that year :) I love it!

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A1 - Currently: ALA, PLA, RUSA, YALSA, and (local) NJLA, joined for networking and professional development [#inaljchat](#)

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Q1 cont. I found Ontario lib techs & OLA too Toronto orientated. [#inaljchat](#)

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A1 [#inaljchat](#) I am a member of [#SLA](#) [#ALA](#) [#85Broads](#) [#WomenInTechnology](#) right now and locally [#DCSLA](#) and [#DCLA](#)

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Vinessa in New Jersey, SLA member, news librarian. [#inaljchat](#)

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Q1 I was a member of Ontario lib techs and OLA, now just a member of [@LANCR](#) which so far have been more active and fits my needs [#inaljchat](#)

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I'm Stephanie, reference librarian, [@needalibraryjob](#) editor, and self-proclaimed fan of library associations and conferences. [#inaljchat](#)

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SLA is my primary prof assoc and I'm very active. I joined for prof dev and networking.

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A1 [#inaljchat](#) I'm a member of [@ONLibraryAssoc](#) [@CLA\\_web](#) [@OALTABO](#) [@alanews](#) & [@APRA\\_HQ](#) since 2012 1st 3 are the major ones in my area

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Laura here, special librarian/archivist in Dallas and SLA member. Looking forward to the chat!

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@INALJOntario A little tardy to the party, but joining #inaljchat!

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#inaljchat Jules in Maryland, Federal worker, & ALA council candidate.

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Q1 Are you a member of any PAs? Why/why not? Which ones? Since when? Why did you choose the one(s) you chose? [#inaljchat](#)

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I'm going to get the first Q out in a minute so we can get talking and hopefully more people will join in as we go! [#inaljchat](#)

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[@LibrarySherpa](#) thanks for joining [#inaljchat](#) again Tracy! Good to see you!

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Tracy in Philly. Finishing up the Seder and following along. Private law firm librarian and SLA addict. [#inaljchat](#)

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.[@asgoodson](#) You're not late Aimee, welcome to the conversation :) which is just you and me right now haha [#inaljchat](#)

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It's time for [#inaljchat](#) we're talking professional associations tonight! Like [@alanews](#) [@CLA\\_web](#) [@ONLibraryAssoc](#) & [@SLAhq](#) come join in!

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Whew! I thought I was late. Aimee in Dallas-Fort Worth. [#inaljchat](#)

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If you're already here for [#inaljchat](#) introduce yourself! I'm Lauren from Waterloo ON hosting tonight!

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5 minutes to go until tonight's [#inaljchat](#) on professional associations, hosted by me!

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