TLA

# EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE INFO

NAME: Kate Carter

POSITION: Representative-at-Large
(Academic Libraries)



## Work Experience

**Coordinator of Open Education Services (Interim),** University of Houston Libraries, 2026 to present
**Open Education Librarian,** University of Houston Libraries, 2022 to present
**Research and Instruction Librarian,** University of Houston-Clear Lake – Alfred R. Neumann Library, 2019-2022

## Current TLA Commitments and Positions

Bylaws & Resolutions Committee, 2026 – 2029

## Previous Board or Volunteer Leadership Experience

*Journal of Open Educational Resources in Higher Education*, Lead Associate Editor, 2026
Texas Library Association, 2026 Conference Planning Committee, Co-Chair, 2025-2026
Texas Conference on Digital Libraries, 2025 Conference Planning Committee, Member and Awards Subcommittee Chair, 2024-2025
Open Education Network, Event Planning Committee, Member, 2024-2025
Texas Library Association, 2025 Conference Planning Committee, Member, 2024-2025
American Library Association, NMRT, Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer, 2024-2027
American Library Association, NMRT, Orientation Committee Member, 2024-2025
Texas Digital Library, GIS Interest Group, Subcommittee Chair, Survey & Outreach, 2024 & 2020-2021
Texas Digital Library, OER Users Group, Vice-Chair/Chair, 2023-2025
Texas Library Association, District 8, Chair-Elect/Chair/Past Chair, 2022-2025
Houston Area OER Consortium, Chair/Past Chair, 2022-2024
Texas Digital Library, GIS Interest Group, Vice-Chair/Chair, 2022-2023
Texas Library Association, District 8, Councilor-Alternate, 2021-2023
Texas Library Association, District 8, Secretary, 2020-2021

## Statement of Concern

As ongoing threats to intellectual freedom are encroaching upon academic freedom in higher education spaces, academic librarian involvement in TLA is more important than ever. TLA is well-positioned to provide the necessary leadership, advocacy, and professional development to empower librarians to respond to these critical issues and support our students' right to read and learn. However, meeting the evolving needs of our profession depends on the engagement of our membership. Creating meaningful, accessible, and inclusive opportunities for participation is essential for demonstrating the value of membership to new audiences, while fostering a more connected and empowered community of all library types. Cultivating sustainable growth will help us leverage our collective voice to meet challenges, protecting equitable access to information and the joy of lifelong learning.