

Past Presidents Parley

2026-2027 Program Engagement Plan

RESPECT, RECOGNIZE, REMEMBER AND ROSES

The purpose of the Past Presidents Parley (PPP) committee is to utilize the experience, knowledge and wisdom of members who have served in the high office of President on the Unit, District, or Department level. These mentors are urged active service in the Auxiliary to ensure a strong leadership future for the organization. The Past Presidents Parley committee also recognizes and honors the importance of the contributions of valued unit leaders through the “Mentor of the Year” award sponsored by the Past Department Presidents.

The Past is behind, learn from it, the future is ahead, prepare for it, the present is here, live it. Thomas S. Monson

PPP membership eligibility is based on two factors: 1) a member must have served as President of the ALA on the Unit, District, Department or National level. 2) unit dues must be paid for the current year.

Who is a Past President: 1) a member who has served as President for one full term. 2) a member who has served as President for part of a year and due to illness or circumstances beyond their control, had to resign. 3) a 1st. Vice President acting as President due to resignation or death of the President. Note: A two-term president is considered a past president at the end of their first term.

How can Units and Districts use the 4 R's

1. RESPECT OUR HEROES

As former leaders, past presidents at all levels are encouraged to continue their support to the Auxiliary by sharing their insight as a past leader and make a difference by developing and mentoring members with positivity and kindness.

- ❖ Form a Unit/District Past Presidents Parley Committee.
- ❖ Respect the knowledge and wisdom past presidents can share.
- ❖ Pair new members with past presidents to answer questions.
- ❖ Past presidents can explain the who, what, why of our organization.
- ❖ Encourage members to serve as chairs and help when needed.
- ❖ Ask past presidents to serve on Audit, Budget, and special committees.
- ❖ Past Presidents can explain Preamble, rituals, customs, and ALA abbreviations.

- ❖ Encourage Unit to nominate a member for the “Mentor of the Year” award.
- ❖ Encourage members to perform “Random Acts of Kindness.”
- ❖ Encourage Auxiliary education: School of Instruction, ABC School, District Meetings, ALA Academy, DCC, Department meetings, etc.

2. RECOGNIZE OUR HEROES

Sometimes our most valuable resources and assets in our organization are forgotten or overlooked. (Our Past Presidents)

- ❖ Develop a Unit PPP committee.
- ❖ Several Unit PPP committees work together for a common purpose.
- ❖ Acknowledge their service and their unit legacy at meetings, early bird dinners, ceremonies, etc.
- ❖ Reserve parking spots or seats for holidays, special events, ceremonies, etc.
- ❖ Host a tea, lunch, dinner, etc.
- ❖ PPP committee can host a fundraiser and make a donation to an ALA charity, Presidents Special Project, or sponsor a Girls State delegate.
- ❖ Gift them with a rose.
- ❖ Make centerpieces or decorate the post with roses.

3. REMEMBER OUR HEROES

- ❖ Remember them on their birthdays and holidays cards, emails, phone calls
- ❖ Donate to the Department Memorial Fund upon death
- ❖ Sponsor a Department award in their name for 12 years for \$300.
- ❖ Have a celebration of life, attend funeral, provide food, etc.

AWARDS

DEPARTMENT AWARD: Sponsored by the Department of Florida Past Presidents “MENTOR OF THE YEAR” AWARD

The Past Presidents Parley “Mentor of the Year” award will be presented annually at the year-end Department Convention to the auxiliary member in good standing who made contributions through teaching, sharing knowledge, and providing guidance for the current auxiliary year. What did this member do that was outstanding to earn this award?

The following eligibility must be met for the nominee:

1. Only senior members in good standing are eligible.

2. Must be a member of the Department of Florida throughout the entire Auxiliary year.
3. The member will not have served in a leadership position higher than Dept. 1st. Vice President
4. The following rules must be followed for the entry.
5. Fly Page
 - a. Name of the award.
 - b. Full name and number of Unit submitting the entry.
 - c. Location (full mailing address)
 - d. Name of person submitting the mentor for the award
 - e. Must be signed by Unit President and Unit Secretary

Note: If the nominee is the Unit President or the Unit Secretary, a Past Unit President or 1st Vice President must sign the fly page in the nominees' place.

Entry to be in narrative form describing the nominee's mentoring and guidance during the current year. Narrative must be double spaced on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, not to exceed 500 words. Newspaper clippings, pictures, posters, and flyers may be included at the end of the entry.

Entry must be received by the Department PPP Chairperson later than April 15th 2027. Entries are to be submitted as a Word or PDF attachment to an email to: pastpresidentparley@alafl.org

Narratives will be judged by the Department PPP Chairperson and committee members. Judging will be based on compliance with all of the above rules as well as neatness, spelling, grammar, punctuation and originality of the mentorship.

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AWARD

UNIT/DISTRICT 4 R's AWARD: An award will be presented to the Unit and District who best demonstrates the **4 R's of Past Presidents Parley (Respect, Recognize, Remember and Roses.)**

The entry must be in narrative form on 8 1/2" x 11" paper and not to exceed 500 words. Newspaper clippings, pictures, posters, flyers may be included at the end of entry. Cover page must include:

1. Name of Award
2. Unit Full name and number or District number submitting the entry.
3. Unit Location (full mailing address)

4. Name of Unit/District Chairperson.
5. Signature of Unit President or Unit Secretary

DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS FOCUS

As Department Chair, I would like to emphasize, recognize, and honor past presidents and their accomplishments in the Department of Florida. My goal is to create, develop, and establish a Department Past Presidents Parley. I am going to need participation from every unit in the Department. Please complete the Past Presidents Parley survey and email it to the Department PPP Chair as soon as possible. PPP membership cards will be sent to the Unit for each Past President.

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY REPORTING

A year-end **Unit** report using the PPP report form will be due to the Department Chair by April 15th, 2027.

A year-end **District** report using the PPP report form will be due to the Department Chair by May 1st, 2027.

Dee Bell

The 4 R's Respect, Recognize, Remember, Roses

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