



A Resolution to Honor Yolanda L. Cooper

WHEREAS Yolanda Lee Cooper has served in multiple leadership roles in ASERL libraries during her career, including posts at the University of Virginia, the University of Miami, and Emory University; and

WHEREAS Yolanda Cooper is a highly respected and prolific author and speaker, a recipient of numerous awards, fellowships, and grants, and a member of the Grolier Club, the Society of American Archivists, and numerous sections within the American Library Association; and

WHEREAS Yolanda Cooper holds an outstanding record of service within the profession, including leadership roles with HathiTrust, the Association of Research Libraries, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the National Library of Medicine, the International Federation of Library Associations, and HistoryMakers; and

WHEREAS Yolanda Cooper has provided ASERL with an organizational home since 2016, and also shared her considerable leadership skills with us during her tenure on ASERL's Board of Directors from 2017-2020, including serving as our President in 2018-2019, and

WHEREAS during her tenure on ASERL's Board, Yolanda Cooper led our community in a strategic planning process that highlighted the importance of providing ongoing programming to address diversity, equity, and inclusion as critical matters to research libraries; and

WHEREAS these conversations resulted in widespread support among our membership to create and fund a new ASERL staff position focused on professional development, with an explicit focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion -- a watershed moment for ASERL as an organization;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ASERL is a better organization thanks to Yolanda Cooper's leadership. We offer our heartfelt gratitude as we commend, honor, and thank our dear colleague as she takes on new adventures outside our membership sphere. And we offer our warmest wishes as she moves to Cleveland in January!

On this day, November 10, 2021.

Tim Pyatt, President
ASERL Board of Directors

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ASERL Executive Director

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