ELUNA Steering Committee
Candidates for 2018 Election

1. Pascal Calarco
   University of Windsor

2. David Perry
   New York University

3. Alexander Rich-Shea
   Brandeis University

Name: Pascal Calarco https://www.linkedin.com/in/pascalcalarco/   **Email:** pcalarco@uwindsor.ca
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Position: University Librarian   **Products licensed:** Alma, Primo

Relevant Past ELUNA, IGeLU, NAAUG Service:
- *ELUNA Steering Committee:*
  - 2015-2016: Secretary; Website Content & Redesign Coordinator; Liaison to Aleph & SFX Product Working Groups (Tri-University Group)
  - 2014-2015: Secretary; Website Content Coordinator; Liaison to SFX Product Working Group (Tri-University Group)
  - 2013-2014: Secretary; Liaison to SFX Product Working Group (Tri-University Group)
  - 2009-2010: ELUNA SC Past Chair and Liaison to DigiTool PWG (University of Notre Dame)
  - 2008-2009: ELUNA SC Chair and Liaison to DigiTool PWG (University of Notre Dame)
  - 2007-2008: ELUNA SC Chair-elect and Liaison to DigiTool PWG (University of Notre Dame)
- *ELUNA:*
  - 2010-2011: ELUNA representative, URM Community Metadata Advisory Committee
  - 2009: Local arrangements, Great Lakes User Group, 2009 Meeting, Notre Dame, IN
  - 2007: Program Chair, ELUNA 2007 Annual Meeting, Spearfish, SD
  - 2006-2007: Communications Officer, DigiTool Product Working Group
  - 2006: Digitool Track Program Chair, ELUNA 2006 Annual Meeting, Knoxville, TN
  - 2004-2015: Listowner and discussion list manager, 34 ND, ELUNA and IGeLU mailing lists, 4,200 unique subscribers
- *International Group of Ex Libris Users (IGeLU):*
  - 2009, 2008: ELUNA Representative to National Working Groups, 2008 & 2009 meetings
  - 2007: Program Committee, DigiTool Track Coordinator, IGELU 2007 meeting, Brno, Czech Republic
  - 2006-2007: Digitool Product Working Group Coordinator
- North American Aleph User Group (NAAUG):
  - 2004: Program Planning Committee, NAAUG 2004 Boston, MA

Other selected professional service:
- National Information Standards Organization (NISO):
  - 2012-2018: Co-chair, Information Discovery & Interchange Topic Committee
    - Focuses on issues regarding the finding and distribution of information by and to users, including OpenURL, Metasearch, interface design, web services, etc. Working groups under its oversight include KBART (Knowledge Base and Related Tools), Open Discovery Initiative (ODI), IOTA (OpenURL Quality Metrics), NCIP and ResourceSync
- Center for Research Libraries (CRL):
  - 2014-2015: Member, Trusted Digital Repository (ISO 16363) certification review team for Canadiana.org
  - 2013-2014: Member, Trusted Digital Repository (ISO 16363) certification review team for CLOCKSS
  - 2012-2013: Member, Trusted Digital Repository (ISO 16363) certification review team for Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL) ScholarsPortal
- Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL):
  - 2017-2018: Lead, Fair Dealing 2018 website and social media campaign
  - 2016-: Member, Policy Committee
  - 2013-2016: CARL representative, ARL/CARL/COAR/LIBER Professional Competencies Task Force
- Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL):
  - 2016-2018: Secretary and Member, Executive Board

Statement of interest:

Colleagues, I have been deeply involved in the Ex Libris customer community for almost fifteen years, including two previous terms of service on the ELUNA Steering Committee, and having served as ELUNA Steering Committee Chair Elect/Chair/Past Chair, 2007-2010. I have known Ex Libris senior leadership over the past ten years very well, with excellent well-established working relationships with product managers, product support members, North American sales leadership, and Ex Libris Vice Presidents, Chief Strategy Officer, and CEO/Presidents. Over the course of working in four different academic libraries in both the US and Canada that use Ex Libris products over this time, I've experienced putting together annual and regional user group meetings and programs, working on product working groups, liaising with Ex Libris Product groups as a member of the Steering Committee, and working productively with members of the Steering Committee, and Ex Libris to address customer issues with products, contribute to our voice and customer perspective to Ex Libris' product and company strategy over these years.

Why do I want to return to serve ELUNA again? Having established myself in my current role for two years now, and finishing some long-service work with NISO, the consortium I am a part of is at the end of a selection process for a new shared library services platform, to bring together 13 or more of the 21 university libraries in Ontario, Canada. While as of this date, February 23, 2018, a finalist has yet to be chosen, I know that a strong voice for doing the kind of deep service integration OCUL would like to do will be strengthened by having someone on the Steering Committee to advocate with other consortia across North America for more consortial functionality across Alma, Primo, and other products. The Library I work at decisioned to migrate to Alma and Primo four years ago, to become only the second Alma library in Canada, following the University of Manitoba. Having these systems in place was a significant attraction for me, and now we hope to build on this by adopting Ex Libris technology across the province. I know from experience that Ex Libris is best in class, and believe they are still years ahead of any other market competition.

I also tremendously value ELUNA as a community, and I want to continue to give back to it. ELUNA to me is like an extended professional family, where I have many friends and colleagues that I love to work with, laugh and learn each year at and between the annual ELUNA meetings. ELUNA and systems librarianship is where I came from, from participating in a search to replace our NOTIS 7.2 instance with Aleph 16 while I was at Virginia Commonwealth University, back in 2002, through to the present, where Ex Libris' products are at the core of enterprise information systems that drive library service, provide a superior patron experience with fewer staff, and being ahead of the curve in meeting our patrons' needs as higher education and libraries continue to evolve with Ex Libris' creative product strategy.

At this time of incredible growth and success the last few years have shown Ex Libris and now ProQuest, its parent company, it is also a time when we need more capacity, capability and experience in the ELUNA Steering Committee to continue the very productive working relationships we have with Ex Libris. Both Ex Libris and ProQuest value and recognize ELUNA as a customer community that doesn't really have any peers in the library marketplace. ELUNA has been a strong partner in Ex Libris' success, and I'd bet that the strength of the ELUNA community was one of the factors for ProQuest's interest in acquiring Ex Libris. ELUNA is in a strong position to continue to advocate for our needs, but our success in being able to accomplish that is directly tied to the strong relationships, trust and respect that the ELUNA leadership shares with Ex Libris leadership. I feel that I can contribute to this strong partnership with our library systems vendor with my experience, dedication, executive acumen and strategic thinking. I will work for you because ELUNA has been my professional home for so many years, and I believe that there's many more exciting innovations ELUNA and Ex Libris can achieve together, in service to those we serve, our students, faculty, staff and members of our extended campus communities across North America. Thank you for the consideration of your support.

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Ex Libris Products that your site licenses: Aleph, Primo, SFX, MetaLib

Statement of interest:

I am writing to put forward myself as a candidate for a position on the ELUNA Steering Committee.

For the past 18 years I have been employed by the Division of Libraries at New York University in the capacity of Programmer Analyst.

During that time I have been engaged in numerous projects focused on data integration and analysis and systems interoperability. As an example, I lead the effort to build and populate a Library specific data warehouse that combines data from a wide variety of sources including Aleph and Primo, financial data from our FAME system, data from our ILLiad and EZ-Borrow instances, as well as SUSHI Counter Stats, to name but a few.

The ability to combine data from disparate sources and the use of Tableau as a reporting and data analysis tool has completely changed and improved staff workflow and Administrative decision making at NYU.

I also lead the effort to integrate Aleph circulation functionality with our ILLiad system to provide for the automatic creation of circulation items and the placing of holds on completed patron requests. I am also involved in a new effort to integrate paging requests directly with Aleph using a NCIP configuration.

In addition, I have recently been asked to participate with one of our consortia members to work with our offsite storage facility company to fully integrate their new inventory management software with our Aleph instance.

I have also had the opportunity to serve on many committees that helped set the goals and direction of the Division of Libraries, including the Library Steering Committee and the ILS working group, which serves as the focal point for our consortium members to gather and discuss issues and set policy and discuss and vote on Ex Libris product enhancement.

In addition, I have had the opportunity to attend every ELUNA conference since NYU went live on Aleph in July, 2008. I have also twice presented on separate topics both at ELUNA and at this year's IGeLU conference in Saint Petersburg.

Currently, NYU has licenses for the following Ex Libris products: Aleph, Primo, SFX, and MetaLib.

In terms of the future, I am very interested in participating in a conversation with Ex Libris as they continue to develop their products. I am most interested in working with them to insure that institutions can get timely and complete access to their data. I believed based on my work in developing a robust library specific data warehouse that allows for the combination and integration of data from many disparate sources in a way that leads to new and actionably insights, that I can make a compelling case for the necessity for Ex Libris to continue to improve and enhance how they provide for this need.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my candidacy.

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Ex Libris Products that your site licenses: Alma, Primo

Statement of interest:

I would like to nominate myself for service on the ELUNA Steering Committee because I believe my professional experience makes me uniquely qualified to contribute to the actions and decisions of the Steering Committee. I worked at Ex Libris for three years as a top level North American Primo Support Analyst and the following two years as a Primo and Alma Implementation Consultant. I have close professional relationships with all of the Ex Libris support managers and firsthand knowledge of the Ex Libris implementation and support procedures. I saw the transition from locally hosted Primo and Aleph/Voyager sites to the SAAS based Alma/Primo model of today and I have guesses about what the Alma/Primo VE future holds for us. My Computer Science degree enabled me to develop a deep technical understanding of the ILS/URM ecosystem at Ex Libris and the biggest challenges that its users and administrators face. I am also one of the foremost experts in Primo Central/Alma/Primo troubleshooting in North America.

In my current capacity as the Sr Systems Administrator of Library Systems at Brandeis University, I have overseen the customization and launch of the Primo New UI, and have pushed the use of Alma APIs to streamline our processing. My focus is on finding where our workflows serve us, and where they can be improved with smart efficient development that makes a big impact. Towards that end, I have built a tool that loads all of our courses into Alma by reading the information from our registrar course website. This is saving dozens of student and staff hours as our 800+ courses will no longer need to be manually entered into Alma every semester. I am also the leader of our internal Primo steering committee that we call the Primo Betterment Society. The main function of this group is to provide accountability and communication between Library Systems and the rest of the library departments to make sure that we are making smart and informed updates to our discovery system.

Brandeis University can offer a lot to the Steering Committee. We retain two of our own local Primo environments, Production and Sandbox, over which we have full control and server access. That, combined with our knowledge, gives us an infrastructure for full testing and examination of new Primo releases. Brandeis, as part of the BLC, is working towards fuller and robust resource sharing arrangements among libraries. As a part of that resource sharing we are looking to see what Tipasa integration with Alma will look like in the future by partnering with the IDS Project. Regarding institutional support, I can say that this would be right in line with how our President Ron Liebowitz has characterized Brandeis as a "newly extroverted institution with regional, national, and global connections and impact." We would like our voice to be heard in the North American academic library community, and we hope this might be a part of that.