

Chicago Association of Law Libraries 2007-08

The Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) began its year with a Leadership Seminar attended by the 2007-08 committee chairs and board members. This has become a yearly tradition for CALL the Board hopes to continue. The seminar provides a forum for the current leaders of the association to discuss the direction of CALL for the upcoming year.

The Meetings Committee planned five meetings in 2007-08, including one in cooperation with Illinois-SLA. The first meeting in addition to having Gary T. Johnson, President of the Chicago Museum of History, as speaker, commemorated CALL's 60th Anniversary with an anniversary cake and anniversary memento. The speakers of the remaining four meetings included Mark Garavaglia, Assistant General Counsel of Rotary International; Kelly Kalmes, Founder and President of Project Knowledge, LLC; Paul Whitsitt, Director of Library and Information Services for the Chicago Public Schools; and Eugene R. Wedoff, Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the Northern District of Illinois.

GSLIS students from Dominican University and the University of Illinois were invited to the March business meeting as guests of CALL; seven students attended. The CALL Board plans to again extend this invitation in the coming year.

The Continuing Education Committee presented three programs this year: a tour of the Knowledge Center at the Federal Reserve Bank led by Susan Chenoweth, Knowledge Center Manager; a brown bag on Foreign and International Law Librarianship with Jean Wenger of Cook County Law Library and Lyonette Louis-Jacques of the University of Chicago D'Angelo Law Library as speakers; and a day-long Institute Day, entitled "Emerging Technologies and Their Applicability to Law Librarianship." Speakers for the Institute Day included: Deborah Ginsberg, Chicago-Kent College of Law Library Illinois Institute of Technology; Sarah Palmer, American Bar Association; Susan Boland, Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis; Raizel Liebler, John Marshall Law School; Keidra Chaney, DePaul University; Laura Ikens, Sonnenschein Nath Rosenthal LLP; June Liebert, John Marshall Law School; and Catherine Sanders Reach, American Bar Association.

The Placement and Recruitment Committee introduced two new programs this year: an internship program and a job shadowing/mentoring program. The internship program is designed to encourage members and their organization to provide internships for GSLIS students and others who may be interested in pursuing a career in law librarianship. The job shadowing/mentoring program is entitled, "A Day in the Life: Law Librarian". The purpose of this program is to provide students or other individuals considering law librarianship as a career an opportunity to meet with and observe practicing librarians and/or library staff members at different types of local law libraries.

The Community Service Committee this year sponsored a school supply drive for Chicago's Public School's Homeless Education Program; a toiletries/grocery store gift card drive for Christopher House; a book drive for Book Worm Angels, which provides books to underfunded Chicago Public Schools to develop classroom libraries; pets supply for PAWS Chicago, the city's largest no kill animal shelter; clothing drive for Dress for Success, which provides interview clothing for clients who have completed

jobs skills training. At each meeting, the committee also collected money for Chicago Children's Advocacy Center.

This year the CALL Board of Directors proposed amendments to three articles of the bylaws. The Board decided to withdraw the proposed changes to article IV and only the proposed amendments to articles XII and XIII were approved by the voting members at the March business meeting and were sent to the voting membership at large for a vote via SurveyMonkey. The changes to articles XII and XIII were approved by the membership and have been incorporated into the bylaws.

This year CALL awarded Outstanding Lifetime Achievement award to Naomi Goodman, former CALL President and recently retired Technical Services Librarian, from Valparaiso University College of Law. The Agnes and Harvey Reid award was presented jointly to Julia Jackson and Carol Klink for the work done on the CALL Archives. The Outstanding In-House Publication Award was presented to John DiGilio of Reed Smith, LLP for his creation of the firm's in-house newsletter.

The 2007-08 board was comprised of Deborah Rusin, President; Sheri Lewis, Vice President/President-Elect; Mary Lu Linnane, Past President; Deborah Ginsberg, Secretary; Anne Abramson, Treasurer; and Julie Pabarja and Therese Clarke Arado, Directors.

Deborah L. Rusin, President
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