

The city of Philadelphia was the setting of the 104th Annual Meeting and Conference, held July 23-26. With numerous programs, roundtables, vendor demonstrations, receptions, and networking opportunities, law librarians were able to engage in all benefits of being Association members. In addition, they were able to reflect on not only how far our Association has come from its founding in 1906 but also where it is headed in the coming years, much as our country's Founding Fathers did in 1776 when they met in Philadelphia for the signing of the nation's Declaration of Independence.

I now report to you on the July Board Meetings held on July 21, and July 22, and the Business Meeting held on July 25. Prior to the start of the Board Meeting, incoming members participated in an orientation session. Vice President/President-Elect Darcy Kirk conducted this session to bring new board members up to speed with information on Executive Board governance, the roles and responsibilities of board members, and the Association's finances.

President Joyce Manna Janto presided over the Executive Board Meeting and welcomed Kirk; Immediate Past President Catherine Lemann; Secretary Ruth J. Hill; Treasurer Susan Lewis; and board members Carol Bredemeyer, Lucy Curci-Gonzalez, Christine Graesser, Diane Rodriguez, Ron Wheeler, and Donna Williams. Newly-elected board members in attendance were Kathleen (Katie) Brown, Greg Lambert, Secretary Deborah Rusin, and Vice President/President-Elect Jean Wenger. Also in attendance were Vendor Liaison Margaret Maes, Council of Chapter Presidents Chairs Diane Rodriguez (2010-2011) and Patricia Barbone (2011-2012), and Special Interest Council Chairs Ann Matthewman (2010-2011) and Kathy Carlson (2011-2012). Headquarters staff members in attendance were Kate Hagan, executive director; Paula Davidson, director of finance and administration; Julie Strandlie, director of the Government Relations Office; Pam Reisinger, director of meetings, and Kim Rundle, executive assistant to the executive director.



Action Items

Action items are agenda items for which a vote of the board is required. Among the action items approved and adopted by the board were the following:

- The minutes of the Executive Board Meeting for March 2011
- The proposed Association operating budget for fiscal year 2011-2012
- The report and recommendations from the Colloquium Working Group on Shared Principles
- The proposed revisions to the Conduct of Elections Policy
- The proposed revisions to the Government Relations Policy
- The report and recommendations from the Price Index Review Task Force

Reports

The board agenda also included reports by the president, vice president, treasurer, executive director, director of government relations, vendor liaison, Special Interest Section Council chair, and the Chapter Council chair discussing their various activities since the spring Executive Board meeting. The minutes of the Executive Board meetings are available on AALLNET.

Business Meeting

President Janto called the 2011 AALL Business Meeting to order on July 25. A quorum was observed, and the Business Meeting rules of conduct and agenda were adopted. The president announced that 1,776 attendees were registered for the 2011 Annual Meeting. There were 175 exhibitors, 11 of which were first-time exhibitors.

In Memoriam

During the past year, AALL was informed of the deaths of several members and supporters of the Association. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the following:

Marianne Sidorsky Alcorn
Dorothy V. Alport
Nancy Arnold
Thomas Robert Austin
Earl Borgeson
Gloria F. Chao
Morris Cohen
Barbara Cumming
Alan Diefenbach
Lori Bull Dodds
Dario C. Ferreira
Sondra Giles
Adrien C. Hinze
William R. Kelly
Tranne Pearce
Susan J. Scoble
Schelle Simcox
Susan Sloma
William Wleklinski

Secretary Ruth Hill submitted for approval the 2010 Business Meeting minutes as published in *Law Library Journal*, vol. 101, no. 4 (Fall 2010). The minutes were approved. Additionally, the secretary reported on the election of officers and board members for 2011-2012. A total of 1,471 ballots were returned electronically with none being invalid. The successful candidates were: Jean Wenger, vice president/president-elect; Deborah Rusin, secretary; Kathleen (Katie) Brown and Greg Lambert, members of the Executive Board.

President's Report

Janto reported on her activities, travels, and representations of AALL during her presidential year. The successful Vendor Colloquium was her presidential initiative for this year. Held in late February, the colloquium resulted in the action plan that was adopted by the Executive Board at its summer meeting.

Vice President's Report

Kirk presented plans for her presidential year. She reported on both the preparation for the 2012 Annual Meeting to be held in Boston, July 21-24, 2012, with the theme, "Learn, Connect, Grow" and an AALL Futures Summit planned for fall 2011.

Treasurer's Report

Susan Lewis presented the treasurer's report and advised members in attendance on the overall healthy financial condition of the Association.

Marian Gould Gallagher Award

This year, the Marian Gould Gallagher Award was presented to Laura Gasaway, Frank Houdek, and Kathleen Price for their outstanding, extended, and sustained service to law librarianship and to AALL. The Gallagher Award is AALL's highest honor. Each recipient offered remarks and reflections on his or her career as a law librarian.

Hall of Fame Award

Established in 2009, this year's Hall of Fame inductees were Timothy Coggins, Anne Grande, Nancy Johnson, and Jacquelyn (Jackie) Jurkins posthumously. The Hall of Fame honors members for contributions to the profession and AALL that have been significant, substantial, and long-standing.

Certificates of Appreciation

Each year the president presents certificates of appreciation to people or organizations who have contributed to

the Association or the profession in exceptional ways. This year's recipients are:

- **Steven P. Anderson:** for his leadership as chair of the Vendor Colloquium Planning Committee
- **Suzanne B. Corriell:** for her support, assistance, and friendship to President Joyce Manna Janto
- **James E. Duggan:** for his exemplary leadership and for his efforts to ensure AALLNET as a valuable member service
- **Daniel J. Freehling:** for his service to the profession as the ABA's Deputy Consultant on Legal Education
- **Keith Ann Stiverson:** for her leadership in representing the interests of AALL as the observer to the Study Committee on the *Electronic Legal Materials Act*
- **Heidi Letzmann:** for her 10 years of dedicated service to AALL
- **Vanessa Castillo:** for her five years of dedicated service to AALL
- **Hannah Phelps:** for her five years of dedicated service to AALL
- **Celeste Smith:** for her five years of dedicated service to AALL

Special Guests

Special guests from international law library associations were also recognized. Each of the following visitors gave brief remarks:

- **Cyndi Murphy,** president, Canadian Association of Law Libraries
- **Gwenola Neveu,** French Law Librarians Association
- **Naish Peterson,** national president, Australian Law Librarians' Association
- **Susan Scorey,** British and Irish Association of Law Librarians
- **Jules Winterton,** immediate past president of the International Association of Law Libraries

Resolutions

A resolution of appreciation was presented by James E. Duggan, as follows: Whereas the 104th Annual Meeting and Conference of the American Association of Law Libraries held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 23-26, 2011, was an exceptional educational and networking success; And whereas the success of AALL's 104th Annual Meeting and Conference can be attributed in large part to the contributions of many individuals and entities that gave willingly of their time, energy, resources, and support;

Therefore, be it resolved that on behalf of AALL and its members, thanks be given to the following who worked throughout the year on Annual Meeting arrangements:

- President Joyce Manna Janto and the AALL Executive Board;
 - Merle Slyhoff and Mark Bernstein, co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee and its members;
 - Anne Myers, chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee and its members;
 - All members of the AALL staff;
 - All the speakers, moderators, and program coordinators;
 - All those who volunteered their time and assistance; and
 - All AALL members, without whom the Annual Meeting would not have been such a success.
- And be it further resolved that, on behalf of AALL and its members, thanks be given to our gold level sponsors BNA, Lexis/Nexis, and Wolters Kluwer Law & Business and all our other corporate contributors

who have cosponsored or sponsored an event, service, or publication or otherwise given their support to the Annual Meeting. With special appreciation to all of our Exhibitors for sponsoring our Opening and Connect 2012 Receptions.

A transcript of the proceedings of the Business Meetings, will be printed in a forthcoming issue of *Law Library Journal*. This transcript will contain full reports of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, executive director, and director of the Government Relations Office.

Immediately following the conclusion of the Business Meeting, the Members' Open Forum was held with Suzanne Corriell as moderator.

If you have any questions about the July 2011 Executive Board Meeting or the Business Meeting, please contact me or any Executive Board member. ■

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