

2006-2007 SCCLL Education Committee
Annual Report
June 2007

Committee Members

Kelly Browne, Sacramento County (CA) Public Law Library
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Activities

During the period May through July 2006, Connie posted messages to the SCCLL e-list and submitted SCCLL newsletter articles encouraging members to develop proposals for AALL 2007 annual meeting programs. She also fielded questions from members regarding program ideas and the proposal development and submission process. The deadline for submission to SCCLL was August 4, 2006. Deadline for submission to the 2007 Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC) was August 15, 2006. Marcus Hochstetler, SCCLL Liaison to the AMPC, provided invaluable assistance to the committee during this preliminary phase and the ranking process in August.

Connie attended the 2006 SCCLL Committee Chairs Meeting, St. Louis, Sat., July 8, 2006, and chaired the 2006 SCCLL Education Committee Meeting, St. Louis, Tues. July 11, 2006.

Between August 4 and 11, the Committee ranked the fifteen AALL 2007 annual meeting program proposals submitted by SCCLL members and forwarded their list to the AMPC. Following that process, members each submitted their proposals to the AMPC, which selected five of them. The Committee recommended two additional programs to the SCCLL Board for direct SIS sponsorship. Both were approved.

Program C-2, Sunday, July 15, 4:15-4:15 p.m. Access to Online Court Records and the Challenge to Privacy. Coordinator: Gretchen Van Dam, Circuit Librarian, Library of the U.S. Courts, 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, Chicago.

Program D-2, Monday, July 16, 8:45-10:15 a.m. Networking to Serve Self-Represented Litigants. Coordinator: Charles Dyer, Retired Public Law Library Director and Consultant, Charles R Dyer Consulting, Bellingham, WA. (Co-sponsored with the Legal Information Services to the Public SIS)

Program D-3, Monday, July 16, 8:45-10:15 a.m. Electronic Preservation: Does Losing the Past Challenge the Future? Coordinator: Jon Stock, Supervising Law Librarian, Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Library at Stamford. (Co-sponsored with the Micrographics & Audiovisual SIS)

Program E-2, Monday, July 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Partnerships, Public Libraries, & the Pro Se Litigant: Expanding County Law Library Services. Coordinator: Susan Larson, Reference Librarian & CLLP Coordinator, Minnesota State Law Library, St. Paul.

SCCLL Directly-Sponsored Program, Monday, July 16, 2:00-3:15 p.m.: Rising to the Challenge: How Do We Develop a Constructive Response to West's Price Increases and Nondisclosure of Supplementation Costs? Coordinator: Kelly Browne, Sacramento County (CA) Public Law Library.

SCCLL Directly-Sponsored Program, Tuesday, July 17, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Marketing Your Public Library - Rising to the Challenge of Reaching the Public and Local Attorneys. Coordinator: Liz Robb, Law Librarian, Washington County (MN) Law Library, Stillwater.

Program J-1, Tuesday, July 17, 3:30-4:00 p.m. The Ultimate Challenge: Starting a Library Consulting Business. Coordinator: Karla Gedell, Research Librarian, Minnesota Office of the Attorney General.

In early 2007, issues arose regarding the SCCLL direct-sponsored program entitled Rising to the Challenge: How Do We Develop a Constructive Response to West's Price Increases and Nondisclosure of Supplementation Costs? The program title and description specifically referred to West and not legal publishing in general. The description had language about what sort of concerted effort law librarians could make to deal with West's pricing. Such an effort was identified by AALL's attorney as a potential anti-trust issue. The SCCLL Board decided not to sponsor the program, and another program was chosen to fill the vacant slot:

SCCLL Directly-Sponsored Program: Monday, July 16, 2:00-3:15 p.m.: Stepping Into Big Shoes: Strategies to Ensure Smooth Transitions for First Time Directors and Managers and the Libraries They Serve. Coordinator, Moderator & Speaker: Jean Holcomb, Retired Law Librarian and Director, King County (WA) Law Library.

During May & June 2007, Connie submitted articles to the SCCLL Newsletter to publicize 2007 programs and encouraging members to develop proposals for the 2008 annual meeting, and she also developed flyers publicizing the two SIS-direct sponsored programs for distribution at SCCLL's table in the annual meeting exhibit/activities area.

A scheduling conflict arose with the SCCLL Education Committee meeting (July 17, 12-1:30) and the AMPC 2008 Open Forum on 2008 annual meeting programming (July 17, 12-1). Because several people needed to attend both, it was decided that the Education Committee would attend the Open Forum from 12-1 and hold discussion afterwards from 1-1:30. The change in meeting location was publicized in the SCCLL Newsletter and on the SCCLL e-list and announced at the SCCLL Business Meeting on Sunday, July 15; signage was placed at the Education Committee meeting room directing attendees to the Open Forum meeting location; and information was placed at the SCCLL activities table in the exhibit area.

The Committee was not active this year in the area of developing programming to be offered outside the annual meeting. It is hoped that future committees can address member needs and interests in this area.

Thank you to my fellow Committee members for their contributions of time and expertise. Thank you to SCCLL Chair Cathy Lemann and AMPC Liaison Marcus Hochstetler for their expert guidance throughout the year. And a huge Thank You to all SCCLL members who submitted program proposals and coordinated programs for the 2007 annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Von Der Heide, chair