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Strategic Planning Committee Report 2013-14

Annual Report

The Strategic Planning Committee members in 2013-14 were Sara Galligan, Chair, Joan Hoolihan, Laura Orr, and Coral Henning, board liaison. Sara, Joan and Laura participated in two important outside groups that produced information of great importance to SCCLL libraries. The two groups are the Self-Represented Litigation Network Law Library Subgroup (SRLN) and the AALL Access to Justice (ATJ) Special Committee. Sara is a member of the SRLN, and she chaired the ATJ Special Committee. Joan was a member of the AALL ATJ Special Committee, and Laura is a member of the SRLN subgroup.

Members of the SRLN law library subgroup (Joan Bellistri, Marnie Warner, Charley Dyer and Sara Galligan) produced a survey, analysis and report of Self Help Centers (Library Self-Help Programs and Services: A Survey of Law Library Programs for Self-Represented Litigants, including Self-Help Centers, April, 2014) in law libraries. The survey was discussed at length during SRLN's monthly phone calls, which included Laura Orr. The report has direct impact on the strategic development of self help centers in law libraries, especially SCCLL libraries.

Sara and Joan Hoolihan were members of the ATJ Special Committee which produced a White Paper report regarding law libraries and access to justice. The White Paper identifies overall goals for all types of law libraries and describes programs already underway to achieve goals. The White Paper also includes a section on SCCLL type law libraries and offers basic, intermediate and advanced models for developing strong ATJ resources and services in state, court, and county law libraries.

Both reports contain many good ideas and examples for the strategic development of ATJ programs in SCCLL law libraries. AALL will publish the White Paper later in 2014 as an electronic document. SCCLL is sponsoring a program in San Antonio that features the ATJ Special Committee and its findings over the past year. The SRLN survey is available online at <http://selfhelpsupport.org/surveys>. These resources offer guidance and a foundation for best practices for SCCLL law libraries and their enhancement of ATJ.

SCCLL members Larry Meyer, Janine Liebert, and Rita Dermody also participated in both the SRLN discussions and the ATJ Special Committee—Rita as a special committee member and Larry and Janine as ex-officio members.

SCCLL member involvement, the results of the SRLN and ATJ Committee reports, as well as the high level of concern regarding ATJ development in libraries offer an optimum framework for the strategic development of ATJ programs in all types of SCCLL libraries.