

SCCLL Grants Committee 2014/2015

The Committee's charge for 2014/2015 was:

- Recommend to Executive Committee how many grants should be offered this year (which conferences, number of grants and amount of each grant)
- Solicit member applications for approved travel/conference grants. Utilize the Newsletter, website and listserv to communicate information and to recognize all awardees.
- Solicit member contributions to the SIS Grant Fund. Utilize Newsletter, website and listserv to communicate information. Recognize all donors.
- Conduct Annual Meeting Silent Auction both online and at the SCCLL-SIS Breakfast and Business Meeting, to raise funds for travel/conference grants.
- Create and maintain a manual of procedures and/or timeline for the committee.

I am pleased to report that we were able to address all of the charges. The Board gave us funds to award 6 grants of \$1,500 each this year. The AALL Registration Grant is sponsored by Thomson Reuters, but the Committee makes the recommendation to the Board as to which applicant is most qualified. In 2014/2015 the following grants were awarded:

- AALL Management Institute,(1 grant, \$1,500) – Joseph Lawson
- Equal Justice Conference (2 grants, \$1,500 each) – Janine Liebert (only 1 applicant)
- AALL Registration Grant (1 grant) – Suzanne Corriell (Sponsored by Thomson Reuters)
- AALL Annual Meeting Grant (3 grants, \$1,500 each – Emily Bergfeld & Alice Davidson (Scott Burgh was awarded a grant but contacted the Committee in late May that he had received other funding) Since we had no other applicants, the Committee decided to just award 2 of the 3 approved grants.

The recipients of the Equal Justice Conference Grants or the AALL Annual Meeting Grants are required to submit an article to the *SCCLL Newsletter* on an aspect of the meeting. The recipient of the AALL Management Institute is required to serve for at least one year on a SCCLL Committee.

The Committee publicized the grants via the SCCLL Listserv, on its website and in the *SCCLL Newsletter*.

This year we will again hold our Silent Auction online and at the AALL Annual Meeting during the SCCLL breakfast and business meeting. We have also asked for cash contributions from our members to go toward funding grants in the future. We have sent an announcement regarding this to the *SCCLL Newsletter* and will also post it to the list serve in early July and on our website.

The Committee created a manual of procedures and a timeline that should be helpful to those who serve on the Grants Committee in the future.

I would like to thank those who served on the Grants Committee this year; they did an excellent job and were a pleasure to work with.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Smith, Chair 2014/2015 SCCLL Grants Committee

2014/2015 SCCLL Grants Committee: Sandra Marz, Leslie McGuire, Carol Suhre, Gail Warren, Board Liaison – Jennifer Murray, Chair – Regina Smith