

2014-2015 SCCLL Standards Committee Report

There were three members of the Standards Committee: Georgia Chadwick, Chair; Sharon Borbon; Mary Jenkins; and SCCLL Board Liaison – James Durham

The charge was:

- Conduct careful review of County Law Library Standards (revised 2009) for possible revision/updating
- Create and maintain a manual of procedures and/or timeline for the committee

The Standards Committee convened by conference call and we started out by reviewing information from Larry Meyer about the work of the previous Standards Committee and the County Law Library Standards which were revised by them in 2009. This information was very helpful in creating a timeline for the work of the present committee.

Our first step toward carefully reviewing the 2009 Standards was to create a Word version and a Google Docs version. We early on decided that we would not work in silos – that we would use the Google Docs version to enable us to work as a team to study the 2009 Standards. We posted the 2009 Standards and solicited comments from SCCLL members and from as many regional court library groups as possible.

All comments received were added to the Google Docs version of the Standards. Then the team read through the entire document and made individual comments, each person choosing a different color for their comments.

We held regular conference calls over several months to discuss and consider all the comments. When accepted comments or changes to existing sections or format were added or rewritten the changes were made to the Word version. Then the committee members worked on style and format. The first draft was submitted to Chair Maryruth Storer on February 15 for the SCCLL board to consider.

The draft was accepted by the SCCLL board but they asked that the new draft be submitted to SCCLL members for final comments. Members were given one week to comment on the new draft from February 24 through March 5. The team again held numerous conference calls to discuss the comments received on the draft standards. All member feedback was carefully considered and the final, polished document was submitted to SCCLL Board Chair Maryruth Storer on March 12, 2015 for her to submit to the AALL Executive Board. The Standards Committee received notification from Maryruth Storer that the AALL Executive Board had approved the adoption of the 2015 AALL County Public Law Library Standards.