

GLL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

2016-2017

During the 2016-2017 GLL year, the Advocacy Committee followed the practice of recent years of monitoring issues related to Government Law Libraries and sending out messages on issues of importance to our GLL membership. In addition to the above, the committee chair, in response to an initiative from Peggy Jarrett, a member of the AALL Government Relations Committee, worked with Ms. Jarrett and the Advocacy Chair of the Government Documents SIS on items of mutual interest to all three groups.

Related to advocacy, the Chair received a partial grant to cover some of the costs of attending the annual ALA Legislative Day in early May. The visit was an opportunity to discuss the main ALA legislative goals as well as to remind members of Congress and staffers of the importance of funding for the Government Publishing Office and the Library of Congress as well as the importance of public law libraries in providing access to justice. It also served as an important opportunity to reach out to members of the larger librarian community on issues of mutual interest to all librarians.

Recommendations

The GLL Board may wish to consider in the future on its own and/or in conjunction with the GD-SIS assist a member in attending the ALA legislative day in addition to attending the AALL virtual legislative day. If, the GLL were to proceed with this idea, it would also be recommended that the person(s) encouraged to attend do so in conjunction with their state delegation.

The Chair would also suggest looking at the Committee Charge and possibly revising the charge to include a section on partnering with the Washington Office, AALL GRC and the GD-SIS when appropriate to promote issues of importance to GLL members.

In addition to the Chair, members of the committee were Brittany Strojny and Tonya Baroudi.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Meyer, 2016-2017 Chair.