

GLL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

REPORT 2017-2018

During the 2017-2018 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. The widest circulated topics of advocacy interest included AALL's annual Virtual Lobby Day as well as reports on Congressional action regarding the Federal Depository Library Program Modernization Act of 2018.

Related to advocacy, the Chair worked on the programming committee for the annual GLL/LISP/SR Roundtable on Services for Pro Se patrons and Prisoners. This year's theme is on resources for immigrant and refugee populations.

The Chair for the Advocacy Committee is new, having taken over from the inexhaustible Chair, Larry Meyer. We want to extend a special thank you for the time and effort Larry has put into the Advocacy Committee during his tenure as Chair, 2015-2017.

Following a committee recommendation from the previous year, the Chair is working with the Government Relations Committee to support communication of advocacy issues related to GLL members.

Recommendations

The GLL Board may wish to provide a short survey for GLL members regarding advocacy needs to better help the committee in addressing and supporting member advocacy concerns.

Renewed from last year, we continue supporting that 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.

In addition to the Chair, members of the committee were Fran Norton and Cliff Bushin.

Respectfully submitted, Anna Russell, 2017-2018 Chair.