

Government Law Libraries SIS

Annual Report 2016-2017

GLL SIS 2016-2017 officers: Jennifer Dalglish, Chair; Holly Gerber, Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Kelly Browne, Immediate Past-Chair, James Durham, Secretary/Treasurer; Nancy Adams; Dan Cordova, Carol Ebbinghouse, and John Barden.

GLL SIS 2016-2017 Committee Chairs: Advocacy, Larry Meyer; Awards, Elizabeth Caulfield; Bylaws, Maryruth Storer; Education, Stacy Etheredge; Grants, Christine Morton; Membership & Mentoring, Malinda Muller; Newsletter, John Barden; Nominations, Barbara Fritschel; Pro Bono Partnerships, Larry Meyer; Publicity & Public Relations, Sue Ludington; Standards, Judy Chalmers; Strategic Plannin, Jason Blevins; Technology, Kate Fitz with Mary Jo Lazun as webmaster.

This was a busy year for the GLL SIS. The Advocacy Committee followed the practice of recent years of monitoring issues related to Government Law Libraries and sent out messages on issues of importance to the membership. The Chair attended the annual ALA Legislative Day and, among other things, reminded 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 library in providing access to justice. The Education Committee participated in the facilitation of the AALL programs “The Court’s Perspective: What the Jude Ca Tell Librarians About Self-Represented Litigants”, the AALL roundtable “Pro Se Appellants – The Most underserved SRL? How Lirbaries Can Provide Assistance with Appeals” and an online moderated discussion “Five Topics in Five Days”. The Media & Marketing Committee reached out to potential members and welcomed new members. It also began work on building a mentor program, the Skills Inventory which launched on June 9th, and submitting articles for the *GLL News*. This Committee also hosted tables at the Conference and participated in CONELL, among other things. The Newsletter Committee published three regular issues. The GLL Resources Guides were determined to not be completed this year. The GLL flyer/brochure was updated. New website feature “Marketing Mavens” was launched. New GLL logo was incorporated. The Section continued on its three-year charge to review the strategic direction for 2015-2018 and mirrored AALL’s directions. Several travel grants were awarded. The membership was given the opportunity to review and vote on things that “have always been done a certain way”, such as having the annual business meeting as a lunch rather than breakfast (it remained a breakfast event). The annual reception was held at a restaurant rather than a local government venue.

The Ochal Award was awarded to Dr. Joel Fishman. The Professional Publication Award was awarded to Jennifer Dalglish, Dan Cordova and Mark E. Estes for their article “Managing Government Law Libraries Today: Challenges and Opportunities” and Dan Cordova for his article “The Colorado Equal Access Center: Connecting Unrepresented Litigants to Legal Resources through Technology”. The Professional Publication Award was awarded to Dr. Joel

Fishman based on his long services to the government law library community. Judge Livingston was honored as the GLL VIP at the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in July.

2017-2018 GLL SIS 2017-2018 officers: Holly Gerber, Chair; Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Joan Bellistri; Immediate Past Chair, Jennifer Dalglish; James Durham, Secretary/Treasurer; Robert Mead, Dan Cordova, Carol Ebbinghouse, and John Barden.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Dalglish

GLL-SIS Chair, 2016-2017