

Government Law Libraries SIS

Annual Report 2017-2018

2017-2018 Officers: Holly Gerber, Chair; Joan Bellistri, Vice Chair; James Durham, Secretary-Treasurer; Dan Cordova, Carol Ebbinghouse, and Rob Mead, Members-at-Large; John Barden, Newsletter Editor; and Jennifer Dalglish, Past Chair.

The Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession was awarded to four recipients this year: Scott Burgh, Jacquelyn J. Jurkins, Regina L. Smith, and Maryruth Storer. Ryan Metheny received the Dr. Joel Fishman Professional Publication Award for 2017-2018 for his Fall 2017 *Law Library Journal* article "Improving Lives by Building Social Capital: A New Way to Frame the Work of Law Libraries."

GLL continued to strongly support assisting members with attending educational events, and awarded multiple travel grants in 2017-2018. The grants were partially funded by the annual silent auction. The grants awarded this year were: Equal Justice Conference Grant, Amanda Haddin; Dr. Joel Fishman 2018 AALL Annual Meeting Travel Grant, Joseph Lawson; 2018 AALL Annual Meeting Grant, Marissa Mason; AALL Annual Meeting Registration Grant sponsored by Thomson Reuters; Malinda Muller, AALL Annual Meeting Grant.

GLL sponsored or co-sponsored a number of programs at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore including "...And Justice for All: Three States and Three Approaches to A2J Outreach," and the annual "GLL/LISP/SR-SIS Roundtable on Law Library Services to Prisoners and Public Patrons."

Sadly, this year GLL did not host a catered reception at the Annual Meeting. In past years, the SIS received sponsorship for the Breakfast Business Meeting and the Reception. However, GLL did not receive sponsorship for those events this year, and the Executive Committee had to make the difficult decision to only hold the Breakfast Business Meeting, as planning was already finalized for that event. In the future, the SIS may need to look at alternatives to sponsorship, as the Reception is an event that is greatly enjoyed by the SIS members who attend the Annual Meetings.

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Submitted by:

Holly Gerber

GLL-SIS Chair 2017-2018