

GLL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

REPORT 2018-2019

For the 2018-2019 GLL year, the Advocacy Committee continued the practice of monitoring issues related to Government Law Libraries and sending out messages on issues of import to our GLL membership. The widest circulated topics of advocacy interest included: GPO and the Office of Law Revision Counsel's survey on the use of the print USC and its supplements, AALL's annual Virtual Lobby Day as well as reports on Congressional action related to appropriations for GPO and the Law Library of Congress.

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 PACER: litigation, legislation, and access issues.

The Chair for the Advocacy Committee is on her second year. The previous Chair was Larry Meyer.

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

Renewed from last year, 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.

GLL Advocacy Priorities. The advocacy committee submitted possible priorities to the executive board. Our committee goal is to have broad priorities that will dictate what efforts GLL advocacy gets involved with first and most significantly. Offered suggestions include priorities in the realms of: Government Law Library Funding/Budget Issues; Government Law Library Access to Information/Access to Justice Issues.

In addition to the Chair, members of the committee were Fran Norton, Angela Baldree, and Gail Wechsler.

Respectfully submitted, Anna Russell, 2018-2019 Chair.