

GRANTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

DATE: July 1, 2020
TO: GLL-SIS Members
FROM: GLL-SIS Secretary/Treasurer Karen Westwood
RE: Grants Committee Annual Report

GRANTS COMMITTEE CHARGE

- Recommend to the Executive Committee how many grants should be offered this year (which conferences, number of grants, and monetary amount of each grant).
- Solicit member applications for approved travel/conference grants. Utilize Newsletter, website and listserv to communicate information. Recognize all awardees.
- Solicit member contributions to the GLL-SIS Grant Fund. Utilize Newsletter, website and listserv to communicate information. Recognize all donors.
- Conduct Annual Meeting Silent Auction, both online and at the GLL-SIS Breakfast and Business Meeting, to raise funds for travel/conference grants.
- Maintain a manual of procedures and/or timeline for the committee.
- Update and revise the grant application.

2019-2020 BUDGET

In June 2019, The Board provided the Committee with funds to award four grants of \$1,500 each, for a total of \$6,000.

2019-2020 ACTIVITIES

The Grants committee confronted a number of Covid-related challenges this year.

A grant was awarded for a member to attend the SRLN Conference in Nashville, TN from March 4-6, 2020. Unfortunately, the original attendee was informed by their workplace just a few days prior to the conference that all work-related travel was prohibited due to Covid-19 concerns. Luckily, Sue Ludington had also applied for a grant and was on her way to the conference when she learned that the grant would be transferred to her. Read her report from the conference in the Summer 2020 issue of GLL News.

Covid-19 also wreaked havoc in the awarding of a grant to attend the AALL Leadership Academy which was also originally scheduled for March. That academy has been postponed until August, and the original recipient is no longer able to attend due to the arrival of twins in June (see the Summer 2020 issue of GLL News). The AALL Leadership Academy will now occur online and a grant of \$395 to cover the registration

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will be given to Marcelo Rodriguez.

Annual meeting grants were not given out this year. A variety of obstacles prevented the committee from being able to publicize and award grants in advance of the meeting.

Gail Warren has developed an alternative to the silent auction. This year a matching donation fundraiser will be held in July.

Susan Falk stepped down from her position as Grants Committee Chair in June 2020 due to a personal situation. Christine Morton has offered to fill out Ms. Falk's term and report on the committee's work at the GLL-SIS Business Meeting.

GRANTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Susan Falk, Chair (through June 2020); Christine Morton, Chair (June 2020 – July 2020)

Donna Bausch

Sandy Marz

Christine Morton

Gail Warren – Silent Auction

Karen Westwood – GLL-SIS Board Liaison