

PLLIP BOARD ELECTIONS - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE BY APRIL 20

The 2018-2019 PLLIP Board elections are under way, and April 20th is the last day to [cast your vote](#). You should have received an e-mail from AALL on April 9th with your unique voting PIN. You can also click on the Vote Now link, and then use Forgot Your PIN? to have it e-mailed to you. Thanks to everyone for voting, and a big thanks to all the candidates for running!

GRANTS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES NEWEST GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR 2018

The PLLIP Grants Committee announced this year's recipients of the AALL registration/travel, PLLIP Summit, and CONELL grants. It was a record season due to the large number of applicants. Thanks to all the applicants for their submissions, and a special thanks to the PLLIP Grants Committee for all of their work.

- **AALL Registration/Travel** - Jill Kilgore (Littler Mendelson) and Morgan Stillo (Holland and Knight)
- **PLLIP Summit** - Cameron Gowan (Jones Day), Liz Whittington (K&L Gates), Jill Kilgore (Littler Mendelson), Karen Oesterle (NYLI), Katie Brown (Charlotte)
- **CONELL** - Morgan Stillo (Holland and Knight)

AALL PRESIDENT GREG LAMBERT TESTIFIES TO HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

AALL president and PLLIP member Greg Lambert testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee on April 17th. A [webcast](#) of the hearing is available, and you can also read Greg's [blog post](#) on his experience.

Greg's [testimony](#) focused on the needs of the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO), the Library of Congress and Law Library of Congress, and AALL's support for proposed funding of \$32 million for GPO's Public Information Programs account, which supports the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). He also advocated for the Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act, or ACMRA (H.R. 4631), which would direct GPO to maintain a central repository for agency reports submitted to Congress.

LOTS OF ACTION AT THE LOCAL CHAPTER LEVEL - ANNUAL MEETINGS & INSTITUTES

- The Northern California Association of Law Libraries held their [Spring Institute](#) meeting in Sacramento, CA, on March 16th. Tina Dumas from Nossaman, and Jeremy Sullivan from DLA Piper, presented on "Advocating our Value to Law Firm Stakeholders", and Catherine Deane from Shearman & Sterling spoke on "When Advocacy Isn't Enough: Transitioning from Academia to the Law Firm Environment". Martin Korn (Sheppard Mullin) presented on "Assessing Law Library Services: How Do We Measure Return on Investment?"
- The Southern California Association of Law Libraries held their 65th Institute meeting in Riverside, CA, from March 23-24. Check out the March/April [SCALL newsletter](#) for a recap of the meeting, which included a keynote address by Jones Day partner Steven Zdravec on

current developments in California employment law, and had the support of both newer vendors and our old favorites.

- The fitting theme of the SEAALL (Southeastern Chapter of AALL) [Annual Meeting](#) in Nashville was "Changing Your Tune: Dealing with Disruptions in Law Librarianship". Keynote speaker Todd McCullough of [Ampersand](#) gave an address titled, "On Innovation: Turning Threats Into Opportunities". Sessions included "A Whirlwind Tour of the Hits and Hyperbole in Legal Research and Workflow Products" given by Steve Lastres (Debevoise & Plimpton) and Jean O'Grady (DLA Piper), and "Transforming AI from "Read Only" to "Read Write": How Together We Can Turn Disruption to Our Advantage and Future-Proof Our Careers, presented by Phil Rosenthal of Fastcase.
- The 2018 SWALL-HALL [Joint Meeting](#) took place April 5-7, 2018 in Houston, Texas, and was a combined effort of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries and the Houston Area Law Librarians . This year's conference was a special one, as the sponsoring chapters were celebrating big anniversaries--60 years for SWALL and 40 years for HALL. AALL president Greg Lambert was there to provide a AALL update, and Caren Luckie from Jackson Walker gave a presentation, "CI on the Fly: Creating a User-Friendly Report".

WHAT PLLIP MEMBERS ARE UP TO – APPOINTMENTS, ARTICLES, PRESENTATIONS

- Cameron Gowan (Jones Day) was appointed Diversity and Inclusion Co-Chair for the Association of Legal Administrators.
- Caren Luckie (Jackson Walker) has just been appointed to the AALL Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee proposes candidates for consideration for Association offices.
- Marlene Gebauer (Greenberg Traurig) and Jean O'Grady participated in a panel on "Using AI to Power 'Push' Legal Research" on April 5, 2018 at [CodeX FutureLaw 2018](#), hosted by [the Stanford Center for Legal Informatics](#). It was CodeX's sixth annual conference focusing on how technology is changing the landscape of the legal profession, the law itself, and the impact of these changes. Marlene and Jean's panel discussed the adoption of "push" legal research by a handful of AmLaw 200 firms, and the associated challenges. The "push" legal research involved substantive legal filings being automatically downloaded and analyzed, with useful case law automatically sent to attorneys' inboxes.
- Marlene wrote a blog post for 3 Geeks and a Law Blog on another topic that came up at CodeX--[Is Measuring Legal Innovation Adoption a Thing Now?](#)
- Joseph Keslar, Director of Library Services at Blank Rome, was inducted as a CodeX fellow in February. He is the first librarian to be [welcomed into the program](#).
- Erik Adams from Sheppard Mullin has recently written for the [RIPS Law Librarian Blog](#) on "Searching for Negative News" and on "Managing Expectations for Public Records". Erik also wrote on marijuana legalization and labor law in the SCALL newsletter.
- Jean O'Grady interviewed Suffolk Law School's dean, Andrew Perelman, and Professor Gabriel Teninbaum for Thomson Reuters' Legal Solutions newsletter. The [interview](#) focused on how Suffolk is changing the way it educates future lawyers, and how the school prepares students for emerging legal technology roles.

If we missed any articles by or about PLLIP members, let us know and we will share.

UPCOMING EVENTS & WEBINARS / RECORDED WEBINARS

- [Transitions: A Life's Journey](#), Tuesday, April 24, 2:30-3:30 EDT PLLIP-SIS Education Committee webinar. A discussion of professional transitions, and how we can take our experiences and use them to move us toward our next position, whatever that may be.

Panelists:

- Eugene Giudice - Moderator - Research Services Training Specialist, Dentons US LLP
- Ruth Bridges - Avivia Travel Group - Owner and Founder
- Gitelle Seer - Senior Librarian Consultant - HBR Consulting
- Jocelyn Sagherian - Reference Librarian - Fordham University School of Law
- Joanne C. Kiley - Senior Consultant - HBR Consulting

- [CI Strategies & Analysis](#), May 10-11, 2018, Chicago – *Registration deadline is April 27th*. Two-day AALL seminar designed to build capabilities in performing critical competitive intelligence work such as creating a collaborative intelligence model, analysis and report writing, and alignment to the organizational mission. Attendees will learn skills core to growing a competitive intelligence function including, data visualization, framing, scenario planning, business acumen and marketing the competitive intelligence function.

- Lucidea is offering a series of webinars by Stephen Abram on "Succeeding in the World of Special Librarianship". Parts 1 and 2 were recorded, and are available via the [Lucidea website](#), along with other recorded webinars. The second webinar focused on why "[Relationships are the Foundation of Everything](#)."

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Volunteer for the AALL Spectrum Board – *Applications should be submitted by April 26, 2018.*

AALL seeks applicants to serve on the 2018-2020 [AALL Spectrum Editorial Board](#), to help develop, solicit, and curate the content of AALL's member magazine. Applicants for the 2018-2020 AALL *Spectrum* Editorial Board should have expertise in one or more content areas, a strong professional network, and an eagerness to reach out to potential authors. Experience in writing, editing, and publication production will also be considered. Please read through the [job description](#), and for more information visit the [AALL Spectrum Editorial Board webpage](#).

Submit a proposal for a Poster Session at the Annual Meeting – *Deadline extended to April 27, 2018.*

Have you pioneered an innovative program in your library? Perhaps you've created a set of best practices to apply in the workplace. Poster sessions are a popular feature at the [Annual Meeting](#), and a great way to contribute to the learning opportunities in Baltimore. Share your good ideas with your colleagues! [Find more information and submit your proposal online](#) by next Friday, April 27.

2018 Innovation Tournament at AALL Annual Meeting – *Applications due by May 4, 2018.*

Last year, Katherine Lowry of BakerHostetler was one of the prize winners in the Innovation Tournament. Can a PLLIP member take home a prize again in this year's [AALL innovation tournament](#)? If you're in the process of developing a new, innovative, and implementable idea to improve your workplace, submit your idea. Two \$2,500 prizes will be awarded to further support the development and implementation of compelling workplace innovations. Applications will be evaluated later this spring; a group of finalists will be selected to present their innovation plans to attendees and a special panel of judges at the 2018 AALL Annual Meeting.

Nominations for the Roy M. Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship Award for Public Service –
Nominations accepted until June 1, 2018.

Each year, the Roy M. Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship Award for Public Service Committee honors a law librarian or law library organization for service to the community. Nominate a worthy individual who has made a meaningful contribution to a social or charitable cause or concern. A review of past award recipients shows the variety of charitable work that may be recognized.

To make a nomination, please contact Professor Richard Leiter, Schmid Law Library, University of Nebraska College of Law, rleiter@unl.edu; 402/472-5737. For information about past award winners, the nomination process, and the Roy M. Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship Award for Public Service Foundation, visit <https://tarltonapps.law.utexas.edu/slla/>.