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## **THE PLLIP-SIS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING JULY 14, 2019 WASHINGTON, DC**

The meeting began at 1:22 p.m. Eastern.

PLLIP Chair Diana Koppang welcomed all attendees, and thanked Fastcase for their sponsorship of our lunch. Phil Rosenthal from Fastcase was on hand and presented brief remarks. Diana also thanked Bloomberg Law, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters, and Wolters Kluwer for their sponsorship of the PLLIP Summit.

The minutes for the July 2018 meeting were presented for approval. Sarah Morris moved to approve the minutes, and Marcia Burris seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Cynthia Brown presented the Treasurer's Report in Julie Pabarja's absence. She confirmed the health of PLLIP's treasury, and described our continued increase in grants in 2018-19.

PLLIP Chair Diana Koppang gave brief remarks, acknowledged PLLIP volunteers and asked for additional volunteers for 2019-2020. Diana also discussed ongoing efforts to contact library schools and other interested legal library candidates. Diana mentioned PLLIP's participation in the ALM Legal Week conference in January 2019 and numerous educational presentations in 2018. Diana thanked outgoing Board members and introduced the new Board.

### 2019-2020 Board

Saskia Mehlhorn, Chair  
Chris Laut, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect  
Diana Koppang, Past-Chair  
Leanna Simmons, Treasurer  
Cynthia Brown, Secretary  
Jeremy Sullivan, At-Large  
Caren Luckie, At-Large

### Outgoing 2018-2019 Board Members

Elaine Egan, Past-Chair  
Julie Pabarja, Treasurer



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Janet Peros, At-Large

Jeremy Sullivan presented the recipients of PLLIP grants:

Legal Marketing Association: Barbara Fullerton

AALL Annual Meeting Registration/Travel: Michael Benain, Laure Chuang, Sabrina Davis, Katy Marcy, Christine Schauder, Lillian Steuben

AALL Management Institute – Andre Davison, Karen Grushka, Karen Whitney

AALL Bootcamp – Carly Eyer, Lillian Steuben

PLLIP Summit: Sabrina Davis, Janet McKinney, Kristen Perez, Lillian Steuben

CONNELL: Katy Marcy, Christine Schauder

PLLIP Speaking Engagement: Allison Reeve Davis

Executive Leadership Institute: Kineret Gable

Student Grant (AALL Annual Meeting) – Jenni Wallace, Cassidy Woodside

Caren Luckie and Carla Evens announced the PLLIP Awards:

*Best Blogger/Writer of the Year* – Marlene Gebauer

*Advocate of the Year* – Diana Koppang

*Service to PLLIP* – Andrea Guldalian

PLLIP Committee Reports were presented:

**Small and Medium Law Firms:** Allison Alitan invited all members who work in small and medium firms to join this group.

**Communications:** Andrea Guldalian reported on PLLIP's communications initiatives. The committee has continued to work on On Firmer Ground this year and added new topics. Next year, the committee plans to create resource guides.

**Summit:** Christina McKennerney reported on the PLLIP Summit held the day before. There were about 260 attendees and a design challenge was held in the afternoon. She thanked our sponsors and reported that the summit added a cocktail reception following the day of meetings. Christine also thanked her Co-Chair, Christine Sellers Sullivan.

The gavel was passed from Chair Diana Koppang to incoming Chair Saskia Melhorn, who presented remarks, commenting on the professions' focus on moving forward and not getting stuck in the past. Saskia suggested that volunteering for PLLIP would be an excellent way to push the profession forward.



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Open forum: PLLIP members had a chance to present questions to the group. There was a reminder to fill out the salary survey, and an invitation to join the social responsibility SIS. Steve Lastres asked PLLIP members to write for Spectrum. Cheryl Niemeier encouraged members to step forward, be active and become a leader. Lucy Curci-Gonzalez reminded members there are small groups inside of PLLIP to join, such as Competitive Intelligence, Intellectual Property, etc. and encouraged membership participation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm Eastern.