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## **PLLIP-SIS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING JULY 14, 2020 VIRTUAL**

Meeting commenced at 1:02 p.m. Eastern.

PLLIP Chair Saskia Mehlhorn welcomed all attendees, AALL Board attendees, and thanked our PLLIP Summit Sponsors, Thomson Reuters and LexisNexis.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The 2019 PLLIP Business Meeting minutes were presented for approval. Christine Sellers Sullivan moved to approve the minutes and Chris Laut seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by virtual poll of attendees.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Leanna Simon presented the Treasurer's Report. She confirmed the health of PLLIP's treasury.

### **SIS HIGHLIGHTS**

PLLIP Chair, Saskia Mehlhorn, thanked the PLLIP volunteers for their work and invited members to volunteer for committees. Brief remarks followed, covering the SIS's accomplishments in 2019-2020 and ongoing efforts.

- In an effort to encourage the AALL Executive Board to investigate the lack of new, qualified candidates for open law firm and corporate law librarian positions, PLLIP brought forward a proposal and formed a special committee on law firm librarianship. The committee gathered information on job openings and library schools with course work in the field. The committee will continue to review AALL materials describing legal librarianship. PLLIP will work closely with the committee to ensure our voices are heard.
- PLLIP members presented three programs at ALM Legal Tech.
- Ongoing effort to create a My Communities group for Directors.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AMPC** Co-chair Shari Berkowitz Duff gave the report. The Committee has supported members and connected them with opportunities to participate in AALL Annual Meeting programs. Shari reminds members to submit ideas for next year's programming and offers an opportunity to write a review or recap of the Annual Meeting for *On Firmer Ground*.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE** Saskia Mehlhorn gave the report. The Committee reviewed the bylaws and proposed several changes. These will be included on the 2021 Spring election ballot.



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**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** Saskia Mehlhorn gave the report. The committee saw an influx of members in 2019-2020 and was able to ramp up production of blogs, reports, and articles. Work continues on new and updated Resource Guides.

**EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** Saskia Mehlhorn gave the report. The committee conducted eight webinars.

**GRANTS COMMITTEE** Saskia Mehlhorn gave the report. The committee provided grants to four members in support of attendance at Competitive Intelligence Foundations, four registration fees to Leadership Academy, six registration and travel grants to attend AALL Annual meeting, two CONNELL registrations, and ten PLLIP Summit registration grants. Those that were awarded grants in 2020 opted to use their awards for in-person attendance in 2021. Additional grants will be awarded in 2021.

**MEMBERSHIP** Saskia Mehlhorn gave the report. PLLIP gained 80 new members in 2019-2020. The committee sent recruitment emails to 54 prospective members and promoted PLLIP during local chapter meetings.

**NOMINATIONS** Saskia Mehlhorn gave the report. The Nominations Committee began their work by identifying active PLLIP-SIS members for consideration as potential candidates for the PLLIP-SIS Executive Board. The committee also asked PLLIP-SIS members for their nominations. A slate was presented to the PLLIP Board and election held April 1-April 17.

**SUMMIT** Christine Sellers Sullivan gave the report. The 2020 PLLIP Summit moved to a virtual format due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was held on Friday, July 10, 2020. Registration was reduced to \$25 due to the virtual platform and sponsorships. Ari Kaplan presented the Keynote, providing a framework of how law firms are approaching innovation and creative ways that knowledge leaders are redefining their heightened roles to support this transformation. A panel of law librarians (Amy Eaton, Tina Dumas, and Andre Davison, moderated by Jeremy Sullivan) discussed the ways they have kept their departments moving forward during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the adaptations they have made along the way. Alycia Sutor led a program on communication style assessments. The committee thanks Thomson Reuters for their support of the Keynote address and LexisNexis for their support of the communication styles program.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **2020-2021 BOARD:**

Chris Laut, Chair  
Marcia Burris, Chair-Elect  
Allison Reeve Davis, Secretary  
Leanna Simon, Treasurer  
Caren Luckie, Member-at-Large  
Andre Davison, Member-at-Large  
Saskia Mehlhorn, Immediate Past Chair



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### OUTGOING 2019-2020 BOARD MEMBERS:

Cynthia Brown, Secretary  
Jeremy Sullivan, Member-at-Large  
Diana Koppang, Past Chair

### AWARDS

Saskia Mehlhorn announced the PLLIP-SIS Awards:

- *Distinguished Librarian - Jean O'Grady, Director of Research & Knowledge Services, DLA Piper US*
- *Best Blogger/Writer of the Year - Cynthia Brown, Sr. Director, Research Services, Littler*
- *Hall of Fame - James (Jim) Senter, Library Services Manager, Jones Day*
- *Service to PLLIP Award - Juli Stahl, Research Services Manager, Akerman*
- *Vendor/Outside Champion Award – Gayle Lynn-Nelson, Senior Librarian Relations Consultant, LexisNexis*

### RECOGNITION OF THE PLLIP-SIS GRANT RECIPIENTS:

- *Competitive Intelligence Foundations – Stephen LaFalce, Nicholas Lamb, Kamie Oehrle, and Sara Sprague;*
- *Leadership Academy Registration – Whitney Brionez, Andre Davison, Carolyn Ford, and Karlee VanLaanen;*
- *AALL Annual Meeting/CONNELL/PLLIP-SIS Summit – to be used in 2021 to: Katie Barrett Fuller, Autumn Collier, Eugene Giudice, Ronit Barenboim, Nicole Guerrero, and Megan Moltrup;*
- *Virtual Annual Meeting and Summit – Shivani Naicker, Katrina Perez, Amanda Steinbacher, and Mary Catherine Matta.*

### PASSING OF THE GAVEL

The gavel and mascot, Justice, was passed from Chair Saskia Mehlhorn to incoming Chair Chris Laut, who presented remarks. Chris presented gifts to now Immediate Past Chair, Saskia. Chris's remarks focused on the resiliency of the profession during the pandemic and how our brand as legal information professionals has been strengthened and our stature increased during these consequential times. He underscores the importance of PLLIP membership for support, education, and connection. Chris laid out new goals for PLLIP including development of Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion efforts, which will be explored at the Fall Summit, and updating the SIS's Strategic Plan.

### OPEN FLOOR FOR MEMBER REMARKS

- Lucy Curci-Gonzalez asked about activity of smaller groups such as Small Firms and IP. There was no activity to report this year, but they can work via virtual platforms this year.
- Patricia Barbone suggested to the Board a survey of membership employment status during and after the pandemic. Board agreed this is a good idea.



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- An anonymous member asked for feedback on consulting groups such as HBR or LAC. Members provided their feedback and experiences in the ensuing discussion.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. Eastern.



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**PLLIP EXECUTIVE BOARD**

<b>PLLIP OFFICERS</b>	<b>INCOMING 2020-2021</b>	<b>OUTGOING 2019 - 2020</b>
Chair	Chris Laut	Saskia Mehlhorn
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Marcia L. Burris	Chris Laut
Past Chair	Saskia Mehlhorn	Diana Koppang
Secretary	Allison Reeve Davis	Cynthia Brown
Treasurer	Leanna Simon	Leanna Simon
Board Members-at-Large	Caren Luckie	Jeremy Sullivan
	Andre Davison	Caren Luckie

**2019-2020 PLLIP-SIS COMMITTEE AND GROUP VOLUNTEERS**

Patricia Barbone	Barbara Fullerton	Megan Moltrup
Johanna Bizub	Mark Gediman	Sarah Morris
Cynthia Brown	Eugene Giudice	Kris Niedringhaus
Katie Brown	Andrea Guldalian	Karen Oesterle
Marcia Burris	Janice Henderson	Alexandra Olson
Patrick Butler	Mary Jenkins	Julie Pabarja
Marie Calvaruso	Cara Henley Johnson	Denise Pagh
Susan Camargo-Pohl	Julie Jones	Alicia Pappas
Lee Carnes	Alina Kelly	Trisha Petitt
Susan Camargo-Pohl	Elaine Knecht	Holly Riccio
Allison Reeve Davis	Meg Kribble	Megan Scanlon
Sabrina Davis	Chris Lange	Linda-Jean Schneider
Abby Dos Santos	Caren Luckie	Leanna Simon
Shari Berkowitz Duff	Robyn McAllen	Christine Sellers Sullivan
Carla Evans	Blythe McCoy	Jeremy Sullivan
Jessica Fields	Lisa Fricker	Katherine Taggart
Ronda Fisch	Christina McKennerney	Mary-Ann Wacker
Anna Forsher	Janet McKinney	Elizabeth Whitaker
Lisa Fricker	Kevin Miles	



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