The Law Librarians of New England (LLNE) held two educational meetings over the course of the year. The fall 2006 meeting was hosted by Boston College Law Library on the topic of “Instruction and Training: Reaching Out with New Technology.” As well as being an excellent and informative educational forum, the meeting also served as LLNE’s 60th Anniversary Celebration. This past April, the spring 2007 meeting was hosted by the Social Law Library in Boston on the topic of medical law and bioethics. Once again it was a solid program and attendees were treated to special events during the luncheon: the awarding of Life Membership in LLNE to Naomi Ronen of the Harvard Law Library, upon her recent retirement and in honor of her long association with LLNE, and the awarding of the prestigious Edgar Award to retired Suffolk University Law Library Director Edward J. Bander, “for innovation, excellence and dedication in the practice of law librarianship.” This marked only the fourth time the award has been bestowed. We were also honored to have as our guest speaker Ms. Janice E. Henderson of the AALL Executive Board. Ms. Henderson gave the assembled members an excellent update on what’s going on within AALL.

The Service Committee, co-chaired by Jennifer Kessler and Andrea Rasmussen, fielded a team for 2007 Walk for Hunger in May 2007. They are also investigating numerous volunteer opportunities with the Boston Public Library, The Greater Boston Food Bank, Community Servings, and the Prison Book Program.

The LLNE Scholarships Committee, under the direction of Margaret Cianfarini, awarded five scholarships over the course of the year, to attend the regional meetings and also to attend the AALL 2007 Annual Meeting.

Our Public Relations Committee, chaired by Diane D’Angelo, had a busy year engaging in promotional activities in honor of LLNE’s 60th Anniversary. These included T-shirts and totes displaying our new logo and a large raffle of seven prizes. The LLNE Member Bibliography was also updated. The 2007 edition will be available both online and in paper at the Exhibit Hall Activities Area at the AALL 2007 Annual Meeting.

The Education Committee, under Directors Rebecca Engsberg and Simon Canick, has our meeting schedule planned out with sponsoring institutions through October 2008. LLNE is participating with other chapters in the “Libraries Without Borders” regional meeting in Toronto this October. Simon Canick has been chairing LLNE’s efforts for this meeting, which include a program on copyright and producing the print program for the meeting.

Treasurer Anne Peters and Education Director Rebecca Engsberg will complete their two-year terms on the Executive Committee. A slate of new officers will be presented at AALL in New Orleans at our Business Meeting. The Executive Committee for 2007-08 will be: Kathy Fletcher, President; Christopher Knott, Vice President/President-Elect; David M. Turkalo, Past President; Karen Quinn, Treasurer; Christine Hepler, Secretary; and, Roger Lemire and Simon Canick, Education Directors.

David M. Turkalo, President
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