

State, Court, and County Law Libraries SIS 2009-2010 Annual Report

Advocacy efforts continued to be the focus of the SCCLL SIS over the past year. We also supported educational opportunities for SCCLL members and recognized the achievements of members through our awards program.

Funding and support for county law libraries remained fragile, and the SIS worked with AALL and the Government Relations Office to prevent closures of courthouse libraries in Connecticut. The combined effort resulted in four of six libraries being saved. Also, I assisted Mary Alice Baish in authoring a report to the Executive Board spring meeting on advocacy for state, court, and country law libraries as detailed in Section IIIB of the Executive Board Action Plan. The GRO and SCCLL will continue to work together to develop the Advocacy Toolkit.

Our Education Committee submitted a number of program proposals for the Denver Meeting, and three of these were chosen. The SIS had intended to present a program in the SIS programming timeslot but unfortunately, due to speaker complications, this program was withdrawn. We supported the continuing education needs of our members with two grants of \$1,000 each. One recipient used the grant to attend the Equal Justice Conference. The second recipient will be attending the Annual Conference in Denver. SCCLL continues to support its grants program through raising money with its always popular and successful silent auction.

Two awards were presented at our business meeting in Denver. The first of these is the O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities. The recipient of this award is Anne McDonald, a long-time SCCLL member, who has served on many AALL and SCCLL committees and on an advocacy group for persons with disabilities. We also presented the Law Library Advocate Award to Judge Keith Davis, the president of the Board of Trustees of the Law Library of San Bernardino County. Judge Davis has worked steadfastly on behalf of county law libraries both nationally and in the state of California.

SCCLL is currently examining its Trustee Development Program to determine how it might best serve the needs of law library trustees and also how it might encourage them to become more active participants in SCCLL and AALL. The examination will continue over the next year.

Another area of activity this year has been our continued discussion with West on issues affecting our type of libraries, including but not limited to training, patron access, and budgetary restraints. SCCLL members will meet with West at an open meeting during the Denver conference.

During the year we continued to publish our electronic newsletter and maintained updates to our website.

The SCCLL officers for the year were: Anne Matthewman, chair; Kathy Carlson, vice chair/chair-elect; Marcus Hochstetler, immediate past chair; Amy Hale-Janeke, secretary/treasurer; Karen Quinn, Meg Martin, and Joan Bellistri, board members; and Jennifer Dalglish, newsletter editor. Incoming officers are Amy Hale-Janeke, vice chair/chair-elect; Rita Dermody, secretary/treasurer; and Betsey Vipperman, board member.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne C. Matthewman
Chair 2009-2010