

## SCCLL 2010-2011 Annual Report

The mission of the State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section is to foster professional excellence and a strategic place for law libraries in their parent organizations by providing a common and open forum for collaborative networking, continuing education, and advocacy opportunities for its members and their libraries. It is through its committees that SCCLL accomplishes this mission.

This year the Strategic Planning Committee developed an updated SCCLL strategic plan. It will provide direction for the section over the next few years.

The Publicity and Public Relations Committee and the Membership and Mentoring Committee worked together to develop a new brochure. The Publicity and Public Relations Committee also provided a SCCLL presence in both the activities area and at CONELL during the Philadelphia Meeting.

Jennifer Dalglisch acted as newsletter editor and produced three excellent issues of the SCCLL newsletter. This year the newsletter tried a themed approach for each issue. The themes were perceptions of the profession, technology, and research and marketing. The section also is indebted to prior editor Kim Ositis who stepped back in and gave Jennifer a hand for two of the issues.

The Grants Committee awarded three types of grants this year. One grant was awarded to Kathy Carlson to attend the ABA Equal Justice Conference. There were two Annual Meeting travel grants awarded to Jennifer Fraiser and Christine Graesser. The board also voted to award a grant to the October 2011 AALL Leadership Academy. This grant was awarded to Donyele Darrough. The money for these grants was raised through the generosity of SCCLL members' participation in the 2010 silent auction.

The Awards Committee awarded the Bethany Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession to Janet Camillo for her work in promoting law libraries in Maryland.

The SCCLL Education Committee spearheaded the creation of a fine assortment of programs for the Philadelphia Meeting. SCCLL had four programs selected for presentation by the Annual Meeting Program Committee and independently sponsored one. The section also co-sponsored the Roundtable on Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners.

Finally, accepting the report of the Trustees Development Committee, the SCCLL board voted to disband that committee. The board then voted to create a new committee, the Advocacy Committee. The Advocacy Committee will assume the duties of the Trustees Development Committee in fostering relationships with library trustees and boards but will have a broader charge to develop advocacy tools for SCCLL and its members. Advocacy efforts are particularly important to SCCLL members since most publicly funded law libraries have been affected by budget reductions, and a number have been threatened with actual closure. It is hoped that the Advocacy Committee will work to develop an Advocacy Toolkit for Publicly Funded Law Libraries.

The SCCLL officers for the year were: Kathy Carlson, chair; Amy Hale-Janeke, vice chair/chair-elect; Anne Matthewman, immediate past chair; Rita Dermody, secretary/treasurer; and Joan Bellistri and Betsy Vipperman, board members. Incoming Officers are: Barbara Fritschel, vice chair/chair-elect and Holly Lakatos, board member.

Kathy Carlson  
Chair, 2010-11