

Animal Law Caucus Annual Report 2014-2015

In 2015, major activities for the Animal Law Caucus (ALC) included hosting a guest speaker at the ALC business meeting in Philadelphia, outreach at the AALL Annual Meeting, submitting an information item to the AALL Executive Board, and ongoing development of the ALC website. The ALC Officers for 2014/2015 were Stefanie Pearlman, President; Nancy Babb, Vice President/President-Elect; Shaun Esposito, Secretary; and Xiaomeng Zhang, Member-at-Large. ALC committees include the Bylaws Committee, the Education Committee, the Legislative Committee, and the Nominations Committee.

In June, the ALC submitted an information item to the AALL Executive Board, requesting that they incorporate consideration of animal welfare issues in meeting planning and other activities. The proposal was drafted by Nancy Babb and was co-sponsored by the Social Responsibilities-Special Interest Section (SR-SIS) and the Environmental Libraries Caucus (ELC). The ALC also co-sponsored a sustainability resolution with the SR-SIS and ELC.

The ALC Business Meeting was held on July 19, 2015 at the AALL Annual Meeting. At the meeting, members decided to add a public relations committee that would act, along with the ALC President, as liaison to AALL and take responsibility for the ALC table at the Exhibit Hall. We also welcomed a speaker, Dara Lovitz, who gave a presentation on the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act and its chilling effect on activists.

The ALC participated at the CONELL Marketplace at the 2015 AALL Annual Meeting. ALC members staffed the table, distributed ALC brochures, and answered CONELL participant questions. Members also staffed the ALC Activities Area Table at the 2015 Annual Meeting. We distributed animal-themed erasers, stickers, ALC brochures and ALC bookmarks. ALC also gave away two autographed books, *Veganomicon* and *Muzzling a Movement* (written by business meeting speaker, Dara Lovitz).

The Education Committee submitted a program to the AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee, titled, "Research Globally, Practice Locally: Foreign and European Union Law Research in the Context of Animal Law." Unfortunately, the proposal was not accepted.

Finally, the ALC continued to maintain and improve the ALC Web site at:
(<http://community.aallnet.org/animallawcaucus/home>).

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Pearlman

President, 2014-2015