

Mindfulness in Law Librarianship Caucus Annual Report 2014-15

Renewal of Registration

The AALL Executive Board met on November 1, 2013 and approved the caucus registration for the Mindfulness in Law Librarianship Caucus (MLLC). The MLLC was formed to support the efforts of law librarians, academics and practitioners in the research, teaching, scholarship, and practice of mindfulness in law. Its purpose is to recognize and further the ongoing work of AALL members that improves the quality of life of all individuals in the legal profession.

Members:

- a) compile and disseminate relevant resources and programs supporting mindfulness in legal education and practice;
- b) offer education programs on mindfulness in legal education and practice; and
- c) raise the profile of how libraries contribute to mindfulness in legal education and practice.

When the MLLC applied for registration as a caucus in 2013, 28 individual AALL members were listed on the request. This year, the caucus was asked to renew its registration for a three-year period. The caucus chair submitted the registration renewal form on August 13, 2015. The total of 66 members was included on the renewal form based on the MyCommunities caucus membership count at the time of submission.

Chair

Alexandra Lee Delgado continues to serve as Chair of the caucus.

MLLC Website and Social Media

Alexandra Lee Delgado is the current webmaster of the caucus site on AALLNET MyCommunities at <http://community.aallnet.org/mindfulnessinlawlibrarianshipcaucus/home/>. One of the recommendations from members at the Annual Meeting was the need for a presence on social media. Edwin Greenlee created the caucus's Facebook page, and Kyle Courtney created its twitter account. Both are linked from the website.

2015 Annual Meeting and Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

CONNELL Marketplace

The MLLC participated in the CONELL Marketplace at the 2015 AALL Annual Meeting Heather J.E. Simmons staffed the table and answered CONELL participant questions about the caucus.

Tabling in the Activities in Exhibit Hal

Caucus members Susan E. Azyndar, Cynthia W. Bassett, Carol Morgan Collins, Kyle Courtney, and Alexandra Lee Delgado staffed the caucus's table in the Activities Area in the Exhibit Hall. The table was staffed only at the opening of the Exhibit Hall and during the daily no-conflict period in conference programming.

Educational Programs

The caucus did not offer its own programs this year. However, it did help to promote the Vinyasa Yoga sessions at AALL, organized by Carol Watson and Holly Riccio, offered daily Sunday-Tuesday. These sessions were promoted on the caucus's discussion board and by caucus volunteers both at CONELL Marketplace and in the Exhibit Hall.

Annual Meeting of the Caucus

The MLLC held its first annual meeting on July 20, 2015 with 29 members present. The meeting was scheduled from 4:30PM-5:30PM. Edwin Greenlee led a 20-minute meditation at the start of the meeting, thus accommodating the staggered arrival of attendees due to the inevitable scheduling conflicts with other sessions. The meditation was followed by a discussion of ideas for the caucus. To summarize:

- We will continue to keep our organization simple and not adopt bylaws. At this time, we will neither add additional officers nor establish committees.
- We will develop a presence on the following social media platforms: Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. Caucus members volunteered at the meeting to administer these accounts.
- We will work toward offering programming, presentation(s) and/or a pre-conference workshop on mindfulness at the 2016 Annual Meeting and Conference in Chicago.

The meeting concluded with attendees sharing their experiences and resources with the group.

Actions for 2015-16

Kyle Courtney offered to lead the drafting of suggestions for programming, presentation(s) and/or pre-conference workshop offerings at the 2016 Annual Meeting and Conference in Chicago. A small workgroup has already formed to assist him with this action.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Lee Delgado
Chair, 2014-2015