2014-2015 Executive Board

The 2014-2015 executive board members were Genevieve Nicholson, President; Tara Mospan, Vice President/President-Elect; Jeff McGuire, Past President; Kristina Frederickson, Secretary (resigned in January 2015); Sarah Morris, Treasurer; Zhanna Helwig, Member-at-Large (filled a vacancy in November 2014); and Diane Abazarnia, Member-at-Large.

Activities

AzALL met eleven times in 2014-2015. Highlights include a presentation by Robert McWhirter, author of *Bills, Quills and Stills: An Annotated, Illustrated, and Illuminated History of the Bill of Rights*, a tour of the Burton Barr Central Library’s Rare Book Room, and educational programs on Indian legal research, background checks/evidence gathering, and the Arizona State Library’s AZ Memory Project and access to justice initiatives.

Maricopa County Superior Court Law Library

In October 2014, it came to the board’s attention that the Maricopa County Superior Court Law Library intended to auction off the majority of its print collection. President Genevieve Nicholson sought input from members and composed a letter to the court administration that expressed members’ concerns. The auction went forward, but the court administrators agreed to meet with AzALL representatives to discuss plans for the future of the law library. Genevieve Nicholson, Tara Mospan, Lidia Koelbel, Joan Dalton, and Liz Fairman met with court administrators in December 2014. Shortly thereafter, at the suggestion of the court administrators, AzALL submitted recommendations for the court’s future Law Library Resource Center. AzALL hopes to have more input as the court’s “reengineering initiative” progresses. Genevieve Nicholson spoke about this experience at the AALL Advocacy Training during the Annual Meeting and Conference in Philadelphia.

Initiatives

Because AzALL member participation has been low and activities have been Phoenix-centric, AzALL leadership tried to improve member engagement this year by organizing events for Tucson members, providing remote access to meetings and programs when possible, and encouraging members to post on the chapter blog. Although many members expressed appreciation for these efforts, very few members actually took advantage of these opportunities to participate. The board hopes to continue these efforts.

The board discussed several changes to the AzALL bylaws and has made adding electronic voting provisions and an anti-discrimination clause its priorities.
Grants and Awards

AzALL awarded three grants for members to attend the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Philadelphia. AzALL is also extremely proud that longtime member Tory Trotta was inducted into the AALL Hall of Fame during the Annual Meeting.

2015-2016 Executive Board

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