Introduction

The Colorado Association of Law Libraries provides professional development, knowledge and resource sharing, and community for its members. In 2014-2015, our chapter sponsored educational and networking events, awarded scholarships and travel grants, and worked to improve our internal organization and communication with members.

The CoALL officers for 2014-2015 were Chris Hudson, President; Madeline Cohen, Past-President; Mark Popielarski, Vice President/President-Elect; Amy Summer, Secretary; Tamara Phalen, Treasurer; and Erick Beck and Diane Bauersfeld, Members-at-Large.

Events

In 2014-2015, CoALL provided a number of educational and networking opportunities including:

Colleague Connection
Colleague Connection is an annual educational event sponsored regional Colorado library associations and the University of Denver Library & Information Science Program. The event was held on April 16, 2015 at the University of Denver Morgridge College of Education. This year’s program, “But What if the Printed That? The Ethical Implications of User-Created Content,” featured Keynote speaker, Martin Garnar from Regis University. The addition to the entertaining and thought provoking program, the evening event included a social/networking hours and interaction with vendor sponsors: Colorado Bar Association CLE, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters and the Colorado Library Consortium.

Rocky Mountain Mini-Conference
The first annual Rocky Mountain Mini-Conference was held at the University of Northern Colorado on August 11, 2014. The 1-day educational event was co-sponsored by CoALL and Rocky Mountain SLA. Programs included data visualization, alternative careers for librarians, and Finding Law-Related Materials Using Government Resources (presented by current CoALL President, Mark Popielarski).

Brown Bags
The Brown Bag committee provided excellent programming this year. Brown Bag programs included an Annual Meeting Round-Up and happy hour, Fall book talk (Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan), Techniques for Electronic Resource Management, USPTO Denver Resources discussion, ICCESS update, and a Spring book talk (The Organized Mind: Thinking Straight in the Age of Information Overload by Daniel Levitin).

Social Media Investigations for Litigation
On November 4, 2014, Mike Bosick from Social Media Information presented on processes and techniques for conducting social media investigations online. The 60 minute workshop included a social media investigation step-by-step framework, investigation tips and techniques focused on popular social networking sites, and real world examples cases that leveraged social media investigations for litigation, insurance, and worker’s compensation fraud. All attendees received “How-to Guides” and lunch, courtesy of SMI. The noon hour event was hosted by Holland & Hart LLP.

Scholarships

In 2014-2105, CoALL awarded two travel grants for conference attendance and one scholarship library school scholarship. One $400 scholarship was awarded to Joan Policastro of the University of Colorado Wise Law Library to attend the IUG Annual Conference in Minneapolis. A second $500 travel grant was awarded to Karen Selden of the University of Colorado Wise Law Library to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. A $500 library school scholarship was awarded to Cecily Nicewicz, who is an active member of CoALL and who completed her MLIS in 2015. Finally, an AALL Chapter Registration Award was given to Scott Uhl of the University of Colorado Wise Law Library.

Respectfully submitted, August 28, 2015.

Chris Hudson
CoALL President, 2014-2015