Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin, LLAW
Annual Report 2014 - 2015

The 2014-2015 LLAW Board of Directors consisted of: Lisa Winkler, President; Steven Weber, Vice President/President-Elect and Programs Co-Chair; Kris Turner, Secretary; Julie Baldwin, Treasurer; Emily Gellings, Past President and Nominating Chair; Elana Olson, Archives Chair; Jamie Kroening, Government Relations Chair; Megan O'Brien, Grants Chair; Katie Kvien, Membership Chair; Michelle Wollmann, Newsletter Chair; Barbara Fritschel, Placement Chair; Carol Schmitt, Programs Co-Chair; Leslie Behroozi, Public Access to Legal Information Chair; Genevieve Zook, Public Relations Chair; Sarah Frets, Social Media Chair; and Carol Hassler, Website Chair.

The Board of Directors began the year by establishing an exploratory committee for planning another LLAW Educational Institute. However Cynthia Bassett, President of MAALL, extended an invitation to several regional AALL chapters including LLAW to create a joint conference with MAALL in 2017. The Board of Directors accepted the invitation and discontinued planning a separate program. Several LLAW members have volunteered to help next year.

For most of the past year Archives Chair Elana Olson thoroughly investigated options for commencing an oral history project. The current membership is no longer interested in pursuing this project, as recorded by a member survey conducted in April, and we have postponed the initiative for now. Ms. Olson will be writing an article for the fall issue of our newsletter summarizing all of the information she collected as it may be revisited in the future. Public Relations Chair Jenny Zook improved LLAW’s visibility in our legal community by coordinating monthly contributions to the State Bar of Wisconsin’s online publication *Inside Track* by LLAW authors. She also arranged for language acknowledging writers as LLAW members to be included with each article.

In order to encourage more people to get involved in LLAW and our committees, each Chair wrote new content for our website. It includes descriptions of what each committee does, how much time volunteers should expect to give, and how many people are needed. We hope to encourage more involvement in our Chapter in the upcoming years because our membership decreased for a second year with an end total of 85 members. LLAW continues to have a presence on three social media platforms (LinkedIn, Google+, and Facebook) as well.

The Program Committee, co-chaired by Steven Weber and Carol Schmitt, planned four informative and enjoyable programs. The first two programs focused on licensing electronic resources and entertainment law. The last two addressed marketing libraries and fair use and copyright law. The final meeting also featured the awarding of a second LLAW Distinguished Service Award (DSA). Beverly Butula, Manager of Library Services at Davis & Kuelthau in Milwaukee, WI, received special recognition in the form of an engraved award and commemorative plaque for her significant and sustained contributions to law librarianship in Wisconsin. Nominations for the DSA are considered by a selection subcommittee under the standing Grants and Awards Committee with special thanks being due to Mary Koshollek.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa M. Winkler, LLAW President.