The LLNE officers for 2014/2015 were Melinda Kent, President; Diane D’Angelo, Vice President/President-Elect; Barbara Schneider, Immediate Past President; Nicole Dzylewski, Secretary; Rick Buckingham, Treasurer; and Elliott Hibbler and Robert DeFabrizio, Education Directors.

In October, LLNE presented a meeting with ABLL on the topic “Reinventing the Law Library: Meeting the Challenge,” hosted by Boston College. Matthew McTygue, Partner-in-Charge, Boston, Edwards Wideman, gave the keynote on challenges and opportunities in legal services.

In April, LLNE members from the UNH of School of Law with the Association of New Hampshire Law Librarians hosted the meeting “Mindfulness and Librarians: Bridge over Troubled Waters.” Liz Maillet, attorney and owner of Still Sense, presented the keynote “Mindfulness in a Troubled Legal World.” Other speakers led various forms of mindfulness practices. Amy Eaton, Seattle Library Manager, Perkins Coie LLP, visited LLNE from AALL and addressed the membership. At the meeting, LLNE awarded the Edgar award for “significant and sustained contributions to the field of law librarianship to Karen Quinn, retired Rhode Island State Law Librarian. It also granted lifetime members to six retiring members in honor of their contributions to LLNE.

Many LLNE members were also involved in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Massachusetts Trial Court Library in March 2015.

The Massachusetts Subcommittee of the LLNE Government Relations Committee continued efforts to support the passage of UELMA in Massachusetts. The bill was reported favorably out of the House Judiciary Committee and is in the Ways and Means Committee.

LLNE also submitted a chapter letter to the legislature of Vermont in support of the Vermont State Law Library and opposing budget cuts that would close the library. AALL also submitted a letter of support.

On June 15, Melinda Kent, LLNE President, and Bob DeFabrizio, President of ABLL and LLNE Education Director, at a hearing of the Massachusetts Trial Court’s Public Access to Court Records Committee in support of expanded access to Massachusetts court records. AALL President Holly Riccio also provided written remarks.

LLNE thanks Holly Riccio and Emily Feltren, Office Director, AALL GRC for their invaluable support in these efforts.

The Services Committee distributed mini-collections of law books to public libraries in each New England state, and provided scholarships to two public librarians to LLNE’s
legal research course. In Philadelphia, it unveiled LLNE Legal Link, a portal for public librarians.

In 2014/2015, the Scholarship Committee granted several scholarships to support academic studies and attendance at the LLNE Meetings and the AALL Annual Meeting. It also created a new scholarship to support continuing education for members.

The Communications Committee published two issues of LLNE News. Through an agreement with Hein, back issues have been digitized and will eventually be available on HeinOnline and on the LLNE website. LLNE thanks Harvard Law School for a donation of back issues.

At the annual meeting, members approved an amendment to the LLNE Bylaws to add gender identity to the non-discrimination section. We also elected the following new officers Elaine Apostola, Vice President/President-Elect and Ellen Frentzen, Education Direct. Rick Buckingham will continue as Treasurer. Diane D’Angelo has assumed the Presidency.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kent
Immediate Past President
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