The LLAM officers for 2014 – 2015 were Kate Martin, President; James Durham, Vice-President / President Elect; C.J. Pipins, Secretary; Bijal Shah, Treasurer; Mark Desierto and Camilla Tubbs, Members-at-Large; Tonya Baroudi, Past President.

The LLAM year began with a dine-around event at La Paloma on the San Antonio River Walk during the 2014 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference. LLAM offered two educational events and one social event in the fall of 2014. Julia Viets of the Montgomery County Law Library presented a “DIY Book Repair and Preservation Workshop.” Gail Warren served as an AALL Board visitor and presented “The Future of Law Libraries, LIPA, and Chesapeake, Oh My!” at the Thurgood Marshall Law Library of the University of Maryland. The Annual Holiday Party was held on an upper floor of the University of Baltimore School of Law, with members enjoying a lovely night-time view of downtown Baltimore from the rooftop terrace. A portion of the proceedings from the annual holiday party silent auction were donated to the Women’s Law Center of Maryland.

The first educational program of three in early 2015 was a primer on business organizations and taxation from Professor Fred B. Brown of the University of Baltimore. Mary Alice Baish, the U.S. Superintendent of Documents, presented “The National Plan for Access to U.S. Government Information” at the Maryland State Archives. Steve Anderson presented “Copyright: What Librarians Need to Know in 2015.” Courtesy of Venable, LLP, the program was made available through audio conference for members who were unable to attend in person, which was a first for LLAM.

LLAM ended the year with a service project and a social event. Several LLAM members volunteered on a Saturday morning for “Rebuilding Baltimore,” working on small service projects for a neighborhood in eastern Baltimore. The annual spring fling event was held at the Homewood House Museum on the Johns Hopkins University campus. Members enjoyed private tours of the circa 1802 home, followed by a cream tea in the madeira cellar. During the tea, LLAM board members were recognized for their service, including a special thank you to Bijal Shah for serving several years as Treasurer.

LLAM was supportive of an effort to pass UELMA in Maryland. In the fall of 2014, the LLAM board passed a resolution supporting the passage of UELMA by the Maryland Assembly. In the spring of 2015, LLAM provided members with a “Contact Legislators” form to assist with contacting local policymakers. LLAM members also attended a “Legislative Day” event in February of 2015, supporting House Bill 162 and Senate Bill 611. The day began with breakfast at the Anne Arundel County Public Law Library, followed by visits to legislators, attendance at a UELMA hearing, and a legislative reception.
A special committee was formed by Kate Martin, shortly before leaving office, to review LLAM procedures, bylaws, and committee descriptions. This committee plans to present proposals for changes to the LLAM board during the fall of 2015.

Similarly, a project to obtain a new LLAM logo was begun shortly before the end of the LLAM year, with work continuing into 2015 – 2016. A new logo was chosen, with orders for new display tablecloths being placed in late spring.

Submitted by James G. Durham, LLAM President 2015 - 2016