Michigan Association of Law Libraries (MichALL)

Annual Report 2014-2015

This year MichALL celebrates its thirty-fifth anniversary as a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. Since 1980, MichALL provides educational and networking opportunities for law librarians, promotes professional cooperation and is committed to serving the legal community in Michigan.

Members of the 2014-15 Executive Board were, Kathleen Gamache, President, Patrick Meyer, Vice President/President-Elect, Alicia Dyer, Secretary, Matthew Sherman, Treasurer, Michelle LaLonde and Mark Heinrich, Members at Large, and Amy Ash, Past President. The board explored various options for storing and maintaining the association’s print archive. At the annual meeting Kathleen Gamache and Dr. Sandra Yee, Dean, Wayne State University Library System signed a Memorandum of Understanding, designating Wayne State University the official home of the association’s print archive. Virginia Thomas will coordinate the preservation and documentation of the collection. Matthew Sherman updated the procedures for documenting and processing expenses and requests for reimbursement. Electronic payment procedures were explored, but not adopted.

John Adkins, AALL Executive Board member, and June Liebrert, AALL Chair of the 2016 AMPC, participated in the annual spring educational meeting, “Technology in Law Libraries: Where We’re At and Where We’re Going.” Patrick Meyer chaired the education committee. MichALL members speaking at the meeting included Brent Domann, Amy Ash, Kincaid Brown, and Michael McArthur. Education Committee members included Janet Ann Hedin, Laura Mancini, and Michael Samson.

Two founding members of MichALL died this year. Peter Kempel, served as President of MichALL during 1987-88. Peter was Library Director of Thomas M. Cooley Law Library 1976-1989. Mario Ceresa served as Library Director at Detroit College of Law (NKA Michigan State University School of Law) for nearly thirty years (1970-1999).

Goals for the incoming executive board include reviving the association newsletter, updating the website, and reconstituting the committee structure. Leaving the executive board this year are Amy Ash and Mark Heinrich. Incoming members are Leanna Simon, Vice President/President-elect and Emma MacGuidwin, Member at Large.