The 2014-2015 SCALL Executive Board consisted of Kelsey Chrisley, President; Victoria Williamson, Vice President/President-Elect; Jessica Wimer, Treasurer; Amber Kennedy Madole, Secretary; Judy Davis and Michelle Tolley, Board Members; and Paul Moorman, Past President. In September 2014, Kelsey Chrisley resigned due to health reasons. Victoria Williamson served as President during the unexpired portion of Kelsey Chrisley’s term of office and Laura Cadra was appointed as Vice President by the Board.

The 43rd Annual Institute “Thriving in the Network Economy” held on February 27-28, 2015 at the historic Mission Inn Hotel & Spa in Riverside, California drew more than 100 attendees that included 12 exhibitors and 12 sponsors. The program included among others, a keynote speech on “New Challenges to the Legal Profession” by Michael Roster, “Professional Relationship Skills Training” by Ronald Wheeler, and “Clear Roads Ahead: Best Practices in Social Media Policies” by Chris W. Carlton and Grace Nguyen. AALL immediate Past President Steven Anderson attended the Institute and toured the San Bernardino County Law Library, Riverside County Law Library and USC Law School Library.

The Programs Committee continued its excellent work of hosting events to engage our members throughout the year including the Fall Meeting program with USC law professor Edward Kleinbard who spoke on corporate tax inversions, the December Holiday Party held at Umami Burger in Los Angeles and the Spring Meeting program with William T. Tanner who discussed the history of legal incubators and different models of providing legal services. The Professional Development Committee held its inaugural free lunch time seminar on “Charting the Labyrinth: An Overview of California Legislative Research presented by Carolina Rose.

The Public Access to Legal Information Committee successfully revived the “Basic Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians” program. The programs were held in the public library of the city of Arcadia, Orange and Temecula with a combined total of 63 public librarians in attendance. The Committee received requests to hold future sessions in the public library for the city of Ontario, Riverside and San Bernardino.

The Executive Board authorized the Information Technology Committee to begin the SCALL website redesign project. The Committee Chair, Suzie Shatarevyan received proposals from three web design/branding firms and submitted her recommendation to the Board. In early January, discussions with other California Chapters began to explore the possibility of sharing space/cost with Archive-it.org to archive their online materials. SCALL anticipates to begin its website redesign project in 2015-2016 and to continue exploring cost-effective means of setting up a fully-migrated website.

The Bylaws Committee began investigating how other AALL chapters resolve the succession issue arising from the resignation of the President leaving the Vice President/President-Elect with the dual responsibility of serving as President and Institute Chair during the critical time of planning and organizing the Institute.
The Nominations Committee worked diligently this year and secured an outstanding slate of candidates for the 2015 Executive Board election: Stefanie Frame for Vice President/President-Elect, Joy Shoemaker for Treasurer, and Christina Tsou for Board Member. They were elected into office in June and will join me, Amber Kennedy Madole, Michelle Tolley and Paul Moorman on the 2015-2016 SCALL Executive Board. I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation for the all the hard work, continued service and dedication of all our committees chairs, volunteers and outgoing Board officers: Laura Cadra, Jessica Wimer and Judy Davis. Thank you all so much.

During the June 2015 Business Meeting, the Awards Committee presented the Rohan Chapter Service Award to Jessica Wimer. The Vendor Service Award was given to Michael Bernier and will be presented to him during SCALL’s 44th Annual Institute in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Williamson
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