Committee on Relations with Information Vendors

Annual Report 2014-2015

The 2014-2015 Committee on Relations with Information Vendors (CRIV) consisted of the following members: Liz Reppe, chair; Jacob Sayward, vice chair; David Hollander; Diana Jaque; Julie Kimbrough; Kurt Mattson; Valerie Carullo; Cindy Hirsch; Sara Paul Raffel; Rebecca Rich; Alexa Robertson; and Jeanne Frazier Price. Our board liaison was Amy Eaton. Margie Maes, the AALL Vendor Liaison, served the committee in an Ex-Officio capacity.

CRIV held monthly conference calls to stay in touch about issues and planning. My Communities was used to facilitate communicate within the group and with other groups’ listservs.

This past year’s sub-committees included: CRIV Page & Tools, the CRIV Blog, Education, Marketing, New Product Award, Member Advocacy and the Vendor Roundtable. During the year CRIV responded to several requests for assistance and worked with Margie to provide help to librarians in resolving issues with vendors. Solutions to issues that had wide interest were posted to the The CRIV Blog.

The CRIV Blog was not as active this year. Each month two CRIV members are assigned to post to the blog. However, the goal of having at least two postings per week was not met. The blog currently has 176 followers.

Three issues of The CRIV Sheet were published by Editor Sara Raffel and Assistant Editor Alexa Robertson. CRIV was notified by AALL that The CRIV Sheet will be moving to an online format in the next year.

This year’s New Product Award was given to Lex Machina for its Legal Analytics product. CRIV was notified that starting next year, awards will be handled by juries comprised of one-year term volunteers. Therefore, this was the last year that CRIV granted the New Product Award.

For the 2015 annual meeting, Jacob Sayward organized the CRIV Vendor Roundtable. This year’s topic was “Marketing, Discovery, Navigation, and Other Win-Win Opportunities for Libraries and Vendors”. CRIV members staffed tables and answered questions in the Exhibit Hall and at the CONELL Marketplace. Diana Jacque updated the CRIV brochure which was available at the CRIV table.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Reppe