

Atlanta Law Libraries Association (ALLA) 2015-2016 Annual Report

The 2015-2016 Atlanta Law Libraries Association Executive Board members were: Richelle Reid, President; Austin Martin Williams and Christina Glon, Vice President/President-Elect; Julia Berry, Treasurer; Betty Wright, Secretary; Saira Raza, Member-at Large; Benedette Wright, Member-at-Large; and Deborah Schander, Immediate Past President.

Educational Programming

ALLA hosted monthly educational programming for its members from September through May. Particular attention was given to diverse programming appealing to librarians across different library types. Programs included the legal aspects of the Georgia film industry, emerging technology impacting the practice of law, using metrics to assess law libraries, and protecting ourselves and our patrons in the workplace. A field trip to the National Center for Civil & Human Rights was also coordinated. At the annual end-of-year luncheon in May, Ronald Wheeler was our AALL Executive Board visitor and guest speaker. Awards were presented to officers and committee members for their participation.

Major Initiatives

ALLA developed a *Handbook of Standard Operations and Procedures*. The purpose was to create a detailed handbook outlining the duties, important dates, and typical procedures of the chapter. As a supplement to the bylaws, the Handbook allows a more seamless process of on-boarding new officers and committee chairs.

The ALLA website successfully migrated from a static to a dynamic website. The new website, <http://atlantalawlibraries.org/>, features a new design, an events calendar, an online RSVP tool, and access to discussion boards. The new website also allowed us to create an interactive, online membership directory. The Website Committee successfully inputted data from our former directory to the online platform, and synchronized it with the ALLA listserv.

ALLA continued to focus on its community outreach initiatives with the Georgia Innocence Project, the Georgia Ovarian Cancer Alliance (as an ongoing tribute to our late colleague Nancy Johnson), and the Georgia Truancy Intervention Project. The Community Service Committee also coordinated a new outreach project doing tree maintenance with Trees Atlanta.

The Chapter Knowledge Committee also undertook a project to compile information about past ALLA programs, creating a spreadsheet that lists program titles, speakers, dates, and locations for the past five years.

ALLA offered several grant opportunities to its members, including \$1,500 in grants to members for continuing education events and programs; the SEAALL Registration Grant (underwritten by ALLA); and the AALL Registration Grant for newer members (underwritten by AALL). New member Jonathan Germann was the recipient of the AALL Registration Grant.

Special Election

A special election was held to fill a mid-term vacancy in the office of Vice President/President-Elect held by Austin Williams. Christina Glon was elected to fill the position.

Continuing Initiatives

ALLA intends to continue raising awareness of its presence in the metro Atlanta community through educational programming and community service. Continuing work by the Chapter Knowledge Committee will include updating the ALLA Handbook and preserving information from the year-to-year operations of the association.

The President wishes to thank officers and committee members for their hard work and contributions to ALLA's accomplishments this year.

Richelle Reid
2015-2016 President