

Chicago Association of Law Libraries

2015-2016 Annual Report

The Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) started the year off with a member survey and used the results to help the Executive Board and committees plan for the year.

CALL held 4 business meetings which gave members the opportunity to network and support their professional development. In-kind and monetary donations were also collected for various charities.

At the first business meeting held in September, the Center for Research Libraries President Bernard F. Reilly discussed their efforts to preserve and provide access to primary legal materials. School supplies were collected for Chicago Public Schools and monetary donations made to Humane Education Advocates Reaching Teachers.

The November meeting featured Derek Eder, founder of DataMade, who spoke about open government and civic technology. Donations were made to the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Toys for Tots.

During the February meeting, John S. Bracken from the Knight Foundation featured how libraries are transforming to accommodate the evolving needs of our communities. Donations were collected for The Anti-Cruelty Society and PAWS.

The last business meeting was held in May. The speaker was Jason Kunesh, CEO of Public Good Software, who explained how startups and technology are breaking ground in social entrepreneurship and shared his experience working on the Obama for America presidential campaign. Sit Stay Read and The Special Olympics were the selected charities. CALL also presented the following awards: Outstanding In-House Publication to the William J. Campbell Library of the U.S. Courts, 7th Circuit; Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship to Gretchen Van Dam; and Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Law Librarianship to Sarah Holterhoff and Barry Herbert.

There were other education and networking opportunities offered. CALL held a program on how librarians can collaborate with marketing and business development teams. CALL and the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement held a joint webinar that highlighted the work of prospect researchers and competitive intelligence professionals. The New York Law Institute featured their enhanced services and customized access to legal information. Members collaborated on the resources law students should know about before they get to the law firms. Members also learned how to get involved in CALL and AALL and the leadership roles that evolve from volunteering. There were several meet-ups which allowed for networking.

CALL is now using Wild Apricot to handle registration for the business meetings including accepting credit cards. Wild Apricot will also handle the membership renewals and the directory.

The Government Relations Committee updated the AALL Illinois microsite. CALL also presented U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley with the CALL Legislator of the Year Award for his work on

issues related to government transparency, privacy, and public access to government information.

The CALL Bulletin co-editors published four great issues, including an AALL 'live-blog' edition and a special "Chicago International" theme issue. The CALL Bulletin issues will be available on HeinOnline.

The 2016 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference was held in Chicago. Many CALL members got involved with the Local Arrangements Committee and Annual Meeting Programming Committee. CALL is very proud of President Keith Ann Stiverson, Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs Megan Butman and Maribel Nash, and Annual Meeting Programming Committee Chair June Liebert. CALL sponsored a very successful Trivia Night during the conference with over 130 attendees.

CALL is looking forward to seeing what 2016-2017 brings to its members.

2015-2016 CALL Executive Board

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