

## **Dallas Association of Law Librarians, DALL**

### Annual Report 2015-2016

Executive Board members for the 2015-2016 term were as follows:

- Nancy Scibelli Bouthilet, President
- Edward Hart, First Vice President/President-Elect
- Donna Bostic, Second Vice President/Newsletter Editor
- M. Elizabeth Petty, Treasurer
- Karen Dibble, Secretary
- Charlotte Thomas, Past President

This year DALL focused on continuing to offer members quality educational programming, roundtable discussions, and networking events and improving some of the forward facing administrative aspects of the organization such as DALL's logo, newsletter format, and website, including offering a completely online membership renewal process.

As DALL members have come to expect, our educational programming was excellent in 2015-2016. Edward Hart, First Vice President/President-Elect, led the charge as 2015-2016 Programming Chair.

- In October, members participated in a roundtable discussion regarding NextGen PACER changes.
- In November, Margie Maes, AALL Vendor Liaison, visited DALL to speak about vendor relations.
- In January, members participated in a roundtable discussion on Open Space. Open space is the self-organization of people to accomplish a task without any pre-set agenda.
- In February, Barbara Bintliff visited DALL and provided an update on UELMA and its adoption in Texas.
- In April, DALL was pleased to work with SWALL and SEAALL on their annual joint conference held in Dallas this year. DALL hosted a one-day pre-meeting institute and encouraged members to attend this three day educational event. DALL did not host a half-day Spring Institute as has been the organization's practice in recent years.

DALL's networking and social events were well received and well attended by members this year. DALL hosted a holiday luncheon and spring social. The spring social was especially

remarkable as it commemorated the end of the 2015-2016 year and the beginning of the 2016-2017 year. The gavel was passed and the new Executive Board was introduced to the membership.

DALL also resurrected the Publicity Committee in 2015-2016. The Committee was tasked with managing DALL's blog, maintaining a list of member presentations and publications, and supporting members seeking publishing and speaking opportunities.

Notably, DALL launched a new logo this year featuring the Dallas skyline and a red Pegasus, a historic and iconic Dallas landmark.

DALL also launched a new website during the 2015-2016 year. The new website was designed to be easier to maintain and to provide quick access to critical information to members. It also includes three notable new features the organization determined would be useful to members and DALL administration:

- completely online membership renewal system
- a Research Corner to help members locate research information and submit research tips
- digital access to *Advance Sheet* archives

DALL continued to publish the *Advance Sheet* under the guidance of Newsletter Editor, Donna Bostic. The organization published the 39 volume of the *Advance Sheet* this year and debuted a new format with Vol. 39, No. 3. The new format was created in response to a perceived need to provide the newsletter a facelift with a more modern feel. The newsletter is published electronically only.

Consistent with DALL's history, 2015-2016 was a productive year and the organization continued to focus on programs and initiatives that directly benefit members.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Scibelli Bouthilet, DALL President, 2015-2016