

**Michigan Association of Law Libraries (MichALL)
Annual Report – 2015-2016**

On behalf of MichALL, I am pleased to submit this report of chapter activities for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

2015-2016 Executive Board:

Patrick Meyer, President;
Leanna Simon, Vice President/President-Elect;
Kathleen Gamache, Past President;
Matthew Sherman, Treasurer;
Alicia Dyer, Secretary;
Michelle LaLonde, Member at Large;
Emma MacGuidwin, Member at Large

Membership

Our members accomplished much this past year. An extremely high percentage of our members participated in chapter activities. About 30 of our 53 members were assigned to our various active committees: Government Relations, Newsletter, Grants, Nominations, Bylaws, Membership Services, Public Relations, and Education. The Board updated several committee charges this year. In addition, a Digital Media committee was created to handle all things digital, to include any combination of video recording, broadcasting, and taking photos of the Spring Event, placing the Newsletter on social media, and the like.

We're especially happy that the Newsletter made a comeback this year, and two issues were published thanks in large part to Janet Ann Hedin and Kathleen Gamache and, of course, to other members who agreed to sacrifice their time and effort to write articles.

Spearheaded by Charlotte Walden, Jessica Hanes, and Emma MacGuidwin, MichALL members started to meet socially. Thus far, the focus has been on meeting at various places in Metro Detroit for trivia nights.

MichALL members approved changes to our Bylaws at the Spring Conference, which was a year-long process.

Programming

MichALL staged two educational gatherings: A Fall Dinner and the Spring Conference. Current President Leanna Simon staged a great dinner at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. The topic of the presentation was on copyright law, and the speaker was a member of the Copyright Society of the USA. Leanna and her Education Committee planned the Spring Conference, which was held at the Ross School of Business in Ann Arbor. The meeting, held on May 20, was titled *Innovation and Collaboration*. Topics included diversity in the profession, legal technology platforms, the Michigan Legal Help Program, and mediation. Ken Grady, Lean Law Evangelist, also spoke on how technology will change the law. AALL VIP and now AALL President, Ron Wheeler, was in attendance and presented.

Election

Alicia Dyer was selected as Vice President/President-Elect, Carol Darga became Treasurer, and Jason Blevins became a Member at Large. The Board appointed Charlotte Walden as Secretary to finish the last year of Alicia Dyer's term. Michelle LaLonde was subsequently chosen to fill the remaining year of the departing Emma MacGuidwin's Member at Large term. Vacating the board were Kathleen Gamache and Matthew Sherman.

This year MichALL said good bye to former board member Amy Ash, who moved to pursue another career, as well as Emma MacGuidwin, who also moved out-of-state. Pam Bartlett and Pat Bravender retired. Finally, MichALL was saddened this year at the sudden death of long-time member Janet Ann Hedin.

Sincerely,

Patrick Meyer
MichALL President, 2015-2016