

Southwestern Association of Law Libraries

SWALL Annual Report 2015-2016

The Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL) Executive Board for 2015-2016 was: Jennifer Laws, President; Mike Martinez, Jr., Vice-President/President Elect; Katy Stein Badeaux, Treasurer; Stacy Fowler, Secretary and Kathleen Bransford, Immediate Past President.

The 2016 SWALL Annual Meeting was held in Dallas, Texas from April 14-16, 2016 as a joint meeting with the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Library and the Dallas Association of Law Libraries. There were 171 Attendees, of which 54 were SWALL members.

At the SWALL 2016 business meeting, Mike Martinez became President;, Laura McKinnon Vice President; Katy Stein Badeaux, Treasurer; Cassie DuBay, Secretary and Jennifer Laws Immediate Past President.

SWALL awarded three grants, in the amount of \$500 each, to law librarians to assist with the costs of attending the 2016 joint meeting. The recipients were: Erik Beck, Kenton Brice, and Marin Dell.

Shanna Pritchett was able to attend the conference thanks to the Mon Yin Lung Scholarship. Mon Yin has been a unparalleled force in SWALL for many years. SWALL is deeply grateful for her generosity and promotion of this scholarship to students pursuing a career in law librarianship.

SWALL awarded one grant, in the amount of \$750, to assist a SWALL member with the costs of attending the 2016 AALL annual meeting in Chicago. This year's recipient was Kasia Salon Cristobal.

SWALL's membership numbers continue to fluctuate. Our total membership for the 2015-16 year was 176 members.

SWALL held an electronic vote March 25-April 8, 2016 in which a revision of SWALL's Bylaws anti-discrimination clause and the extension of life membership to Sharon Wayland were both approved.

The 2017 Annual Meeting will be held in Albuquerque, NM April 6-8. The theme for the meeting is: "Outreach and Access: No Half Measures." The 2018 meeting will be held in Houston, Texas. SWALL will solicit proposals for the 2019 non-Texas meeting location soon, with a special interest in Oklahoma or Arkansas.