

Virginia Association of Law Libraries Annual Report 2015-2016

The Virginia Association of Law Libraries' (VALL) 2015-2016 executive board consisted of Stephanie Miller, President; Patricia Petroccione, Vice President/President-Elect; Christina Vassey, Secretary; Alison Hancock, Treasurer; Meldon Jenkins-Jones, Andrew Winston, and Evelyn Campbell (ex-officio), Directors; and Ben Almoite, Past President.

Meetings/Programs: VALL again hosted three meetings – in the summer, fall and spring – with programs on a variety of topics. Members gathered in the summer at a luncheon social meeting held during the AALL 2015 Annual Meeting & Conference in Philadelphia. The 2015 fall meeting was held jointly with the Virginia Library Association's Annual Conference. VALL members presented programs on: Workplace Privacy; Library Networking; and Privacy, Archives & the Digital Age. The 2016 spring meeting was held in Lexington, Virginia. The first program, on enhancing our information arsenal, had librarians from academic, government and private law libraries sharing new tools they use to gather information for their patrons. The second program was a lesson on the Corpus Juris Civilis; its history, components and tools used for research. At the meeting, there was a vote to amend the bylaws to align the anti-discrimination policy with AALL's. The following day, several members enjoyed winetasting at several Lexington area vineyards and a lunch in historic Staunton.

VALL members in the Richmond-area continued to have monthly informal dining events, in conjunction with the local chapter of the Special Libraries Association. The invitations were extended to all area library professionals.

Publications: Several VALL members contributed articles to the Virginia State Bar publication, the *Virginia Lawyer*, on legal research topics such as tax law and the affordable care act, legal research technologies, changes in bankruptcy, and Virginia construction law. As of August 2015, VALL members had contributed one hundred articles to the *Virginia Lawyer*.

Grants: VALL presented several grant awards to its members this year to attend the AALL 2016 Annual Meeting and Conference. One member received the AALL Chapter Registration Grant.

Best wishes go out to VALL's 2015-2016 executive board: Patricia Petroccione, President; Lara Dresser, Vice President/President-Elect; Andrew Winston, Secretary; Alison Hancock, Treasurer; Meldon Jenkins-Jones, Doris Morgan, and Evelyn Campbell (ex-officio), Directors; and Stephanie Miller, Past President.

Respectfully Submitted, Patricia Petroccione President 2016-2017