

## **2015-2016 Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association Annual Report to AALL**

In 2015-2016, the Programming Committee chaired by Pat Roncevich offered well-received programs. These included: “Keeping the Wolves at Bay: Tips for Improving Productivity and Maintaining Your Sanity, “ Keeping Current with Law Librarianship: How to Efficiently Monitor the Latest News “and “Free, Low-Cost, and New Legal Research Sites: Surveying the Landscape.” WPLLA continued its Holiday and Banquet events.

WPLLA will continue to offer programming remotely as well as on site to accommodate members. WPLLA hopes to offer more informal social events to help strengthen networking for members.

The Annual Spring Banquet featured Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Court Reporter Paula Reed Ward. Several retiring members' contributions were celebrated:

, Associate Director of Lawyer Services, Allegheny County Law Library, Dr. Joel Fishman for over thirty years of service to the organization. University of Pittsburgh Law Library's Sallie Smith for service as WPLLA Newsletter Editor. Dittakavi Rao, Trinka Reid and Linda Schneider were recognized..

Also noted was the induction of Frank Liu, Director, Duquesne Center for Legal Information and Allegheny County Law Library into the AALL Hall of Fame.

WPLLA's Legal Education Ad Hoc Committee, interested in continuing our long held commitment to , eld a membership meeting. The recommendation from the meeting was to offer short webinars on key research topics to summer associates. This programming was postponed until 2017 for timing reasons.

The WPLLA website redesign by Liz Whittington, featuring a public and members section, is in final stages with rollout projected for Fall 2016.

The WPLLA membership directory (pdf) was supplied to members.

The WPLLA Board acknowledges that members feel increased demands on their time and energies at work and at home. WPLLA will offer a list of committees with short descriptions and examples of “limited time” volunteer opportunities to increase participation. The Board also plans to review and simplify its bylaws.

The membership in 2015 approved converting WPLLA's Scholarship grant to instead enable the WPLLA Vice President funding to attend the AALL Leadership Summit. WPLLA will utilize the 2017 AALL Grant to cover registration for an eligible member to attend the 2017 Convention.

WPLLA continues to provide networking and educational opportunities to its members and to promote itself to the larger legal community. The Board and its members reach out to mentor and welcome new members and look for opportunities to encourage WPLLA membership.

The Executive Board for 2015-2016: Ann Unger - President; Pat Roncevich, Vice President/President Elect; Sallie Smith, Secretary; Liz Whittington, Treasurer; Cindy Cicco, Past President; Donna Kiarl and Sarah Steers, Members at Large.

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Ann Unger, President 2015-2016