The 2015-2016 Committee on Relations with Information Vendors (“CRIV”) consisted of the following members: Jacob Sayward, chair; Diana Jaque, vice chair; Valerie Carullo; Cindy Hirsch; Sara Raffel; Alexa Robertson; Jeanne Frazier Price; C.J. Pipins; Jim Gernert; Janeen Williams; and Gilda Chiu. Our board liaison was Kathy Coolidge.

CRIV held monthly conference calls to stay in touch about issues and planning. My Communities was used to facilitate communication within the group. This past year’s subcommittees included: CRIV Sheet, CRIV Page & Tools, Education, Marketing, and Member Advocacy. During the year CRIV responded to several requests for assistance and worked with vendors and librarians to resolve those issues.

The CRIV Blog was not as active this year as it had been in the past. Each month two CRIV members were assigned to post to the blog. However, the goal of having at least two members posting regularly each month was not met.

Three issues of The CRIV Sheet were published by Editor Alexa Robertson and the CRIV Sheet subcommittee. The CRIV Sheet transitioned into an all-digital publication this year.

The CRIV Education subcommittee proposed one program for the 2016 Annual Meeting, but it was not accepted. CRIV held its Vendor Roundtable at the Annual Meeting in Chicago, which was well-attended as usual. Also at the Annual Meeting, CRIV members regularly "staffed" the CRIV Poster (during Exhibit Hall breaks) and a table (at the CONELL Marketplace).

The newest venture for CRIV was taking over some responsibilities of the former AALL Vendor Liaison. CRIV conducted semiannual conference calls with four major legal information vendors: Bloomberg BNA, WoltersKluwer, LexisNexis, and ThomsonReuters. Reports from these calls were published in the CRIV Sheet, posted on the CRIV Blog, and submitted to the AALL Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,
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