

## Copyright Committee Annual Report 2015-2016

The members of the Copyright Committee during 2015-2016 year were: Kelly Leong, Chair; Pam Brannon, Vice Chair; Patricia Barbone; June Casey; Carolyn Hersch; Benjamin Keele; and Victoria Szymczak.

The Committee met on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at the 2015 Annual Meeting and continued to hold monthly meetings by conference call throughout the year. The final meeting of the year was held Saturday, July 16, 2016 at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

The Committee started out the committee year with a review of the Copyright Committee website to ensure that its digital materials were up-to-date. The Committee then began a series of projects to provide AALL members and the general public information on current events happening within the copyright and library communities. Projects included one-page advocacy papers that discussed the Google Books Case, Extended Collective Licensing for Mass Digitization, and Copyright Modernization. The Committee also issued a timeline of the Georgia State Fair Use Case written by Victoria Szymczak.

In addition to our one-page advocacy papers, the Committee submitted three formal statements to the Copyright Office in response to calls for comments published in the Federal Register. In September 2015, we submitted comments in response to a request for comments related to a proposed mass digitization pilot that would utilize extended collective licensing. In February 2016, we submitted comments in response to a request for comments related to modification of the rulemaking process of Section 1201. In March 2016, we submitted comment related the information technology upgrades necessary to facilitate a twenty-first century Copyright Office.

Committee members Kelly Leong and Pam Brannon, along with Emily Feltren, spoke with the Copyright Office in July 2016 in response to their notice regarding their legislative recommendations to revise Section 108.

During the 2015-2016 Committee year, the committee worked to finalize the Model Law Firm Copyright Policy. The policy was created with great effort by Patricia Barbone, Pam Brannon, Carolyn Hersch, and Kelly Leong. It provides guidance to law firms seeking to create or revise a law firm copyright policy. The proposed Model Law Firm Copyright Policy was approved by the AALL Executive Board Meeting in April 2016.

At the 2016 AALL Annual Meeting in Chicago, committee members Ben Keele and Carolyn Hersch presented a program entitled "Who Owns This? Researching Copyright Status and Ownership." In addition to the program, Ben Keele with the assistance of staff at the library staff at Robert H. McKinney School of Law created a poster for the Committee's presentation board transforming our verbal timeline of the Georgia State Fair Use Case into a poster.

The Committee continues to actively utilize the My Communities blogging feature and maintains a Twitter feed.

Submitted by Kelly Leong, Chair 2015-2016