

A YEAR OF GROWTH & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dear Heather,

As we start 2024, it is a great time to reflect on the many accomplishments of the Association over this past membership year. As a member, you play a crucial role in advancing AALL's mission to advocate for access to legal information and support the legal information profession. Here are some highlights of our achievements:

Professional Development: We continue to innovate and diversify our programming to meet your evolving needs and interests. In 2023, we offered a wide range of educational programs, including recordings from **51 Annual Meeting programs**, **17 virtual coffee chats (991 total registrations)**, **16 webinars (6,354 total registrations)**, and **self-paced courses (386 total registrations)** to support you in your professional growth.

Successful Conference: **AALL's 2023 Annual Meeting in Boston** drew **1,700 attendees**, with **65 programs** on emerging trends, innovative strategies, and best practices in the profession. The Conference included **over 260 speakers**, the majority being AALL members. The **Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL)** welcomed **over 100 newer AALL members** who made long-term professional connections.

Advocacy and Impact: AALL is dedicated to advocating for your interests and advancing the profession. Through strategic partnerships with ALM for **Legalweek** to partnering with four additional library associations to create a Library Job Board Network on the **AALL Career Center**, we made significant strides. Additionally, we promoted our members as thought leaders in legal information through *AALL Spectrum's* **article exchange** with Slaw, further elevating awareness of the profession. We also advocated for you and the profession by **submitting comments** on the **ABA's proposed revisions** to various standards impacting law libraries and their staff, including those outlined in Chapter 6 of the Library and Information Resources Standards as well as Standards 304, 405, 701, and 702.

Membership Growth: Our Association saw an **8.44 percent increase in new members in 2023**, expanding our community and enhancing our collective expertise. Total **AALL memberships grew from 3,573 to 3,680 members**, and we have welcomed **341 new members**.

Recognition and Awards: We are proud to celebrate your achievements and accomplishments. AALL awarded **over 50 awards** recognizing your outstanding contributions to leadership, innovation, and excellence in the profession.

Scholarships and Grants: We gave out **over \$100,000** in **grants** and **scholarships** to **more than 100 recipients** to fund educational programs and research, attendance at the Annual Meeting, and to support continued growth in the profession.

Mentorship: AALL remains committed to **fostering robust and meaningful connections** between mentors and mentees, recognizing the substantial and enduring advantages this brings to newer members as we continue to build the pipeline to the profession. Last year, we successfully **connected 85 mentees** with mentors through the **AALL Mentor Program**.

Community Engagement: The Association continues to foster community and engagement among our members through events, **My Communities**, social media, and networking. AALL joined Instagram this past fall **@aallnet**; where we have **100 followers and counting!**

LOOKING AHEAD

We remain committed to providing you with the resources and tools you need to remain at the leading edge. We hope you will be attending the **2024 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference** in Chicago with the theme "**Lead.Innovate.Transform.**" **#AALL24** will feature **65 programs**, a fascinating keynote with **Cory Doctorow**, a lively **exhibit hall**, countless networking opportunities, and more. Stay tuned—**registration will open soon!**

With **membership renewals coming up on March 1**, your ongoing support and involvement are crucial to our success. As part of our commitment to continually enhance and tailor our programs to meet your needs, we invite you to complete the **AALL Biennial Membership Survey**, which is **due March 15, 2024**.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to AALL.



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