

Chicago Association of Law Libraries

2008-2009

The Chicago Association of Law Libraries began a strategic planning process in 2008-2009 and plans to continue this effort in the future. This year's process culminated in the adoption of a CALL mission statement in May 2009:

The Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) connects a vibrant and diverse network of members by supporting the development of professional expertise; encouraging leadership, collaboration, and advocacy in the legal information community; and promoting and enhancing the field of law librarianship.

This past year CALL continued its long tradition of professional development and networking opportunities for its members. CALL held four business meetings with presentations from the following speakers: Mary Dempsey, Commissioner of the Chicago Public Library; David E. Van Zandt, Dean of Northwestern University Law School; Susan Roman, Dean of Dominican University's School of Library and Information Science; and James Duggan, President of AALL.

Following on its success in 2008, CALL's continuing education committee held a second Institute Day in April 2009 on the topic: Marketing the Library: How to Create Awareness of, and Demand for, Library Services. The day featured sessions on marketing strategies and tools for academic, firm and other law libraries. CALL offered two additional professional educational opportunities in 2008-2009:

- 1) a tour of the American Hospital Association Resource Center along with a presentation on healthcare research;
- 2) a brown bag presentation "RDA and the Future of Cataloging," from the project manager for the development of RDA.

Through the organizational efforts of the community service committee, CALL members supported the following charities with various donations: school supplies for the Chicago Public School's Homeless Education Program; soda/pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities; cell phones for Call to Protect; food items for the Greater Chicago Food Depository; adult books for the Newberry Library and children's books for Hull House; and cash donations for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates of Cook County) and Hands for Hope.

The quarterly-published *CALL Bulletin* featured two special issues this year. The Winter 2009 issue focused on Business Resources for Law Libraries. The Summer 2009 issue contained

various articles on Marketing the Library. Additionally, the CALL Public Affairs Committee published member updates on special topics of interest including net neutrality, Government Printing Office and Federal Depository Library Program issues, copyright, open government issues, authentication of online state legal resources, Freedom of Information Act issues, and Illinois and Indiana government issues affecting libraries.

At its annual business meeting in May 2009, CALL presented its year-end awards. Betty Roeske, Technical Services Librarian at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, was presented with the Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship. The Award for Outstanding In-House Publication was awarded to Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library for their publication *Guide to Library Services*.

Members of the CALL Board for 2008-2009 were Sheri Lewis, President; Gretchen Van Dam, Vice-President/President-Elect; Deborah Rusin, Past President; Deborah Ginsberg, Secretary; Ruth Bridges, Treasurer; and Julie Pabarja and Christine Morong, Directors.

Sheri Lewis, President 2008-2009