

AALL Latino Law Librarians Caucus Inaugural Meeting Minutes

Meeting held:

Tuesday, July 19 2005, 5:15pm.

AALL 2005 Annual Meeting San Antonio, Texas Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 212A.

Present:

Maja Basioli, Vicenç Feliú, Filiberto Govea, Ismael Gullon, Dennis Kim-Prieto, Lizette López, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Juan Carlos Ortega, Raquel Ortiz, Josefina Ortiz-Montañez, Evelyn Ortiz Smykla, Pedro Padilla-Rosa, Michelle Rigual, Victoria Santana, Cesar Zapata.

Welcome

Lizette López welcomed everyone. She described how she registered the Caucus and drew guidance from other existing caucuses.

Meet each other

All those present introduced themselves.

Collect contact information from members

Sheets requesting contact information were sent around the room. A membership directory will be created from this information. To add your name to the list, contact Michelle Rigual at rigual@law.unm.edu.

Decide how many elected officials the Caucus will have and the duration of terms

Through informal discussion, the group decided to have three positions:

- Chair - the inaugural chair will serve for 1 year
- Vice Chair/Chair-Elect - the Vice Chair/Chair Elect will serve in that position for one year and as Chair for one year
- Secretary/Treasurer - 2-year term.

Hold nominations & vote

- Chair - Raquel Ortiz
- Vice Chair/Chair-Elect - Dennis Kim-Prieto
- Secretary/Treasurer - Michelle Rigual

Selection of volunteers/committees

- Victoria Santana volunteered to prepare a draft of by-laws,
- Roy Balleste was volunteered (en absentia) to create a website,
- Raquel Ortiz volunteered to set up a listserv and send an announcement to Lawlib,
- Dennis Kim-Prieto volunteered to write an article for Spectrum,
- Michelle Rigual volunteered to start an archive of our materials.

New Business

Statement of Purpose

The Statement of Purpose drafted by Lizette López was reviewed and edited to read as follows:

- To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on issues of interest and concern to Latino and Caribbean law librarians and to represent them within AALL.
- To promote law librarianship and further the continuing education of Latino and Caribbean law librarians, and to develop and increase their visibility within AALL.
- To foster cooperation among Latino and Caribbean members of the profession.
- To recruit and mentor Latinos and Caribbeans to the profession.

The *objetivos* (Spanish version of the statement of purpose) will be revised to match.

Dues

Dues will not be collected at this time, as there will be very few expenses.

Motions

A motion was introduced by Lyonette Louis-Jacques to thank Lisette López for her hard work and vision in creating the Latino Law Librarians Caucus. The motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Rigual, Secretary