

## **Latino Caucus Business Meeting Minutes**

Business Meeting held at AALL 2007 Annual Meeting and Conference (New Orleans) July 15, 2007, Room 230 at the Convention Center, 5:30-6:30

### **Present**

Dennis Kim-Prieto – Rutgers  
Arturo Torres – Texas Tech  
Cesar Zapata – Yale  
Evelyn Ortiz-Smykla – 11th Circuit  
Mike Forrest – St. Mary's  
Mike Martinez – St. Mary's  
Eric Santiago – Microjuris.com  
Michelle Rigual – University of New Mexico

### **I. Call to Order**

### **II. Introductions**

### **III. Old Business**

- A. Approval of minutes from the 2006 meeting.
- B. Chair's Report
  - 1. We had a productive presence at the CONELL Marketplace, getting the word out to new AALL members.
  - 2. Everyone plan to attend the program titled: "A Closer Look: Uncovering the Spanish Roots of Louisiana Civil Law," presented by some of the Latino Caucus members.
  - 3. We need to update the website.
  - 4. *Baile* a great success; need to find a venue for a repeat performance in Portland; Friday night worked well, attracting participants just arriving in town for the conference; coordinate with other caucuses and committees.
  - 5. Proposed a formal and/or informal mentoring program for new AALL members.
  - 6. Need to staff the caucus table in the exhibition hall, especially during peak times, such as at drawings.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer's Report
  - 1. Current secretary has an archive of all caucus records, which she will send to the incoming Secretary/Treasurer.
  - 2. We need to digitally scan these records so that we have an electronic archive.
- D. *Baile*
  - 1. Congratulations to all who planned the *baile*.
  - 2. The event was a great success, with over 40 people who attended.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### A. By Mike Martinez

1. Discussion on possible outreach and panel discussions of interest to caucus members.
2. The ALA Reforma National 2008 will be held in El Paso. Those with interest in a panel discussion on delivering library services to the Hispanic community, *pro se* patrons, persons in jail, *etc.*, should contact Jennifer Laws, the 5th Circuit librarian in San Antonio.
3. SWALL would be interested in talking to presenters for the upcoming meeting, which may be a cruise to Mexico. The contact is Monica Ortale at South Texas College of Law.

##### B. Discussion on programming for the Portland Annual Meeting

1. *Baile*. Agreement on continuation of this event. Need to find some contacts in the Portland area to help locate a venue.
2. Suggestion to have drawing of business cards left in a basket at the caucus table by interested conventioners. Promotional items to give away might include Oregon wines and microbrews.
3. Everyone needs to network to bring in new members.

#### **V. Election**

1. The following members were elected unanimously
  - Chair: Cesar Zapata
  - Vice Chair: Evelyn Ortiz-Smykla
  - Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Forrest
  - Member At Large: Mike Martinez
2. Committee appointees will be appointed by email. Dennis Kim-Prieto will take the lead on this.

#### **VI. Greetings from Incoming Chair**

1. Looking forward to new ideas.
2. We can increase visibility and promote the caucus by enhancing the website.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rigual, Outgoing Secretary/Treasurer  
Mike Forrest, Incoming Secretary/Treasurer