



SWALL Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Albuquerque, New Mexico
March 27, 2009

I. Call to Order

President Katherine (Kat) Greene called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2009 in room Alvarado D of the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Michelle Rigual provided copies of the minutes of the 2008 SWALL Business Meeting held aboard the Carnival Ecstasy. The minutes were approved without corrections.

III. Treasurer's Report

Kris Helge reported lower than predicted attendance at the 2009 Annual Meeting due to severe restrictions to many travel budgets. This means that we anticipate that the 2009 Annual Meeting will lose money but we won't know the exact amount until all of the bills are paid after the Meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Bylaws Committee - No report.

b. Grants Committee

Committee Chair, Mimi Greenwood, introduced committee members Kathryn Fitzhugh, Jennifer Laws, and Christopher Steadham and thanked them for their hard work. Mimi announced that there were six applicants for the grants but one withdrew.

Grant recipients were introduced:

- Kate Mara Award – Michele Woods, Xavier University of Louisiana Library, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Marian Boner Grant Award – Evelyn Beard, Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall Law Library, Houston, Texas
- Coco-Miller Grant Award – Tracy Timmons, Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall Law Library, Houston, Texas

Mimi urged more people to apply for SWALL grants and suggested some changes to the grant forms.

c. Legal Information to the Public Program

Sharon Blackburn reported that a pre-conference program was not held in conjunction with the Albuquerque meeting this year because it was felt that the University of New

Mexico and New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library had done so much outreach in the area that there would not be much response. A Legal Information to the Public program is planned for San Antonio in October and in 2010 we plan to resume the normal schedule of holding them in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

d. Local Arrangements Committee (current year)

Michelle Rigual thanked everyone for attending and thanked this year's sponsors: Bureau of National Affairs; GSI, a Thomson Reuters business; LexisNexis Library and Academic Solutions; LexisNexis Library Relations Group; Texas Lawyer; West, a Thomson Reuters business; William S. Hein & Co., Inc; and the University of New Mexico Law Library. She noted that their sponsorship is especially appreciated in light of the difficult economic climate.

e. Membership Committee

Lauren Vanwaardhuizen announced that there are just over 200 paid SWALL members.

f. Program Committee

Terri Wilson thanked Committee members Sharon Blackburn, Christopher Dykes, Susan Fowler, Mimi Greenwood, and Kovienna Nelson. She noted that the program evaluations will be distributed online as they were last year.

g. Publications Committee

No report. Kat Greene announced that we are looking for a new webmaster. Cynthia Burress changed jobs and is no longer able to serve in this capacity. Barbara Fullerton stepped in temporarily.

h. Public Relations Committee - No report.

i. Local Arrangements Committee (next year)

The SWALL 52nd Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Baylor University Law Library and held in Waco, Texas from April 8-10, 2010. Kris Helge urged everyone to visit the local arrangements table and watch the short interactive presentation created by Rick Sowell featuring the venues where the events will be held. The opening dinner will be at the Waco Zoo in Cameron Park, another event will be at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and Texas Rangers Museum. They plan to have a reception at the Baylor Law Library. There may be a 5K Fun Run held in conjunction with the 2010 meeting.

V. New Business

a. Life Memberships & Memorials.

Mary Guilfoyle-Holmes spoke on behalf of Committee Chair Rick Ducey who prepared the Life Memberships and Memorials but could not attend this year's Meeting. She read the names of the SWALL members who passed away: Susan D. Csaky, Roy M. Mersky, and Harriet Richman. Mon Yin Lung shared her memories of Harriet Richman's sense of humor then a moment of silence was observed in their honor.

New lifetime memberships were created for Lorraine Lester, Violanda B. Fabugais, and Elizabeth “Beth” K. Schneider.

b. Nominations Committee

Sharon Blackburn, Linda McGinnis, and Amy Hale-Janeke put together this year's slate of officers and they were posted to the website as required by the bylaws. Sharon presented the list to the membership:

- President - Terri Wilson
- Vice President/President Elect - Michelle Rigual
- Treasurer - Kris Helge
- Secretary – Jennifer Laws
- Immediate Past President – Katherine Greene.

d. Election of Officers

Katherine Greene opened the floor to further nominations but none were received. The slate of new officers was approved by acclamation.

e. SWALL 2011

Katherine Greene announced that the 2011 Annual Meeting will tentatively be held in Lawrence, Kansas as a joint conference with MAALL. The only potential problem is that MAALL traditionally meets in the Fall and SWALL traditionally meets in the Spring so the Executive Board will try to work out the details with MAALL’s Executive Board. San Antonio was suggested as a possible location for 2012. Please let Terri Wilson know if you have other suggestions.

VI. Announcements

Michelle Rigual clarified the reception and Dine Around schedule for the evening.

VII. AALL Representative

Ruth Hill, the AALL representative, provided members a review of activities at AALL.

VIII. New President

Terri Wilson presented Katherine Greene with a gift of thanks for her year of service as SWALL President then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rigual
SWALL Secretary, 2008-09