

announcements

New Librarians: Come to CONELL with Great Expectations

Expect great information. Expect new friends. Expect fun.

The Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) is held every year in conjunction with the AALL Annual Meeting. It serves to welcome newer members of the profession to AALL, introduce them to its leaders, and provide a setting for newer members to meet one another.

This year CONELL will take place on Saturday, July 10, in Denver. You can expect a full day of activities and new friendships that are likely to last your entire career. Here's more of what you can expect:

Friday Night Dutch Treat Dinners. If you arrive to Denver on Friday, take advantage of the optional dutch treat dinners, arranged by the CONELL Committee. The group reservations at restaurants near the convention center give you a chance to make a few friends before the official program even begins.

Saturday Morning. The official program kicks off with registration and continental breakfast. You'll hear a number of speakers who will orient you to AALL, as well as let you in on the secrets of getting the most from your convention experience. AALL Executive Board members lead small group sessions about the Association and allow time for CONELL attendees to ask questions.

CONELL Marketplace. AALL's 5,000 members have widely varying interests that are served by a plethora of interest sections, committees, working groups, and other entities within the Association. CONELL's Marketplace gathers these groups in one place to showcase their services and missions. No matter what your special focus is, you'll probably find a group to match.

Speed Networking. Aside from the food, this is CONELL's most popular offering. Two rows of chairs are lined up facing each other. You have a three-minute conversation with the person facing you, and then one of you moves on. Not time to learn anybody's deep secrets, but enough time to place a face with a name and learn a few basic facts so that you'll have people to say hello to throughout the convention, and, who knows, throughout an entire career!

Lunch. More time to meet more people. The food is good too!

The Tour. Saturday afternoon is spent in the company of your new-found friends as you hop on a bus and check out what's best in your host city. Past tours have highlighted natural wonders, architectural beauty, and interesting history, maybe mixed with tips on the hottest night spots and the best restaurants. Best of all, it's one more chance to mingle with your colleagues.

What to expect from CONELL? Learning. Good food. Fun times. New friendships, some lasting a lifetime. For more information and to register, visit www.aallnet.org/events.