

Although it was dark by the time I arrived, I still welcomed the quiet reprieve of the McDonald's Corporation Campus, the site of the fall Executive Board meeting held November 3-5. In addition to the formal board meeting, other activities included a meeting of the Finance and Budget Committee and the Futures Summit.

Futures Summit

This year's fall Executive Board meeting witnessed the first Futures Summit, an initiative by President Darcy Kirk and the Futures Summit Planning Special Committee. During the course of the Futures Summit, approximately 30 AALL members, as well as the Executive Board, began discussing changes in the profession, leadership and mentoring, and communication. Andy Hines, lecturer and executive-in-residence at the University of Houston's Graduate Program in Future Studies and academic futurist, was the keynote speaker at the Futures Summit. Maureen Sullivan, an organization development consultant whose practice focuses on delivery of consulting and training services to libraries and other information organizations, served as the facilitator for the breakout session discussion and dialogue.

Questions for discussion included but were not limited to:

- What do academic librarians, private law librarians, and state/court/county law librarians need to remain essential to their organizations?
- How could the Association better organize to support academic, private, and state/court/county law librarians?
- How can law librarians play a proactive role in the modern evolution of legal education/law firm/court and county government operations?
- What would encourage you to become more of a leader in the Association, and what can the Association do to support your leadership?
- What strategies should the Association adopt to communicate more effectively with members?
- How should the Association communicate with those outside of the Association?

Overall, the Futures Summit was well-received by all and provided the discussion and framework for how the

Association may wish to lead and provide services to its members in the near future.

Board Meeting

President Kirk presided over the Executive Board meeting, welcoming Vice President Jean Wenger; Past President Joyce Manna Janto; Secretary Deborah Rusin; Treasurer Susan Lewis; and board members Kathleen Brown, Lucy Curci-Gonzalez, Greg Lambert, Diane Rodriguez, Ronald Wheeler, and Donna Williams. Also in attendance were Council of Chapter Presidents Chair Patricia Barbone and Special Interest Section (SIS) Council Chair Kathy Carlson. Headquarters staff members in attendance included Kate Hagan, executive director; Paula Davidson, director of finance and administration; Emily Feltren, interim director of the Government Relations Office; Pam Reisinger, director of meetings; Kim Rundle, executive assistant to the executive director; and Celeste Smith, director of education. Vendor Liaison Margie Maes also attended the meeting, as did guests David Lutz of Velvet Chainsaw Consulting; Michael Ginsborg, AALL member; Julie Pabarja, AALL member; Holly Riccio, AALL member; and Timothy Tlusty and Dan Kowitz, IEG consultants.



Action Items

Action items are agenda items for which a vote of the board is required. The following action items were among those approved and adopted by the board during the meeting:

- The minutes of the Executive Board meeting for July 2011
- The minutes of the October 17, 2011, Executive Board conference call
- Formation of the Caucus on Consumer Advocacy with the following statement of purpose: The AALL Consumer Advocacy Caucus will recommend to the AALL Executive Board that it petition appropriate government bodies for specific remedies for anti-competitive and unfair business practices by legal information sellers.
- Formation of the Environmental Libraries Caucus
- Recommendations of the Strategic Directions Committee: to implement strategic direction action items approved by the board for 2011-2012

- The Annual Meeting report and recommendations by Velvet Chainsaw Consulting

Consent Items

Consent items are considered agreed to by the board simply by their submission and presence on the agenda. The action items submitted to the board include:

- Vice President Wenger's 2012-2013 Executive Board meeting schedule
- Recommendations of the Public Relations Committee: new categories and extended time period for the Day in the Life Photo Contest
- Recommendations from the Diversity Committee to streamline and revise the Minority Leadership Development Award application
- Recommendations from the Continuing Professional Education Committee to revise its charge to remove the phrase "and Speakers Directory" from the sixth bullet point in the Continuing Professional Education Committee charge
- Recommendation of the Membership Development Committee to approve revised language of the committee charge

One consent item failed: recommendation of the Membership Development Committee to revise language of the committee charge.

Information Item

Information items are for informational purposes to the membership only.

One consent item was submitted to the Executive Board: that it approve a revision of the fiscal year 2011-2012 budget to authorize a reduction of the Annual Meeting registration fee by \$25 to \$520 for members and \$770 for nonmembers.

Reports

Kirk discussed her appointment of a Special Board Committee on Caucus Formation to develop a policy and guidelines for AALL caucus formation and governance. The committee will be chaired by Vice President Wenger. Kirk also discussed the appointment of two task forces based upon recommendations from the Vendor Colloquium Working Group on Shared Principles: the *AALL Guide to Fair Practices for Legal Publishers* Revisions Task Force, to be chaired by Kay Todd, and the Library Procurement Processes Improvements Task Force, to be co-chaired by Katherine Lowry and Tracy

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Thompson-Prylucki. Kirk also noted that she represented the Association at the WestPac meeting in Portland, Oregon, in October and traveled to Kuala Lumpur in December to represent the Association at the International Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference.

Reports were also received from the vice president, treasurer, secretary, executive director, interim director of

the Government Relations Office, SIS Council chair, Chapter Council chair, and vendor liaison discussing their various activities during the past year.

In addition to the various reports presented, the Executive Board heard a presentation by Timothy Tlusty and Dan Kowitz of IEG on how the Association might be able to increase its pool of sponsorship partners.

The minutes of the Executive Board meetings are available on AALLNET. If you have questions about any of these board actions, feel free to contact me or any Executive Board member. ■

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