

Trustee Development Committee 2002-03

The committee charge was as follows:

- Devise and implement plan to optimize trustee attendance at Seattle Meeting.
- Draft policy and encourage its adoption among our libraries to have Boards of Trustees join AALL and attend Annual Conference.
- By February 2003, schedule and coordinate a topical listserv discussion among trustees focusing on common issues.
- Publish abridged article reporting on trustee listserv discussion in third issue of Newsletter.
- Solicit trustees to actively serve on this Committee.
- Tentatively, plan for a trustee orientation session at the Seattle Meeting.

An article was published in each issue of the SCCLL newsletter designed to promote trustee attendance at the Annual Meeting. The first was entitled: “Seattle or Bust: Strategies to Get Your Law Library Trustee to the Annual Meeting Without Busting the Budget with the AALL Chapter VIP Program”. The second was entitled: “Psst! Yeah, You! Wanna Save an Easy \$500 (Minimum) From Next Year’s Law Library Budget?” This article addressed various strategies for financing a trustee visit trip to AALL. The final article details the plans for the annual Trustee Luncheon in Seattle, where the Honorable Terry Lukens, King County Law Library trustee, will be our speaker.

As to other items in the committee charge, we used the SCCLL listserv to survey the membership regarding interest and willingness to participate in an AALL PDC sponsored listserv discussion group designed specifically to address the concerns and interests of law library trustees. Out of 11 responses, 2 expressed unwillingness to participate, and only 6 expressed a possible willingness to participate. There were a number of responses that indicated that their trustees would be unwilling to join such a discussion group, even for a finite period of time (a week), due to their busy schedules. One respondent suggested that a better plan would be to create a trustee expert resource on the SCCLL web page so that law library trustees could make inquiries of trustee colleagues at a “point of need” rather than in the abstract. Next year’s committee may wish to recruit willing trustee experts to be available for contact by their peers in other law libraries. This seems a wiser use of resources than to devote an entire PDC discussion to a topic in which there will be very few likely participants.

Two postings were made to the listserv inquiring how many law library trustees were expected to attend the AALL annual meeting. To date, only Judge Lukens from King County Law Library and one or two from Sacramento County Law Library are definite. There may be one or two from San Diego County Law Library. Therefore, since fewer

than five trustees are expected to attend even a portion of the AALL annual meeting this year, no trustee orientation is being planned. It is our hope that the lack of trustee attendance this year is a reflection of the condition of the economy and reduction in travel funding, rather than a lack of interest. Time will tell whether trustee attendance will rebound when the economy does.

A trustee luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, July 13, 2003 at 11:45 AM at the Sheraton. All SCCLL members are welcome to attend. Judge Terry Lukens, President of the King County Law Library Board of Trustees and a judge on the King County Superior Court will be our speaker. He will address the importance of collaboration as a strategic tool to advance a library's goals and objectives. Collaboration is something King County Law Library uses both internally as a board and staff and externally with other agencies, departments of the county and with the broader community. Specific examples of successful collaboration include the library's new training center, their LSTA grant with Seattle Public Library and University of Washington Health Sciences Libraries, and their legislative efforts. We are hoping for a good turnout to hear this excellent speaker discuss some exciting and groundbreaking projects King County has done in recent years and their plans for the future.

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