

Public Minutes of LLSDC Board Meeting March 12, 2009 at McKee Nelson LLP

In Attendance: Dawn Bohls, Frances Brillantine, Jennifer Dollar, Barbara Fisher, Cameron Gowan, Shannon O'Connell, Ed O'Rourke (via phone), Tricia Peavler, Judy Weiss.

I. Official Reports

President: The February minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: See Official Minutes for details.

II. Committee Reports

Membership: Two new members were approved. The Society currently has 540 members and 37 pending members.

Website: The Webmaster gave the list of LLSDC members to the Election Chair for voting in the upcoming LLSDC election. The Webmaster also provided training on the website to the Federal SIS.

Arrangements: There is currently no sponsor for the Town Hall Meeting or the Closing Banquet. The Closing Banquet may be held at Catholic University's law school.

Mentoring: Adeen Postar has started work on a questionnaire to match up mentors and mentees.

Education: The Legal Research Institute was held March 10th & 11th at George Mason University. 18 people participated.

Elections: The Recording Secretary will collect bio/statements from the candidates and deliver them to the Elections Chair.

ILL: The SIS had a full house for its February meeting at which Rick McKinney of the Federal Reserve Board Law Library spoke on legislative history. The March meeting is planned as a "group therapy" session for members to discuss economic concerns and the current climate in their libraries.

Legislative: Carrie Ansell is collecting updated holdings information from member libraries. A call for submissions was put out to libraries not included in the previous Legislative Union List.

History & Archives: A temporary archivist at Georgetown will be reboxing the Society's materials. The Archivist will request funds from LLSDC to cover the costs of reboxing.

Focus Groups:

The Library Managers' Group will hold its next meeting on March 25th. The topic is Knowledge Management; speakers will be Sara Stephens from Sutherland, Mary Newman from Blank Rome in Philadelphia & Catherine Monte from Fox Rothschild in Philadelphia.

Franklin Square Group: the February meeting featured Dr. James H, Walther of Emerald Group Publishing. The Group also met with Cindy Carlson & Wendy Maines of Thompson Reuters.

Joint Spring Workshop: Next year's JSW will be held on April 27, 2010. Abigail Ross found a co-chair to help with the Committee during her maternity leave (Jul.-Nov.).

Academic: The SIS co-hosted a workshop on the DCMR with the PLL SIS.

Scholarships & Grants: The next deadline for applications is April 1st.

PLL: The SIS co-hosted a workshop on the DCMR with the Academic SIS. In June, the SIS will co-host a meeting with the Capital chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators. The event will be sponsored by CourtLink.

Federal: The SIS met with the Webmaster to receive training on the new LLSDC website. The SIS is planning its spring programs.

III. Old Business

Associate members joining SISs: The membership application has been modified to force applicants to select a membership category. The Board will take no further action on this issue at this time.

GLP Union List: The President will request clarification from the Publications Chair on the criteria for adding new titles to the Union List. The new edition of the Union List will be made available for sale on the LLSDC website. On March 24th, a committee of Board members will meet with the Publications Chair to discuss the terms of the new contract.

Library/ILL Directory: LLSDC members will add/edit their own directory listings. Jennifer Dollar will create a PDF of the completed ILL directory to be made available to members.

Town Hall Meeting: This year's Town Hall Meeting will be on March 26th, at the Georgetown University Law School. The Society will pay for box lunches for participants. AALL Board Member Sally Wise will speak. The President will host Professor Wise at a dinner on Wednesday (the 25th) evening. A tour of the Supreme Court's library has been arranged for Professor Wise on Thursday (the 26th) morning.

IV. New Business

Survey from the ILL: Jennifer Dollar addressed the Board. The ILL SIS plans to survey LLSDC members about plans to clean up LLSDC members' OCLC holdings. There are currently 60-80 firms without editorial rights in OCLC; a plan is underway to allow people to either delete their holdings or to be granted editorial access for a limited time to update their holdings. The Board approved the proposed survey.

Group for laid-off librarians: Jennifer Dollar addressed the Board. Several members of the ILL SIS have been laid-off in recent months. Jennifer will launch a group within LLSDC to support laid-off librarians. The President will explore the possibility of offering reduced membership rates to laid-off members.

Co-sponsorship of NOCALL bocce event at AALL: The Society will co-host the event to be held at Venable LLP.

V. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 14th at Mayer Brown.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon O'Connell

Please note: These are not the official minutes. Any Society member can obtain a copy of the official minutes by contacting the Recording Secretary.