

Law Librarian's Society of Washington, D.C.
Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2010
Baker Botts, LLP, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

Board Members

In Attendance:

Elizabeth Ann Blake, Assistant Treasurer
Christine Ciambella, President
Cameron Gowan, Immediate Past Pres. – by telephone
William Grady, Recording Secretary
Mary Ann Keeling, Board Member
Jennifer McMahan, Board Member
Edward O'Rourke, Board Member
Emily Phillips, Treasurer
Sara Sampson, Vice President

Absent:

Matthew Braun, Corresponding Secretary

Proceedings

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 9:12 am.

Approval of Minutes

The prior meeting Minutes were approved via email prior to the meeting.

Board Liaison Update:

The Board members reported on their various committee liaisons. This is a summary of those responses:

President, C. Ciambella, reported on:

Membership Committee: the monthly report from Frances Brillantine was submitted by email to the Board. It contained the names of 10 potential new members. The Board approved it by an email vote.

Education Committee: for the new year, the Committee is planning a copyright/license agreement program in January. Attorney Arnold Lusker has agreed to be the speaker. The Board agreed to fund a \$500 honorarium for Mr. Lusker.

Todd is working on setting up a Bridge the Gap program for new and summer associates. PLL is excited about this, as are the local law schools. Perhaps schedule it in the late Spring. Todd is reported to have contacted the DC Bar to get help to advertise and perhaps get materials. Christine said the program will not provide CLE credit for attorney attendees

Website Committee: nothing to report. She is beginning the process of nudging the committee to consider the look of the website and begin the process of updating it.

Sara Sampson reported on:

Arrangements: the holiday party had 70 attendees, which is the highest attendance ever.

Academic SIS: looking toward planning something in the Spring. They are open to being co-sponsors for events, if asked.

Bill Grady reported on:

Government Relations: Catherine Dunn reported the Committee is still working on the DC entry for Law.com's National Inventory and hope to have it completed by the end of January.

Elizabeth Ann Blake reported on:

Library Managers' Focus Group: nothing new to report

Interlibrary Loan SIS: is going to have a cookie party but not enough persons signed up. There is hope that more will sign up. They had been turned down for funding to purchase lunch to go with the cookie desserts.

Jennifer McMahan reported on:

Federal Librarians SIS: they are involved in a project to do inventory of Federal legal materials in an initiative of Roberta Schaffer's from the Library of Congress. The next meeting will feature Blaine Dessy speaking on FLICC/Fedlink, scheduled for January 26 at the Library of Congress.

Bloomberg Law had contacted her to see if they could sponsor a meeting with the Federal SIS but there were problems over the cost of the meals (Federal ethics regulations) and where to hold such a meeting.

Scholarships & Awards: a list was provided the Board from Karen Silber with the grants and awards the Committee proposed to grant for the Board's approval. The discussion of the Board revolved around one grant for a math course by a person in a B.A. Library Science program. The Board approved this grant because it was part of the Library Science program, though it was noted that LLSDC would not support generic college courses unrelated to a Library Science program. The Board approved all grants except one where the Committee was not provided a

specific course name by the applicant and which the Committee had requested the Board deny. Jennifer will inform Karen Silber of the Board's actions.

Edward O'Rourke reported on:

PLL: Ed reported that they are interested in the Bridging the Gap program and are still thinking about other programs to hold.

Mary Ann Keeling reported on:

Foreign SIS: she described this group as currently inactive but perhaps would conduct a program later in the year.

Mentoring Committee: Mary Ann had a hard time contacting the Committee chair, but when she did the committee chair reported that she was concerned about the committee's work. She would like to step down as chair, but remain a member.

C. Ciambella noted that if people don't want a mentor, then do we really need a program? C. Gowan suggested that we might pair up each student member with a mentor when they sign up for student membership. E. Blake said she thought it is very useful to know persons in the field while you are in school, we could get student members by advertising at the schools and noting the mentor program.

C. Ciambella noted that in her mind the mentor program is valuable but doesn't think it is worth the effort to prop up the program if there is no demand for it. M.A. Keeling said that she thinks the students should be pointedly asked if they want a mentor, rather than letting them just select one if they want to at a later date.

The sense of the Board after the discussion was to keep the program going in some fashion but perhaps put it under the Membership Committee and match up mentors to applicants that way.

C. Ciambella said if Adeen does not want to continue as chair, approach the members and see if anyone else would take over.

Matthew Braun was not present but reported by email on his liaisons:

Nominations: the committee is fully staffed with Jennifer Locke Davitt as the Chair. The other members are Jane Walsh, Judy Gaskell, Laurie Green and Teresa Llewellyn. C. Ciambella reported that the Committee might have a slippage on the dates for the slate of candidates. They are hoping for a February 1 submission to the Board which would give an election period from April 16 to May 7.

If anyone has the name of someone who might be interested in running contact the committee or Matt.

Law Library Lights: Ripple Weistling, the editor, asked on the LLSDC listserv that articles for the Winter 2011 issue on the theme of Learning on the Job be submitted to her by December 6.

Matt reported he was still working on the issue of advertising for the issue and for the remainder of volume 54.

Official Reports:

Treasurer Report:

E. Phillips submitted the Treasurers Report. She reports we are operating well, revenue looks good. Right now, she is waiting for the annual Tax Booklet to arrive.

New Business:

Expense of putting Lights together: C. Ciambella had mentioned this in the past. Once the articles for Lights are prepared, we pay approximately \$1500 per issue to Cindy Dyer to do the layout of the issue. We can still explore other methods of distribution but for now we want it to be in PDF, which will require layout of the original like a paper newsletter.

Christine reported that she had been experimenting with Microsoft Publisher to see what she could do to layout Lights without using a designer. She is encouraged by the results of doing it in house.

Right now, we will keep using Cindy Dyer until the end of the volume, but for the next volume, LLSDC will drop her. Christine has volunteered to do the layout for the next volume in Publisher. After the meeting was over, Christine sent the Board members the version of the test issue she had done in Publisher.

AALL Chapter visit: C. Ciambella reports that we are eligible for a chapter visit, just not the President, who came last year. We still have to pick which member of the AALL officers to ask for and finally decide whether to ask for a visit or not. other designers.

Movement of February Meeting Day.

C. Ciambella noted the February meeting was scheduled for February 8. She had a conflict and wondered if we could move it to February 15. The Board agreed to the move

Announcements:

The next Board meeting is set for Tuesday January 11, 2011 9:00 am. The meeting is planned to be at Baker Botts again.

Adjournment:

The meeting came to an end at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Grady