A San Antonio State of Mind

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San Antonio, a cultural center in central Texas known for its rich history, art, and cuisine, will be the host city for AALL’s Annual Meeting July 12-15, 2014. We are pleased to welcome you to San Antonio and show you all of the exiting experiences the Alamo City has to offer, clearly beyond boundaries.

Visitors can take a tour of the eponymous Alamo and its neighboring grounds and then walk over to the famous Menger Bar where the likes of President Theodore Roosevelt and Ernest Hemingway are known to have visited.

Check out a B-Cycle bike at one of the many hubs and tour downtown or the scenic and historic Missions.

There is a great selection of delicious food to enjoy in San Antonio, whether it is casual local flavor or high-end tastes. Try the delectable cuisine at establishments owned by celebrated chefs Andrew Wiser and Johnny Hernandez. Stroll down the River Walk, or enjoy Tex-Mex offerings at Mi Tierra. Have a great time watching dueling piano players at Howl at the Moon. Enjoy a cocktail at The Esquire Tavern, which boasts the longest wooden bar in Texas.

There are beautiful sights of nature to behold at the San Antonio Botanical Garden and Japanese Tea Garden, as well as the acclaimed San Antonio Zoo. Visitors can take a walk around Pearl Brewery, famous for its eclectic farmers market, fine dining, and boutiques. The heat index in San Antonio can get pretty steep, but visitors can cool off at the water parks at Six Flags Fiesta Texas and Sea World and enjoy a fun shopping experience at The Rim and La Cantera. Head to the Central Public Library, San Antonio Museum of Art, McNay Museum of Modern Art, Blue Star Arts Complex, or gorgeous Hemisfair Park for some prime afternoon sightseeing. Unwind in Southtown San Antonio where there is live music, a traditional icehouse, and a food truck park.

Follow us on Twitter @AALLannual for all the latest updates about the San Antonio meeting.

The brightly lit Alamo, one of San Antonio’s historic icons

2014 AALL Conference in San Antonio Continues Learner-Centric Programs

We have all had time to settle back in after a great conference in Seattle and are beginning to put into practice what we have learned. Thank you to the 2013 Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC) for putting together a great mix of educational programs and networking opportunities that focused on the learner.

The 2014 AMPC wants to build on this momentum in San Antonio. AALL President Steven P. Anderson challenges us to explore the value, scope, and dynamism of our roles as legal information professionals. The committee plans to offer programming that gives members the tools to affirm their integral place in the greater legal community.

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PLL Summit Speakers Offer Present Quotes

With the theme “Shaping Our Success,” speakers at the PLL Summit addressed librarians as being the change law firms need. A few quotes and concepts stood out:

“Leadership and strategy matter more than ever.”
—Bruce MacEwen, consultant and president of Adam Smith, Esq.

“People can get what they need from any kind of screen.”
—MacEwen (addressing why librarians should address building visibility in a digital world)

“Take the website challenge: go to several law firm websites and cover the logos. Is one firm distinguishable from another? It seems as though every law firm is collegial, collaborative, and global. But few offer a unique strategic proposition. Few have identified and communicate what makes them distinctive, compelling, and credible.”
—MacEwen (paraphrased)

“The best way to predict the future is to invent it.”
—Alan Kay, computer scientist (from MacEwen’s slides)

“We are not going to get to the C-Suite [e.g., CEOs, CIOs, and COOs] by talking to each other here.”
—Victoria Pychon, attorney consultant, and Forbes “She Negotiates” columnist

“I love my women lawyers because they never ask for a raise.”
—Nameless attorney with whom Pychon worked

“Align yourself with the core needs of firms, not the historic priorities of libraries.”
—Jean O’Grady, director of research services at DLA Piper

(by photo) Jean O’Grady and Bruce MacEwen, and the PLL Summit (below) photos by Russ Reynolds: http://caryan.com/15af369
Got Scholarship?

The ALL-SIS Research and Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the creation of the Scholarly Writing Mentor Program and is seeking mentors and mentees.

- Want to discuss scholarship topic ideas?
- Need help overcoming writer's block?
- Dreaming of editing help for a project you're working on?
- Interested in playing a key role in helping someone with scholarship goals?

The program is for anyone interested in scholarship, no matter what level of experience, phase of the scholarly process, or topic they are tackling.

For more information, visit lawlibrarianswrite.pbworks.com or email LawLibrariansMentor@gmail.com.

Staying Connected

Stay up to date on all the 2014 San Antonio Annual Meeting news on Twitter @AALAnnual and by using #AALL14.

A sampling from Seattle:

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Joe Janes’ session was a perfect way to close #AALL13, according to this conference wrap by jstine_hyde http://ow.ly/My42D

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Eve Ross @eereoss15 Jul
Plan 9 from Outer Space reference at #AALL13: “the future is where we will spend the rest of our lives” pic.twitter.com/3Bv1DfP9x

Jason Wilson @jaswilson15 Jul
Thank you Seattle, thank you #AALL13 for a great conference. Nice to see old friends and make new ones. See y’all in San Antonio for 2014.

Wrapping Up Seattle

After three days packed with events, education, and networking, AALL 2013 began winding down on Tuesday, though energy and enthusiasm remained high. The day’s big event was the Luncheon, which featured Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award winners Carolyn P. Ahearn and Judy Meadows and Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award winner Douglas W. Lind.

Luncheon speaker Andy Hines emphasized the need to be more strategic in how we introduce and create change and future thinking with his presentation, “Making ‘Your Future Happen.’” Hines’ speech taught attendees about the different types of change and different time frames of change. He then shared key principles for creating change, acknowledging inevitable resistance, and provided tools and concepts for making the journey smoother.

Free Conference Webcasts Available

Even if you couldn’t make it to Seattle, you can get a sample of what you missed. The following programs were webcast live and are now available for archived viewing free of charge:

- Opening General Session/Keynote Speaker (David Weinberger – "Libraries as Platforms")
- D2: Copyright and Digital Images: “If It’s on the Web, I Can Use It, Right?”
- F3: Rethinking the Value of Your Time and Attention: Practices and Technology Tools to Protect Your Most Valuable Resources

Audio recordings of additional conference sessions are available for purchase/download via AALL2go.

San Antonio continued from page 1 to look for well-developed proposals that focus on the learner, address member needs, and offer solutions. You are invited to submit your program and workshop ideas. Being a part of the programming experience can be incredibly rewarding.

The Call for Proposals is now open and closes October 7. If you have any questions about the proposal process, please contact Amy Hale-Janeske, 2014 AMPC chair. We look forward to seeing your program and workshop proposals!
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