Co-chairs for the Boston, MA 2012 Local Arrangements Committee were selected by President-Elect Darcy Kirk prior to the Denver, CO 2010 meeting. We shadowed our counterparts and attended the post-conference wrap-up meetings for both the Denver 2010 and Philadelphia 2011 conferences.

Recruiting for sub-committee chairs and co-chairs commenced in the Fall of 2010, primarily through outreach to local associations; LLNE, ABLL and SNELLA. Sub-committee chairs were in place by early 2011 for planning and operating the Publicity Booth and shadowing their counterparts at the Philadelphia 2011 conference.

In addition to the formal LAC meetings with Pam Reisinger and Paul Graller in October 2011, May 2012 and June 2012, the LAC met informally in September 2011 and March 2011. During the October 2011 meeting, sub-committee chairs toured the Hynes Convention Center to get a visual understanding where Registration and Hospitality would be located. The May 2012 meeting included tastings for the Opening Reception and the Association Luncheon which made its return in 2012.

The LAC met all deadlines for the opening of registration in February 2012. We had a presence on the Web, on Facebook and on Twitter. The exceptional and conscientious leaders for the sub-committees made it very easy for the co-chairs to run a successful conference with very few challenges or miscommunications. The co-chairs made themselves available throughout the conference to answer questions, share information and help out where needed.

The daily newspaper, The Hub, and the continuous blog, The Hub-Bub, provided news, information and advertising outlets to members before and throughout the conference. The Hospitality Booth raffled four gift bags. The bags themselves were donated by Christine Hepler and the contents were sponsored by cash donations from eight law firms and Sharen Leonard.

Sufficient numbers of law librarians, both AALL members and non-members, volunteered so that volunteer registration closed five weeks prior to the conference. Dine Arouns, Excursions and Library Tours were all well attended. Guides prepared by local law librarians offered insider recommendations for art and music, bookstores, area libraries, inexpensive entertainment, family activities, LGBT information, outdoor fun, shopping, things to do in one hour, transportation and Western Massachusetts attractions. Particularly popular was the Quick Eats Map for eateries close to the Hynes Convention Center.

Several new exhibitors participated in this year’s Exhibition Hall. Each was thanked by the Exhibitors sub-committee chair.

The wrap-up meeting on July 24th was overwhelmingly positive and identified two suggestions for next year: 1) contents for bag stuffing should be delivered in a timely fashion so that volunteers start and finish within the time allotted for the activity; and 2) library tour tickets should have the time that the transportation leaves rather than the time the tour starts.

The co-chairs received many compliments for a well-run conference. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the enthusiastic volunteers and to the dedicated and conscientious AALL staff who brought the many hands and great minds to make the conference light work.

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