Economic Status of Law Librarians Committee 2006-07

The Economic Status of Law Librarians Committee had a productive year. The committee’s program proposal was accepted for the 2007 Annual Meeting. “Who Really Sets Our Salaries: A Discussion Among Decision-Makers and Librarians” brought together a law firm administrator, a university HR compensation specialist, and a compensation consultant with two law librarians for an open, facilitated discussion.

The AALL Executive Board approved a name change for the committee from Economic Status of Law Librarianship to Economic Status of Law Librarians to better reflect the scope of the committee’s charge.

The AALL Executive Board approved the committee taking on an advisory role for the AALL Biennial Salary Survey. Julia O’Donnell, AALL Director of Publications, became an ex officio member of the committee as part of this additional charge. Working with the library-type SISs, library jobs included in the salary survey were defined; this information will be included in an appendix to the survey results. Changes were made to some survey questions to help refine the results into a more productive resource.

The committee worked on an expanded toolkit for AALL members, and started a redesign of the committee Web page.

Library-type SISs and Chapters were asked to create their own committees on the economic status of law librarians to help serve as a two-way conduit of information. Although some groups delayed the creation of this new committee to the following year, the committee views this as a major resource for our members as it will help in the compilation of information at all levels.

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