

### ***Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee 2008-2009***

The Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee (RLLC) has had a relatively quiet year. The approval of initiatives of the Developing Law Libraries for the Future Special Committee (DLLF) will create several new opportunities for Recruitment Committee work in 2009-2010.

The committee acts as a "first contact" for individuals interested in information about a career in law librarianship. As of June 10, 2009, there have been 29 requests for information submitted to the committee, most via the web form. All have been answered, with many contacts followed up with additional discussion and referral to websites or local librarians or chapters to contact. Contacts have ranged from undergraduates considering future options to paraprofessionals seeking additional responsibilities, and generalist librarians and attorneys looking for new career options.

The committee participated in the AALLNET page survey at the request of the AALLNET Committee. Diane Murley, the Recruitment Committee's webmaster, completed the survey. Committee members Mary Rumsey and Cheryl Niemeier also completed a comparison of materials available on the existing committee website versus those available on the new lawlibrarycareers.org site. The committee will take over maintenance and updating of the new website, with assistance of Headquarters staff, when it is turned over by the DLLF.

A dialogue was opened with Cindy Torres Essell, the liaison to AALL from the National Association of Law Placement (NALP). The possibility of future work together on recruitment and retention needs to be further explored.

Sarah Mauldin acted as an *ex officio* member of the Developing Law Libraries for the Future Special Committee. In addition to maintenance of the new lawlibrarycareers.org site, RLLC hopes to be involved in the pilot Recruitment Ambassadors program. The committee is well positioned to assist with implementation of the new program.

Diane Murley kindly agreed to continue to serve as webmaster of the committee although her committee term ended in July 2008. She has since returned to the practice of law and has resigned from the webmaster position. Current committee member Mary Rumsey and incoming committee member Whitney Curtis have agreed to serve as co-webmasters in the future. Thanks are due Diane Murley for all of her excellent work over the years as webmaster.

The committee will be represented at the American Library Association Spectrum Scholars Professional Options Fair at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago in early July by members of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries. The fair provides a forum for reaching library students of diverse backgrounds who may have never considered law librarianship as a career.

The committee has acted as a point of contact, in concert with Julia O'Donnell at AALL Headquarters, to distribute the new *Careers in Law Librarianship* brochure. The brochure is currently being updated to reflect AALL's new address. Julia O'Donnell has also found a new printing company that will be able to provide the brochure at a lower cost than was previously available.

Current committee member Trina Robinson and incoming Chair Darcy Kirk will represent RLLC at the CONELL Marketplace. The committee will also have a presence in the Activities Area of the Annual Meeting Exhibit Hall. Committee members will staff the table during no-conflict times and may be available during other Exhibit Hall hours.

The chair wishes to thank all members of the 2008-2009 committee. Members include Vice-Chair Anna Teller, Darcy Kirk, Cheryl Niemeier, Trina Robinson, Mary Rumsey, and Hollie White. Special thanks go to Board Liaison Cornell Winston for keeping work on track.

Committee Vice-Chair Anna Teller needed to step down for next year. Committee member Darcy Kirk has agreed to act in her place and will become chair in July at the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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