

## *Minnesota Association of Law Librarians 2007-08*

The Minnesota Association of Law Librarians (MALL) continued to work towards the goals set forth in its strategic plan this year with internal projects and changes, outreach activities and educational programs.

MALL completed some existing internal projects and began others. It completed the updating and publishing of its *Procedures Handbook*. It also completed the update of its bylaws to reflect the use of electronic voting procedures. We began the process of creating a more formal budgeting process that would tie spending more directly to achieving the goals in MALL's strategic plan. The board also adopted a policy and began to take steps to make the discussion list MALL's official method of communication.

Outreach activities this year included hosting tables in exhibit halls, presentations by MALL members, and sponsoring other activities that promote law librarianship and access to legal information. We had tables at the Minnesota Library Association Annual Meeting in October, the Minnesota Legal Administrators Annual Meeting in February, and the Equal Access to Justice Conference earlier in May. MALL members from various types of libraries participated in a panel discussion of law library careers with College of St. Catherine MLIS students. Sara Galligan was part of a presentation at the Public Library Association Conference in March. The Consulting and Community Outreach Committee helped MALL nominate Susan Ledray and Katrina Zabinski, coordinators of the "Self Help Center," for the John R. Finnegan Freedom of Information Award. MALL also once again co-sponsored an ad on Law Day to promote the importance of the accessibility of legal materials to the public.

In accordance with its goal of promoting law librarianship and recruitment to the profession, MALL once again awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a MALL member to assist with furthering his/her education. This year's recipient was Janelle Beitz.

Hope Porter and the Education Committee provided members with an interesting year of educational programming capped off by a wonderful spring conference held May 16th at Hamline University School of Law. It provided us with a better understanding of Web 2.0 and how we can make use of the tools to improve communications within our own institutions. The speakers did a wonderful job of making it less overwhelming and explaining practical uses. We even got a chance to see live demonstrations of some of the features.

MALL is again sponsoring two VIP's at this year's AALL Annual Meeting. They are the Professor Len Biernat from Hamline University School of Law and Michele Timmons from the Minnesota Revisor of Statutes Office. Both of them are also speakers at the conference.

MALL ended the year with 191 members: 39% are employed by law firms, 28% by academic institutions, 18% by government and 15% by other institutions. In addition, 53% of MALL members are also members of AALL.

MALL officers for 2007-08 were Donna Trimble, President; Nina Platt, Vice President/President-Elect; Hope Porter, Past President; Anne Poulter, Secretary/Treasurer; and Karla Gedell, Member-at-Large. Officers for 2008-09 will be Nina Platt, President; David Zophi-Jordan, Vice President/President-Elect; Donna Trimble, Past President; Anne Poulter, Secretary/Treasurer; and Nancy Halling, Member-at-Large.

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