

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries 2009-2010 Annual Report

Our 2009-2010 MALL membership was 186 members strong. It was also the 55th year of MALL. We had a busy year assisting with many community outreach opportunities and had several of our members honored with awards of recognition. AALL awarded recognition to the following MALL members: Kathy Kelly for the AALL Volunteer Service Award; Trudi Busch and Jennifer Doyle for the AALL Innovation in Technology Award. Several other members also received local awards this year.

We purchased and instituted Survey Monkey for polling and meeting registrations. We digitized previous MALL newsletters and archived them on the AALL website. Our MALL committees supported the mission and vision of AALL by offering educational meetings and outreach opportunities and by supporting new technologies.

The MALL Newsletter and Education committee kept members informed, educated, and entertained. They are working through discussion to redesign our MALL web pages, including Web 2.0 applications (Facebook). Our website is <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall>.

MALL's Consulting and Community Outreach Committee continued its efforts and offerings including presenting programs at conferences and had a community outreach program for lawyers. Its work supported Volunteer Librarians Coalition (VLC), Legal Resources for Public Libraries, the Gates Grant Task Force, and Unauthorized Practice of Law. Sara Galligan coordinated a program entitled "Access to Justice for All: the Public Library's Role." More information is on the MALL website. The committee supported a clothing drive for Martha's Closet, a local charity, which provides professional clothing for women entering the workforce. I spoke with the director of Martha's Closet, and she was very appreciative for the donation from MALL, which included more than a hundred items.

MALL's Government Relations Committee alerted members of relevant legislation including those affecting law libraries and their funding. This has been a hard year for most libraries. The Exchange Committee, along with help from the local community, did outreach for "Books for Africa." They also helped a local attorney find print materials for use at his new practice. Placement supported employment opportunities using national and local resources for job opportunities.

The Publications Committee updated several items: Union List of Loose-Leaf Services, MALL procedure manual, internet guide for Minnesota Legal Reference, MALL brochure, Answers to Common Questions about Law Librarianship, Five Reasons Why Your Organization Needs a Law Librarian, and a guide to major law library collections in the Twin Cities. They also surveyed the members to find out about usage of several publications to determine if certain publications should continue to be updated or retired.

All the committees have been working hard, and we all appreciate the time and effort of the volunteers; without them, we could not do what we do. Thank you to all the

volunteers.

We decided to offer additional grant funding to MALL members to enable more members to attend the AALL Annual Meeting. We were able to accomplish this by using the funds we have normally utilized to send a VIP to attend AALL. AALL is a great opportunity to learn and network with librarians from around the United States. This year we received the AALL award enabling us to send an additional MALL member to AALL. This is a rotating gift from AALL given to chapters. Minnesota was the lucky recipient this year. MALL is very thankful for this special opportunity.

We will be working on updating our mission/vision statements next year in 2010-2011, and we will be exploring online payment options for meeting registration and membership renewal.

Thank you for your support of MALL. We look forward to an exciting 2010-2011 year.

Our 2009-2010 executive board was: David Zopfi-Jordan, president; Pauline Afuso, vice president/president-elect; Doris Dingley, secretary/treasurer; Donna Trimble, past president; Nancee Halling, member-at-large.

Respectfully Submitted,
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President 2009-2010