

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries Annual Report 2012-2013

During the past year MALL established a new website on Wild Apricot (<http://mall.wildapricot.org>). This new website offers enhanced functionality for our chapter, particularly in terms of the membership directory and handling payments for memberships and meetings.

The Education Committee offered fall and winter educational programs in conjunction with business meetings during the year. The Spring Conference, MALL's all-day annual meeting, provided several program tracks on a variety of topics, including e-filing in Minnesota, a local author's book talk, and recent changes to wine and beer making and selling in Minnesota. This year we tried different venues for meetings, including a meeting room in a outdoor store (REI), meeting at a fitness center/spa (The Marsh) and The Science Museum of Minnesota.

In addition to chapter meetings, MALL has smaller groups that meet. Downtowners is a group of law librarians who work in downtown Minneapolis. They meet monthly in rotating locations.

MALL had two social events this year. In August, MALL's held its annual summer picnic. Many members brought their families and some brought pets. It was a successful gathering and there are plans to do it again in 2013. In December, MALL partnered with SLA for the holiday party. It was well attended by each organization. A silent auction was held to raise money for library school students.

MALL participated in two volunteer efforts this year. A group of MALL members joined with SLA members for a shift at Second Harvest Heartland. Members packed donated food, and got to know each other better. In addition, at the Spring Conference, MALL members donated books and money to Everybody Wins! Minnesota, a local children's literacy group.

Two local law librarians were presented with the Unsung Legal Heroes Award, sponsored by the publication Minnesota Lawyer. The 2012 recipients were Anita Anderson and Mary Freyberg.

The MALL Executive Board consisted of: Karen Westwood, President; Brian Huffman, Vice President; Liz Reppe, Past President; Abby Walters, Secretary/Treasurer; Barb Minor, Member-at-Large.

Submitted by Karen Westwood, MALL President, 2012-2013