New Orleans Association of Law Librarians 2007-08

The New Orleans Association of Law Librarians (NOALL) experienced a great year in 2007-08. It held two regular meetings, an annual business meeting, and a holiday luncheon. We were unable to coordinate a joint meeting with the Baton Rouge chapter this year.

NOALL increased dues for regular members from $10 to $25 this year. Student membership dues increased from $5 to $10 annually. This increase was voted on the previous year and implemented in the 2007-2008 renewals.

Speakers for the fall meeting were Tina Gambrell, Manager of Library Services, and Elaine Bienvenu, Manager of Development Services in the IT Department at Jones Walker. Elaine and Tina discussed the Jones Walker portal and how it is used to disseminate information throughout the firm.

In lieu of its annual holiday luncheon, the chapter held an afternoon tea at the Ritz Carlton this year. The change was very well received by the membership and has sparked discussion of additional venues where this event can be held in the future.

Lisa Stansky of New Orleans Legal Assistance was the speaker at NOALL’s annual business meeting held in April. She spoke about LawHelp.org/LA, a Web site designed to provide Louisiana residents with legal information.

During the course of this year, several discussions have taken place (both during meetings and through telephone and e-mail exchanges) regarding renewed interest in re-establishing a spring educational seminar. Several ideas were brought to the table and while a program was not put together for this year, the chapter hopes to begin implementing some of these program suggestions in the coming years.

NOALL sent one Chapter VIP to the AALL Annual Meeting: Stephanie Braunstein, Government Documents/Microforms Librarian at LSU Middleton Library in Baton Rouge. It also awarded Stephanie Braunstein a $500 grant to assist in her remaining travel expenses associated with attending the Annual Meeting.

The newly elected 2007-08 NOALL officers are: Amy Hale-Janeke, President; Miriam Childs, Vice President/President-Elect; Brent Hightower, Secretary; Cathy Wagar, Treasurer.

Jennifer Dabbs, President
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