The past year was very productive for the Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association (GPLLA). The year began with GPLLA’s opening reception at the Philadelphia Union League, and we gratefully thank The George T. Bisel Company for continuing to sponsor this event. GPLLA also continued partnering with Jenkins County Law Library to provide professional development programs this year, with high attendance and great success.

We would also like to thank both LexisNexis and CCH/Wolters Kluwer for generously sponsoring GPLLA’s holiday party in December. LexisNexis also helped to sponsor a panel discussion at Drexel University in April. Susan Posternock was the innovator behind the panel discussion series, aimed at increasing visibility of our profession within the library student community. She contacted other library associations, and together with ARLIS (Art Libraries Society) and MLA (Medical Librarians Association) was able to create a multiple-week series of panel discussions held at Drexel University, with great success. As part of this process, Susan also initiated a mentoring program, matching up interested mentees for a lunch with a mentor who works in the specific law library area of interest to the student.

This year GPLLA instituted a scholarship for students pursuing a career in law librarianship. GPLLA awarded two $1000 scholarships to library students Mary Fran Torpey and Lisa Junghan at our Annual Institute on June 1st. The GPLLA Annual Institute, featuring the theme “Boosting Library Visibility,” was a great success. It was sponsored by Thomson West, hosted by the University of Pennsylvania, and speakers included Cindy Carlson of West, Jill Stover of Virginia Commonwealth University, and AALL guest President Sally Holterhoff.

GPLLA’s Website and Information Technology Committee is hard at work, and a new logo was created. This will be incorporated into a Web page redesign that is happening sometime in summer or fall 2007. It was also able to successfully change over our hosting services for GPLLA-L this spring.

GPLLA would like to extend hearty thanks to all of the outgoing board members: Jennifer Brank, Al Dong, Victor Panieczko, Mary Alice Peeling, Tracey Rich, and especially Bonnie Shalala, who has agreed to a second term as Director-at Large! In addition to Bonnie, our new slate includes now-President Susan Posternock, Vice President Monica Almendarez, Treasurer Deb Botke, Secretary Karen Schneiderman, and new Directors at Large Wendy Conroy and Maggie Stewart. Also continuing this year are Immediate Past President Jessica Carey and Directors at Large Tim VonDulm and Mary Marzolla.

Jessica Carey, President
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