AALL ANIMAL LAW CAUCUS  
2012/2013 Annual Report  
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The major activities for the Animal Law Caucus (ALC) include the successful educational program for the 2013 AALL meeting; the development of the ALC Legislative Committee; the vote to ratify the ALC Bylaws; and ongoing development of the ALC web site. The ALC Officers for 2012/2013 were Michele Finerty, President; Vicki Steiner, Vice President; Jaye Barlous, Secretary; Kate Fitz, Member-at-Large; and Harriet Zook, Webmaster.

Much of the work in promoting the principles and mission of the Animal Law Caucus is accomplished through the ALC committees. That includes the work of the Bylaws Committee, the Education Committee, the Legislative Committee, and the Nominations Committee.

**Bylaws Committee** members Michele Thomas, Chair, Casey Duncan and Lynne Hartke posted the ALC Bylaws to the membership for ratification. The Bylaws were amended to conform with the AALL Caucus Guidelines, approved through an online member survey, and became effective as of July 14, 2013.

**The Education Committee** was comprised of Stacey Gordon and Stefanie Pearlman, Co-Chairs; Susan deMaine; and Vicki Steiner. The committee selected the topic of Ag-gag Laws, dealing with the treatment of animals raised for food. Matthew Dominguez, Public Policy Manager of Farm Animal Protection for the Humane Society of the United States, spoke on “Moving the Ball Forward for Farm Animals” at the ALC Program and Business Meeting in Seattle on July 14, 2013.

**Legislative Committee** was formed in January of 2013 to keep ALC members apprised of current legislative activity for both state and federal legislation. ALC members serving on the committee are Janet Fischer, Chair; Jaye Barlous; Casey Duncan; Shaun Esposito; Stacey Gordon; Leslie Bass LaCount; Elisabeth McKechnie; and Susan Smith (student member). The Committee routinely maintains and updates a list documenting bill status and other legislative activity concerning Animal Law on the ALC website. When appropriate, the Committee chair posts notices regarding pending bills to the membership on the ALC discussion list. Recently, information about HR 1528, the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2013, was posted in order to call upon ALC members to support this significant initiative.

**Nominations Committee** members Mary Rumsey, Chair, Daniel R. Campbell, Marjorie Crawford, and Deborah Norwood created a slate of candidates for Caucus offices for the April 2013 election. Stefanie Pearlman was elected as Vice President/President Elect and Shaun Esposito was elected to the position of Secretary. Kate Fitz will continue as Member-at-Large.
**ALC Web Site:** Harriet Zook, Webmaster, added two new sections to the site. The Legislative Committee’s links to initiatives on Animal Law and the Picture of the Month, selected from photographs submitted by from ALC members. ALC President Michele Finerty created the *In Your Own Words* column, which first appeared in September 2012. Each column highlights ALC members describing in their own words their developing interest in animal welfare and their activities. Members profiled this year include Jennie Meade; Stefanie Pearlman; Jaye Barlous; Shaun Esposito; Leslie LaCount; Marjorie Crawford; Judith Anspach; Stacey Gordon; Vicki Steiner; and Elisabeth McKecnie.

**CONELL Marketplace:** The Animal Law Caucus participated for the first time at the CONELL Marketplace. Stefanie Pearlman and Susan De Main staffed the table, distributing caucus flyers and brochures, and answering CONELL participant questions.

**Activities Table:** Jaye Barlous organized the ALC Activities Area Table, with the assistance of other members who contributed literature and items for a raffle. The process of organizing the table and removing the items following the meeting will be considered in an analysis to be submitted to the Executive Board by Barlous.