Student Caucus Annual Report 2011-2012

In Student Caucus was created during 2011-2012. It developed from a group of AALL student members who identified a need for a student presence in AALL.

The Caucus’s purpose is to offer a community for students pursuing careers in the field of law librarianship where they can assume an active role in shaping the future of the profession. The Caucus will work to support members’ academic endeavors, provide mentorship and guidance opportunities, facilitate networking, and offer paths to leadership. The Caucus will inform members of educational and networking events and connect them to financial grants, scholarships, and other relevant activities and opportunities. The Caucus will strengthen the professional community by developing educational programming and creating an online presence for student members. Finally, the Caucus will serve as an intermediary connecting local student chapters with AALL.

Starting in July 2011, student members of AALL began recruiting members and drafting documentation for the Caucus proposal. In March 2012, the caucus registration went before the Executive Board for approval at the spring meeting in Chicago. There were only seven members in the Caucus and the application was not approved. After soliciting the AALL student membership for additional interested students, the application was resubmitted with forty initial members representing twenty-one different schools. The Caucus was approved by the Executive Board in May 2012.

After approval, the caucus focused on creating an eGroup in AALLNET, building membership, and preparing for the Business Meeting at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

2012 Annual Meeting Activities

The caucus used the 2012 Annual Meeting in Boston, MA as a spring board for creating further awareness and interest in the caucus. Response from AALL membership was supportive, enthusiastic and overwhelming. It included the opportunity for Caucus members to speak at the Gen X/Gen Y Caucus Business Meeting.

The Caucus’s first Business Meeting was held on July 23, 2012 and topics discussed included the plans for the year, overall directions as well as a general discussion of the needs of AALL student members. The meeting was streamed on Meetings.io for members who were unable to attend in person.

Student Caucus officers for 2012-2013 Jackie Menzel; Chair, Anna Lawless; Vice Chair

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Randall, 2011/2012 Student Caucus Chair