Latino Caucus Annual Report
Activities for 2012-13

Membership: The number of members who have signed up via the My Communities site has increased during the course of the 2012-2013 year and now stands at 40. Some more people expressed an interest in our Caucus during the Annual Meeting in Seattle. Several members were active in programs at the Seattle meeting: Ulysses Jaen, Sarah Jaramillo and Ismael Gullon.

Meeting: The Luncheon & Business Meeting took place on July 14. We were fortunate to have as speaker Professor Joaquin G. Avila who offered thoughts on the impact of the recent Shelby County v. Holder decision related to the Voting Rights Act. Also, the caucus will work to see how the bibliography on VRA that Prof. Avila prepared for our meeting can be shared with our members. Prof. Avila is Executive Director of the National Voting Rights Advocacy Initiative at the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, & Distinguished Practitioner in Residence at Seattle University, School of Law.

The caucus' annual baile occurred on July 15 at Century Ballroom, a great place for salsa lovers in Seattle.

Outreach: Student LLSA leaders at Seattle area law schools area joined us for lunch and the speech by Prof. Avila. And through the help of members Ellen Schaffer & Gloria Orrego Hoyos, we can look forward to connection & cooperation between law librarians in Argentina and our caucus. Ms. Mariana del Carril, Directora de Biblioteca, Corte Suprema de Justicia de la Nación de Argentina, also the head of the Asociación Civil de Bibliotecarios Jurídicos (ACBJ) a group of almost 200 law librarians in Argentina, hopes our caucus and ACBJ can try doing something together soon. The caucus is exploring the possibility of guest posting by ACBJ on our caucus’ social media. Some caucus members are also looking ahead to the possibility of cooperation with ACBJ at IALL’s 2014 Course in Buenos Aires.

Respectfully submitted,
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