President’s Letter

Tanya Johnson – UConn Law Library

I am excited to serve as President of SNELLA this year. Last year was quite successful, with several social and educational events. This year, we hope to continue to provide opportunities for our membership to get together and attend programs that contribute to the learning and understanding of our profession as well as inspire new ideas.

The SNELLA winter dinner will be on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at Harlan Haus (http://www.harlanhaus.com) in Bridgeport! Please save the date. See page 2 of this newsletter for details.

Although we did not have an event this fall, we have already succeeded in upgrading to a new website (snella.wildapricot.org), which includes better email functionality and a membership management system. This takes the place of our old website and listserv, both of which would have required more significant financial investment to maintain. To support our new website, Justin Rogowski, a new SNELLA member, has volunteered to become our webmaster. Thanks to our new system, we should also be able to accept online payments for events and membership renewals. More details on this will be announced in the near future.

Finally, I want to thank Past President Jordan Jefferson for her leadership and hard work last year, particularly in putting together last fall's joint SNELLA/LLNE event in Salem.

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SNELLA Winter Dinner

Date:  Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Time:  6:30 PM

Cost:  $25.00

Place:  Harlan Haus
        155 State Street
        Bridgeport, CT 06604

RSVP:  Register and pay online at
        https://snella.wildapricot.org/event-3166622

See the menu at: http://www.harlanhaus.com
Hello! My name is Justin and I am the site admin for our new SNELLA website! A few months ago we migrated to a new platform, Wild Apricot, which offers easy membership management as well as an intuitive interface for creating web pages. I’ve worked with other content management systems such as WordPress and Drupal, however I am by no means an advanced user (yet!). The new website is responsive, so content automatically resizes depending on screen resolution which means it is accessible while using a phone or tablet. Much of the content found on the previous website can be found on the new site and we aim to add more content and features—including an option to pay membership dues online.

If there is any content you would like to see added, errors found, or general feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to me any time at Justin.Rogowski@uconn.edu.

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In October, I participated in a panel discussion at the New England Clinical Conference, along with SNELLA member Jordan Jefferson of Yale Law Library, and two LLNE members, Nicole Dyszlewski of Roger Williams Law Library and Ana Isabel Delgado Valentín of Suffolk Law Library. We discussed the role of the library in clinical and experiential law school education.

This was an opportunity for librarians to address an audience of clinical faculty and demonstrate how the library could enrich the educational experience of clinical students. The four libraries represented provide varying levels of service and support to clinics, and the panel described both the successes and challenges of working with clinics. Additionally, the clinical faculty provided their own challenges with working with the library and the distinct needs of clinics, which often operate both as classrooms and law firms.

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