

## **Southern New England Law Librarians Association (SNELLA)**

### **Annual Report 2019-2020**

2020. Need I say more? Perhaps not, but I will because prior to the outbreak SNELLA had been doing interesting work and trying to deliver for its members in new ways. While we weren't able to follow through on all the ambition we had for the year, the seeds have certainly been planted for good things to come in the future.

#### Social Events

SNELLA broke new ground with its social events by holding the fall meeting at a Hartford Wolf Pack game, a local minor league hockey team. Taking advantage of the group experiences offered at the XL Center, we were able to socialize with family and friends in the Director's Suite with a buffet dinner and cash bar. Hopefully, we continue to look for new ways for our membership to engage with one another outside of the library setting.

#### Educational Events

A lot of work was done to forge a new partnership with the Connecticut Bar Association with the aim of co-hosting an educational event in the spring that would appeal to both members of the bar and our organization. The goal was to demonstrate the value of our profession to the attorneys of the state. Unfortunately, the outbreak of covid-19 cut short our ability to deliver on that hope, but the connections established with the CBA remain and is something we can pursue in the future.

#### Scholarship Activities

This year our chapter was able to take advantage of two opportunities offered to us by AALL. I believe for the first time ever, we were successfully able to invite a guest to the Annual Conference courtesy of the AALL Chapter VIP Program. We selected Jessica Rubin of UConn, the Director of the Legal Practice Program. We were also able to invite Jennine Kottwitz from the UConn Law Library, courtesy of the AALL Chapter Registration Grant. Money we had earmarked to pay for an additional annual conference registration, \$595, was donated to the ALA's Spectrum Scholarship, a program dedicated to enhancing diversity in our profession. We made this decision as a board in response to the growing calls for racial justice in our country.

#### Officers 2019-2020

SNELLA Officers for 2019-2020 were Adam Mackie, President; Jessica de Perio Wittman, Vice President/President-Elect; Yuksel Serindag, Secretary/Treasurer; Mary Ann Krivicky, Member-at-Large; Karen Coghlan, Member-at-Large.

Submitted by Adam Mackie, President SNELLA 2019-2020