SNELLA had an active and successful 2015-2016. In response to a membership survey, the organization sponsored more social events, in addition to our educational events and scholarships. Additionally, the membership approved by-law changes, and the Board implemented those changes. Membership has remained at around 50 members.

Educational Events

In November, the Education Committee led by Bonnie Gallagher organized a program on marketing in law libraries, hosted by Yale Law Library. Jordan Jefferson and Astoria Ridley presented on their libraries’ marketing efforts and provided examples of marketing materials. There were 18 attendees at this event.

In April, the Education Committee organized an event hosted by the University of Connecticut School of Law on LLNE’s Legal Link program. Legal Link is an effort to provide an online source for legal research information aimed at public librarians. LLNE Service Committee member Josh LaPorte, who is also a SNELLA member, presented information about the program, provided a tour of the Legal Link website, and asked for feedback on the Connecticut information. This program had approximately 14 attendees.

Finally, members of SNELLA volunteered to assist at LLNE’s fall meeting at Roger Williams Law Library. Several SNELLA members facilitated roundtable discussions on the topic of innovation.

Scholarship Activities

Catherine Mazur was awarded a scholarship to attend the Spring LLNE meeting at Northeastern Law School in Boston. Additionally, in May the Board approved an increase in the number of scholarships and the amount given in the coming year.

Bylaws Amendments

The Board continued the bylaws amendment process started in the previous year. In April, the membership approved the bylaws changes, which included updating nondiscrimination language, changing the two nominations committee co-chairs to an appointed position instead of an elected position, simplifying our membership categories, and changing the membership year to July-June.
Officers 2015-2016

SNELLA officers for 2015-2016 were Cate Kellett, President; Anne Rajotte, Vice President/President-Elect; Bonnie Gallagher, Treasurer; Julie Krishnaswami, Treasurer; Mary Ann Krivicky, Board Member at Large; Marjorie Lander, Board Member at Large.

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