Southern New England Law Librarians Association (SNELLA)
Annual Report 2017-2018

2017-2018 was a successful year for SNELLA in terms of educational and social programming. The year also provided a few challenges that we took as opportunities to move the organization forward.

**Educational Events**

In fall 2017, SNELLA and LLNE hosted the joint meeting, “Hysteria, Hyperbole, and Witch Hunts: 1697 & 2017.” As information professionals, SNELLA and LLNE decided to bring together almost 100 of our members to look at how bias and misinformation spread; learning how using the lessons of the past and realities of the present enable us as information professionals, human beings, and part of the global community to choose a better, more empathetic future.

In addition to the program and in conjunction with the fall meeting, the Service Committees for SNELLA and LLNE raised funds for the New England Innocence Project (NEIP). Thanks to the generous donations of our membership, we raised $3,850 to help NEIP provide legal assistance to the wrongfully convicted in the New England area. This amount was matched anonymously for a total of $7,700. This is the most money either organization has ever raised for one cause.

In spring 2018, SNELLA members gathered for a one-day conference entitled “A2J: Law Libraries and Service to the Public.” Focusing on practical information about legal services to the public in Connecticut, members from different library types as well as practitioners and students came together to learn about how we can best serve the underserved populations in our state.

**Social Events**

SNELLA continued its tradition of holding winter and summer dinners as member social events. These dinners coincide with board meetings and offer a chance to update members on upcoming events as well as provide an opportunity for networking.

**Administration**

In the summer of 2017, our Secretary and Education Chair left the organization for a wonderful opportunity in a non-SNELLA state, leaving a void in her place. Adam Mackie was appointed from Member at Large to Secretary for the remainder of her term, and Vice President Tanya Johnson volunteered as Education Chair.

During the spring, we learned that our web domain was expiring and would not be renewed. Taking this challenge as an opportunity, we found a new web hosting service that would also allow us to control our member listserv and allow for online payments. By moving our administrative and communication tasks under one platform, we are streamlining processes for future members and boards.

Membership has remained steady at approximately 40 members.
Officers 2017-2018

SNELLA officers for 2017-2018 were: Jordan Jefferson, President; Tanya Johnson, Vice President/President-Elect; Adam Mackie, Secretary; Stacia Stein, Treasurer; Mary Ann Krivicky, Board Member at Large.

Submitted by Jordan Jefferson, SNELLA President, 2017-2018