

Southern New England Law Librarians Association (SNELLA) Annual Report 2018 -2019

SNELLA had an active and successful 2018-2019. The organization implemented a new website and membership management system, held a successful educational program, and offered a scholarship for a long-time member to attend the AALL annual meeting.

Educational Events

In Spring 2019, SNELLA organized a program hosted by Yale Law School focusing on ethics and privacy in libraries. The program featured a presentation by Sarah Lamdan, professor and faculty services librarian at CUNY School of Law, who discussed her research into ethical issues that arise when lawyers buy and use legal research services sold by the vendors that build ICE's surveillance systems. Another presentation by George Christian and Peter F. Chase, two of the Connecticut Four, discussed their experiences challenging the Constitutional validity of national security letters issued to libraries under the USA Patriot Act. Finally, SNELLA members engaged in a thoughtful and critical discussion of the proposed revisions to the AALL Ethical Principles. There were approximately 30 attendees.

Scholarship Activities

The Scholarship Committee was happy to award a \$1500 scholarship to attend the 2019 AALL annual meeting to Christopher Roy, who has been a member of SNELLA since 2000. Chris, along with Anne Rajotte, presented "Engaging Public Librarians in the Access to Justice Movement: Creating Skills-Based Legal Research Continuing Education Programs" at the AALL Conference. SNELLA anticipates offering scholarships to the 2020 AALL annual meeting as well as to other local and regional educational events.

Administration

SNELLA's new website, listserv, and membership management system was fully implemented in Fall 2018. The new system provides improved administrative, organizational, and communication capabilities, including an online payment service for membership dues and events.

In Summer 2019, SNELLA conducted a survey of the membership in order to gauge interest in various aspects of the organization and provide guidance for future events and communications.

Several new members were recruited to the organization, increasing SNELLA's membership count to approximately 50.

Officers 2018-2019

SNELLA officers for 2018-2019 were Tanya Johnson, President; Adam Mackie, Vice President / President-Elect; Yuksel Serindag, Secretary; Stacia Stein, Treasurer; Mary Ann Krivicky, Board Member at Large.

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