

Chicago Association of Law Libraries

2016-2017 Annual Report

2017 marked the 70th anniversary of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL), which was commemorated at our May business meeting. The 70th Anniversary task force worked with the Archives Committee to put together a great display featuring pictures and articles from the CALL archives. During the meeting, the following awards were presented:

- Outstanding In-House Publication to: Sean Rebstock for his Artificial Intelligence at Foley video
- Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship: to Robert Martin

The May meeting was the fourth and final business meeting of the year. Each meeting featured a speaker and the opportunity for members to network and support their professional development. The Community Service Committee also selected charities for the membership to support at each business meeting. The Public Relations Committee live tweeted each CALL Business Meeting, and recaps of each meeting were also published in the *CALL Bulletin*.

The Continuing Education Committee offered additional opportunities for members to enhance their professional development. In January, it collaborated with the Mentorship and Leadership Development Committee to host a program called “Switching Library Settings,” a panel discussion featuring CALL members who have switched library settings, for example from academic libraries to government or firm libraries. In February, the Continuing Education Committee presented a webinar on eDiscovery using CALL’s new Join.Me software.

In April, the Government Relations Committee arranged for Emily Feltren, Director of AALL’s Government Relations Office, to speak to CALL members about opportunities for law librarian advocacy. The committee also prepared a letter to Congressman Quigley’s office regarding CALL’s support for his CRS Reports bill (H.R. 2335).

The *CALL Bulletin* co-editors and contributors published four great issues, including an issue largely focused on the 2016 AALL Annual Meeting held in Chicago and an issue commemorating CALL’s 70th Anniversary. They also successfully concluded the project to have all available past *CALL Bulletin* issues digitized and hosted in HeinOnline.

The PR Committee moved the website and *Bulletin* site to a new hosting service for better functionality and support. CALL also completed its transition to the online registration system Wild Apricot for business meetings and to handle the membership renewals and the CALL member directory.

In addition to maintaining the job postings section of the CALL website, the Placement and Recruitment Committee completed an update to the “Hiring a Law Librarian” brochure to distribute to human resources personnel to promote the benefits of hiring a law librarian.

In 2016-17, in addition to its standing committees, CALL formed a strategic planning committee to draft a new strategic plan, since the former plan expired in 2016. CALL also contributed

members to committees planning the 2017 MAALL, LLAW, MichALL, MALL, and CALL Joint Annual Meeting to be held from October 19 - 21 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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