



Mid-America Association of Law Libraries (MAALL) Annual Report, 2018-19

The 2018-19 MAALL officers are Karen Wallace, President; Lacy Rakestraw, Vice President/President-Elect; Therese Clarke Arado, Past President; Christopher Steadham, Treasurer; Allison Reeve Davis, Secretary; Jessie Burchfield and Rena Seidler, Members-at-Large.

In spring 2019, we held our annual elections. Matt Braun, Vice President/President-Elect; Gail Wechsler, Treasurer; and Rebecca Lutkenhaus, Member at Large take office in October.

Educational Opportunities

MAALL held its 2018 Annual Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee. The theme, Develop a Winning Strategy, highlighted the value of planning, as well as finding the fun in teaching, outreach, management, and collection development. The meeting featured a wide variety of programs and poster presentations; MALLCO roundtables and a paper workshop; remarks by keynote speaker, Prof. Demetria Frank, and AALL visiting executive board member, Jean O'Grady; vendor demos and exhibits; tours of the University of Memphis School of Law; and a reception at the National Civil Rights Museum.

MAALL awarded travel grants to attend the 2018 MAALL Annual Meeting to Cindy Bassett (*Liz Glankler Travel Grant*), Megan Donald, Pia Hunter, Needra Jackson, Shannon Kemen, and Karen Wallace (*Jo Ann Humphries Travel Grant*).

MAALL hosted a business meeting luncheon at the 2019 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Fourteen MAALL members presented thirteen programs and four posters at the conference. Susan David deMaine, Benjamin J. Keele, and Hannah M. Alcasid received the award for the best poster submitted to the 2019 AALL Annual Meeting Poster Session. Allison Reeve Davis received the Judges' Choice Award at the Innovation Tournament.

The 2019 MAALL Annual Meeting will be held in St. Louis this October.

Awards

Ken Hirsh received the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, and, as a Gallagher Award winner, was inducted into the AALL Hall of Fame.

Rich Leiter received the 2019 Roy M. Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship Award.

Douglas W. Lind's "A Bibliography of Littleton's Tenures as an Archetype for the Study of Early English Legal Printing," published in *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*, received the 2019 ALL-SIS Outstanding Article Award.

Stefanie Pearlman's "Persuasive Authority and the Nebraska Supreme Court: Are Certain Jurisdictions or Secondary Resources More Persuasive than Others?" published in *The Nebraska Lawyer Magazine*, received the Connie E. Bolden Publication Award, from the Government Law Libraries SIS and the RIPS-SIS Publication Award.

Kenton S. Brice received a Newer Law Librarian Grant from the Computing Services SIS.

Projects and Initiatives

MAALL continues the "Book- to-Action" project. For the 2018 Annual Meeting, MAALL members read *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander and donated books to Project Stand. For the upcoming meeting, the book selected is *They Can't Kill Us All* by Wesley Lowery, and donations will go to Caring for Kids.

The MAALL newsletter, *MAALL Markings*, continues to keep the members of the chapter connected to one another and the profession. We also experimented with a monthly discussion list feature, First Friday Fanfare, to celebrate member activities and accomplishments and encourage a sense of community.

MAALL committees executed the ongoing work of the association, recruiting new board members, managing membership, awarding grants, and planning our annual meeting. Of note, the PR Committee designed and printed a new MAALL poster. In addition, we created two special task forces this year. The MAALL History Committee obtained archival materials from the University of Illinois, corrected our officer history, began writing biographies of those who have lent their names to our grants, and started expanding our narrative history. The Vision Planning Task Force has been drafting a plan for MAALL, updating the work of the last three-year plan from 2016.

This year, the Executive Board focused on continuity planning and fiscal responsibility. To this end, we surveyed the membership on which elements of the annual meeting are most meaningful and have been planning the 2019 meeting accordingly; moved the discussion list to the free solution Google groups; created a generic meeting budget spreadsheet to help make sure we capture all expenses and set registration fees accordingly; drafted and signed an MOU with MALLCO; switched credit card processing to the Wild Apricot payment system; invited incoming board members to begin participating in board discussion; and started converting the local arrangements manual into a general meeting planning manual, a project that will continue into next year.

MAALL continues to strive to be a valuable professional resource for our members.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wallace, MAALL President 2018-19