

LLAM Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2021
2pm

Location: Virtual

Present: Carly Roché*, Tanya Thomas*, Chi Song*, Liz Graham*, Bijal Shah*, Julia Roberts*, Joannie Bellistri, Jessica Mundy, Rachel Englander, Sara Billard, Jim Gernert

* Board Member

Welcome from Chi Song, President

- Chi welcomed the meeting participants and called the meeting to order

General Business/Announcements

Financial Report #3

- Tanya indicated that she filed the taxes
- A motion was made to approve the Financial Report; the motion was seconded and followed by a unanimous vote to approve the Financial Report

Holiday Party Recap

- LLAM holiday was fun; special thanks to Harvey Morrell
- Feedback from Liz; maybe think through doing guided activities; Zoom events present unique challenges
- special thank you to Liz for planning such a fun event
- Sara suggests maybe something shorter; perhaps, an event followed by a group chat
- Chi agreed that it all worked out well

Service Award Recap

- Elizabeth Rhodes and Pat Behles received the Service Award

Committee Reports

Archives (Joe Neumann, Chair, not present)

- No report

Communications and Technology (Julia Viets and Kristee Copley, Co-Chairs, not present)

- No report

Government and Vendor Relations (Joanie Bellistri and Rachel Englander)

i. Virtual Library Legislative Events Recap

- Joannie – it was all virtual; slide deck statewide information, following by counties and Baltimore City; conversations with legislators went well; on a sad note –Margaret Carty, Executive Director of the Maryland Library Association (MLA) passed away

ii. ALM Content no longer locked to Reed Elsevier

- Rachel – ALM (publishes things like The American Lawyers, ALM rankings – very heavily used within private and public libraries; ALM is expensive content; formerly ALM archival on Lexis – ALM content will no longer be exclusively licensed the The RELX Group; some of it went to Bloomberg; it may be a slight loosening of the market; something to keep in mind; Bloomberg will pitch this as a reason to renew contracts
- Rachel - the new Defense Spending Bill included a provision requiring disclosures from contractors; step in the right direction toward greater transparency with regard to shell corporations; 41 USC 2313d(1) found here:

Grants (Jim Gernert)

- No formal report at this time; AALL will be virtual this year

Membership (Sara Billard)

- Sara – we are at 63 members
- Chi – later, we will talk about the Student Intern Grant; welcomes ideas about expanding our membership

Nominations (Chi Song)

- Simon is now at Columbia University; Chi will serve as the Chair in Simon's place; Chi welcomes volunteers to serve

Placement (Jessica Mundy) - January 2021 statistics attached

- Jessica – last year we had about half the job postings we had in previous years; very likely due to pandemic

Programming

i. Project 20/20 Update

1. Thursday, Feb 18, 1pm – Bite-Sized Marketing ([Register](#))
2. Friday, Feb 19, 6pm – Among Us – Video Game Night ([Register](#))
3. Wednesday, Feb 24, 1pm – Integrating Diversity into Legal Research Instruction in the COVID Era: Tips and Techniques for Class Management ([Register](#))

Liz – Project 20/20 will include 3 programs; strong registration to date for Bite-Sized Marketing; Among Us – Video Game Night – group of people trying to accomplish task on a spaceship or base; group is presented with unique challenges/tasks; we will all be in a room together trying to survive the secret assassin; series of short games throughout which we can mix up groups and play with different people; bring your kids!; Integrating Diversity into Legal Research – strong panel of speakers; looking toward

March to focus on skill development; Liz – welcomes ideas for programming, please reach out to her with input

ii. Spring Fling

- Chi put this on the agenda as a reminder for all of us that the event is coming up; stay tuned for more details; please send Liz and Chi any ideas

Student Intern Grant

- Chi – idea that LLAM would give a library student a grant in the amount of \$500; marketing for LLAM; providing an opportunity to a student to gain experience; it is something new for us; Chi welcomes input from members as to amount of grant and the experience itself; something more formal to follow; some of the larger chapters afford students an opportunity to work with the chapter itself; grant process varies chapter-by-chapter; how do we encourage grant candidates to apply?
- Jim added that applicant pool will depend upon the criteria we specify; predicts that we will not be overwhelmed by applicants
- Liz – if we open the grant up to a wider geographic sector, it will provide the grant recipient with greater opportunities for mentorship, experience and more; how can we make library schools aware of this opportunity?
- Chi – show of hands split; Chi will share more
- Jessica recalls AALL conference grants; is the effort we would have to put into the grant worth the return?
- Jim likes the idea of offering the opportunity; wonders how many similar opportunities are available in Maryland; maybe worth discussing further
- Joanie likes the idea
- Chi – option where we could offer the internship plus the money; it would be a significant time investment (Jessica and Rachel agreed that this would be difficult)

Legal Research Institute

- Chi – if we follow the 2-year plan, we would have the LRI in 2021; we would like it to be in-person, but it would push the timing out; Chi would like to hear

thoughts regarding virtual vs. in-person; if we want to do something expensive, we will need 6 – 8 months to make sure the funding is in place

- Joanie loves the idea of in-person; very difficult to say for this year
- Tanya – likely necessary to focus on virtual; there is so much uncertainty this year; thinking aloud about series of events over the course of the year with a mix of virtual and in-person
- Liz – a hybrid approach might be worth considering
- Chi – what was most meaningful about past LRIs? Comments from participants included learning, networking, and community. What will our target audience be or will LRI be more general in its focus? Open to law students? Do we have the bandwidth to take on such a large undertaking?
- Liz – would love to do something like 2019 again, but not in 2021; Chi agrees
- Bijal – UBalt hosted 2 – 3 in the past; the content was diverse, including basic and intermediate; it was well received

Next Board Meeting: TBD

Meeting Adjourned: 3pm