

LLAM Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
1pm

Location: Virtual

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

* Board Member

Welcome from Chi Song, President

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

General Business/Announcements

1. February 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes – no comments
2. Treasurer’s Report – Tanya reported that nothing has happened since February; one payment for membership (for next year) came in. The remainder of the increase in our account represents interest.

A motion made and carried to adopt the meeting minutes and treasurer’s Report #3 and Report #4.

3. Legal Research Institute (LRI) – the proposed date is October 2022 (three years from our last LRI); we can figure out whether we can do this in person or whether we have to go with a fully virtual or hybrid format; the event will happen under Liz’s direction about a year from now and will require a committee; Chi shared information on another chapter’s LRI:

<https://nocall.org/2021-spring-institute/>

4. AALL Asian American Law Librarians’ Caucus [Statement](#) – Chi shared the statement issued on April 12; would the board like to consider adding our name?; statement available for review here:

<https://community.aallnet.org/aallc/home>

Committee Reports

Archives Joe Neumann

- No report

Communications and Technology (Julia Viets and Kristee Copley)

- Kristee backed up the website this morning; no further report

Government and Vendor Relations (Joanie Bellistri and Rachel Englander)

- Rachel – new bill passed in Maryland which will require sales/use tax to specified digital projects (software as service); implications for firms and public sector/non-profits (certification necessary); Sara confirmed that the bills she is receiving are, in fact, 6% higher; Rachel received bill from Hein this morning; it is a significant transition; onus on vendor's to recoup; something to keep in mind; it came in under the radar; Joan is going through the process of filing her tax exemption certificate
- Joan – we had Legislative Week; looks like public libraries will receive significant funding from federal government

Grants (Jim Gernert)

AALL Annual Meeting & Conference Grant

- since AALL, the new pricing is now up; membership in AALL results in significant savings on fees; recommends – we offer 2 professional grants and 1 student grants (even without membership); our exposure would only be approximately \$350. Last year, we received no applications for the virtual conference. Chi asks for questions/comments. Even if we award everything just mentioned, we are coming in below budget.

A motion was made and carried to approve 2 regular / 1 student grants and to drop the requirement of AALL membership.

Student Intern Grant

Chi – the amount we are thinking is about \$500; certain eligibility requirements - current library school student or recent graduate (2 years though open to longer); LLAM membership is not required; financial component; priority to Maryland-based experiences; recipient would receive LLAM membership for a year; financial need; blog; grants committee will handle any other pieces of the process.

A motion was made and carried to offer student internship grant in the amount of \$500.

Jim – rolling basis or initial basis?

Chi – initial deadline for summer; if no applicants, keep open

Jim – we will go with initial deadline and modify if needed

Membership (Sara Billard)

- one payment in advance was received; otherwise no updates

Placement (Jessica Mundy) – February and March 2021 statistics attached

- no additional updates

Programming

i. Project 20/20 Update – Liz shared that we are about to embark on the seventh month of Project 20/20; we will wind down in June; this month's exciting programs listed below; stay tuned for more information about upcoming events

- Friday, April 23rd at 6pm: Skribblio Game Night ([Register](#))
- Thursday, April 29th at 2pm: Drug Development and its Discontents: A Crash Course in Policy and Research ([Register](#))

ii. Spring Fling – polling indicated a preference for a weekday, at 1pm – meeting, followed by trivia

Nominations/Elections

– thank you to all who contributed to the process and to the candidates; voting will remain open until April 26 at 7:30pm; election results will be announced at Spring Fling (tentatively scheduled for the week of May 10); new officers would assume their duties on June 1

A motion was made and carried to end the meeting.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

Meeting Adjourned: 1:39pm