

Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL) Annual Report 2016 – 2017

The members of the CoALL Executive Board for 2016-2017 are: Andrea L. Hamilton, President; Holly Pinto, Vice President/President-Elect; Deb Hamilton, Secretary; Jane Thompson, Treasurer; Tom Seward, Member-at-Large; Margi Heinen, Member-at-Large; Mark Popielarski, Immediate Past President.

The Committee Chairs are: Abby Lindquist, Brown Bag Coordinator; Mark Popielarski, Communications; Susan Nevelow Mart, Government Relations; Kathryn Michaels, Grants and Scholarships; Robert Linz, Legal Research Corner; Tamara Phalen, Membership and Placement; Erik Beck, Website/Listserv.

One of the primary initiatives of the past year has been a content refresh of the CoALL website which migrated platforms in 2016: <http://www.coallnet.org/> In keeping with the efforts of other chapters, CoALL increased its social media presence to include Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Not only may designated users contribute content to each of these individual platforms, the website blog feeds each of these channels.

Mariann Storck was nominated and confirmed as a CoALL lifetime member. Mariann, now retired, spearheaded many of CoALL's preeminent educational endeavors including the Legal Research Corner column of *The Colorado Lawyer* as well as the former Bridge the Research and Analysis Gap (BRAG) summer program. Additionally, the following three grants were awarded over the course of the past year: Nickholas Harrell, Martha W. Keister Memorial Travel Grant; Jill Sturgeon, Student/Newer Member Grant; Sarah Felsen, Membership Educational Grant.

In April 2016, CoALL co-hosted Colleague Connection's "Predatory Publishers, Academic Libraries, and the Future of Scholarly Communication". Colleague Connection is held each spring to encourage networking and learning among students, paraprofessionals, librarians, archivists, trustees, and friends of libraries. Additional participating organizations include: Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL); Colorado Council of Medical Librarians (CCML), Rocky Mountain Special Libraries Association (RMSLA), Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists (SRMA), and University of Denver Library & Information Science Program.

The 3rd annual Rocky Mountain Mini-Conference took place in July 2016. Held each summer, the Mini-Conference—co-sponsored with RMSLA—consists of educational programming conducted by local information professionals.

A temporary subcommittee was formed and tasked with a refresh of the Chapter bylaws. While this draft was reviewed by a pro-bono attorney, it has not yet been disseminated to the CoALL Board, the greater Chapter membership, or AALL for comment and approval.