

The Minnesota Association of Law Libraries for the 2017-18 fiscal year was led by: Charles Wilson President; Valerie Aggerbeck, Vice President; Teresa Myers, Secretary/Treasurer; Mary Freyberg, Member-at-Large; and Neal Axton, Past President.

The Chapter held business meetings in the Winter and Fall. The Spring Meeting at the Shoreview Public Library featured a number of exciting education programs on a wide variety of topics that touched on how information is used in the legal profession

One of the exciting portions of the Spring meeting included the unveiling of the new MALL logo that all the members helped to select! A drawing was held later in the meeting for a few prizes brandishing the new loon design. Thanks to Pauline Afuso and Mary Freyberg for coordinating the commissioning of the new logo!



Abby Walters, Director of the MN Attorney General Library, was installed as our new Vice President/President-Elect, and Sarah Larsen, Outreach Librarian at the State Law Library, was installed as our new Member-at-Large. MALL thanked Neal Axton and Mary Freyberg for their many years of service on the MALL Executive Board. This year's election was the first contested election in recent memory, with a 43% response rate!

The committee reports included updates from a number of committees:

- Membership Committee: Membership continued to increase over last year's numbers to a total of 160 for 2017-18. Abby Walters, however, will be stepping down from her role as chair which will be taken up by Leslie Greenwood.
- Newsletter Committee: Elizabeth Schutz and Wendy Fosom are continuing in their roles as editors for the committee with a number updates to format and content on the horizon.
- Website Committee: Pauline is continuing as webmaster for the MALL website and is looking for more members to train on the working of Wild Apricot (our website provider).
- Downtowners Committee: Abby Willemssen and Beth Northcutt are stepping down as chairs for Downtowners, with Kallie Wass and Chris Elkin taking up the role for the coming year!
- Scholarships & Grants Committee: Vicente Garces continues to head up the scholarship committee.

As part of the Scholarship Committee's update, Vic presented three grants to Sarah Larsen, Nicole Catlin, and Donna Trimble. Vic also had the honor of presenting Hope Porter with the MALL Law Librarianship Award. Hope has been a member of MALL and served as leadership in a variety of capacities, including on the Executive Board and as the chair of the Public Relations committee. As she retires this summer, she looks forward to relaxing and continuing to knit!

The Financial Update showed a healthy growth in MALL's assets from last year. This is due in large part to meeting attendance covering meeting costs and the recent increase in membership dues. In the coming year, the LRI should provide another boost to the funds available to scholarship and grant applicants as well as cover an increase in our technology subscription prices.

In the weeks prior to the Spring Meeting, the Executive Board was contacted by AALL requesting we write a letter to Senator Amy Klobuchar in support of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) Modernization Act, H.R. 5305. Alicia Kubas, the Government Publication and Regional Depository Librarian at the University of Minnesota, presented a micro-session on how the Act would affect her library and other FDLP libraries around the country, and MALL members had an opportunity to review a draft of the letter that made its way to the Senator. The bill itself is currently stalled, but you can check out Alicia's presentation in the presentation materials from the Spring Meeting.

Teresa Myers
MALL Secretary/Treasurer, 2017-2018