

This past year has been a banner year for MichALL as we have taken proactive steps to set ourselves up for a strong future. We started off by passing and committing to a UELMA resolution with the assistance of the AALL Government Relations Committee. Our hope is that the resolution will bolster and provide support for future Michigan UELMA bills.

The Fall Meeting from December 9th, 2016 that Alicia Dyer put together at the Library of Michigan was a tremendous success. Approx. 30 people met in Lansing to learn all about the happenings at the archive along with what the future projects the Library is involved with. I know that everyone who attended came away with a much better understanding of what is being done at the state level for our constituents. Looking to bring MichALL technologically into the present we have begun development on a new website which will drastically improve digital interaction with our organization as well as a PayPal account to ease registration and the burden of keeping track of electronic payments. MichALL also had a banner made for public relations functions such as the annual meetings and AALL events, like CONELL, that we will be participating this year.

Structurally, MichALL has progressed with the replacement of the Pro-Bono Committee with the Community Services Committee and the creation of the Archives Committee. The Community Services Committee hit the ground running, having already been involved at the Spring Education Meeting, taking donations for the Flint Water Fund. This committee will explore fundraising and volunteer opportunities in which to be involved. After years of an informal agreement with Wayne State University, MichALL committed formally to have our records archived at WSU. The new committee will develop best practices and guidelines pertaining to existing and forthcoming MichALL documents.

Headway has been made on the outreach front as well with MichALL representatives traveling to Sandusky to commit to a future ORALL joint conference. The conference will be held at the Kalahari Waterpark and Conference Center on October 23 - 35, 2019. This coincides with the 70th anniversary of ORALL. Attendees will receive not only admission to the conference by a 4 pack of family passes to the waterpark for the entire weekend. Additionally, MichALL is looking forward to October when we will join the AALL chapters of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Chicago, and Mid-American in Milwaukee for an uberconference titled "Better Together". Presentations of those from all walks of law libraries will come together to share ideas, experience, and cross collaborate.

On that note, the annual Spring Education Meeting that Alicia put together titled Collaboration : Discovering New Ways to Work Together was held on May 19th at the Detroit Mercy Law Library. Everything from collaboration tools, partnerships between organizations, and what working together means in our profession was covered. All attendees agreed that this topic was sorely needed and the information provided was timely and interesting.

I look forward to what the future brings for our organization.

We welcome our new board members

Laura Mancini (Oakland County-Adams Pratt) was elected Vice President

Charlotte Walden (Dykema) was elected Secretary

Jessica Fields (Miller Johnson) was elected Member at Large

Robin Linkowski (Miller Canfield) was appointed Member at Large after the resignation of Jason Blevins

Continuing board members

Alicia Dyer (Detroit Mercy) as President

Carol Darga (Dickinson Wright) as Treasurer

Leanna Simon (Honigman) as Past President

Many thanks to those who have served

Patrick Meyer (Detroit Mercy)

Michelle LaLonde (Wayne State University)