



## **San Diego Area Law Libraries 2018-2019 Annual Report to AALL**

SANDALL completed its 21<sup>st</sup> year as a chapter and held five events:

- In September, our members participated as a group in the *Bike the Bay* event which describes itself as a “Cruise around the San Diego Bay” and “opportunity to ride across the San Diego Coronado Bay Bridge.” As the only San Diego event which offers this opportunity, the breathtaking view from the Coronado Bridge was well worth the hefty participation price.
- In October, we offered a free lunchtime event with guest speaker David Stotland, Esq. from the County Counsel office. Our topic was, *Serving Patrons with Disabilities: Best Practices for Libraries*, and Mr. Stotland, who himself has been legally blind since birth, walked our audience through a discussion of tools and approaches which would best serve our library patrons. We had about 10 members attend and offered the program live stream as well.
- In December, we held our annual holiday party at Bo Beau’s Restaurant in La Mesa. We gathered 30 participants for this festive event, and it was an enjoyable time.
- In April, we offered our spring institute, *Here & Now: Work/Life Balance and Stress Management for Library Professionals*. Twenty of us practiced facial massage techniques, learned to manage our stress, discovered nuances about compassion and made some Zentangle art.
- Finally, in June, we held our Annual Business Meeting.

Chris Pickford was our Programs Committee chair and vice president.

SANDALL Archives Committee oversees a print collection for the chapter which is housed in a climate-controlled storage area at the University of San Diego’s Legal Research Center. Additional copies of our SANDALL newspapers only are also stored at Cal Western School of Law. SANDALL digital archives, in turn, are stored on network drives at both the University of San Diego and Cal Western School of Law. The digitization project this committee did made SANDALL newspapers from 1998 to 2008 available on our website. Further digitization is

on an as needed basis and the committee welcomes its members to submit relevant SANDALL memorabilia. Izabela Aleksieva was and continues to be our Archives Committee chair and we are grateful for her continued commitment to SANDALL objectives.

SANDALL Connect Committee serves as a member to member mentoring program as well as a gateway to information for librarians considering law librarianship as a profession. Breakfast networking meetings are typically held for members and students on a monthly basis (excluding summer) but will change to quarterly meetings in the coming year. Connect met five times this year. Lisa Foster is our Connect Committee chair and we commend her commitment to SANDALL and the interest of new law librarians seeking information.

SANDALL Employment Committee researched and compiled legal and non-legal library and information science employment opportunities, publishing a weekly job list on the SANDALL listserv. This year the committee advertised over 1,030 unique job opportunities and continues to provide this service over the summer months when other committees are on break. Alan Harjala is our Employment Committee chair and we value the wonderful service of him and his team.

SANDALL Government Relations Committee (GRC) monitors legislation and shares AALL Government Relations News with the listserv. Additionally, the committee shares in a joint activism with other AALL chapters namely SCALL and NOCALL. Their combined work was recognized in AALL's eBulletin on four occasions this past year. Particularly noteworthy is their joint effort to secure permanent funding for public county law libraries throughout the state. The GRC chairs wrote letters to the governor and California legislatures in support of SB-840, the Budget Act of 2018. Passage of this legislation provided county law libraries with \$16.5 million in funding. Rachel Green is our Government Relations Committee chair and we celebrate her accomplishments.

SANDALL Grant Committee awarded one travel grant this year. Our member received \$1,000 to attend the ABA Equal Justice Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Marie Templo-Capule is our Grant Committee chair.

SANDALL Membership Committee sends welcome messages to new members with information about upcoming events and the SANDALL listserv. We have 81 dues paying members and 2 emeritus members who are exempt from dues. Lisa Foster also chairs our Membership Committee.

SANDALL Newsletter Committee publishes every other month with the exception of the summer months. The Newsletter published four times this year and overall enjoyed an open rate of 35.05% and a readership of 150 members. Betsy Chessler received the Newsletter Article of the Year Award for her article, *Here & Now-Work/Life Balance and Stress Management for Library Professionals*. SANDALL Newsletter, May 2019. Melissa Abernathy is SANDALL's News Editor and chairs this committee.

SANDALL Nominations Committee was tasked with finding a new treasurer mid-term this year as the acting treasurer accepted a new position out of state. Additionally this committee was tasked with recruiting new board members for the Treasurer and Vice-President positions for the 2019-2020 board. Suzanne Smith is our Nominations Committee chair and we appreciate the challenging work she does.

SANDALL Public Relations Committee completed a Social Media Plan that was designed to increase likes and subscriptions to SANDALL's social media channels namely Facebook, Group LinkedIn, and Twitter. Erin Grimes also serves as chair of the Public Relations Committee.

The May election brought a new Vice President and Treasurer:

2019-2020 Officers include: Chris Pickford, President; Erin Grimes, Vice-President; Sasha Orman, Secretary; Kelly Keach, Treasurer; Executive Board position, vacant. [Note: a special election will be held within the next 30 days to fill the new Executive Board position. The special election is necessary because of a Bylaws amendment restructuring the SANDALL board was approved at the annual business meeting in June.

2018-2019 Officers include: Marianne Sterna, President; Chris Pickford, Vice-President; Sasha Orman, Secretary; Kacie Neu, Treasurer (replacing Christine Mathias mid-term); Lisa Foster, Past-President.

At the June business meeting, SANDALL welcomed 10 new members and two new officers and gave thanks to two dedicated members for their service, Lisa Foster and Kacie Neu.

Marianne Sterna  
SANDALL President, 2018-2019