SLA Legal Community
Board Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2022

In attendance: Eugene Giudice (President), Karen Rutherford, Jill Strand, Mary Talley, Martha Foote, Jordan Burghardt (SLA)

Call to Order

Eugene called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. EST and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He welcomed Jordan Burghardt from SLA, who will be attending our meetings until a formal board liaison is appointed.

Approval of the December 2021 Minutes

Moved by Mary and seconded by Jill. Carried unanimously.

Review of Election/Poll Results

Based on the outcome of the election, Jill is now president-elect of the division. Some members expressed interest in working on programs. Eugene and Jill will reach out to them to learn what they would like to do and their level of commitment.

Webinar on Vendor Relations

Martha is working with Mark Schwartz to develop this webinar. It will focus on working with vendors and other stakeholders, and how to develop constructive, productive relationships with vendors. Mark will speak from the perspective of law librarians, and Marisa Floriana, an account executive at Thomson Reuters, will discuss the vendor perspective. Martha will moderate. Next week Martha, Mark and Marisa are meeting to decide on the content and format and to set the date and time. Martha will contact Catherine Lavallée-Welch about delivering opening remarks.

Jordan offered to be the SLA staff resource for the webinar. Martha will provide her with speaker biographies and headshots as well as a description of the program. Jordan will take care of technology and registration. She will also upload the webinar to SLA’s hub.

SLA Conference Program Submissions

Eugene will submit proposals for programs on bias and the news, getting started with Big Data, and challenges faced by people in the LGBTQ community. In addition, Nathan Rosen has
suggested a program about the “great resignation”. Legal could partner with Business and Finance (B&F) or the Leadership and Management Division (LMD) for this program.

**Email from LMD About Change Management Program**

Eugene was contacted by the president of LMD about a program on change management. He will share the email with the board. As we already have three and possibly four programs for conference, this could possibly be a topic for a webinar.

**Community Governing Documents**

Eugene would like to revisit our governing documents. Martha volunteered for this task. She and Eugene will meet next week. Eugene asked board members to consider which overarching principles should be in our governing documents.

**Outstanding Law Librarian Award**

Eugene will post to Connect today about this award. He may post monthly in order to encourage nominations. Eugene is working to obtain sponsorship for this award and for the Legal Community breakfast. He has had positive feedback from Lexis and Thomson Reuters.

Eugene would like the Legal Community to participate in the Main Street at this year’s conference. He would like to have a business card draw for items including a copy of his book.

**SLA NY Community – Managers’ Roundtable**

This item is for information only. Eugene will post to Connect about it. After discussion it was agreed that there is a need for a roundtable for law library managers. Eugene will draft a framework for a monthly meeting of law library managers and circulate it to the board for comment. Jordan suggested looking at leadership development within SLA or associations in general. Eugene recommended that the Legal Community build the framework and then decided whether to evolve it into an SLA initiative that was started by the Legal Community.

**Other Announcements, Business, etc.**

Jordan reminded the board that SLA is available as needed to support the communities. Eugene noted that the next board meeting will take place on February 24 at 11 am CST.

Eugene said that he held a webinar last week for paralegals about notary services. He will post to Connect about notary services as a way for law librarians to extend their services. It was agreed that this topic would be suitable for a lightning talk at conference. Eugene will work on this idea and will poll the community and SLA about ancillary services that libraries are providing to their clients.

Eugene noted that Amy would like to step down from her roles as webmaster and awards chair. This would be a good role for a newer law librarian and a good career development opportunity.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m. EST. Moved by Mary.