SLA Legal Community
Board Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2022

In attendance: Eugene Giudice (President), Caren Luckie, Sue Mecklem, Amy Noll, Bria O'Brien, Karen Rutherford, Jill Strand, Martha Foote

Call to Order

Eugene called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. EDT.

Approval of the July 21, 2022 Minutes and August 25, 2022 Minutes

Moved by Amy and seconded by Sue. Carried.

Community Governing Document

Martha sent the draft governing document to Seema Rampersad for review by SLA’s Governance and Strategy Committee. Martha asked for clarification about the procedure for the Legal Community formally to adopt the revised governing document. Seema said that the Committee would review the documents and respond shortly with comments as well as with guidance for adoption. Eugene will contact Seema to remind her that we wish to wrap this item up before the end of the year.

Future Webinars

Eugene said that Mark Schwartz is not available to organize a webinar this fall. However Mike Bernier of Bloomberg is available and willing. Eugene will follow up with Blythe McCoy and will contact Tracy Maleeff. Karen suggested a webinar about obtaining prior art and getting declarations for intellectual property litigation. She and a colleague made a Zoom presentation on this topic for AALL. As AALL owns the slides, the presentation would need to be reworked for SLA.

Eugene noted that we will have time for one more webinar before the end of the year. We could move Karen’s idea to early 2023. Jill volunteered to collaborate with Karen.

Elections

We will need a new president-elect and a new secretary in 2023 as well as someone to take over the awards and social media roles from Amy. Bria will contact Simon Burton as he had expressed interest in serving on the board. Martha suggested that non-elected members of the current board might want to step up into elected roles. Amy and Martha agreed that their roles
do not require large time commitments. Amy, Martha and Jill will send brief descriptions of their roles and the time commitments involved to Eugene, who will include them in his Connect post asking for volunteers.

Succession Planning

Eugene and Jill will begin to plan for 2023, including preparing a budget document.

Conference Sessions

We will have a new conference model in 2023 as SLA is partnering with the Medical Library Association (MLA) in Detroit. Our conference sessions must appeal to both communities. Live sessions are preferable to recorded sessions. Amy suggested a session about health law for information professionals. We could source a health law attorney in the Detroit area. Jill recommended partnering with MLA as they would likely have ideas about speakers in the field. Bria and Jill suggested a session about embedded librarians assisting physicians with their research; it would include discussion about embedding librarianship in different fields. Jill offered to take the lead on this session and Bria agreed to be a panelist.

Announcements, Other Business, etc.

The next meeting will take place on November 3 at noon EDT instead of on October 27. We will set the date for the December meeting in November.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m. EDT.