Western Pacific Association of Law Libraries

Annual Report 2016-2017

The major activity of the Western Pacific Association of Law Libraries (WestPac) is the chapter’s annual meeting and conference. WestPac’s 2016 annual meeting of the Western Pacific Association of Law Libraries (WestPac) was held in Jackson, Wyoming, September 29-October 1. An AALL/BNA Continuing Professional Education Grant supported two of the presentations: Robert Keiter, “The National Park Idea and the Future of the National Park System” and Brian Liesinger, “Japanese Internment and the Fight for Social Justice.” Other programs focused on a variety of library topics such as search engine algorithms, collection management, social media use in libraries and legal research instruction. In addition to the paint party reception, the optional activities included a tasting session at Jackson Hole Winery and a sunset wildlife viewing tour of Grand Teton National Park.

WestPac’s 50th Annual Conference will be held in Boise, Idaho, October 19th-21st. At the business meeting, members will vote on the Constitution and Bylaws’ Committee’s proposed merging of the WestPac Constitution and Bylaws, as recommended by the AALL Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

Major grants and awards include: travel grants, DJ Morrison Grant, life members, and the Distinguished Member Award. Travel grants to the WestPac conference were awarded to Rob Truman and Anna Blaine. Travel grants for the 2017 AALL Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas were awarded to Felicity Murphy and Mari Cheney. Ning Han received the DJ Morrison Grant which is awarded to WestPac members pursuing careers or having job responsibilities in the area of electronic services. Linda Stephenson and Lee Warthen (posthumously awarded) were voted in as life members. Finally, the Distinguished Member Award was given to Tim Kelly and Fritz Snyder.

The WestPac Executive Board members for 2016-2017 were Kelly Reynolds, President; Hilary Hardcastle, Vice President; Andrew Martineau, Secretary; Jaye Barlous, Treasurer; and Mari Cheney, Past President. Andrew Martineau resigned as Secretary in July since he was moving to Minnesota. The Executive Board appointed Nicholas Harrell to serve the remainder of Andrew’s term. Brian Huffman will be the new Vice-President/President-Elect when Hilary takes over as President in October. Nick will continue as Secretary, and Ning Han will take over as Treasurer in October.

Kelly Reynolds

President, 2016-2017