

Western Pacific Association of Law Libraries  
Annual Report 2018-2019

The Western Pacific Association of Law Libraries (WestPac) had an eventful year. We held our 51st annual chapter meeting in Anchorage, Alaska on September 27-29, 2018. A preconference program on ALLStAR Benchmarking was held on September 27. An opening reception was held at the stunning Anchorage Museum. Ms. Pamela Crazev, a senior research official at the Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage, gave our keynote address on *The Biggest Damned Hat: Tales from Alaska's Territorial Lawyers and Judges*. Additional programming included Cybersecurity Education; Charting the Legal Systems of the Western Pacific Islands: Tracking Down Primary Documentation; Denali for Librarians; Blockchain and the Law; Keeping Up with the Judiciary 9th Circuit Library Current Awareness Services; Native Alaskan Law (presented by Dr. Katie Ringsmuth); Word to the Wise: Teaching Law Students and Attorneys How to Maximize Microsoft Word; and Slack: The Internal Communications Tool You Never Knew You Needed. There were 55 individuals in attendance at the conference.

Travel grants to attend the WestPac conference were awarded to Jill Sturgeon, LeighAnne Thompson, and Angela Wang (DJ Morrison Grant). At the business meeting held during the conference, Stephanie Midkiff and Kathy Faust were approved as life members of WestPac. Michelle Cosby, AALL member representative and current Vice President, gave a report during the business meeting.

The WestPac listserv was migrated to a Google Groups service. The chapter is utilizing a new registration and payment service through BusyConf. Work on the Bylaws revision and dissolving the Chapter Constitution progressed and will be on the agenda for membership approval at the business meeting in Spokane.

The chapter held a luncheon with business meeting during the Annual Conference of the American Association of Law Librarians on July 14, 2019 in Washington, DC at Brasserie Beck. Attendance was good.

WestPac's 2019 annual meeting will take place in Spokane, Washington from October 10-12. Two travel grants were awarded to attend the Spokane meeting. Shanna Pritchett and Cory Lenz received grants.

The WestPac Executive Board members were Brian Huffman, President; Kerry Fitz-Gerald, Vice-President; Jill A. Sturgeon, Secretary; Ning Han, Treasurer; and Hilary Hardcastle, Past President. Lee Van Duzer was selected as interim Treasurer when Ning Han resigned in March, 2019.

In May, the WestPac membership elected Lee Van Duzer for a two-year term as Treasurer and elected David McClure to serve as Vice-President/President-Elect beginning in October.

Brian Huffman  
President, 2018-2019