



Western Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Report 2019-2020

The 2019-2020 WestPac Executive Board members were Kerry Fitz-Gerald, President; David McClure, Vice-President/President-Elect; Lee Van Duzer, Treasurer; Jill Sturgeon, Secretary; and Brian Huffman, Immediate Past President.

Our 2019 annual conference was held Oct. 10-12, 2019, in Spokane, WA. The opening reception took place at the lovely Jundt Art Museum at Gonzaga University, while the conference itself took place in the historic Davenport Hotel. For the first time, WestPac held a pre-conference writing institute. Organized by Mari Cheney, the WestPac Writing Institute served as an opportunity for members to present and receive feedback on in-progress scholarship. Five WestPac members participated and this free workshop will be repeated in future conferences. As part of our business meeting held during the conference, outgoing President Brian Huffman oversaw the vote to dissolve the WestPac Constitution and amend the Bylaws.

Following that conference, planning began for our 2020 annual meeting scheduled for Oct. 2020, in Reno, Nevada. Whitney Peak was chosen for our hotel and conference venue, while Bundox Bocce was selected as the site for the opening reception. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, WestPac had to make the difficult decision to postpone our in-person gathering. Fortunately, the vendors were willing to amend our contracts, thus retaining these locations for our meeting in 2021.

In lieu of our Reno meeting, a special committee chaired by David McClure and Mari Cheney planned an online business meeting/social hour, as well as several short online roundtables. The business meeting and social hour, attended by 22 people, was held on Sept. 26, 2020. The first roundtable, on "Teaching & Student Engagement During COVID," was held on Oct. 26 and attended by 18 people, and the next roundtable on "Technical Services During Turbulent Times" will be held Nov. 12.

Over the summer, our plans to hold our annual luncheon and business meeting at the AALL meeting were cancelled when the AALL meeting went virtual. WestPac provided grants for 5 members to attend AALL's virtual meeting.

In May, the WestPac membership elected Cory Lenz as Vice-President/President-Elect and Sharalyn Williams as Secretary. Their terms in office began at the October business meeting.

Kerry Fitz-Gerald
President 2019-2020

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