Southeastern Association of Law Libraries

Annual Report 2015-2016

The SEAALL officers for 2015-2016 were Caroline L. Osborne, President; Michelle Cosby, Vice President/President-Elect; Francis X. Norton, Jr., Immediate Past President Nichelle J. Perry, Secretary; Kate Irwin-Smiler, Treasurer; Melanie M. DuBard, Member-at-Large; and Wendy Moore, Member-at-Large. Newly elected officers for 2016-2017 are Jason Sowards, Vice President/President-Elect; Charles Pipins, Member-at-Large, (replacing Melanie DuBard) and Thomas J. Striepe, Secretary (replacing Nichelle Perry).

This year SEAALL held a joint annual meeting with SWALL in Dallas, TX April 14-16, 2016 with a theme of “Big D: Data, Discovery, Dicta”. The opening reception was held at the Perot Museum. SEAALL and SWALL members go to enjoy the exhibits along with mingling with colleagues. The meeting began on Friday with the SWALL member meeting breakfast. Many attendees commented that they liked the variety of programming offered this year. The SEAALL business meeting was held on Saturday, followed by an Ignite session for all conference attendees. This year the program committee assigned tracks to each session to assist with attendees picking relevant sessions. The tracks were ABA; Career & Workplace; Copyright; Data; Ignite; Information Literacy; Outreach; Repositories; Special Collections; Teaching; and Technology.

The preconference institute was on technology and technology issues, such as cyber security. The SEAALL and SWALL Program Committees along with assistance of the SEAALL Treasurer and the Local Arrangements Committee secured an AALL/Bloomberg BNA Continuing Education Grant to run and record the institute. The Institute was followed by an optional tour of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum and a brief campus tour of Southern Methodist University. This event was coordinated primarily by the law librarians at Southern Methodist.

Planning for the 2017 SEAALL meeting in Raleigh, NC has already begun. Kim Hockings and Lisa Williams are co-chairing the Local Arrangements Committee. The 2018 meeting will be in Nashville, TN.

This year the Community Service Committee partnered with Texas Reads to donate books to underprivileged children. The Membership Committee worked to create a banner that we can display at AALL and other similar events. The Scholarship Committee awarded $11,000 in grants and scholarships. The Newsletter & Publications Committee still publishes regular newsletter available electronically and has made an effort to increase usage of the SEAALL Twitter account. SEAALL currently has 541 active members.

Pamela Melton received the Service to SEAALL award this term.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Cosby

President, 2016-2017