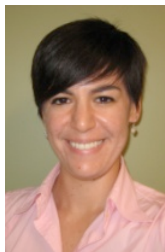


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AALL and SNELLA: Advocating Together

By Emily Feltren, AALL Interim Director of Government Relations

Former Speaker of the House Tip O’Neill once said, “All politics is local.” AALL’s Government Relations Office (GRO), located in Washington, D.C., relies on our members and chapters to help us influence policy at the federal and state levels. Law librarians, as constituents, community leaders, and legal information experts, are a key part of our advocacy efforts.

The successful partnership between the GRO and chapters works because it’s a two-way street. The GRO keeps you informed about what is happening at the federal level through our [Advocacy Listserv](#), [Washington E-Bulletin](#), and [Washington Blawg](#). When an urgent issue arises, we may ask you to respond to an [action alert](#) to make your voice heard. For example, we recently asked AALL and chapter members to oppose a Senate resolution that would have stripped the Federal Communications Commission of the authority to enforce net neutrality. In turn, the GRO looks to our chapters to track key state legislation, issues and trends that affect law libraries. Jonathan Stock is SNELLA’s dedicated Government Relations Committee Chair.

Our successful partnership is facilitated by AALL’s Government Relations Committee (GRC) “liaisons,” who are members of the Government Relations Committee (GRC)

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**Board Meeting December 5, 2011
Government Relations Report**

I. CBA Law Library Committee

- Progress has been made toward establishing a Law Library Committee within CBA. Its purposes are two-fold: 1) Obtaining lobbying services through CBA. This goal is especially vital now since we can no longer pay fees for our own lobbyist; 2) Strengthening the ability of law librarians to publish in The Connecticut Lawyer and The Connecticut Bar Journal on legal information matters essential to practitioners. This ability offers an important way to demonstrate the value of law librarianship to key decision-makers. Hence, it may be seen as another important link in the advocacy chain.
- Unfortunately, the goal of 20 members to establish a CBA Committee has not yet been reached. The present total stands at 13—7 members short of the required number. Reference the present membership list included herein as Appendix A.
- Help is urgently needed, therefore, to make up the required complement: an objective we must reach soon—preferably before the Legislature convenes in January.
- On November 15, an intensive Brainstorming Session took place with CBA staff at New Britain Headquarters. One key objective was how best to make the proposed Law Library Committee a reality. The agenda for this session is included herein as Appendix B. It should be noted that this document focuses on three activities and concerns: Formation of the CBA Law Library Committee, Advocating for UELMA in Connecticut, and Saving Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries.
- A summary/digest of the meeting is included as Appendix C.

II. SNELLA Advocacy for UELMA in Connecticut

- Since the July AALL Conference, SNELLA has been working with the Connecticut State Library intensively. The principal objective has been to help this agency in fulfilling its mandate under P.A. 11-150 Sec. 28: developing guidelines/policies for electronic authentication and preservation. This objective, in our view, constitutes a first major step toward UELMA adoption here.

- To this end, we have provided several documents for study: the final version of UELMA as passed by ULC in October; the Connecticut Legal Inventory that SNELLA built last year as per AALL mandate; and materials from programs at Philadelphia relating to this initiative.
- All this material, along with other information on the issue from various sources, has been compiled and organized for study within the Agency.
- On October 21, an extended discussion took place at the State Library with regard to these matters. Excellent *rapport* was established on the issue—with regard to legal materials, but also with regard to implications in other subject areas.
- Networking to track current status has gone on regularly over the intervening weeks.
- At this writing, the State Library has conducted its first in-house meeting on authentication/preservation.
- Developments are being closely monitored so that we shall be prepared to act as necessary.

I. State Advocacy Program at 2012 AALL Conference

- The Government Affairs Chair submitted a program proposal on state-specific advocacy for next July in Boston. He was informed on October 28 that AMPC had accepted the program in full as written.
- A copy of the program proposal is included as Appendix D.
- At this writing, the final steps are being taken toward Speaker Confirmation: a task required no later than December 15.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan C. Stock
Government Relations Chair

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SNELLA Winter Meeting and Dinner

WHEN

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE

Amici Italian Grill in Middletown

280 Main Street

Riverview Center

Middletown, CT

Phone: (860)346-0075

[\(Directions\)](#)



DETAILS

Cost will be \$30.00 for [SNELLA](#) members; \$35 for non-SNELLA members and guests. Bring payment with you to Amici. The menu is your choice of chicken milanese, eggplant parmigiana or shrimp scampi as an entrée . Dinner will include two appetizers, a garden salad, and a dessert. Select your entrée at the dinner.

There will also be a cash bar.

Please direct any questions to [Roseann Canny](#).

Please R.S.V.P. by clicking on the link below, filling in the blanks and clicking on the “submit” button by January 10th if you plan on attending:

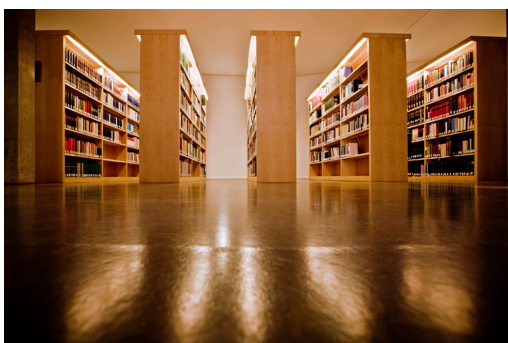
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