

Kansas City Association of Law Libraries
Annual Meeting
January 14, 2016
Host: UMKC School of Law
Drinks and Desserts provided by UMKC School of Law
Attendance: 14 (see sign in sheet)

1. Call to Order:
 - a. Michael Robak called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm
 - b. Michael's first and last order of business was to "pass the gavel" to 2016 KCALL president Meg Martin. Joan Thomas was sending the gavel with Mary Adams. Mary had not arrived at the time of the transfer, so the "virtual" gavel was passed for Meg to proceed.
 - c. Meg's first act was to present Michael Robak with a Thank you note and \$50 gift card to Aixois as a token of appreciation from the 2016 Executive Board for service as president.
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Minutes were from the October 15, 2015 general meeting
 - b. Jenny Sutherland noted that Item 3:, Treasurer's report, should be amended to say the Michael Robak used the KCALL debit card to pay for the domain name for the next year.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Jenny Sutherland reporting
 - b. Membership renewals are in full swing
 - i. Currently 36 renewals, plus 4 students
 - c. Hostgator, which hosts the KCALL domain, increased its fee \$2.00 to bring the price to \$10.95/month
 - d. IRS tax exempt filings update
 - i. On November 16, 2015 Jenny filed the 2014 form
 - ii. On January 12, 2016 Jenny filed the 2015 form
 - iii. We are up to date on the form
 - e. Our holiday charity – reStart (<http://www.restartinc.org/>), sent a very nice Thank you note and offered a tour of their facilities or a presentation opportunity
 - i. Meg Martin had Allison Reeve note this as a possible KCALL program
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Technology –
 - i. Michael Robak reported that he and Jerri Campbell will meet on January 22, 2016 to transfer webperson responsibilities to Jerri
 - ii. Michael is to notify Meg Martin when transfer complete as Meg would like to make an announcement about the site
 - b. Program –
 - i. Michael Robak mentioned the January 21, 2016 event hosted by the SLA KWM chapter entitled Social Media for non-social Librarians
 1. Program flyer included in meeting materials
 - ii. Meg Martin will appoint Allison Reeve Vice-President and she will carry out programming for future meetings

- iii. Meg Martin asked for program ideas and a discussion of ideas ensued including
 - 1. Time management
 - 2. Marketing
 - 3. Email management
 - iv. Everyone was encouraged to share programming ideas with Allison
- 5. Old Business
 - a. Holiday party review
 - i. We were surprised the Lexis was unable to contribute to this year's function
 - 1. Need to work on notifying vendors earlier about the request for funding
 - ii. Holiday party deemed a success
 - b. Betty Sola gift
 - i. Thanked Betty again (Betty in attendance) for her generous support of KCALL
 - c. Meg Martin reiterated we had revamped the registration form and email for clarity and this seems to have generated a good return
 - i. Jenny Sutherland reported we are ahead of where we were a year ago with renewals
- 6. New Business:
 - a. Meg Martin officially appoints Allison Reeve Vice-President for 2016 and welcomes her to the Executive Board
 - b. Meg Martin introduced the 2016 Executive Board – Meg Martin, President; Allison Reeve, Vice-President; Glen Higley, Secretary; Deb Grimm, Treasurer; Members –at – Large: Kathryn Winfrey and Courtney Schmitt. Michael Robak is member as immediate past president.
 - c. Meg's remarks to members
 - i. Meg gave her Thanks to KCALL and appreciated what a welcoming community KCALL has been for her personally;
 - ii. Meg discussed the 3 Geeks and a Law Blog post which Ted Potter had sent around the MAALL listserv
 - 1. Post is entitled "In the Age of Google, Law Librarians Manage Your Time, People, and Money"
 - a. Link: <http://www.geeklawblog.com/2016/01/in-age-of-google-law-librarians-manage.html>
 - 2. Meg was particularly taken with this part of the post:

I've always heard that any problem can be solved given the unlimited supply of three things:

- 1. Time
- 2. People
- 3. Money

None of us have unlimited time, people, or resources. That's why the law librarian is such a valuable resource, in that he or she reduces all three of

these things by applying our expertise and experience of managing the risks associated with time, people, and money.

If you think that a law library is about Google and books, or even Westlaw and Lexis, then you truly do not understand what's really going on. Thinking that just anyone can run a law library because they have technology skills is like thinking anyone can drive a Formula 1 car because they can replace the oil in their car.

Law Librarians manage risk.

Law Librarians save you time.

Law Librarians save you money.

Law Librarians reduce your headcount.

We make sure that you have the resources when you need them, and within the needs and budget of the organization. If you confuse technology for knowledge, you've just increased your risk substantially. Be prepared to tap into more time, money, and people.

- d. Hosts for member meetings
 - i. Meg circulated a sheet looking for hosts for the following dates:
 1. The week of March 7
 2. The week of May 9
 3. The week of Aug 1
 4. The week of Oct 10
 - ii. Meg indicated she had dates in mind for the Executive Board meetings and would discuss with EB members after adjournment
- e. Michael Robak – special services discussion
 - i. Michael reviewed the history of the Leon E. Bloch special services and particularly that it seems to have been non-active
 - ii. Michael asked the members to consider how the Law Library can still provide service and stay “relevant” to the KCALL community
- f. Sympathy card
 - i. Meg Martin and Jenny Sutherland sent a card and contribution for the memory of former KCALL member Mike McReynolds to Mike's family
- g. Meg's Talk
 - i. As a final point of business Meg asked the group to consider the question of what direction should KCALL be heading; what's the point of our group and what should we be doing in 2016
 - ii. Several ideas were discussed by the group;
 1. Members like the get together and social connections

2. Betty Sola said KCALL used to have “Roundtable Discussions” to learn from each other on different areas of law librarianship and she suggested it would be great to bring this back
 - a. Several members endorsed this and provided suggestions for the Roundtables
 - i. Pacer Next Gen
 - ii. Moving from Print to Digital
 - b. Michael Robak offered the UMKC webex service to host the event in case we wanted to have the Roundtables outside of the regular meetings
 - i. The idea of virtual meetings had great appeal to members present
3. Meg is explicitly looking to get more participation by members and encouraged everyone to give her ideas and suggestions
4. Meg plans to send out a SurveyMonkey with questions on KCALL’s direction
5. Another idea suggested was to have the KC Public Library Big Read be an event at a meeting
 - a. Allison Reeve to follow up on that program Idea
6. Michael Robak will be looking for venues for happy hour/roundtable discussions
 - a. Particularly looking for places with
 - i. Private or semi-private space
 - ii. Tasting (both food and drink) opportunities
 - b. Michael is looking for the first happy hour to occur January 28, 2016 and will confirm on or about January 15, 2016
7. No further business – meeting Adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Robak on behalf of Glenn Higley