

Houston Area Law Librarians (HALL) 2022-2023 Annual Report

HALL officers for 2021-2022 were:

- President: Rachel Lyles
- Vice President/President-Elect: David Baker
- Secretary: Lori-Ann Craig
- Treasurer: Laura Edstrom
- Members-At-Large: Amanda Hildebrand and Debra Jobes
- Immediate Past President: Sabrina Davis

As everyone began to adapt to a new normal after COVID-19, the chapter decided upon and held monthly business meetings in-person with a virtual option (hybrid meetings). HALL held eight business meetings and four board meetings. In addition to these meetings, the chapter held its annual HALLiday party, in-person, in December. In February, the chapter was visited by AALL Executive Board member Susan David deMaine of Indiana University. In March, HALL held its annual Spring Institute at the new University of Houston Law Center. This year's program was titled, "The Way We Live Next: ESG and the Law of the Future for Legal Information Professionals." The speakers for this event were: Victor Flatt who spoke about the current ESG explosion,; Jessica Rodriguez who discussed ESG from a practitioner's perspective; and Charles Mudd who talked about space law and, in particular, space debris.

Other educational programs included:

- HALL Book Club – "The Law of the Sea" A Novel by Dave Gerard
- Patron Privacy in the Library – A Practical Workshop
- Accessible Health Tech
- Generative AI, SALL, and the Legal Industry

With the change of the treasurer's position, the President called for an audit and appointed an Audit Committee. Members of the audit committee were Margaret Bartlett (chair), Caren Luckie, and Mariann Sears. The Audit was conducted on February 24, 2023, and the final report with recommendations was submitted to the board on May 1, 2023. The board reviewed the report and recommendations and held votes to adopt necessary recommendations to be added to the HALL Procedures Manual.

Each year, the Executive Board names a Volunteer of the Year for HALL. This year's recipient was Mary Ann Wacker, for her work in investigating and fixing scholarship award issues which needed the Board's approval. Mary Ann received a \$50 gift card. This year the Scholarships and Grants Committee increased and awarded a \$1000 UNT scholarship. The committee also awarded a \$2000 grant, for the 2023 AALL Annual Conference, to Kim Serna.

HALL held its Annual Business meeting on May 10, 2023.

The new officers for 2023-2024 are:

- President: David Baker
- Vice President/President-Elect: Monique Gonzalez
- Secretary: Lori-Ann Craig
- Treasurer: Laura Edstrom
- Member-at-Large (2022-2024): Debra Jobes
- Member-at-Large (2023-2025): Rod Hall
- Immediate Past President: Rachel Lyles