

## **GPLLA Chapter Annual Report 2019-2020**

The 2019-2020 fiscal year for GPLLA was a productive one, despite the onset of the Covid pandemic in March of 2020.

The chapter accomplished two goals that we were working towards for some time. We transitioned our website hosting to Wild Apricot, and revised our chapter bylaws. Our new website is cleaner and fresher, allowing for rotating photos, as well as online voting and payment for chapter dues and events. We also formed a bylaws subcommittee and revised our chapter bylaws. We are currently waiting to hear back from the AALL Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, and will then move forward with submitting the bylaws for membership approval.

In addition, we began monthly volunteering efforts at Books Through Bars, a Philadelphia organization that sends donated books to incarcerated individuals upon request. Members spent several Saturdays packaging books to be sent to incarcerated individuals. Everyone who volunteered had positive feedback, and would like to continue this effort. Unfortunately, this effort is on hold indefinitely due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our educational programs this year included:

- A program on Restatements of the Law where members of the American Law Institute (ALI) including Jennifer Morinigo, Chief Marketing and Communications came to speak to us.
- A program on CLS (Community Law Service of Philadelphia) sharing about all the good they do for the City of Philadelphia.
- An educational program for Black History Month at the Philadelphia City Archives including a tour of the archives.

In addition to the three programs above, we held our annual institute for over forty members and a handful of non-members in November. **Bringing a Marketing Mindset into the Law Library** featured a keynote speaker and two panels followed by a happy hour.

We held a virtual happy hour in May via Zoom as a substitute for our usual Spring Happy Hour. This was well attended and members got to speak with current AALL President and GPLLA member, Michelle Cosby.

Lastly, we awarded a \$1000 educational scholarship to a well-deserved recipient.

Submitted by Janet Peros, President, 2019-2020