

Annual Report of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York 2016-2017

The officers of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York (ALLUNY) during 2016-17 were Amy Emerson, President; Donna Byrne, Vice President; Andrea Molinet, Treasurer; Brian Detweiler, Secretary; Margaret Ambrose, Board Member; Mark Burns, Board Member; Nina Scholtz, Board Member; and Laura Suttel, Past President.

2017 marked the 60th anniversary of ALLUNY as a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

ALLUNY was pleased to host its Annual Meeting on November 4-6, 2016, in Auburn, N.Y. The weekend included programming on the following topics: The pros and cons of a Constitutional Convention for New York State; the need for an independent Copyright Office; what law libraries can learn from Wegmans' customer service philosophy; an introduction to the Caselaw Access Project by Harvard and Ravel; and a keynote on the topic of Relational Big Data. Attendees also enjoyed educational tours of the Auburn Correctional Facility, the William H. Seward House and Museum, and Harriet Tubman's home.

On April 28, 2017, ALLUNY hosted its Annual Spring Institute at the Syracuse University College of Law. Programming featured the rule of law in the Trump presidency, using legal research instruction to provide access to justice, the Brazilian judicial system, and the history of Harriet Tubman in Upstate New York.

Most recently, ALLUNY co-hosted its annual joint reception with LLAGNY and NJLLA at the AALL Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, and was recognized at the Chapter Leadership Training, where its new newsletter platform was featured as a model for other chapters to follow.

ALLUNY's most significant accomplishment this year was the creation of a new website located at alluny.org. Largely the work of Margaret Ambrose, the website serves as a dynamic hub for ALLUNY's communications and activities, as well as a home for archival and historic materials.

Member Malikah Hall applied for and received ALLUNY's 2017 grant for one free registration to the AALL Annual Meeting, which she used to attend the event in Austin, Texas.