



Virginia Association of Law Libraries Chapter

2020-2021 Annual Report

2020-2021 Executive Board Members

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Chapter Activities and Achievements in 2020-2021

Virtual meetings enabled the membership to meet, discuss and interact on several important topics

VALL Virtual Meeting

Date: Friday - Oct 23, 2020

Legal Analytics

Michele Gernhardt, Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP
Alexis Sharp, Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP
Doris Morgan, McGuire Woods, LLP

Legal Resource Management

Alyssa Altschuler, Ropes & Gray
Stephanie Godley, Ropes & Gray

VALL Virtual Meeting

Thursday - May 13, 2021

Session 1: Communication

Visual communication – Images and Graphics to Tell your Story

- Facilitator: Roger Skalbeck, Richmond School of Law

Written communication – Best Practices and Tools for Effective + Efficient
Written Communication

- Facilitator: Andrew Winston, Law Library of Congress

Session 2: Data to Support Value

Qualitative data: Creating Narratives and Talking Points to Communicate Who We
Are and What We Do

- Facilitator Andrew Christensen, Washington & Lee School of Law

Quantitative data: Statistics and Other Data to Support Decisions and Explain Ideas

- Facilitator: Jocelyn Mitchell Manion, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th
Circuit

Other Activities

Virtual Luncheons

We offered providing an opportunity to meet via ZOOM to discuss how we were operating professionally, and personally in the unique climate of COVID-19.

VALL Listserv

The VALL Board elected not to renew its' subscription to the two-decades plus use of the VALL Listserv. It had been coordinated through the American Association of Law Libraries. The reason was two-fold. First, fewer and fewer AALL Chapters were using the service. As a result it would have been cost-prohibitive @\$1,250 annually to maintain. Second, the launch of the VALL Website in Oct 2019 provided a platform for the type of communication which the Listserv allowed.

Nov. 12 2020 – Jane Harrison participated in Old Dominion University – MLIS Foundation Class –on the topic of Law Librarianship as a career.