22 people present

1. Introductions (5:15 - 5:20)

2. Results of survey on Tribal Law Collaborative Collection Development (TLCCD) project. Where do we go from here? (David Selden: 5:20 – 5:35)

Notes:

David Selden presented the results of the TLCCD survey. In general, there was consensus on the statements. The group agreed on the idea of setting up working committees. Those committees were:

a. Best practices committee (to develop specific guidelines or ideas on how to work collaboratively on collection development)

   Volunteers for best practices committee: Kristina Proskus, Vicki Santana, Mary Sexton, Betsy McKenzie, Michael Greenlee, David Selden, Alison Ewing

b. Member responsibilities and benefits committee (what should members be expected to do and will project members receive benefits that non-participating libraries will not?)

   Volunteers for member responsibilities and benefits committee: Lee Wharten, Vicki Santana, Randy Snyder, David Selden

c. Marketing/publicity committee (get the word out about our project and find out who has what tribal law in their collections already)

   Volunteers of marketing/publicity committee: Nancy Carol Carter, Tami Gierloff, Kristina Proskus, Alison Ewing
d. Governance committee (What is the TLCCD charge? How will the TLCCD project be run? Will we need to form a non-profit? How will we qualify for grants?)

Volunteers for the governance committee: David Selden - other volunteers are needed

e. Several issues were raised in survey responses that need to be flushed out. These questions/issues will be assigned to specific committees. See the survey results for more information on these issues. Contact David Selden for a copy of the results. ***

David volunteered to get follow-up discussion going by e-mail.

3. Procedure for donating discarded law books to Tribal Law Libraries: fund for postage; wish list from Tribal Law Libraries; project coordination. (Jacqueline Kasper 5:35 – 5:40)

Notes:

Instead of using the word "discarded," use "surplus," like gifts from faculty or from faculty libraries being disbanded. Jacqueline said it wasn’t her idea, but a program Christina did at ASU LL had success with. Case law reporters might also be useful to tribes. Could it be tied to TLCCD? (Ask Christina for ideas and more information) Janet will (help or) contact Christina to find out more about her program and ways others could adapt it.


a. Pros and cons of moving our group from a Caucus to a Special Interest Section (SIS): update. (Gretchen Van Dam, Vicky Santana, Jolande Goldberg, and Judith Russell)

Notes:

Gretchen Van Dam reported that it is not recommended at this point to petition to become an SIS. To do so, we would need 50 voting members of AALL to sign-off. We must have been going for at least three years.

The caucus started in 1991. In 1992 it first appeared in the AALL program handout. We have never had officers.

We would have more freedom in fundraising if we were a caucus. There would be no imposition of AALL policies about fundraising. If we were an SIS, we would have to forfeit $6/member and charge $12 total / member. The group voted to stay as a caucus for now. There are other
long-running caucuses – Document Delivery, Asian law librarians, and African-American law librarians. Plus, we can ask AALL to help us manage our money and still remain a caucus.

b. Managing the Caucus: elect officers; by committee, etc.

Notes:

We also formed a nominations committee (Faye Hadley, Maria Protti, Nancy Carol Carter) to come up with a list of people who would be asked to run for an office. They'll also look at the two mission statements for the web site.

c) NPLC Mission Statement (1992)

The purpose of the Caucus is to encourage and facilitate the analysis, cataloging, collection, dissemination, management, organization, and preservation of Native Law in accordance with cultural tradition. The Caucus is concerned with the law of all indigenous peoples.

Version on Web site:

The aim of the Native Peoples Law Caucus is to provide a forum in which Native law can be discussed, ideas can be shared, and friends and colleagues can exchange information concerning Native law and other issues that impact Native and indigenous people. Another goal of the Native Peoples Law Caucus is to educate other law librarians about issues that impact natives (Both in this country and in the international arena)."

5. NPLC web site maintenance: committee; volunteer web manager.

Creating a web gateway to all Native law sites. (Jacqueline Kasper 5:55 – 6:05).

Notes

The web site (and web master) received compliments.

Marilyn Nicely will be glad to help with the web site until her retirement in December 2004. Gretchen Van Dam agreed to help with organization, finding web sites, making sure links are still current, etc., but does not have the expertise to participate in the technical aspects of designing and maintaining the web site.

David Selden mentioned that NILL is working on a gateway to tribal law sources and to updating its Indian law research web sites. The Caucus can do its own page or work with NILL to improve its site - or both.

Notes

The deadline for getting proposals in is mid-August. In general, these proposals have a better chance of getting approved if they are supported by an SIS so we may need to get proposals in to the SISs earlier for their review and consideration.

The convention center in San Antonio is close to the Institute for Texas Cultures (indigenous groups)

Economic development and codes of tribes -- a possible idea for a program. How do codes and constitutions help attract economic development, tax incentives.

The theme is: Strategize: Values—Visions—Vistas

David announced that Marilyn Nicely is retiring this year. With a round of applause, we thanked her for all her participation in the work of the Caucus.