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2019-2022 AALL Strategic Plan

The AALL Executive Board approved the Association’s 2019-2022 Strategic Plan at its July meeting. The three main goals of this plan include Talent, Engagement and Alliances.

AALL State of the Profession Report

AALL launched its first State of the Profession Report in April of this year. This is a data rich report of the current state of law libraries, covering trends in budgets, staffing, technology, research and collections. We are very proud to say that this report has received several media coverage. A snapshot of the report is available on AALL’s website. A full report is available for purchase online.

AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, DC

The AALL Annual Meeting and Conference was held in Washington DC on July 13-16, 2019. The meeting opened with keynote speaker, Shon Hopwood. Shon Hopwood is an Associate Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center. His unusual legal journey began not at law school, but in a federal prison, where he learned to write briefs for other prisoners.

Below are some exciting numbers about the Conference:

- More than 2,000 attendees
- 75 international attendees representing 11 countries
- More than 80 educational sessions
- 85 exhibiting companies
- More than 200 meetings and social events

The 2020 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference will be held in New Orleans, July 14-20, 2019,
**Advocacy and Government Relations**
AALL is celebrating its 30th anniversary in advocacy efforts this year and part of this celebration included a Day on the Hill on July 12 during AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Washington, DC. This anniversary celebration was also recorded in the US Congressional Record.

AALL also released its legislative priorities for the 116th Congress. Priorities include access to justice, balance in copyright, greater access to government information, openness in government and protection of privacy.

**Professional Development**

AALL will be holding a **Competitive Intelligence Seminar** on October 18 in Chicago. This program is designed to prepare professionals to establish and maintain a competitive intelligence function in their law library. Attendees will learn how to construct a competitive intelligence function, create processes and learn effective analysis frameworks to establish a competitive intelligence function in their organization. Registration information is available at: bit.ly/AALLFoundations

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