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Executive Director's Report – 2015

I am pleased to report 2015 was a successful year for the LLA. Many things were accomplished under the leadership and direction of LLA President, Tammy Weber.

Visibility:

A working relationship between the LLA and the Sun Gazette is being fostered and press releases relative to several LLA events have been published in the newspaper.

The LLA established a Facebook page this year. Announcements, achievements and news have been posted and our social media presence is growing.

Lastly, LLA Webmaster, Gary Weber, has worked very hard to make the LLA site easily accessible by mobile devices. This is an initiative that continues as the LLA explores additional ways that people can utilize its website from cell phones and tablets.

Membership:

The LLA had 210 members, including the nine new attorneys that were admitted to the county bar in December.

One member, Allen Ertel, passed away in 2015.

Composite photos were taken this year. The vast majority of the LLA members participated.

Continuing Legal Education:

Nine Eat & Earn CLEs were held. One Bridge The Gap program was offered. One Malpractice Avoidance program was offered. All attorney volunteers participating in the Wills for Heroes event received two free CLE credits. PBI has two local registrars who handle PBI offerings that are held in the LLA's classroom.

Conferences:

LLA President Tammy Weber and I attended three conferences this year. The programs at the conferences are crafted specifically for county bar executives and leadership. The information provided at the conferences has been enormously beneficial. Through various speakers, roundtable discussions and presentations the conferences provide county leadership with constructive suggestions about the operations of the county bar associations. There is a working dialogue that continues outside of the conferences between the county bar executives as well as the managers of the county legal journals.

Community:

This past year was the first time that Lycoming County had a Wills for Heroes event. Seventeen LLA members volunteered their time.

High School Mock Trial and Law Day competitions were conducted, as usual.

Committees:

I attended nearly every committee meeting held in 2015.

A committee chair luncheon was the first week of February and each chairperson outlined his/her committee objectives for the year. Most committees did achieve their goals. However, there is still some improvement needed.

In light of a potential issue regarding the unauthorized practice of law, the UPL committee was reinstated this year after being defunct for some time.

LLA Office:

One noteworthy happening with respect to the LLA Office is the display of thirteen judicial portraits. These portraits had been in storage at the county courthouse for a period of time. Personally, I am very pleased to see these historic portraits on display and I am glad that so many LLA members have commented on how “neat” it is to have the judicial portraits exhibited.

Sincerely,
LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Frey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michele S. Frey, Executive Director