

Mission Statement

The New Jersey Law Librarians Association (NJLLA) shall promote the profession of law librarianship, further the education of its members, facilitate the exchange of information within the law library network, enhance the value of law libraries and law librarians, and foster a spirit of cooperation among the members of the Association.

Introduction

NJLLA, founded in 1987, is instrumental in promoting and supporting law libraries and law librarians. NJLLA offers educational programs, provides access to public documents and government information, supports legislation and creates networking opportunities for its members and the legal community. NJLLA distinguishes itself as an active and effective chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

NJLLA strives to serve all those interested in New Jersey law libraries. Attention must be given to external factors that impact the profession providing challenges and opportunities for the association and its membership. External conditions affecting NJLLA include:

- Geography -- membership dispersion throughout the state
- Economy -- static or shrinking library budgets; mergers & dissolutions of member organizations
- Technology-- online resources, contract negotiations, serving technologically sophisticated users
- Activism -- membership participation in association events and involvement in governing NJLLA through committee roles and Executive Board offices

This strategic plan has been formulated to guide the association as it moves forward facing future challenges. Strategic planning provides a way for the association to choose its destination, chart the route it will take and determine the resources that it will need along the way. This plan should serve as a framework for decisions and a building block for the future.

The NJLLA Manual of Policy and Procedure (Manual), which is found on NJLLA's website, contains details for carrying out the goals included in this plan. The Manual should be consulted for specifics about duties and procedures. At the beginning of each new Association year, the Executive Board should review the plan to ensure goals remain current and responsive to

members' needs and to select specific goals to focus on for that year. The Manual is revised regularly and represents the living document governing the operation of NJLLA.

Goals

Goal I: To promote and encourage communication and networking within the law library community.

Goal II: To provide opportunities for educational and professional development for the membership.

Goal III: To enhance the recognition and value of NJLLA members as the foremost leaders and experts in legal information, research and technology.

Goal IV: To increase participation in NJLLA, foster volunteering for Chapter committees and develop leaders.

Goal V - To adapt new technology into the delivery of resources, education and information to members and others through the NJLLA website and additional information outlets.

Goal VI- To maintain the financial integrity and organizational accountability of NJLLA.

