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The publication of the Fall 2011 CALL Bulletin marks the beginning of the CALL cycle of activities for the year. We welcome this new year with a new board and new slate of business meetings to attend. But, September also provides a time for reflection. In this issue, we feature several articles summarizing many of the wonderful programs that took place in Philadelphia at the AALL annual meeting in July. Grant recipients Julienne Grant and Deborah Darin share their experiences both at the convention and in the wonderful city of Philadelphia. Margaret Schilt, Jamie Sommer, and Lyonette Louis-Jacques offer additional insight on some of other programs that make AALL such an important event.

As always, the Fall Bulletin includes the annual reports from the many active CALL committees. These reports highlight the hard work of all of our wonderful committees and the wonderful members who sacrifice to make CALL such a vibrant chapter.

Finally, this issue includes many wonderful feature columns. Therese Clark Arado uses the TechBuzz column to look back at some of the technological developments that the TechBuzz column has examined over the years. In the Working Smarter column, Andrea Tillander touts the value of employer-sponsored professional development both as a resource and as a fringe benefit. Finally, Julienne Grant provides us with an overview of the CALL Leadership Day.

The Bulletin is the voice of our chapter. We look forward to your input.

Tom Keefe, Margaret Schilt, Co-editors
Dear CALL Members,

The new CALL year is upon us and I am excited about the possibilities this new year has for our Association and its members. The work of our committees is integral to the success of our organization and CALL thrives on the knowledge and creativity of its members. It is truly amazing to see all of the individuals willing to offer up their time and expertise for the benefit of the Association. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has volunteered for a committee this year! I would also like to urge those who have not yet signed up for a committee and have an interest in serving on one to contact me. You can find a list of the committees with a description as well as the current committee chairs and committee members on the CALL website: [http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/committees/committeeindex.html](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/committees/committeeindex.html).

Last week, the Committee Chairs, Board members, and interested members met to start the year off with an orientation to CALL Committees and the various work the Association does. There was a lot of discussion on the electronic presence of CALL and it should prove to be a big topic in the coming year. The new logo will be revealed later in the year!

Just a reminder - the business meetings this year will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday, September 22, 2011 at Petterino’s
- Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at Wildfire
- Thursday, February 23, 2012
- Wednesday, May 16, 2012

For future reference, the list of dates are posted on the CALL website: [http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/calendar/calendarindex.html](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/calendar/calendarindex.html).

To kick off our new year, please join your colleagues at Petterino’s on Thursday, September 22 for the first CALL Business Meeting. Our featured speaker will be Margaret K. Maes, AALL Vendor Liaison. Ms. Maes will provide valuable insight into issues affecting vendors and libraries alike.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer! I look forward to seeing you all at the September 22nd Business meeting.

Juli Jackson
CALL President, 2011-2012

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**Mark Your Calendar: Professional Legal Management Week, October 3-7**

Professional Legal Management Week (PLMW) provides a forum for recognizing those in legal management for what they do and the roles they play in the success of their organizations. AALL is one of 11 associations co-sponsoring the event with the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA).

If you haven’t reached out to other law firm professionals, PLMW is the perfect time to ask them to lunch or coffee. Get the conversation going and learn what’s on their minds and how the library might help. As October gets closer, watch AALLNET for additional suggestions on how to celebrate the week.
CALL Executive Board Minutes

By Julie D. Melvin, Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione
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Complete, up-to-date meeting minutes are available here: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/protected/index.html.
Members who would like hard copies of any meeting minutes should contact Julienne Grant (Jgrant6@luc.edu, 312-915-8520), Secretary.

2010-2011 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
AALL Headquarters, 105 W. Adams St., Suite 3300
(enter on Clark St.)
April 12th, 2011  9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Heidi Kuehl, Denise Glynn, Gretchen Van Dam, Gail Hartzell, Julie Melvin, Todd Ito and Julia Jackson

Newly Elected Board Candidates Present: Julienne Grant and JoAnn Hounshell

Board Members Absent: None

Summary:
Treasurer’s Report (Section IV):
1. CALL Balance as of March 31, 2011: $30,606.27
2. Net Income, March 31, 2011: $1,026.05
3. Membership as of March 31, 2011: 304 (23 new members, 281 renewals)

Significant Actions:
The Board approved publication of the strategic plan in the Bulletin. (V. Committee Reports, Special Committee for Strategic Planning).

Election Results – Board confirmed the election results:
Vice President/President Elect – JoAnn Hounshell
Secretary – Julienne Grant
Director – Sue Retzer (VI. Old Business, a.)

The Board approved the CALL Special Committee for the Strategic Plan being comprised of five members. The President will select the final composition of the Committee. (VII. New Business, a.)

Policy - The Handbook shall be revised to indicate that ballots will deleted or destroyed 10 days after the election has ended. The Handbook will reflect that any challenge to election results shall be made within 10 days of the end of the election. These will also be added to Policy Log. (VII. New Business, d.)

2010-2011 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
AALL Headquarters, 105 W. Adams St., Suite 3300
(enter on Clark St.)
May 10, 2011  9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Heidi Kuehl, Denise Glynn, Gretchen Van Dam, Gail Hartzell, Julie Melvin, Todd Ito and Julia Jackson

Newly Elected Board Candidates Present: JoAnn Hounshell

Board Members Absent: None

Summary:
Treasurer’s Report (Section IV):
1. CALL Balance as of April 30, 2011: $28,139.88
2. Net Income, April 30, 2011: $-1440.34
3. Membership as of April 30, 2011: 304 (23 new members, 281 renewals)

Significant Actions:
Strategic Plan has been placed in the Bulletin. (V. Committee Reports, Strategic Plan)

Appointment of CALL Special Committee on Committees for Strategic Plan (COC) – The Committee appointments are: Heidi Kuehl, Julie Melvin, Valerie Kropf, Julie Pabarja and Maribel Nash. (VI. Old Business, a.)

2010-2011 Awards – AALL Grants were awarded in the amount they requested which was less than the approved amount. The selected recipients are Deborah Darin and Julienne Grant. (VI. Old Business, c.)

The Board approved City Tavern as the location CALL No-Host Dinner (7/23) at the 2011 AALL Annual Meeting. (VI. Old Business, f.)

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2011-2012 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
AALL Headquarters, 105 W. Adams St., Suite 3300
June 14, 2011  9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Julia Jackson, JoAnn Hounshell, Heidi Kuehl, Denise Glynn, Julienne Grant, Todd Ito, Susan Retzer

Board Members Absent: None

CALL Members Present: Debbie Ginsberg (representing the Internet Committee)

Summary:
Treasurer’s Report (Section IV):
1. CALL Balance as of May 31, 2011: $32,624.15
3. Membership numbers as of May 31, 2011: 304 (23 new members, 281 renewals)

Significant Actions:

The Board duly resolved to change CALL’s registered agent from Gretchen Van Dam to JoAnn Hounshell. (VII. New Business, c.)

The Board decided to request additional CALL logo samples. Todd Ito will work directly with the Internet Committee and the designer (LogoMojo) to come up with several new designs to be presented at the August Board Meeting. (VI. Old Business, d.)

Policy – Committee Chairs must notify their liaison when they anticipate exceeding a previously approved budget amount. The release of any additional funds to the Committee will be at the Board’s discretion. (VII. New Business, b.)

CREATE A POSITIVE PROFESSIONAL IMAGE

Even though you have brilliant skills and produce fabulous results, outdated perceptions of and expectations for law librarians can interfere with your contributions to your institution. Join Dr. Laura Morgan Roberts, organizational consultant and professor of psychology, culture, and organization studies at Antioch University, for the September 22 AALL webinar, You are the Profession: Creating a Positive Professional Image, at 11 a.m. CDT. Roberts will take a look at image management, credibility, and influence. She will discuss management tactics, techniques to move from the side-line to the center, and owning your professional identity.

Register by September 14.
The fourth, and last, Business Meeting of the 2010-2011 year was held on May 18, 2011, at Osteria Via Stato, 620 N. State Street. The meeting was sponsored by Wolters Kluwer. The topic of the meeting was “An Update from the AALL Board”. CALL President-Elect Julia Jackson opened the meeting by introducing new members and thanking Wolters Kluwer for their generous sponsorship of the meeting and door prizes. Juli Jackson then introduced the speaker: Mr. Ronald E. Wheeler, Jr., Director of the Library, University of San Francisco School of Law, and American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Executive Board Director.

Mr. Ronald E. Wheeler is the Director of the Dorraine Zief Law Library and an Associate Professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law. Professor Wheeler joined USF with nine years of professional law library experience gained at University of New Mexico School of Law and at Georgia State University College of Law. At University of New Mexico, Professor Wheeler held numerous positions including co-interim director and assistant director of faculty, research, and instructional services. At Georgia State, Wheeler served as associate director for faculty services and then as associate director. Mr. Wheeler has taught Advanced Legal Research, First-Year Legal Research, Critical Thinking, and Sexual Identity and the Law. His scholarship focuses on legal research instruction, law library management, and the law library’s role in legal acadeame.

Mr. Wheeler is a member of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), the Northern California Association of Law Libraries, and the Western Pacific Chapter of AALL. He has held many leadership positions, appointments, and elected offices in professional organizations. He currently serves on the AALL Executive Board and on the AALL Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section’s Program Committee. He received his BBA from the University of Michigan – Dearborn, JD from the University of Michigan and MLIS from Wayne State University. Among his many achievements Professor Wheeler has been honored with the American Association of Law Libraries Leadership Development Award, American Association of Law Libraries Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues Alan Holoch Memorial Grant and American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting Grant.

Mr. Wheeler described his numerous ties to Chicago and indicated that he has visited often. He said that Allen Moye and Scott Burgh have been great mentors to him. Mr. Wheeler also thanked CALL leaders who have gone on to become leaders in AALL: Jean Wenger, Deborah Rusin, Mary Lu Linnane, Sally Holterhoff, and Keith Ann Stiverson.

Mr. Wheeler went on to discuss the changes to annual meeting format, explaining that the changes were made in an attempt to respond to member concerns, expressed in particular in the 2009 survey of members. The changes are listed on AALLNET. Acknowledging that, with a membership of 5000, we cannot please everyone, he expressed disappointment at losing the closing banquet, but does understanding the reasons for doing it – they make sense to him. Mr. Wheeler also discussed the new AALLNET and said he uses it every single day. Exciting changes were the result of member concerns: easier navigation and different look and feel – social network and content management system.

AALL has named Julie M. Strandlie as the Director of Government Relations. Ms. Strandlie previously worked at the American Bar Association as the Director of Grassroots Operations and Legislative Counsel. After talking to the new Government Relations representative for an hour on the phone, Ron got very enthused about the future of legislative interaction for AALL. In particular, she is trying to bring county law libraries into the fold to work with the funding agenda. She also wants to establish a legislative connections database.

A new vendor relations action plan has been developed. He is not sure that AALL should be advocating for the price issues. Legal counsel has said that advocating for pricing issues is not appropriate.

In closing Mr. Wheeler stated that he considers AALL his professional home and its members his professional fam-

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...We all have to make it what we want and work to shape its future. It cannot do everything for everyone, but what it does it does very well: great education, great advocacy, a great job recruiting librarians, including librarians of color. AALL is also a great networking resource.

The CALL President thanked Mr. Wheeler for his remarks and introduced the 2010-2011 Chair of Grants and Awards, Gretchen Van Dam. Gretchen announced the following grant recipients: AALL Grants went to Julienne Grant and Debra Darin from Loyola University College of Law.

The Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Law Librarianship Award was presented to Frank Drake. Gretchen stated “It is my great privilege and pleasure to award the 2010-2011 CALL Lifetime Achievement Award to our colleague and friend, Frank Drake. Frank’s name first appears as a CALL member in 1982/83 when he became Librarian at the firm that now is Arnstein & Lehr. His first committee appointment was on the Service to the Public Librarian at the firm that now is Arnstein & Lehr. Gretchen continued: “I’m pleased to announce that Sheri Lewis is a recipient of this year’s Agnes & Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship. For the past 16 years Sheri has been an active member of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries and the American Association of Law Libraries. She served as CALL President in 2008-2009, as Vice-President Elect and as a member of the CALL Executive Board for 3 years. Over the past 16 years she has been an active member of the CALL Continuing Education Committee. Most recently, she served as a member and chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, 2008-2010, and as chair of the Grants and Awards Committee, 2009-2010. Sheri has recently guided the Association through the process of developing its first Mission Statement and served as a member of the 2010 Special Committee on Strategic Planning, building on that Mission Statement. Her dedication and leadership in that process was instrumental in producing a Mission Statement and Strategic Plan that will serve our Association for many years to come. I cannot empha-

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Gretchen continued: “It is truly amazing that he was able to serve the profession at a very high level while working as a solo librarian at his firm. He has handled all his professional activities with grace and style. Frank’s dedication to CALL’s success has been immeasurable, and we can only hope that he will be able to continue to share his long and valuable institutional knowledge to enrich our Association. Frank richly deserves this award for lifetime achievement. “

There were joint recipients for the Agnes & Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship: Deborah Ginsberg - IIT Downtown Campus Library and Sheri Lewis - University of Chicago’s D’Angelo Law Library. The award for Outstanding In-House Publication was presented to the IIT Downtown Campus Library for its Video Tour.

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You can’t open an association publication in our profession without seeing a reference to the importance of continuous learning and professional development. But, as our country’s credit rating plummets, I wonder how many of us are really taking this to heart the way we should. Below I’ve outlined some useful strategies for making the most out of any learning opportunity.

**Request Support from Employers**

Professional development is a key part of any career strategy. Make sure that you are clearly communicating to current and future employers the role it plays in your career and why it is important. If the topic isn’t brought up during the interview process, bring it up. If possible, ask more than one person on the team their overall thoughts on professional development and if they can provide specific examples of how the organization supports their endeavors. By doing so, you will get a good idea of the different ways staff professional development is supported (or not supported if that is the case). Listing “professional development” or equivalent on your LinkedIn profile and résumé reinforces to employers that it is a ‘must have’ to retain your talent.

What if you are already employed and want to obtain additional support for professional development activities? It is possible to achieve this, but remember it’s always easier to request during an initial job offer. Begin by approaching your professional development activities as you would any other benefit worth negotiating during your review process. Come to your review armed with documentation backing up your achievements for your employer and documentation showing the professional development activities that directly contributed to those achievements. If you can locate recent industry statistical data to show how similar organizations support professional development activities for people in roles similar to yours, it will increase your business case.

**Look Beyond Your Current Professional Memberships**

Sometimes the best professional development opportunities are the ones you least expect. A couple years ago, I met a colleague who worked in university prospect research at a regional library conference. Our brief conversation made me realize there is overlap in some of the types of research performed in our institutions and got me interested in learning more. I joined the local Illinois Chapter of the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement (APRA-IL) and through my attendance at some local meetings, I learned some fresh research techniques which I was able to share with my staff. Don’t be afraid to really look outside the box. Another way to find activities is through research resources. At the suggestion of one of my favorite technology news websites¹, I recently signed up for Stanford University’s Introduction to Artificial Intelligence free online course taught by Sebastian Thrun and Peter Norvig.² The worldwide course will enable me to view information retrieval and knowledge representation in a whole new way, helping me improve access for patrons.

In a recent New York Times article, LinkedIn’s founder Reid Garret Hoffman says we should all be approaching our careers the way entrepreneurs approach starting a business.³ Professional development activities are the perfect way to start. Focus on situations that will allow you to increase your value to your employer and expand your knowledge base. With a little research, you can find lots of high-impact learning opportunities to fit any budget. Step out of your comfort zone. You’ll be happy you did.

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Committee Announcements were then made:

- Continuing Education Institute Day will be held May 20th on What You Did Not Know About Trademark, Patent and Copyright.
- Community Service – Jamie Sommer announced that Chicago Cares Serve-a-Thon and thank you for Open Books book donations and donations for Sit Stay Read.
- Sharon Nelson presented election results and named the winners. A Motion to Destroy Election Ballots was moved and passed.

The Community Service Committee hosted a book drive to benefit Open Books. The outgoing President, Heidi Kuehl thanked Committee Chairs & Members, retiring Board members: Gretchen Van Dam, Julie Melvin, Gail Hartzell and recognized new and continuing Board Members: Juli Jackson, Juliene Grant, Todd Ito, Denise Glynn, Susan Retzer, JoAnn Hounshell and Heidi. Heidi then passed the gavel on to Julia Jackson. Door prizes were awarded: 2 Barnes and Noble giftcards and 2 iTunes giftcards from LexisNexis to Alice Lone of Jones Day, Joseph Noah, Julie Pabarja, and Debbie Ginsberg. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.
CALL COMMITTEE 2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORTS

Archives

**Co-Chairs:** Therese Clarke Arado and Carol Klink

**Members:** Audrey Chapuis, Sara Robertson, Jamie Stewart

**Board Liaison:** Julie Melvin

During the course of the year members have continued to send CALL-related documents, committee activities and more to the archives for filing. Additionally, during the year a number of materials in older electronic formats (e.g. floppy disks) were transferred to more current digital format for storage. A best format for duplicate storage is currently being looked into. Hard copies of materials sent are being printed off for filing. Burning documents to a CD or storage on USB drives is under consideration as an additional form of back-up. Hard copies received will not be scanned for the time being due to limited equipment capabilities; however, items received electronically will be printed and stored electronically.

We did not meet as a group during the year, however maintained contact via e-mail. I have asked Sharon Nelson to be a member of the committee in order to have an additional on-site person knowing the location and organization of the archives.

*Submitted by Therese Clarke Arado*

At the end of the 2009-2010 year, Julienne Grant stepped down as Co-Editor and Tom Keefe took over. Margaret and Tom expect to continue as Co-Editors in the 2011-2012 year. Christina Wagner continues as advertising manager. At the beginning of the 2010-2011 year, we established a subgroup to investigate production of a style manual for the *Bulletin*. Several members of that group have suggested adopting the Chicago Manual of Style, rather than developing a style manual specific to the *Bulletin*. Over the summer, Tom and Margaret will review that recommendation and decide whether to recommend it to the Board.

The only major change that took place this year has to do with the publication of information about the candidates for CALL offices in the Spring issue. In prior years, the biographies and personal statements of the candidates were published in full. For this reason and also because the *Bulletin* represents a benefit we offer to our membership, the current issue was password-protected. When the Summer issue came out each year, the candidate information in the Spring issue was deleted before it was made publicly available. Tom and Margaret recommended, and the Board adopted, a change in this procedure. In the Spring 2011 issue, only the names and pictures of the candidates were published, with a link to the website of the Elections Committee, where the full biographies and personal statements could be found, in a password-protected environment. This procedure permits us to make issues publicly available immediately, demonstrating to the larger law librarian audience the expertise and accomplishments of our chapter.

Advertising revenue is down this year; there were no ads for the Spring or Summer issue. In the 2009-2010 year, there were no ads for the Spring issue, but ads returned for the Summer issue. We recommend that this issue be watched carefully, as it may indicate a change in our advertisers’ strategies. If they are moving away from this kind of advertising on a permanent basis, we will need to review the financial arrangements for the *Bulletin*, as the philosophy now is that advertising revenue goes to cover the layout costs.

**Fall 2010**

The Fall 2010 issue was published on October 4, 2010. There was a full-page ad from BNA and from Westlaw.

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The issue featured a series of articles from CALL members regarding their activities at the AALL Annual Conference and CALL committee annual reports. The Table of Contents included:

CALL AT AALL:
• THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES ANNUAL MEETING
• AALL Publishing Initiatives Caucus Plans for 2011 Monice Kaczorowski
• AALL 2010 Bringing my Outlook from Stalled to Inspired Sara P. Robertson
• Non-Traditional Roles Librarians Can Assume: CALL's Brown Bag Lunch at AALL Margaret Schilt
• A CALL Grant Recipient’s Reflections on the AALL Annual Conference in Denver July 10-13, 2010 Beth Lodal
• Things to Do in Denver When You’re ((Dead)) Attending the 2010 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference Tom Gaylord
• AALL 2010 Technology Buzz: Lawberry Camp, or What the Blue Bear Missed Lyonette Louis-Jacques

SPECIAL FEATURES
• CALL Committee Annual Reports
• Innovating Our Way Forward: CLAS Collection Development Workshop Tom Keefe
• View From the Law Firms Bob Winger

Winter 2011
The Winter 2011 issue was published December 16, 2010. It included a full-page ad from Thomson Reuters and a half-page ad from Hein. This issue featured a series of articles from CALL members about Illinois legal research resources and issues.

The Table of Contents included:
• An Update on Illinois County Law Libraries Jean M. Wenger
• What’s New At Illinois.Gov? Tom Gaylord
• Illinois Workers’ Compensation Commission Decisions –Some Background and Research Strategies Michael Robak
• Populating The Inventory Of Illinois Primary Legal Materials Todd Ito
• Illinois Libraries Lead, Explore, Apply and Discover: Creating an Online Community for Illinois Legal Researchers Patricia Scott
• Illinois Harvest: Your One-Stop-Shop for Digitized Illinois History Clare Gaynor Willis

• Digitizing Historical Illinois Legal Information: Recent Projects Tom Keefe
• Working Smarter: Two Approaches to Time, Task and Life Management Sharon L. Nelson
• Techbuzz: Connecting With Current Awareness Trends Therese A. Clarke Arado
• Law Library Student-At-Large: Choosing Among Graduate Programs in Library and Information Science Loren Turner

Spring 2011
The Spring 2011 issue was published on March 4, 2011. There were no ads. The Table of Contents included:

2010/2011 Executive Board Candidates

SPECIAL FEATURES
• Cook County Law Library Tour by Alina Kelly
• View from the Firm by Bob Winger
• Nominations Sought for CALL Awards
• TechBuzz by Lyonette Louis-Jacques
• Working Smarter by Andrea Tillander

Summer 2011
The Summer 2011 issue was published June 17, 2011. There were no ads. The issue featured CALL’s 2011-2016 Strategic Plan and a number of articles discussing the challenges of managing people and budgets in today’s changing economic times.

The Table of Contents included:

SPECIAL FEATURES
• Strategic Directions: CALL’s 2011-2016 Strategic Plan
• 2010-2011 CALL Awards by Margaret Schilt
• Managing Budgets in the Age of Austerity by JoAnn Hounshell and Betty Roeske
• Helping Summer Associates Succeed: The Search for Mr. Righton Miller by Eugene Guidice
• CALL Institute Day 2011- A Recap by Eugene Guidice
• TechBuzz by Lyonette Louis-Jacques
• Working Smarter by Andrea Tillander

Submitted by Margaret Schilt and Tom Keefe, Co-Editors

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The Education Committee kicked off the year by first meeting on September 23, 2010 to outline the upcoming year’s programming. A library tour was scheduled and was conducted on January 14, 2011, with the help of Jean Wenger of the Cook County Law Library and our Committee members Eugene Giudice and Alina Kelly. A meet-up followed the tour and both were successful. Thanks to everyone who assisted.

The next event was an event that was conceived, planned and presented on February 22, 2011, based on an idea that Eugene Giudice presented to the committee entitled “Helping Summer Associates Succeed: The Search for Mr. Righton Miller”. The event was a very informative and successful panel discussion by attorneys and librarians, with audience participation. Eugene Giudice was a great mediator. There were 24 attendees.

On April 13, 2011 a joint program was held with the Relations with Information Vendors committee with the assistance of Betty Roeske and JoAnn Hounshell on the topic “Managing Budgets in an Age of Austerity”. This half-day event featured a panel of speakers representing academic, government and private firm libraries. The program was both well-attended and financially successful with 29 paid attendees. Annette Cade was the host and primary organizer. ABA Publishing picked up the cost of the continental breakfast served at the event. The Education Committee and Relations with Information Vendors Committee discussed co-sponsoring future events.

At the end of the academic year, Jamie Sommer organized a CALL team for the Chicago Cares Serve-a-Thon on Saturday, June 11, 2011.

Submitted by Kevin McClure and Robert Martin

The Community Service Committee met once, on August 17, 2010. At that meeting, we decided to experiment with two new changes. First, we decided to request thank-you letters from organizations receiving cash donations from the CALL membership meetings. The purpose of doing this is to post the thank-you letters on the CALL website to let CALL members know that their donations are appreciated, and to encourage them to continue to donate at future meetings. Thank-you letters were received from the Center for Disability and Elder Law, the American Cancer Society, and SitStayRead.

Second, we decided to ask CALL members for their suggestions for a recipient of the cash donation at one of the membership meetings. The purposes are to increase interest among the membership in these donations, and to identify worthy local recipients that the Committee might not be aware of. After receiving several suggestions, the Committee chose the Center for Disability and Elder Law to receive the cash collection from the November meeting.

Here is a summary of the cash and in-kind donations from the 2010-2011 meetings:

**September**
- Collected school supplies for Chicago Public Schools’ Educational Support for Students in Temporary Living Situations
- Collected $125 for the Anti-Cruelty Society

**November**
- Collected blankets and toys for Hull House
- Collected $140 for Center for Disability and Elder Law

**February**
- Collected food for the Greater Chicago Food Depository
- Collected $108.53 for the American Cancer Society, in memory of CALL members Susan Sloma and Bill Wleklinski

**May**
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- Collected $100 for SitStayRead

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Corporate Memory

Chair: Susan Siebers; Committee Members: Frank Drake, Deborah Rusin. CALL Secretary Julie Melvin was the committee’s Board Liaison and a working member of the Committee.

As in past years, the charge of the Corporate Memory Committee was to “Ensure that policies set by the Board of Directors are recorded in a permanent and accessible fashion so that future boards can be guided by past actions.”

The Policy Log was explained and distributed at the CALL Board and Committee Chair Leadership Meeting so all participants could see how this document could assist in their work during the year.

In addition to categorizing and adding new policies from the current fiscal year to the Policy Log, the main task of the Committee in 2010/2011 was to streamline and reorganize the Policy Log itself. Choosing a new format that would make the document easier to use was a major task; then each entry needed to be reevaluated. This has not been completed and will be carried over into the 2011/2012 year.

At the end of the 2010/2011 CALL year, the Policy Log in the Members Only section of the CALL website is updated as of August, 2010. This will be replaced by the new edition as soon as it is completed and reviewed by the CALL Board.

Submitted June 20, 2011 by Susan Siebers, Chair

Elections

Committee Members: John Austin, Audrey Chapuis, Eugene Giudice, Lenore Glanz, John Klaus, Marcia Lehr, Joan Ogden, Sharon L. Nelson, Chair

Summary Of Year’s Activities:
The 2010-2011 Elections Committee conducted the election of Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, and one Director for the CALL Board of Directors.

Detailed Report:
The Board of Directors authorized the committee to conduct the Board election using the American Association of Law Libraries electronic elections platform and to send paper ballots to those who did not have email addresses on file with the CALL Membership Committee. The Board authorized the election to begin on Monday, February 14, 2011 and end at midnight on Tuesday, March 15, 2011.

Chris Siwa of AALL provided the Chair with a spreadsheet of CALL members. This spreadsheet was forwarded to the CALL Membership Committee to determine which CALL members were eligible to vote. People eligible to vote were members in good standing who were either active, retired, or student members of CALL. Of the 290 members of CALL who were eligible to vote, all had email addresses on file with the Membership Committee except one, who was sent a paper ballot. The Chair received photos and biographies of the candidates from the Chair of the Nominations Committee. These were posted to the AALL Election System and the CALL website along with all other pertinent setup information.

Beginning in February, the Elections Committee sent
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weekly emails to the CALL listserv reminding members to vote. At the end of the election, 135 electronic ballots and no paper ballots had been returned. This represents a return rate of 46.5%, somewhat lower than last year.

The candidates and results were:

- Vice-President/President-Elect:
  Therese Clarke Arado and JoAnn Hounshell
  Ms. Hounshell was elected.

- Secretary:
  Julienne Grant and Jamie Sommer
  Ms. Grant was elected.

- Director:
  Scott Burgh and Susan Retzer
  Ms. Retzer was elected.

The election results were certified on March 16, 2011. All members of the Elections Committee logged on to the CALL Election System Administration Site to view the results independently. They forwarded their results to the Chair via email and agreed on the vote counts and results as above. The Chair contacted all candidates via either telephone or e-mail on March 16, 2011 and then notified the CALL President of the results.

On March 17, 2011 the CALL President received a request from one of the candidates to see the vote count for their race. Per the CALL Policy Log, vote counts can be released to any CALL member who requests them on a case-by-case basis; however, the actual vote counts are not published in general. The Elections Chair forwarded the vote counts for all candidates to the CALL President on May 18, 2011, so the information for the relevant race could be conveyed to the candidate who requested it.

The election results were announced at the May 18, 2011 CALL Business Meeting. The Chair moved that the ballots be destroyed. The motion carried. On May 19, 2011 Chris Siwa confirmed to the Chair via email that the election data had been destroyed. Please note that this will be the last year that a motion will need to be made at the Business Meeting to destroy the election ballots. In April 2011, the CALL Board approved a change to the CALL Handbook so that all ballots will be destroyed within 10 days of the election. This change is to conform with AALL’s normal procedure for their online elections system, which is to destroy all ballots within 10 days of the end of elections. This change will take effect with the 2011-2012 edition of the CALL Handbook.

The committee wishes to thank Chris Siwa of the AALL staff for all of his technical support.

Submitted by Sharon L. Nelson, chair.

Government Relations

Co-Chairs: Jamie Sommer and Tom Gaylord

Members: Pegeen Bassett, Beverly Burmeister, Eugene Giudice, Raizel Liebler, Kevin McClure

Liaison: Todd Ito

The Government Relations Committee met at Chicago-Kent College of Law on October 13, 2010. The rest of our business was conducted via e-mail. The Committee updated the CALL Government Relations blog (http://chicagolawlib.org/govrel) as a way to inform CALL membership of the activities of local, state and federal governments that relate to law librarianship and government information. The Committee focused on topics including net neutrality, Government Printing Office and Federal Depository Library Program issues, copyright, open government issues, authentication of online state legal resources, Freedom of Information Act issues, and Illinois and Indiana government issues affecting libraries. The Committee also began the process of evaluating candidates for a “Legislator of the Year Award” which it hopes to present to an individual in Fall 2011.

For the upcoming term, it is the goal of the co-chairs and the committee to continue updating the committee blog. Additionally, the committee is interested in deploying a Twitter feed for quick announcements and links relevant to the committee’s work. Finally, the committee is interested in liaising with sister committees in other AALL chapters for ideas regarding more effective lobbying strategies.

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Grants and Awards

**Chair:** Gretchen Van Dam

**Members:** Irene Berkey, John Fox, Sally Holterhoff, Carol Klink, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Joan Ogden, Sara Robertson, Betty Roeske

**Liaison:** Gretchen Van Dam

This year CALL offered two grants of up to $1250 for the AALL Annual Meeting and one grant of up to $1000 for non-AALL educational programs. The committee awarded the two AALL grants in 2010-11 to Julienne Grant of Loyola University School of Law Library and Deborah Darin of Loyola University School of Law Library.

The annual CALL awards were presented at the May 18, 2011 CALL business meeting. The Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Law Librarianship Award was presented to Frank Drake, who retired this year from Arnstein & Lehr. Frank has devoted many years of service to CALL, serving as CALL president, Board member, and chair of multiple committees. Frank’s many years of service to the Bylaws Committee were especially noted. The Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship was awarded to Deborah Ginsberg of the Chicago-Kent College of Law Library and to Sheri Lewis of the D’Angelo Law Library at the University of Chicago. Debbie’s service to CALL as a Board member and chair of the Internet Committee were highlighted in her award dedication and of particular note was her leadership in developing social media platforms for the association and its members. Sheri’s many accomplishments – service as CALL President, chair of multiple committees, and leadership in the initiation of a strategic plan and mission statement for the association – were celebrated by the members in attendance at the business meeting.

The award for Outstanding In-House Publication was presented to the IIT Downtown Campus Library for its innovative and creative video tour for incoming students.

Internet

**Chair:** Deborah Ginsberg

**Board Liaison:** Julie Melvin

**Members:** Christine Morong, Gwen Gregory, Helen King-Desai (past Chair), JoAnn Hounshell, Sarah Glassmeyer, Shan Jiang, Sharon Nelson

**Website Subcommittee:** Gwen Gregory, Sarah Glassmeyer, Sharon Nelson

**Webmaster:** Sharon Nelson

**Listserv Admin:** Shan Jiang

**Website Maintenance**

Frank Lima started as the Committee webmaster as co-chair, but took a leave of absence from work in mid-fall. He did not return to work or CALL. Sharon took over his webmaster duties and has kept the website up-to-date for most of the year.

**Listserv**

Shan Jiang maintained the CALL listserv and the CALL-EBCC listserv in 2010-11. Shan will be on maternity leave for several months. Gwen Gregory will be taking over her listserv duties in 2011-12.

**Social Networking**

In spring 2010, the Internet Committee worked with the PR Committee to create a social networking foundation for CALL using Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. In August 2010, Debbie gave a presentation to the incoming Committee chairs demonstrating how CALL would use these social networks to connect to its members and to promote events. Debbie gave a second presentation at the first CALL business meeting in September 2010 and formally launched CALL’s social networks at that time. CALL’s Facebook page now has 52 “likes”, or active followers; 12 followers on Twitter; and 28 members in its LinkedIn group.

The Facebook page has been used to alert members of events, member accomplishments, and to post surveys from many CALL Committees. This information is then

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passed directly to Twitter. Sharon also devised a procedure to post job listings to our LinkedIn group. We expect to see continued growth in membership and content over the next year.

Logo
The Committee has worked with the Board to review and critique new logo options for the CALL website and social networking sites. The new logo should be ready soon.

Website Redesign
The website Annette Cade designed in the early 2000s worked well for the technology available at the time, but CALL needs to present a more modern website. With the current website, it’s difficult for more than one person to edit it. Most customizations are difficult. It cannot use modern web technologies like weblogs or wikis. Additionally, since the site moved to a new server, the left-side navigation does not work well in the popular Chrome browser.

The CALL Internet Committee has been working on website improvements for a while now. In previous years, the Committee set up a HostICan account with a new domain, chicagolawlib.org. Last year, Helen King-Desai created a custom weblog for the Government Relations Committee. This year, the Committee focused on redesigning the website through its Website Redesign Subcommittee. In spring 2011, Sarah Glassmeyer installed and configured a WordPress site with a powerful and flexible theme at http://new.chicagolawlib.org. Other subcommittee members helped to design a new navigational scheme and add content. Debbie demonstrated the new site to the Board in June 2011. The Committee plans to continue improving the site over the summer and showcase it at this year’s Leadership Meeting. The Committee hopes to launch the site in fall 2011.

Meetings

Co-Chairs: Jil Matulionis, Maribel Nash

Members: Committee members include Eugene Guidice, Gwen Gregory, Jamie Stewart, Joan Ogden, Sara Robertson, Sonja Nordstrom, and Valerie Krasnoff, with Jill Matulionis and Maribel Nash serving as co-chairs.

Board Liaison: Juli Jackson, Vice-President/President Elect The Vice President/President Elect is responsible for obtaining speakers and securing sponsorships.

The Meetings Committee organized four business meetings this year. The March meeting was a joint meeting with SLA/Illinois.

The September meeting was held at Lloyd’s. 97 members attended. The guest speaker was Deborah Ginsberg, Educational Technology Librarian, Chicago-Kent College of Law, and the topic was “Using Social Media to Promote CALL”.

The November meeting was held at Maggiano’s. 91 members attended the meeting, and the guest speakers were Patrick Lamb and Nicole Auerbach from the Valor-em Law Group. The topic addressed at this meeting was “Delivering Value: Making an Impact at your Firm”.

The March meeting was held at Petterino’s and was a joint meeting with SLA/Illinois. 97 CALL members and 20 SLA/Illinois members attended this meeting. The speaker was John Barron, Publisher of the Chicago Sun-Times, and the topic addressed was the changing world of print media, and how the newspaper industry is addressing past and future changes.

The May meeting was held at Osteria Via Stato. 97 members and eight non-members attended this meeting. The speaker was Ronald Wheeler, Director, American Association of Law Libraries, and the topic was “New Developments in AALL”.

The Committee decided to try two new locations for the business meetings this year, along with two favorites. We have had many positive comments regarding choosing new locations.

Submitted by Jill Matulionis and Maribel Nash

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Membership

Committee Members: Therese Clarke Arado (co-chair), Kathleen Bruner, Beverly Burmeister, Valerie Hendricks, Christine Klobucar, Maribel Nash, and Susan Retzer.

As of May 31, 2011, CALL had 304 members. This is a very small increase over the number of members at the end of 2009-2010.

The CALL Directory is updated four times a year on the CALL website (September, November, February and May). Corrections/updates are made by the Membership Committee, with the assistance of AALL staff. Then, the update is posted by the Internet Committee on CALL's website.

Before each update, the Committee sent out an e-mail via the listserv asking the membership to check for any changes or corrections.

The Committee began adding Interlibrary Loan Information to the CALL Directory, beginning with the November 2010 update. There is also an easy-to-read ILL grid with phone numbers and email addresses at the end of the Directory.

The Committee prepared “People & Places” columns for each CALL Bulletin with the changes and/or additions to CALL members. This serves as a supplement to the Membership Directory.

Using Google Docs, the Membership Committee created a spreadsheet of members who have completed a photo release form. This helps the Bulletin editors, when they are reviewing photos for each issue. The Membership Committee maintains a binder of the photo release forms in hard copy. A new version of the photo release form, which includes permissions regarding social networking, was included with the 2011-2012 renewal invoices.

The Committee sent renewal invoices to members in late April 2011.

Submitted by Valerie Kropf

Nominations

Chair: Sheri Lewis

Committee Members: Anne Abramson, John Austin, Christine Morong, Julie Pabarja

Board Liaison: Heidi Frostestad Kuehl

The Nominations Committee solicited suggestions for candidates from the general CALL membership in late August and September 2010. All suggestions were shared with the full committee via telephone and email. The Committee met via telephone conference calls in September to discuss potential candidates and then continued their work via email and telephone.

Committee members contacted prospective candidates by telephone. Two candidates were secured for each Board position, Vice President/President Elect, Secretary and Director. The following slate was submitted to CALL President, Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, for announcement to the membership.

For Vice President / President Elect:
Therese Clarke Arado
David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library, Northern Illinois University College of Law
JoAnn Hounshell
Chicago-Kent College of Law Library

For Secretary:
Julienne Grant
Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library
Jamie Sommer

For Director:
Scott Burgh
City of Chicago Department of Law Library
Susan Retzer
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP

The candidates submitted their biographical statements and photographs to the Committee Chair and these were published on the CALL website. Links to the candidate

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information were provided on the election ballot.

In March 2011, JoAnn Hounshell, Julienne Grant and Susan Retzer were elected to the Board.

Also during the 2010-2011 year, and continuing upon the work of previous Nominations Committees, the Committee updated an Excel spreadsheet tracking CALL member participation in various CALL committee work, including time served on the CALL Board since 2000. The spreadsheet was sent to the chair of the 2011-2012 Nominations Committee to inform next year’s candidate selection process.

Submitted by Sheri Lewis, Committee Chair

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Placement & Recruitment

This year, the Placement and Recruitment Committee has worked to insure that current job posting requests are properly received and posted. The committee has changed its contact information to calljobpostings@gmail.com in an effort to help eliminate spam and to prevent the automatic redirecting of incoming job requests to a junk mail folder. The committee also worked with the Internet Committee to post current job listings on CALL’s Linked-In group page and reach a wider group of job seekers.

The committee also inquired about the possibility of students in Chicago-area library schools starting their own student chapters for CALL. There is currently no precedent for students starting their own chapters, and students are still highly encouraged to join and participate in CALL for the opportunity to network and collaborate with professionals in the field.

The committee also updated the volunteer forms for Day in the Life. Newer forms have been drafted and the forms will be submitted to the incoming chair of the Internet Committee for posting.

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Public Relations

Chair: Alina Kelly

Members: Pat McCoy, Alina Kelly, Julienne Grant, Hilary Gray, Virginia Brown, Claire Toomey-Durkin and Helen King-Desai

This year the PR Committee kept up its task of being photographer at CALL Business Meetings and other events. Many thanks to Julienne Grant for being primary photographer extraordinaire.

CALL-Up networking meetings were mostly a surprise success – the PR Committee scheduled four this last year and has one upcoming event in July. The majority of the events had about 10-12 attendees and participants were able to discuss everything from cartography to cataloging and beyond. The one outlier was the CALL-Up scheduled at Café Iberico’s. For whatever reason, no one showed that day, prompting the Committee to hold off on scheduling more events, and then to only schedule events at more relaxed locations (i.e. no restaurants!).

CALL began a social networking presence this year, and the PR Committee assisted the Internet Committee with some of the work regarding the Facebook account. The PR Committee has been diligently posting events and topics to the CALL Facebook page to better distribute information to members.

The main work of the PR Committee this year was in redesigning the CALL logo. Pat Sayre-McCoy and the rest of the Committee worked with outside vendors to identify several design companies and the Board selected the designer, Logo Mojo. We then worked with them to design and select a logo that would suit CALL’s needs in the social networking age. The Board is working on selecting a logo from the options presented. We expect a final version of the logo to be available for use later this summer.

Many thanks to the entire Committee for all your hard work this year! Great job Pat McCoy, Alina Kelly, Julienne Grant, Hilary Gray, Virginia Brown, Claire Toomey-Durkin and Helen King-Desai. Special thanks to Todd Ito for being our Committee Liaison!

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Relations with Information Vendors

Co-Chairs: JoAnn Hounshell (Chicago-Kent) and Betty Roeske (Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP)

Members: Julienne Grant (Loyola), Frank Lima (Northern Illinois), Robert Martin (Chicago-Kent), Joe Mitzenmacher (Loyola), Joan Ogden (McGuire Woods), Eric Parker (Northwestern), and Gail Hartzell (CALL Board liaison)

The CALL Relations with Information Vendors organized one half day program with the assistance of the Continuing Education Committee. On April 13, 2011 the program, Managing Budgets in an Age of Austerity, was held at the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street. The speakers were: June Liebert, John Marshall Law School; Deborah Rusin, Latham & Watkins; and Jean Wenger, Cook County Law Library. Topics discussed were: cancelling “core” titles; when and how to walk away from vendor negotiations; and providing services with reduced staff. There were numerous opportunities for questions and input from the attendees on how your organization handles similar situations. There were 29 registrants that paid a $10 registration fee. 21 registrants filled out the evaluation on SurveyMonkey. The reviews were positive. It was suggested that we organize another program next year, possibly on Contract Negotiations.

Submitted by JoAnn Hounshell (Chicago-Kent) and Betty Roeske (Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP)

Chicago Association of Law Libraries

The Chicago Association of Law Libraries continued its great tradition of professional development activities, networking opportunities, and use of emerging technologies and updates for its members. CALL held four business meetings with presentations from the following speakers: Deborah Ginsberg of Chicago-Kent College of Law and Co-Chair of the CALL Internet Committee; Patrick J. Lamb and Nicole Auerbach of Valorem Law Group; John Barron of the Chicago Sun-Times; and Ronald E. Wheeler, Jr. of the University of San Francisco School of Law and Board Director of the American Association of Law Libraries. The public relations committee held frequent informal social events, the “CALL-Up,” as more casual after work mixers at local restaurants after scheduled law library tours and other CALL events during the year.

CALL offered a number of professional educational opportunities in 2010-2011. 1) A library tour was scheduled and was conducted on January 14, 2011 with the help of Jean Wenger of the Cook County Law Library. 2) The next event was an event that was conceived, planned and presented on February 22, 2011, based on an idea that Eugene Giudice presented to the committee entitled “Helping Summer Associates Succeed: the Search for Mr. Righton Miller”. 3) On April 13, 2011 a joint program was held with the Relations with Information Vendors committee with the assistance of Betty Roeske and JoAnn Hounshell on the topic “Managing Budgets in an Age of Austerity”. This half-day event featured a panel of speakers representing academic, government and private firm libraries. 4) A CALL Institute Day on trademark, copyright and patent law was held on May 20, 2011 with speakers from Baker & McKenzie, Querrey & Harrow, and Golan & Christie. Through the organizational efforts of the community service committee, CALL members supported the following charities: school supplies for Chicago Public Schools’ Educational Support for Students in Temporary Living Situations, blankets and toys for Hull House, food for the Greater Chicago Food Depository, American Cancer Society, in memory of CALL members Susan Sloma and Bill Wlekinski, Open Books, Sit Stay Read, and a CALL team was organized for the Chicago Cares Serve-a-Thon on Saturday, June 11, 2011.

The quarterly-published CALL Bulletin featured special topical issues this year tied to CALL’s events and hot topics: The Fall 2010 issue included a review of the AALL Annual Meeting and CALL special features such as the CLAS collection development workshop, the Winter 2011 issue featured a series of articles on Illinois legal resources and issues, the Spring 2011 issue included special features like TechBuzz and a review of the Cook County Law Library tour, and the Summer 2011 issue included a series of articles discussing the challenges of managing people and budgets in today’s economic times. The CALL Government Relations Committee continued to harmonize with AALL and more clearly communicate its mission and purpose to CALL members, including

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continued activity and communication of events through a blog and Twitter feed for quick announcements. The Internet Committee continued their excellent work of website and listserv maintenance, launched social networking tools for CALL (LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter), continued work on the website redesign which should be completed by 2011-2012, and also collaborated with the Public Relations Committee for the CALL logo redesign. The CALL Relations with Information Vendors organized a one half day program with the assistance of the Continuing Education Committee. Topics discussed were: cancelling “core” titles; when and how to walk away from vendor negotiations; and providing services with reduced staff. The CALL Membership Committee updated the Membership Directory four times during the year on the CALL website and began adding interlibrary loan information to the directory. In addition, the Membership Committee created a spreadsheet of members who have completed a photo release form using GoogleDocs. Finally, the Placement and Recruitment Committee worked to insure that current job posting requests are properly received and posted. The committee also inquired about the possibility of students in Chicago-area library schools starting their own student chapters for CALL and worked with the Internet Committee to post current job listings on CALL’s LinkedIn group page and reach a wider group of job seekers.

The Chicago Association of Law Libraries continued its strategic planning process in 2010-2011 and charted a list of four strategic directions with correlating goals. The Strategic Plan (2011-2016) Strategic Directions are: Strengthening the Infrastructure and Organization of CALL; Strengthening and Supporting the Membership of CALL; Promoting and Enhancing the Profession of Law Librarianship; and Advocating for Greater Accessibility to Legal Information.

At its annual business meeting in May 2011, CALL presented its year-end awards. The Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Law Librarianship Award was presented to Frank Drake, who retired this year from Arnstein & Lehr. Frank has devoted many years of service to CALL, serving as CALL president, Board member, and chair of multiple committees. Frank’s many years of service to the Bylaws Committee was especially noted. The Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship was given to Deborah Ginsberg of the Chicago-Kent College of Law Library and to Sheri Lewis of the D’Angelo Law Library at the University of Chicago. The award for Outstanding In-House Publication was presented to the IIT Downtown Campus Library for its innovative and creative video tour for incoming students.

Members of the CALL Board for 2010-2011 were Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, President; Julia Jackson, Vice-President/President-Elect; Gretchen Van Dam, Past President; Julie Melvin, Secretary; Denise Glynn, Treasurer; and Gail Hartzell and Todd Ito, Directors.

Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, President 2010-11

Website Guidelines

- The CALL website is an official publication of the Chicago Association of Law Librarians. The purpose of the site is to provide CALL members with current and historical information on the chapter’s policies, activities, publications and organization and is maintained by the CALL Internet Committee. The material on the CALL site is for informational purposes only and should not be interpreted as legal advice.

- All the material on the website is intended to be as accurate and up-to-date as possible. CALL makes no guarantee regarding the accuracy or authenticity of material on the CALL site or at any of the linking sites.

- All information that is to be posted to the CALL site is reviewed by the Internet Committee and should be submitted to that committee in final electronic format. All information is subject to formatting changes in order to maintain uniformity.

- Information on the CALL website will be updated or removed at the request of the Board members and Committee Chairs or if the material is out-of-date.

November 2003
NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR
THE AALL DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP AWARD

The AALL Distinguished Lectureship is an opportunity for members with a unique perspective on the history, practice, or philosophy of law librarianship to share their knowledge and expertise with other members in a prestigious setting. The lecture, which can be on a topic of the individual’s own choosing, will be presented at the annual meeting and published in the Law Library Journal. The inaugural Distinguished Lectureship Award was presented this year to Jolande E. Goldberg of the Library of Congress. Her lecture, presented at 2011 AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, was entitled *De arte et de jurisprudentia: Some Aspects of Legal Iconography.* It will be published in a forthcoming issue of *Law Library Journal.*

Please consider nominating one of your colleagues for this award. The deadline for nominations is November 1, 2011. The full description of the award and the nomination form are posted online. Nominees will be evaluated primarily on the strength of their nominating statements. Although letters of recommendation are not required, they are extremely helpful to the committee.

Criteria for selection are:

- The nominee must be a member in good standing of the Association who has made a substantial contribution to its work.

- The nominee must have been active for a sufficient number of years to have acquired a broad perspective on law librarianship and must possess the qualities required to articulate his or her experiences and ideas.

- The nominee will be selected for speaking style, preeminence in the subject area, and willingness to commit significant time and energy to prepare for the lecture.

- If you have questions or would like more information about the award, please contact a member of the Research and Publications Committee: Sara Sampson (Chair), Luis Acosta (Vice-Chair), Terry Ballard, Kim Clarke, James Donovan, Mark Engsberg, Julie Graves Krishnaswami, Evelyn Ma, Sima Mirkin and Renee Rastorfer.
CALL President Julia Jackson welcomed participants to the meeting, which began promptly at 9:30 a.m. in the offices of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione. Attendees included CALL Committee Chairs, as well as Board members. Julia thanked all the participants for their willingness to serve during the 2011-2012 year, and she suggested that the attendees familiarize themselves thoroughly with the contents of the CALL Handbook. She also stressed that the Board liaisons are the chairs’ “lifeline” to the Board and encouraged all of the chairs to communicate with their assigned liaisons.

Julia then invited CALL Past President Heidi Kuehl to address the audience, and Heidi offered several valuable recommendations for incoming Chairs. Specifically, she suggested that chairs convene meetings in September with detailed agendas in order to set the tone for the rest of the year. She also stressed the importance of creative thinking, as exemplified by the use of “virtual meetings.” Further, Heidi also recommended that chairs review the CALL Handbook and utilize Board liaisons. Finally, Heidi reminded chairs to bring proposed budgets to the Board, and Julia interjected that the Board needs to know if a committee’s budget changes, and that communication with the Board about financial issues is crucial.

Julia then invited Frank Drake to the podium to talk about CALL’s Policy Log. Frank described the history of the Log, which dates back to 1997 when Susan Siebers became the first chair of the Corporate Memory Committee. Frank explained that the basic premise behind the Log is to create a stable record that collects CALL Board policies. He emphasized that the Corporate Memory Committee continues to edit the document and incorporate new policies emanating from CALL Board meetings. Frank described the Log as a “dynamic” document that is a “work in progress.” The Log is now current through August 2010, and all of the attendees at the Leadership Day received copies.

Next, Julia asked Debbie Ginsberg and Sharon Nelson from the Internet Committee to demonstrate and discuss the new CALL website. Debbie first talked about some of the weaknesses of the current site, and how the new site will be much easier to navigate and edit. The new site, which utilizes WordPress for content management, contains an “I Am Looking For” list and can feed into other sources, such as Twitter and Facebook. Debbie and Susan also demonstrated how the new website could potentially host the CALL Bulletin in electronic format. Articles could be organized with individual links, and photos could easily be added.

Debbie said that she expected the new website to be ready as early as the end of September, and that it could potentially be introduced at the next CALL business meeting. Attendees were encouraged to contact the Internet Committee if they wished to acquire editing privileges. The Committee will also set up “Help” pages on the site so that no external documentation will be required. Julia asked about security, and Debbie explained that she had already addressed this issue with various plug-ins and automatic backups. Sharon said that the new CALL logo will be added when it’s ready, and that the Committee is still deciding what to do about migrating content from the old page.

Julia then invited questions from the floor. A lively discussion ensued about the future of the CALL Bulletin and attendees considered whether and how the new website could successfully host the traditional print publication. Some participants raised concerns about the potential loss of advertising and whether an electronic edition would draw as many scholarly article submissions. Both Julia and Debbie explained that there were no current plans to move the Bulletin to an electronic format, and that the discussion was ongoing. No significant changes will be made this year, as CALL has already signed a one-year contract with Mary Chase for layout design. Debbie, Susan, and Bulletin Co-Editor Margaret Schilt agreed that a meeting should be arranged between the Internet Committee and Bulletin Co-Editors to discuss the future of the publication.

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AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL’s Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: Mary Ellen Bates Live: What Will the Information Profession Look Like in Ten Years?

This program features Mary Ellen Bates, principal and founder of Bates Information Services, a research and consulting company, and a frequent author and speaker on library and information topics. Bates raises many thought-provoking insights for our profession - some positive and others more sobering. She opines that the insight that librarians bring to research and their abilities to facilitate the use of information will help our profession to endure. Her predictions for 2021 include more online learning; less face-to-face interaction but more collaboration in virtual spaces; expectations of engagement by librarians/information professionals in their clients’ work; the emergence of cloud computing and less reliance on silos of information; increased outsourcing and telecommuting in the workplace; escalation of information availability but fewer traditional sources of published information; and the continued emergence of digital libraries.

The key is to think differently about the role of libraries and information professionals in their organizations and to maximize our value. As resources continue to emerge and expand in content, librarians will be more vital as information creators, interpreters, and distillers.

This program is presented in streaming video, with accompanying PowerPoint slides, and is available via AALL2go.

This program, generously supported by an AALL grant, was held on March 8, 2011, in Atlanta and was jointly sponsored by the Atlanta Law Libraries Association (ALLA), the Metropolitan Atlanta Libraries Association (MALA), the Special Libraries Association of Alabama (SLA-AL), and the Special Libraries Association of Georgia (SLA-GA).

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2011 AALL Salary Survey Available this Fall

The AALL 2011 Biennial Salary Survey and Organizational Characteristics will be available to AALL members in mid-October.

This new edition is the only source for up-to-date information about salaries for law librarians and other law library employees who work in academic libraries; private firms and corporate libraries; and state, court, and county law libraries. The survey was carried out this summer in complete confidentiality by Association Research, Inc., a professional research firm in Rockville, Maryland, that works exclusively with nonprofit organizations.

Printed copies of the survey will be available for purchase and shipment in mid-October; $110 for AALL members and $175 for nonmembers (contact orders@aall.org). An online version of the survey results will be available to AALL members for free on the Members Only Section of AALLNET.
A thunderous rainstorm, which included truly spectacular lightning, began while my flight to Philadelphia was waiting to take off from O’Hare—thus grounding the flight for over an hour. Being somewhat superstitious, I had to wonder if this horrific storm was a bad omen for the rest of the trip. Finally reaching Philadelphia, and almost literally stepping into an oven of 103-degree heat, my rather portentous thoughts continued. Much to my relief (and delight), however, the travel and heat complications did not doom the rest of my stay in the “City of Brotherly Love”; indeed, the AALL Annual Meeting itself was a fantastic experience.

I actually arrived a day early so that I could attend a pre-conference workshop on “Researching and Understanding European Union Law” on Saturday, July 23rd. At this valuable three-hour session, librarians from the University of Houston, Pepperdine, Fordham, and the University of Chicago (CALL’s own Lyonette Louis-Jacques!) provided overviews on EU energy, environmental, and corporate law, EU research tools, and religious freedom in Europe. I came away from the program armed with a cache of new knowledge and tools that I can now apply to my reference work and teaching.

The Opening Session on Sunday, July 24th began with keynote speaker Dahlia Lithwick’s thought-provoking and sometimes humorous remarks on the topic of “The Supreme Court and Free Speech.” Ms. Lithwick, who is a senior editor at the online magazine, Slate, described the rather ambiguous relationship the Court has historically had with the U.S. media. The speaker stipulated that much of the Court’s demonstrated ambivalence towards the media itself has roots in the Justices’ confirmation hearings—a process that she views as being particularly onerous and vicious. Ms. Lithwick also provided a quick journey through the Court’s “free speech” cases, with emphasis on the more recent decisions, including Brown v. Entertainment Merchants Association (the violent video game case). Ms. Lithwick also explained how the Justices are generally struggling with the impact of new technologies on the right to “free speech.” Ideological splits are emerging, she contended, not necessarily on party lines, but rather on how the Justices view and adopt these new types of media. Overall, it was a dynamic and fascinating talk that was a perfect segue into the AALL conference.

I spent the remaining time at the Annual Meeting primarily attending programs and meetings related to foreign and international law. Highlights of these sessions included:

1) Foreign Law Selectors Interest Group Meeting on Sunday, July 24th: The Foreign Law Selectors Interest Group is one of many interest groups within AALL’s Foreign, Comparative & International Law Special Interest Section (FCIL-SIS). This was

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a well-attended meeting with participants from such institutions as Yale, Cornell, and the Law Library of Congress. Representatives from both the Northeast Foreign Law Libraries Cooperative Group and the Law Library of Congress presented reports. Attendees also discussed the skyrocketing costs of foreign law treatises and the usefulness of cooperative purchasing.

2) Latin American Law Interest Group Meeting on Sunday, July 24th: The Latin American Law Interest Group is also an FCIL-SIS Interest Group with an active and enthusiastic membership. 2010-2011 AALL President Joyce Janto briefly joined the meeting and described her recent trip to Chile where she participated in a seminar on legal information and services. Joyce explained that Chilean law librarians are trying to form a law librarians association, similar to AALL, and she asked if our group could somehow assist with this effort. Teresa Miguel from Yale and I agreed to help coordinate an exchange program with Chilean law librarians.

3) “Never Again, Never Forget: The Role of Libraries and Archives in Reconstructing Memory of Argentina’s Dirty War” on Monday, July 25th: Gloria Marcela Orrego Hoyos, the winner of the FCIL-SIS’ Schaffer Grant, offered a compelling and fascinating talk on the role of archives—both print and virtual—in preserving and maintaining materials from the period of Argentina’s “Dirty War.” Gloria talked, for example, about the work of CoNaDI (National Commission for the Right to Identity at http://www.conadi.jus.gov.ar/home_ht.html), CELS (Center of Legal and Social Studies at http://www.cels.org.ar/home/index.php) and the ANM (National Archive of Memory at http://www.derhuman.jus.gov.ar/anm/inicio.html). I found this talk particularly interesting, as I had just been in Argentina in May of this year.

4) “Teaching Advocacy in International Commercial Arbitration Research is Essential” on Monday, July 25th: Darla Jackson from the Oklahoma City University Law Library offered an informative session on researching this difficult topic. I found this session especially valuable as my law school has a strong program in this area, and I am often called upon to assist with International Commercial Arbitration research. This session provided me with some new ideas for resources, and I was pleased to see that my LibGuide on the same topic was included in Ms. Jackson’s accompanying PowerPoint presentation.

5) “The Responsibility to Protect: An Emerging Norm in International Humanitarian Law?” on Monday, July 25th: “The Responsibility to Protect” is a new and emerging international security and human rights norm that addresses the international community’s obligation to protect civilians from atrocities when the governing state fails. At this session, Marion Arnaud from the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect (ICRtoP) explained the norm and her organization’s mission and current initiatives. Following this informative talk, Mary Rumsey (FCIL Librarian at the University of Minnesota) gave an outstanding presentation on researching customary international law—a topic that I always find challenging in my own work.

In terms of other activities, I “manned” the FCIL-SIS’ table in the Exhibit Hall on Sunday, July 24th where I had a chance to chat with current FCIL-SIS members, as well as prospective members. In addition, I spent some time exploring the Exhibit Hall booths and had some productive conversations with vendors, and also tried out several new products. That same evening, I attended the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS)’s annual reception where I ran into CALL’s other grant winner (and my co-worker), Deborah Darin, who was also enjoying the conference. On the following evening on Monday, July 25th, I attended a dinner given in honor of this year’s Lexis grant winners at Philadelphia’s historic and stunning Union League. This was a great opportunity for me to meet new people, as I honestly didn’t know anyone when I arrived at the dinner. Outside of the conference, I took some time to meander through the nearby Reading Terminal Market, which is a paradise for foodies (like me). I absolutely loved the banana and honey crepe I had for lunch one day!

All in all, the 2011 AALL Annual Meeting was truly a valuable experience—both professionally and personally—and I am extremely grateful to CALL for awarding me the grant that allowed me to attend this wonderful conference. And, as I sat on the runway at the Philadelphia airport waiting for my flight to take off for Chicago, I wasn’t overly concerned when the pilot announced that the plane’s computer had just “crashed.”
At the annual meeting I attended the AALL Annual Public Policy Update moderated by the new AALL Government Relations Director Julie Strandlie. As the co-chair of the CALL Government Relations Committee, I would like to share with you a preview of the issues that the committee will be working on in the coming year. The panel at the Public Policy Update included Roger Skalbeck, chair of the AALL Copyright Committee, Timothy Coggins, chair of the AALL Citation Committee, Stephanie Hess, chair of the AALL Government Relations Committee, and special guest Roberta Shaffer, Law Librarian of Congress.

Mr. Skalbeck began the session with a discussion of the two biggest copyright issues of concern to libraries. The U.S. Supreme Court recently granted cert in Golan v. Holder, 609 F.3d 1076 (10th Cir. 2010), cert. granted, 131 S.Ct. 1600 (Mar. 7, 2011) (No. 10–545). At issue in the case is whether Congress can restore copyright protection to a work whose copyright protection had previously expired and was therefore in the public domain. In 1994 Congress enacted a new copyright provision as part of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act that ‘restored’ copyrights of old foreign works that were in the public domain at the time. Examples of works that were previously in the public domain include all Russian works published before 1973 such as those by Prokofiev and Stravinsky, paintings by Picasso, and writings by George Orwell and Virginia Woof.

The ALA and the ACRL filed an amicus brief in support of the petitioners arguing that by removing these works from the public domain, “Congress thwarted the settled expectations of thousands of users...including the libraries and digital repositories that could be preserving those works and using new technologies to make them more accessible.” The American Bar Association filed an opposing amicus brief in support of the Attorney General arguing that the new copyright provisions are necessary to comply with the U.S. international trade obligations. The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments in the case on October 5.

The other major copyright issue being monitored by AALL relates to electronic course reserves. Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press and SAGE Publications have filed suit against Georgia State University alleging that the university’s distribution of protected materials via their electronic course reserve system exceeded the fair use provisions and violated copyright laws. Cambridge University Press v. Patton (N.D. Ga. filed April 15, 2008).

The trial ended earlier this summer and the committee will be monitoring how the court’s ruling will affect libraries’ management of course reserves, learning management systems, and websites.

On behalf of the AALL Citation Committee, Mr. Coggins reported that the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act was approved by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws on July 12. Given that state governments are increasingly

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Battledecks at AALL 2011 in Philly was a blast! It was also an AALL first. “Battledecks is like PowerPoint karaoke… only you don’t know the song.” You’re essentially presenting blind. The intrepid law librarian volunteers had four minutes to present on 12 slides they hadn’t seen before. All they had was the theme: The Law Library Goes to 11. As co-moderators, Meg Kribble and Roger Skalbeck indicate, “Battledecks is a great workout for librarians who speak and teach, because it requires fast thinking, strong speaking, and improvisation.” It’s challenging, but it’s a fun way of honing your presentation skills should you be bold enough to try it. And a total stitch as an audience member to witness. You come away impressed at the breadth of knowledge, humor, and creativeness of your colleagues. It’s very eye-opening how they come through in a crunch with panache, and such wonderful takeaways.

Colleagues under pressure come up with the greatest “deep truths” (HT @smatheson). “It’s good to be top duck.” “Some people with vision don’t have very good vision.” “Punch them in their keister” (surprise patrons with great service). There are some head scratchers – what does that mean?!: “Eleven-ness has different attributes.” And some very practical advice: “Log off.”

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And some just crack you up: “Where do people who do graffiti learn that font? Is there a summit?” For me, “we do not want to be the evil clown” (Cindy Bassett on one of Fran Norton’s slides) really resonated. I get from it the idea that you don’t want to waste a patron’s time, you don’t want to give them something that’s not valued, and you definitely don’t want to scare them!

All the Battledeck slides are here. While they’re great on their own, you’ll likely want to watch them synched with the AALL mp3 of the program if you weren’t able to attend. I helped prepare one of the sets of slides and a learning outcome for me is that I found out about several Creative Commons places to find photos to use for blogging without the copyright headaches! And, I realized that more law librarians should use CC licenses when they post pics, so more are available for use when publishing about law librarianship.

2. @stephdavidson (Twitter, July 24, 2011)

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the new possibilities and related concerns.

Finally, Julia asked Leadership Day participants to look at CALL’s Strategic Plan. Julia briefly reviewed the document with the attendees and asked them to note the various roles that CALL Committees play in the Plan. Sheri Lewis wondered if somehow the Strategic Plan could be associated or cross-referenced with the CALL Handbook.

Julia adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.
I was fortunate to receive a CALL grant for my first AALL annual meeting this summer. Even though I’ve been working as an academic law librarian for about four years, and had worked in non-profit law for many years before that, attending AALL created a lot of “firsts” for me, and I found the whole experience professionally and personally enlightening.

To start, I had never been to Philly! This created immediate competing interests – a U.S. history major cannot go to the seat of the Constitution without having a look at the significant historical spaces found everywhere in the city. Determined to follow most of Bob Berring’s advice, I vowed to get out on my own when I could steal some time. On the day before CONELL, when CNN was showing people frying eggs on the streets of New York, I spent a fabulous day at the Philadelphia Art Museum. Outside, Rocky’s plaza was hotter than anything, but inside, the air and the architecture soothed the senses, and I saw some beautiful paintings from the Main Liners’ collections. As with libraries, every art collection is different, and I relished the chance to see the early American emphasis at Philadelphia’s museum.

On Saturday, CONELL afforded opportunities to meet a full range of experienced and newer law librarians (including Jean Wenger), and others like me who are teaching specialized advanced legal research topics. Inspired by conversations with several people in the CONELL sessions and on the bus tour that afternoon, I hoped during AALL to find some other people who teach administrative law research, and to try and find out if anyone is teaching a health law research course. Such is the naiveté of the first time AALL attendee! A whole lotta lotta is going on in a very large convention space, and everyone has their own game plan for their time at AALL. Unless you’ve got a tracking device (kidding!) or attend every social gathering acting like a butterfly, it isn’t even likely you will meet all the people you’ve planned ahead to see. That failure would have to go in my regret column, and next time I will plan better around those priorities, amid the many worthwhile distractions. In retrospect, I appreciate why a majority of the time at CONELL was devoted to encouraging conversations, in several different settings, with a round robin strategy. I met more than five new people there, thank you, Bob Berring.

My expectations for the programs were realistic. I wanted to learn some law and discover some trends in legal research and academic librarianship. I also hoped to get a glimpse of what life is like for law firm librarians. Dahlia Lithwick’s opener about the Supreme Court’s recent

**Denise Glynn at CALL’s Exhibit Hall table at AALL**

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I rely on the AALL Annual Meeting to bring me up-to-date information on issues and trends in law librarianship. This meeting definitely stepped up to the plate.

On Sunday, I heard Marybeth Peters, newly retired Register of Copyright, and Lolly Gasaway, law professor, copyright expert extraordinaire and former co-chair of the Section 208 Study Group, have a conversation about the present and future of copyright in America. Roger Skalbeck of Georgetown Law Library moderated the program, structuring it as a series of questions to the two experts,

In the space of an hour, I learned that Ms. Peters believes there should be action on the recommendations of the Section 108 Study Group as to the preservation exception in Section 108 of the copyright law, before the negotiations in Europe on the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement proceed any further. Both experts agree that fair use may suffer as licensing agreements take the place of copyright law. The copyright law explicitly provides that private contract rights may supercede legal requirements, but, that provision, said Ms. Gasaway, was responsive to the particular issue of restricting access to papers of individuals in the archival context. Licensing agreements extend its reach to situations not contemplated when it was enacted. Neither Peters nor Gasaway thinks highly of the academic argument that any use in a teaching setting of scholarship is “transformative” in the sense that the term is used in the fair use balancing test, and both feel strongly that academics must recognize when a use is not fair, as well as when it is.

There was more, and all of it both interesting and relevant to my work of advising faculty on issues of copyright with respect to course materials and course packets.

Monday’s program (at the very end of the conference) on an update to the new ABA standards for approval of law schools is a second example. Billie Jo Kauffman of the Pence Law Library at American University Washington College of Law and Steven Bahls of Augustana College described the proposed changes, discussed their possible impact and highlighted problematic provisions. Invaluable information from people who had been directly involved in the negotiations resulting in the proposed changes, presented succinctly and clearly.

These kinds of experiences keep me coming back to the AALL Annual Meeting each year. The meeting always informs my work, deepens my knowledge and, in addition, connects me with friends and colleagues I see once a year.
Over the past several years the TechBuzz column has covered a variety of technology-related items. I thought it would be interesting to step back and look at where some of these technologies are now and what progress has been made on some of the ideas presented. This has been an interesting walk down memory lane for me.

The column began in 2007. Heidi Kuehl wrote the first column on a specific topic – Learning New Technologies. Four years later I must admit this is still a constant part of my life. Her advice in the column still rings true today. “How can law librarians help law students and attorneys learn new technologies? Some helpful ways would be to: 1) understand and use the technologies yourself; 2) provide the technologies in the law library; and 3) use the technologies in reference interviews and teaching.” CALL BULLETIN. 13 (Summer 2007). Another feature that falls into the “still around” category was a column by Debbie Ginsburg on the USB flash drive; Power on Your Keychain: USB Flash Drives, CALL BULLETIN. 13 (Fall 2007). These little devices have become a part of everyday life; they attach to key rings, run clickers, store more information for far less money than we ever imagined a decade ago. While other digital storage devices have come along (and some gone), the flash drive seems to be a constant just like learning new technologies. The 2007 columns were definitely gems of timeless information. The year was rounded out by a column from Lyonette Louis-Jacques and Heidi Kuehl discussing the way to keep up with technology. Last I checked I was all caught up, but for those of you still trying, the tips from that column still ring true. Tip one was to make friends with the IT department; I think this is still number one. My other favorite is “Try new technologies when you hear about them – even new versions of old standbys. Betatet. Experiment. Explore. Innovate. Be tech-curious. Be playful. And upgrade, upgrade, upgrade!” Top Five Tips for Keeping Up with New and Emerging Technologies, CALL BULLETIN. 13 (Winter 2007).

Patricia Sayre-McCoy discussed faceted browsing which introduced us to a “new” type of catalog for searching, Googlizing the Library, CALL BULLETIN. 10 (Spring 2008). Over the years we have seen faceted browsing continue to grow and develop. It is still very much a part of our lives. One version of the NIU catalog provides the user with a number of facets in which to look further based on the initial search. These facets can often lead to very interesting material. It looks like, at least for now, this one is here to stay. Twitter was a little known entity a few years back when Lyo covered it in the column. Twitter for Law Librarians: Real Life Happens Between Blog Posts and Emails, CALL BULLETIN. 38 (Fall 2008). Now we hear about people worldwide using the service. Its use as a current awareness tool has had staying power as well as its use as a marketing tool and a conference tracking tool. I have watched tweets this summer from a number of conferences, indicating to me that tweets will be with us for a while.


E-readers and E-books. Lyo shared with us her Kindle experience and its law applications back in 2009. Since then we have seen a new version of the Kindle released, an increase in other e-readers’, the introduction of the iPad and a plethora of smart phones that allow for at least limited e-reading capabilities. I still love my print books. It is tough to curl up on the couch with an electronic device, but they definitely come in handy when you are stuck waiting in any of the myriad of places in which we all spend idle time. E-books are also very useful for continued on p. 31
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allowing multi-user access. I discussed e-books in the column E-Books and the Library Collection: Friend or Foe or Both, CALL BULLETIN. 22 (Winter 2010). The column identified the different ways e-books enter our lives and some of the pros and cons related to the collection and use of this format. It seems that in some format e-books are with us to stay.

Other topics that have crossed the pages of the column have been Organizing Technology, the HathiTrust, Connecting with Current Awareness Tools, Lawberry Camp, the reference librarian competitor Quora and not to be forgotten – the QR code. As you learned in Lyo’s column the QR code has been with us for some time. QR Codes in Chicago Libraries, CALL BULLETIN. 22 (Spring 2011). However, in the past year it has made huge strides into our everyday life, from coupons, to realtors, to corporations to the classroom and let us not forget – to the library. It is hard to go through the day now without coming across one of those intriguing little boxes.

It was an interesting stroll down memory lane for me. What became abundantly clear is that many of the topics covered in the column have stayed fresh and are still relevant to our work and personal lives. I certainly hope we are able to continue to provide timely and relevant information in this column for years to come. The constant flow of technology certainly gives an abundance of material for exploring.


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treatment of First Amendment issues was provocative, if more journalistically than legally conceived. Is the whole world becoming a crowded theater because of the internet? Has technology turned much private speech into public speech? Is the Court inching toward a doctrine that holds “assaultive” speech is not protected speech? Well, I don’t know, but Ms. Lithwick certainly inspired a desire to read the opinions in Doe v Reed, Snyder v Phelps, and the California video game case, especially to see what the dissents were raising. Beginning with the keynote address, and many times over the next few days, I was appreciative of the opportunity to think about law, not just legal research.

I went to a few sessions not geared toward teaching or reference, but honestly, it wasn’t the best use of my time, at least this year. Instead, I wished I’d spent some time in the international law programs, which I neglected. However, I enjoyed several sessions that added to my legal and research knowledge (and it was great to meet the Thomas kids!), and some that made me think about my scholarly and professional interests. In case you are inclined toward AALL2Go, here are my top five:

1) Supporting Librarian Scholarship
2) Structuring an Empirical Research Program
3) Assessing Legal Research Skills in the Classroom and Firm
4) Can the FCC Regulate the Internet?
5) Google Book Settlement and Orphan Works

Top five in the frolic and detour category:

1) Dinner with my niece at an excellent “old school” Italian place in So. Philly, followed by a walk and talk in the rain on the way home.
2) Sitting in George Washington’s pew at Christ Church, with the same bells that rang on July 8, 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was delivered to the British, kindly were rung for me and a few others by the woman working at the church that day.
3) After the ALL-SIS reception, walking to the Liberty Bell with my colleague, Julienne Grant, and stopping for a drink after that.
4) While scouring Elfreth’s Alley on the CONELL tour, talking with a county court law librarian from San Bernardino about resources for her pro se patrons.
5) On my last day, wandering around alone in the graveyard where Benjamin and Deborah Franklin are buried.

The most significant thing I learned? Two things: Make an effort to meet other librarians and find out what they are doing. all through the year.

The people of Philadelphia rock.
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publishing their statutes, rules and opinions online, the new uniform law is important to ensure that electronic legal materials are authenticated by providing a method to determine that it is unaltered, preserved, either in electronic or print form, and accessible, for use by the public on a permanent basis. Because the Electronic Legal Material Act was declared a Uniform Act instead of a Model Act, NCCUSL will be supporting the enactment of the Uniform Act in all 50 states. AALL will be calling on its members to work with their representatives when the issue comes up before the state legislatures.

Ms. Hess gave an overview of the issues that the AALL Government Relations Committee believes are most pressing. CALL members recently received an urgent action alert regarding the serious budget cuts facing the GPO which would put the future of Federal Digital System (FDsys) and the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) in jeopardy. Ms. Hess also stressed the importance of continuing our efforts to educate our representatives on the PATRIOT Act. Sen. Patrick Leahy and Rep. John Conyers have introduced amendments that would extend the sunset of certain oversight and civil liberties provisions of the PATRIOT Act (S. 193 and H.R. 1805). Votes on the bills have not yet been scheduled, but AALL encourages members to contact their representatives in advance of a vote to remind them of the importance protecting the privacy rights of library users.

Finally, Roberta Shaffer, Law Librarian of Congress closed the session by sharing some thoughts on the importance of the Government Relations Committee. She shared a quote from Thomas Jefferson, “The ground of liberty is to be gained by inches, and we must be contented to secure what we can get from time to time and eternally press forward for what is yet to get. It takes time to persuade men to do even what is for their own good.” Ms. Shaffer said that in her 30+ years with AALL she has found that participating in that kind of advocacy work for the government relations committee has been the best return on her investment in the organization.

If you are now feeling inspired to work on these issues with the Government Relations Committee, please contact me or Tom Gaylord about getting involved with the CALL committee.

CALL Meeting Schedule 2011-2012

**Business Meetings**

- September 22, 2011 (Thurs.)
- November 16, 2011 (Wed.)
- February 23, 2012 (Thurs.)
- May 16, 2012 (Wed.)

**Executive Board Meetings**

- June 14, 2011 (Tues.)
- August 9, 2011 (Tues.)
- September 13, 2011 (Tues.)
- October 11, 2011 (Tues.)
- November 8, 2011 (Tues.)
- December 13, 2011 (Tues.)
- January 10, 2012 (Tues.)
- February 14, 2012 (Tues.)
- March 13, 2012 (Tues.)
- April 10, 2012 (Tues.)
- May 8, 2012 (Tues.)

*Details will be posted as they become available. Dates subject to change.*
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- CALL committee news
- CALL meeting and education event reminders
- notices of CALL membership changes
- requests for volunteers for CALL activities
- discussions of issues related to our jobs
- hard to find ILL requests
- informal surveys
- news of interest to the Chicago law library community

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