2003 CALL Board Candidates

For Vice President/President Elect:  
Jean Wenger, Cook County Law Library  
Joan Ogden, McGuireWoods LLP

For Secretary:  
Deborah Rusin, Altheimer & Gray  
Denise Glynn, DePaul University Law Library

For Director:  
Julia Wentz, Loyola University Law Library  
John Klasey, Piper Rudnick
FROM THE EDITORS

Well, it’s that time of year again. The Spring 2003 issue of the CALL Bulletin is largely devoted to the election of our officers: Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary, and one Director. As always, we think the Nominations Committee has done an excellent job of finding candidates for each of these positions. They’re all well-qualified, which means that you may be facing some tough decisions when you receive your ballots in late February. So please take some time to review the candidates’ biographies, and get yourself (more) familiarized with them. Most importantly, PLEASE DO VOTE. It’s one of the biggest ways that you can make your voice heard in CALL. And unlike traditional Chicago electoral politics, you only get to vote ONCE.

Along with the profiles/biographies of our CALL Board candidates, this issue of the Bulletin includes Sally Holterhoff’s latest installment of “Whatever Happened To?” which features Laura Hyzy. Also included are our regular features: Sue Boland’s “Internet Moment,” Debbie Rusin’s “Working Smarter,” “Professional Reading” by Mike Robins, “EPIC Dimensions” by Doris Nuding, as well as a couple of contributions from our grant recipients and the regular installments of Board minutes, and committee news.

One last note: as you may know, the Bulletin editors—along with the Internet Committee—are under the charge by the Board to investigate the conversion of the Bulletin to electronic format by the beginning of next CALL year. We’ll let you know how this proceeds in the next few months.

Bob Winger & Joan Ogden

CALL is pleased to announce that

BNA, Inc.

has agreed to sponsor the February Business Meeting, a joint meeting with SLA.

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Members:

It is election time! As you can see when you peruse the pages of this issue of the CALL Bulletin, the biographies of our worthy candidates for the CALL Board have been presented. We are fortunate that CALL elections do not subject us to the barrage of campaigning that we face during city, county, state or federal government election periods. For better or worse, you will never see posters or TV ads touting one candidate or smearing another. As CALL members, we need to decide willfully to read the biographies and statements of the candidates in order to make an educated decision about which candidates will receive our votes. I hope you will take the time to do so and will be certain to send in your ballot by March 15. The Association depends on your active participation to stay healthy and relevant.

By the time you read this we will be back on schedule for our Business Meetings. The MAALL/CALL joint meeting held over Veterans’ Day weekend served as our November meeting, and we delayed our January meeting until February 21 so that we could continue our tradition of hosting a joint meeting with SLA. Our March meeting is scheduled for March 21 and will feature Kingsley Martin. Carol Avery Nicholson, AALL President, will speak to us at our May 16 meeting. Also, our new officers will assume their positions at the May meeting. At upcoming meetings Committee Chairs will have interesting information and updates about various projects that their Committees are planning and about events in which they have been involved. And, of course, upcoming meetings will give us the opportunity to visit with colleagues we may not have seen for a few months. There are a lot of good reasons to attend some or all of our business meetings for the rest of 2002-2003 Association year. I hope to see you there!

Christina
CALL Executive Board
Summaries of Minutes
by Naomi Goodman
Valparaiso University School of Law

Date: October 10, 2002, 9:00 a.m.
Location: AALL Headquarters.
Board Members Present: Pegeen Bassett, Nancy Faust, Naomi Goodman, Betty Roeske, Dave Rogers, Christina Wagner.
Committee Chair Present: Jean Wenger

I. Minutes
Minutes from the September meeting were approved with corrections.

II. Treasurer’s Report
The treasurer’s report for the month showed $7,601.00 in income/deposits and $5,443.63 in expenses. The Harris Bank balance as of September 30, 2002, was $16,196.06, and the actual balance reflecting uncleared checks was $15,761.14. The balance on the CD at the Northern Trust had not yet been received for September. (August balance was $3,886.29.)

On behalf of the Financial Advisory Committee, Christina presented the 2002-03 CALL Budget, which shows estimated gross expenditures for the chapter.

The treasurer reported that she had contacted several banks in an effort to find one that would give us more favorable terms and service.

Taxes for CALL for 1999-2000 and 2000-01 have been completed by our accountant and are ready for signing and mailing.

III. Committee Charge

Grants Committee: Jean Wenger, chair. Jean reported that Sandra Flannigan had been awarded a grant to cover registration for the MAALL/CALL Meeting in November.

The Grants Committee folders have been lost, but the committee has been able to reconstruct some of the old records, and have also made some changes, which were approved by the Board. They wanted to make it clear that grants are available to all members, not just new members. After receiving a grant (either for the AALL Meeting or for a continuing education program) a member may not apply again for three years. Applicants must have been CALL members for a full year (dated from when the check for membership was received) before applying. CALL grants cannot be used for members to attend the annual meeting of an association other than AALL, but can be used for continuing education programs from other legal and library associations, and for regional and local meetings/conferences.

IV. Old Business

MAALL/CALL Meeting, 7-9 November, 2002.
Registration from CALL members so far is approximately 15. The deadline for registration has been extended because some members received their registration packages several weeks late.

CALL Listserv Policy on Advertising. While it is clear that our policy is “no advertising,” we have never defined “advertising,” in particular when it involves notices of fee or free seminars that could benefit our members. John will check with AALL and, if necessary, the people in charge of the Washburn server, to see if they have defined advertising.

Post Handbook on Web Site. As requested at the last meeting, Board members read the Handbook and decided it contained nothing confidential that would be unsuitable on the web site, whether in the public or “members only” section.

I. New Business

Photos/Camera for CALL Functions. At the request of several committees, the Board discussed policy for taking photos, and also revisited the question of buying a digital camera. The Handbook states that the Public Relations Committee is responsible for taking photos for the chapter, and the Board reiterated this policy. The purchase of a digital camera was again denied, because some of the newspapers/magazines (Law Bulletin and AALL Spectrum) where we wish to publish do not accept digital photos because of inferior quality. A second reason was the difficulty of keeping track of expensive equipment. Naomi will write down the policy as discussed and email it to the Bulletin, Public Relations, and Internet Committee chairs.

Cost of CALL Directory. Nancy and Christina were concerned about the increase in price this year compared to last year. Nancy had contacted Steve Lidga at AALL, and would meet with him at the end of the Board meeting.

USA Patriot Act Teleconference, December 11, 2002. CALL is partnering with the Chicago Library Service (CLS) to sponsor this conference at the CLS site.

2003-2004 Board Elections. The Nominations Committee presented the following slate of candi-
dates: Vice-President/President Elect, Joan Ogden and Jean Wenger; Secretary – Denise Glynn and Deborah Rusin; Director – John Klasey and Julia Wentz.

Before accepting nomination, John Klasey resigned as chair of the Elections Committee. The new chair is Susan Retzer.

Biographies on Web Site. The Board would like to place the candidates’ biographies and photographs on the CALL website in early February, in addition to their usual publication in the Spring Bulletin. Although the chair of the Nominations Committee, Frank Drake, reported that none of the candidates objected when he asked for biographies for the Bulletin and the website, Naomi will check with each candidate and obtain permission.

V. Committee Reports

The Continuing Education Committee has finalized arrangements with CLS for the USA Patriot Act Teleconference. (See New Business, above.) The program on Legislative History, originally to be held in October, will be held in late November or December.

The Internet Committee will be unveiling the new CALL website on Monday, October 14, 2002.

Meetings Committee: We will try to post notices of our meetings on the SLA listserv. They have recently posted their meetings notice on ours.

Carol Nicholson, President of AALL, will be our speaker at the May meeting.

The Membership Committee reports 279 members.

The Placement/Recruitment Committee will make use of the new website to promote their services to members and employers.

The Public Affairs Committee held a lunch meeting on September 13. Among items discussed were which issues to track, and who would monitor them.

The Public Relations Committee has a new co-chair, Rebecca Corliss, who replaces Allison Cook. The committee wants CALL to have a presence at the Dominican University careers day, and needs to work with the Placement/Recruitment Committee on this.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Date: December 12, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Foley & Lardner

Board Members Present: Pegeen Bassett, Nancy Faust, Naomi Goodman, John Klaus, Betty Roeske, Dave Rogers, Christina Wagner.

Committee Chair Present: Carolyn Hayes

The November Board meeting was cancelled.

I. Minutes

Minutes from the October meeting were approved with corrections.

II. Treasurer’s Report

For October, the treasurer reported $188.32 in deposits and expenses of $4,893.98. The Harris Bank balance as of October 31, 2002 was $11,610.98, and the actual balance, reflecting uncleared checks, was $11,055.48.

For November, she reported $1,216.40 in deposits, and $1,096.37 in expenses. The Harris Bank balance as of November 30, 2002 was $12,215.51, and the actual balance, reflecting uncleared checks, was $11,175.51.

The balance on the CD at the Northern Trust was $3,892.84 on October 3, 2002, and $3,899.62 on November 1, 2002.

The treasurer also presented the CALL 2002-2003 Budget, as of November 30, updating revenue, expenses, budget, and remaining funds. She is still working on finding a bank with more favorable terms and service for CALL.

The president reported that she had checked with AALL concerning the cost of the CALL Directory. The cost, which was $4.25 per copy for 2001-02, has risen to $6.50 for 2002-03. We pay the amount that AALL is actually charged for printing.

The president also reported that taxes for 1999-2000 and 2000-01 have been signed and mailed to the IRS.

III. Bylaws Committee Chair Meeting

Carolyn Hayes, chair of the Bylaws Committee, recommended that the Board charge the committee with a thorough review of chapter bylaws, because it has been five years since the last complete review and AALL has revised their bylaws during that time period. The time frame would be to present a report with any recommendations to the 2003-04 Board members soon after they have assumed office. The committee should do a complete review on a regular basis, every three to five years. The Board accepted these recommendations.

IV. Old Business

MAALL/CALL Meeting, 7-9 November, 2002.

Members who attended reported a successful and interesting meeting, with many of the programs presented by CALL members. Approximately 30 of the 110 attendees were CALL members.
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USA Patriot Act Teleconference. CALL cosponsored the teleconference with CLS, but the number of CALL members attending was small. However, the Board confirmed that this is the kind of program CALL should be sponsoring with other library organizations.

Biographies on Web Site. Some candidates indicated that they did not want their biographies on the public area of the CALL web site, so the Board will not be posting biographies for the upcoming election. The Board recommended that posting the biographies should be possible for the 2004/05 elections, when there is a “members only” section of the web site.

V. New Business

Chicago Library System. A number of CALL members attended the meeting on November 14, 2002, at which the Chicago Public Library’s proposed leaving the CLS was discussed. Legislation to allow this is being introduced in January, 2003. Secretary of State Jesse White is reported to be in favor of the change. The Board decided not to take any action.

PDC Future Moderated Listserv. The Board received an email that originated with Kathie Sullivan on behalf of the AALL Professional Development Committee (PDC) requesting chapter members to forward suggested topics for future Moderated Listserv Discussions.

Federal Acquisitions Regulations (FAR) Letter. The Board approved a letter protesting the decentralization of government printing which was written by Pegeen Bassett, Dave Rogers, and Spencer Simons, and emailed to Laura Duarte, FAR Secretariat, GSA. Additionally, many chapter members wrote individually to the GSA and Congress.

VI. Committee Reports

Archives Committee: Members met on October 29th for an organizational meeting. Members took boxes of papers and photographs to organize them, and create lists and/or indexes of the contents.

Bulletin Committee: The current issue of the Bulletin is scheduled to be published on the Internet only with the Fall 2003 issue. The Board noted that several other chapters had appointed special committees as their newsletters went electronic, and will find out from the Bulletin editors if this would be helpful.

Community Services Committee: The Community Services Committee was restored to standing committee status at the August meeting. (This was incorrectly reported as affecting the Public Relations Committee.)

Continuing Education Committee: The committee is planning their program on Legislative History for February 2003.

EPIC Committee: Twelve people attended the committee meeting on November 14th for an introduction to EPIC, and to decide what the committee’s priorities should be. The program, “The Art of Decision Making” will be presented on February 6, 2003.

The Board decided against a proposal received from CLS, via the EPIC Committee, to join with them in importing a paid speaker for two workshops on Internet legal research, aimed at non-law librarians, as CALL has qualified members who can present similar workshops.

Grants and Chapter Awards Committee: Sandra Flannigan was awarded a Continuing Education grant to attend the MAALL/CALL Meeting in November, and will write about the meeting for the Bulletin.

Internet Committee: Annette Cade reported that because of recent problems with the server, she does not expect to be able to create a “members only” section within the next few months. The committee is still working on guidelines for the listserv.

Meetings Committee: Betty reported that we have a new sponsor, BNA Inc., for our part of the combined CALL/SLA meeting on February 21st. Cynthia Lesky and CALL member Susane Yesnick will speak on “Analysing Data and Adding Value to Data,” then involve the audience in discussion. The meeting will be at the Gleacher Center, 450 N. City Front Plaza Drive.

Membership Committee: Our current membership is now 287.

Placement/Recruitment Committee: Patricia Scott represented CALL at the SLA recruitment dinner, and used the recruitment form developed by the committee. The committee will send information to students who filled out the registration form at the dinner. The committee is also developing a recruitment packet.

Public Affairs Committee: See USA Patriot Act Teleconference under Old Business, and FAR Letter, under New Business.

Public Relations: The Board agreed to draft a release form based on one used by the Law Librarians of New England (LLNE), to be used when posting photos of chapter members on our website.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. ■
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On January 2, Maria Chudzinski Chase retired from the Pritzker Legal Research Center of Northwestern University School of Law. Maria worked for the law library for nearly 45 years and was a mainstay in the library, ably serving in several capacities. Maria first worked in the library from 1952 to 1956 as an assistant to Elaine Teigler, the Head of Public Services. From 1956 to 1962 Maria stayed home to raise her two sons, Andrew and Mark, both Northwestern University graduates. Maria came back to the law library in 1962 and served as Circulation Supervisor. Then in 1987 she assumed her position as the Foreign and International Law Assistant until her retirement. Maria will be missed greatly by all of us who had the pleasure to work with her. Her life before becoming a law librarian would be interesting material for a book, especially to those who are interested in World War II history.

Maria was originally from Warsaw, Poland, and was in high school when Germany invaded Poland in 1939. Her education after the invasion consisted of underground classes held in various apartments. Teachers had to work with small groups of 8 girls so that the Nazis would not discover them. Maria’s father was a prominent lawyer in Warsaw so her interest in law came naturally. After high school she attended the School of Commerce and Economics in Warsaw and finished her courses in July 1944. In August 1944, the Warsaw Uprising began against the Nazi occupation. Maria served in a Polish underground army unit. The uprising lasted 63 days and Maria was then taken to a prisoner of war camp in Germany. In June of 1945, she was liberated from the camp by a Polish unit working with the Allies. She then went to Holland and enlisted with the Women’s Auxiliary Air Force of England. After joining the WAAFs, Maria moved to England. During that time, she earned a diploma from London University’s School of Foreign Trade. She met her husband Bruno in London in 1948. Bruno was a fighter pilot with the Royal Air Force (Polish squadron). They were married in 1949 after Bruno got out of the service. Bruno and Maria decided to come to the United States after the war. Maria said that they could have stayed in Great Britain, but she and her husband felt that America was the only country where political émigrés could rebuild their lives. At that time a communist regime had come to power in Poland and members of the middle class intelligentsia were fearful of reprisals and imprisonment by the communist officials. Maria and her husband obtained sponsors so they could move to Chicago. Bruno went to night school, received a degree from Northwestern University’s School of Commerce and eventually became an auditor. Maria had a Polish friend who was a Teaching Fellow at Northwestern University’s School of Law. He recommended that she apply for a job with the law library. Maria had a better job offer in the business world but she decided that the academic atmosphere was a more “enticing” option. She said about her choice: “I have never questioned my decision to work at the library. I guess it came down to what was more important to me. I liked working with people and I liked the atmosphere at the university. Everybody was friendly and relaxed here. This was in contrast with what I had experienced at school in England, where faculty expected you to have a stiff attitude.” Later her foreign language skills in Polish and French made her a natural choice to work in the Foreign and International Law Department at Northwestern’s Law Library.

Maria has been a member of CALL since 1952 and has served as a Director of the Executive Board, and also as a member of the Nominations and Membership Committees, among just a few of her professional activities.

During her long library career Maria has been equally active in volunteer groups in the Polish-American community. Since 1989 she has worked as the President of the Polish Air Force Veteran’s Association. She has also been the past President and on the advisory board of Legion of Young Polish Women. She has also been a delegate to the Polish American Congress. In August she plans to go to Poland for the Polish Air Force Reunion in Warsaw where she will be participating in a ceremony dedicating a memorial to the Polish Air Force veterans of World War II. In addition to her travels to Poland she plans to visit Mexico and the Caribbean and spend time with her granddaughter Anya. We will miss her warmth and liveliness at Northwestern University but know she will continue to make her many contributions to preserving the memories of the Polish veterans of World War II. I personally am in awe of the courage that Maria needed to fight her generation’s “Axis of Evil”.
WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO...
by Sally Holterhoff
Valparaiso University School of Law

In an organization as large as CALL, members come and go. This article is the tenth in a series of short profiles of former Chicago law librarians who have moved on—to other locations, other jobs, even to careers in other fields. Suggestions for future profiles are welcome.

It’s been said that life is a mystery to be lived, not a problem to be solved. For avid mystery reader Laura Hyzy, the plot of her life took an unexpected turn in January 2000. That’s when she left behind the familiar setting of libraries and the law and entered the vastly different world of high performance automobiles. Today she serves as Vice President for TPI Performance Transmissions (www.tpiperformance.com), a manufacturer of transmissions for street rods, dragsters, and other high performance vehicles. The company is located in Griffith, Indiana but their products are distributed all over the U.S. and to customers in other countries as well.

Previously, Laura had been Library Manager at Hinshaw & Culbertson, a job she had held since 1995. Her 22-year law library career began in 1977 at DePaul University Law Library, where she worked as Serials/Acquisitions Manager after graduating from Illinois State University. Through the years she also worked at John Marshall Law School Library and at several other Chicago law firms. She is a native of the Chicago area and her connection with libraries dates back to her days as a library aide at Thornridge High School in Dolton, IL.

These days, Laura’s work day bears little resemblance to her former routine in a law firm. After a 20-minute drive to work (rather than a long commute to the Loop), she spends her time on the job supervising staff, handling shipping, customer service, accounting, and making sure that both the office and the company are running smoothly. During 2002 she spent 17 weekends on business travel to car shows and races. She says she really enjoys meeting customers and visiting interesting parts of the country such as Pleasanton, CA, and Charlotte, NC.

At first, Laura found making the adjustment to a totally new job to be “incredibly difficult,” with a learning curve she describes as huge. To start, she had to learn a whole new language. “I can guarantee that I never talked about torque, horsepower, or sprags when I was a librarian,” she says. But she does admit
to having had a lifelong interest in cars generally. At TPI, Laura also had to become accustomed to a more casual office culture in dress, etiquette, and general attitude. While many of the talents she used in library jobs are not needed in her current position, she has found that management and leadership skills are a definite asset. She credits her work on CALL committees with developing or improving her abilities in these areas.

Being an active member of CALL was an important part of Laura’s former life and she confesses that she may miss that more than she misses working in a law library. She first joined CALL as a solo librarian and she quickly volunteered for the Meetings Committee as a way to meet people and get involved. Jane Gaddis was the chair that year and an “absolutely marvelous” one, according to Laura, because she instilled the concept of teamwork and made the committee’s work fun. “She delegated responsibility so that all the members had the pride of ownership in what they did.”

Laura used Jane’s example as inspiration for her own later leadership experiences in CALL. These included chairing and co-chairing the Public Relations Committee and being elected and serving as CALL Treasurer from 1996 to 1998. Another assignment was as a member of the CALL 50th Anniversary Committee in 1996-97. She found the committee, ably chaired by Mary Lu Linnane, to required every member’s teamwork, dedication, and willingness to compromise. But that made the work “most fulfilling” for all of them and they took pride in the resulting celebration. A special moment in Laura’s CALL career came in 2000 when she received the chapter’s Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Law Librarianship Award.

When not at work these days, Laura tries to find time to do needlework and crafts or to read a good mystery book. She is an active member of her local library’s new mystery readers book group. An annual highlight for her is attending the convention of Malice Domestic (www.malice-domestic.org), which is held each May in the Washington, D.C. area. 2003 will be the 15th year for such a gathering and Laura has attended them all. Members of this group focus their interest on traditional mysteries of the Agatha Christie type. Their convention draws over 700 mystery lovers, who attend author interviews, book signings, award ceremonies, and programs on various aspects of mystery fiction and crime detection.

Reflecting on her years in CALL, Laura has some advice for younger/newer members—that it is very important to become an active participant. She cautions them not to miss the great opportunity to learn new skills and make friends that the association provides. For anyone who would like some clues on how to sleuth out a new career direction, Laura suggests analyzing one’s own abilities and strengths and thinking creatively about them. “Many skills are adaptable to other professions, but we don’t see that because we are used to using them for one particular application. If you look beyond that, you just might be surprised where you’ll find yourself.”

COMMITTEE NEWS

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The PR Committee would like to announce that a former CALL member, David Bryant, had the opportunity to visit Cuba and the Biblioteca Nacional de Cienca y Tecnica recently. Here is his report:

A Law Librarian in Cuba
by David Bryant,
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During mid-October between hurricanes, I went on a Jazz Cultural Exchange to Havana, Cuba along with several other persons. On Friday, the 11th, I skipped the Hemingway House tour for a substitute visit to the Bibliotheca Nacional “Jose Marti” located on the Prado in a wing of the Capital Building.

I met with the director and staff to discuss a few possible initiatives within the general library community.

1) An exchange of teaching faculty between BN (since they “teach” librarians) and Dominican University GSLIS. Dean Dalrymple and Professor Bill Jackson have experience in dealing with Caribbean countries.

2) Even though difficulties exist due to restrictions on both sides, an exchange of graduate students between Dominica GSLIS and their GSLIS (Norma Vargas, Vice-Dean) could be possible.

Biblioteca Nacional director and staff, with David Bryant second from left.
3) The exchange of publications such as *World Libraries* with the BN and their GSLIS. In connection with the *World Libraries*, Johan Koren the editor, has asked that I solicit author(s) for article(s) in the forthcoming (Spring 2003) issue. The Spring issue will be on “Cuban Libraries.” The director of BN has agreed to contact Johan and make arrangements to submit an article.

(Unfortunately, I didn’t make an equivalent contact with the Law Library in Havana. The School of Law and Minister of Justice both have law libraries.

Hopefully, they can be contacted and become a source for articles in WL or other media.)

4) Advise BN of free resources (plus the cost of shipping) such as books and periodicals in both English and Spanish from groups in the USA. In particular, SCARCE, a book recycling facility in Glen Ellyn run by Kay McKeen has shipped books all over the world. (630-790-4345, scrapkay@aol.com). Other groups, “Room to Read” (San Francisco) and “Libri Foundation” (Boston) attempt the same type of programs since there is no embargo on books and printed materials. It is expensive (about $1.00 per pound and takes a long time (4 to 8 weeks).

On a personal level, our group guide, Mike Fuller, provided several contacts and useful information since he is an “official” translator for the Cubans. He did much of the translation for the recent Agri-Fair representatives for the USA (Archer Daniels Midland). He thought Jesse Ventura was cool. He also teaches English at the Instituto Internacional de Periodismo Jose Marti (International Journalism School). This school also received many books and periodicals bought by visitors and shipped by mail to the director, Guillermo Cabrera. Presently, I am waiting for pictures of the books at their destination.

Visits to Cuba are not rare. The Cook County Bar Association went in August; the ABA/SLD went in late October for the second time; the ALA sent delegates in the Spring to the International Book Fair (contact Michael Dowling of the ALA/OIR for more information). The State of Illinois International Trade Office (Delia Perez, 312-814-6872) encourages legitimate trade and commerce. Professor Linda Crane of John Marshall Law School (312-987-2386) has been a local advocate for more open relations with Cuba.

Information knows no borders. We should know. The issue, who owns the information? Us or WEXIS?

ARCHIVES
by Juli Jackson

Do you recognize anyone in these two photos? Do you have photographs you would like to donate to the Archives Committee? If you do, you might be able to help the Archives Committee! We are busy sorting and indexing CALL documents and have photographs of CALL members we would like to identify. If you recognize any of these individuals or if you have pictures to donate, please put the names of people on the back of the pictures and bring them to a meeting or please contact Juli Jackson at jjackson@brinkshofer.com.

Thanks for your help!

E.P.I.C.
by Doris Nuding

The EPIC Committee was able to schedule several seminars for 2002 and 2003. The first, held on November 14, 2002, provided an insight into CALL and CLS programs. Two more seminars were scheduled for February - one on February 6, 2003, with speaker Kathryn Deiss from the Chicago Library System, and another on February 27, 2003, with speaker Dave Rogers of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood. The EPIC Committee hopes to continue to work with the Education Committee, CALL and CLS to provide seminars that will aid non-MLS personnel as well as MLS-degreed personnel.

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GRANTS
by Jean Wenger

AALL GRANTS NOTICE
2003 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshop Grants

Deadline: April 1, 2003

The AALL Grants Committee is now accepting applications for grants for the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshops. The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to newer law librarians or graduate school students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, AALL and AALL individual members. Grants cover registration costs at either the Annual Meeting or Workshops.

Preference for grants is given to newer active members of AALL or its chapters. For additional information, including the application form, see http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2003.

CALL Grant Allows Me To Attend AALL
by Connie Wittig
Foley & Lardner

As a new member of CALL and one of the co-chairs of the Internet Committee, I was delighted to receive a grant from CALL that allowed me to attend the AALLNET Webmasters Workshop as well as a meeting on administering a chapter ListServ.

Spam was the major point of discussion at the ListServ meeting. However since several of us were new to the Mailman program, (Mailman is free software for managing electronic mail discussion and e-newsletter lists.) John Mann, AALLNET Advisory Committee Chair stepped us through the basics of the program. For those of you who might have an interest in the documentation for this program either as a user or as a possible administrator, check out the following website: http://staff.imsa.edu/~ckolar/mailman/.

The Webmasters Workshop featured a variety of speakers, including Reggie Swanigan who is the Network Systems Administrator for AALL. Reggie told us that he is in the process of searching for a statistical engine that would provide stats on how often a site has been hit and where people go from the chapter page. He said that there is no size limit for a chapter web page. He also indicated that there must be no links to commercial sites and no advertising of any kind. Cheryl Nyberg, a reference librarian from the University of Washington Law Library, talked about redesigning a chapter Website. She provided useful information that I was able to share with the Internet committee as well as suggestions on how to make our site Bobby compliant. Bobby is a comprehensive web accessibility software tool designed to help expose and repair barriers to accessibility and encourage compliance with existing accessibility guidelines. For more information on Bobby see http://www.cast.org/bobby. Bonnie Shucha, Reference & Electronic Services Librarian at the University of Wisconsin, provided suggestions on how a chapter could actively promote their site. Suggestions included adding the web address to all chapter literature and the letterhead as well as some reciprocal linking.

Another event that made the trip memorable was the CALL dinner at Monty’s Conch Harbor. This was my introduction to the CALL membership and everyone was most welcoming and reinforced for me my decision to become active in the CALL chapter.
CALL GRANTS APPLICATION 2002-2003

**Continuing Education:** MUST be received by the committee chair no later than three weeks before the date or start of the program. **AALL Meeting/Workshop:** Deadline for application is April 1, 2003.

Please select: [ ] Continuing Education [ ] AALL Meeting/Workshop

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Employer __________________________________________________________________________________________________

Work address: ________________________________________________________________________________________________

Work Phone: ________________________________  E-mail address: ________________________________________________

Current Position/Title: _____________________________________________________  How Long? _______________________

Briefly describe your duties and responsibilities in your current position: ___________________________________________________

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Previous law library experience or other relevant experience: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Length of membership in CALL: ________ Have you ever received a CALL grant? ________ If so, when and for what amount and purpose? ____________________________________________ Are you a member of AALL? ______________ How long? ___________

List your activities in CALL, AALL or other relevant professional organizations. (Include dates.) _____________________________

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Name, date, location of program you wish to attend: ________________________________________________________________

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What amount will your employer pay? __________________________________________________________________________

Estimate your total cost to attend this program:

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What are your professional goals? ____________________________________________________________________________

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How do you feel you will benefit from attending this program/meeting?__________________________________________

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One letter of recommendation is required for applications for AALL Annual Meetings/Workshops. This letter must accompany your application and be from a person who is familiar with your responsibilities, and can provide information about your potential to contribute to the field of librarianship and to CALL.

Money awards may be used only for registration, transportation and lodging. I agree that, if for any reason, I am unable to attend the program for which the grant is awarded, I will immediately notify the CALL Grants Chair and return the grant monies to CALL. If the CALL grant has already been paid and a refund cannot be obtained, I will repay the amount of the award. I agree to provide receipts (photocopies acceptable) documenting my attendance at the program within 30 days of my return to the Grants Chair.

I further agree to submit a short review of the program I attended for the next issue of the CALL Bulletin.

Applicant's Signature: ___________________________________________        Date: ______________________

Send applications to Jean M. Wenger, CALL Grants Chair, Cook County Law Library, 50 W. Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602. Phone: 312-603-5131  Fax: 312-603-4716  E-mail: jwlawlib@ameritech.net
November 8, 2002

MAALL/CALL Joint Meeting

Charlie Condon of the Northern Illinois University and Susan Boland of Northern Illinois University visit the exhibit area.

CALL Vice-President/President-Elect Betty Roeske of Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman introduced the opening luncheon speaker, Bob Berring.

Sandi Flannigan of Schiff, Hardin & Waite, received a grant to attend the MAALL/CALL Joint Meeting.

Look for Sandi’s article in the next issue of the CALL Bulletin.
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For Vice President/President Elect

JEAN M. WENGER

Education:
M.L.I.S., Rosary College (now Dominican University), 1994
J.D., University of Illinois College of Law, 1987
B.A., St. Mary’s College, Minnesota, 1981

Employment:
Government Documents/Foreign & International Law Librarian, Cook County Law Library, 1997-present
Reference Librarian and Collection Development Coordinator, Cornell Law Library, 1995-1997
Foreign & International Law Librarian/Reference Librarian, Cook County Law Library, 1987-1995

Professional Memberships:
CALL, AALL, ALA, Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association

Professional Activities:
Chicago Association of Law Libraries
Chair, Grants Committee, 2002-2003
Director, 2000-2002
Co-Editor, CALL Bulletin, 1996-2000
Member, CALL Bulletin Committee, 1994-2000
Member, Nominations Committee, 1994
Member, Internet Committee, 1996-1999
Member, Union List Committee, 1992-1994

American Association of Law Libraries:
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Foreign, Comparative and International Law (FCIL) SIS, 2002-2004
Member, Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee (AELIC), 2001-2003
Executive Board Member, Research Instruction and Patron Services (RIPS), 2000-2002
Member, Council of Newsletter Editors, 1996-2000
Member, Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals Committee, 1995-1998

JOAN M. OGDEN

Education:
M.A.L.S., Rosary College, 1990
J.D., IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law, 1985
B.A., Lawrence University, 1974

Employment:
McGuireWoods LLP, Librarian, 2000 to present
American Medical Association, Information Specialist, Health Law Division, 1997-2000
Sidley & Austin, Reference Librarian, Library, 1990-1997

Professional Memberships:
CALL, SLA (Legal Division, Illinois Chapter)

Professional Activities:
Chicago Association of Law Libraries
Director, Executive Board, 1995-1997
Empowering Paraprofessionals in CALL Special Committee, 1998-2000
50th Anniversary Committee, 1995-1997
Membership Committee, 1993-1995
Union List Committee, 1992-1993

American Association of Law Libraries:
Director, Executive Board, 2002-present
Public Relations Committee, Chair 2001-2002
Legal Division Quarterly Committee, 1995-1997
By-Laws and Division Manual Committee, 2000-2001
Website Committee, 1997-1998

Special Libraries Association - Legal Division
Director, Executive Board, 2002-present
Public Relations Committee, Chair 2001-2002
Legal Division Quarterly Committee, 2000-2002
By-Laws and Division Manual Committee, 2000-2001
Website Committee, 1997-1998

Special Libraries Association - Illinois Chapter
Chapter Liaison to SLA Committee on International Relations, 1998-2000
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For Secretary

DEBORAH L. RUSIN

Education:
M.L.I.S., Dominican University, 1999
ABA Paralegal Certification,
William Rainey Harper College, 1993
B.A., Loyola University of Chicago, 1988

Employment:
Research Librarian, Altheimer & Gray,
December 1999 – Present
Information Specialist, C. Berger Group, Inc.,
April 1998 – December 1999, on assignment at Abbott
Laboratories
Paralegal at various law firms in Illinois and Michigan,
1989 – 1998

Memberships:
CALL, AALL, SLA

Professional Activities:
Chicago Association of Law Libraries
Bulletin Committee, 2000-Present
Meetings Committee, 2000-2002
Membership Committee, 2001-2002
Secretary of Executive Board, Friends of the Round Lake
Area Library, 2002 – Present

Publications:
Columnist, Working Smarter Column, CALL Bulletin,
Summer 2001-Present
Business Meeting Roundup, CALL Bulletin, no. 180, Spring
“Building a Career the Chicago Way,” CALL Bulletin,
“Volunteer! Words from a New Librarian,” CALL Bulletin,
no. 178, Fall 2000, p.23.

Presentations:
Speaker, “What to Expect as a Summer Associate,” University
of Chicago D’Angelo Law Library Summer, Survival
Skills Seminar, Chicago, IL, May 2002
Coordinator and Speaker, “Bridging the Gap 2002,”
LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultants Seminar,
Chicago, IL, April 2002

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DENISE GLYNN

Education:
M.A.L.S. Rosary College, 1987
B.S., Northern Illinois University, 1982

Employment:
Head of Cataloging, Rinn Law Library, DePaul University
College of Law, 1996 to present
Catalog/Reference Librarian, Ryerson and Burnham
Libraries, Art Institute of Chicago, 1987-1996

Memberships:
CALL, AALL

Professional Activities:
Chicago Association of Law Libraries:
Chair and Co-Chair, Union List Committee,
1999/2000 to present
Member, Meetings Committee, 2001 to present

Statement of Goals:
As Chair of the committee that produced the Union List for
the past 2 editions (4 years), I have learned that CALL helps
in three ways:
1. By developing and delivering resources that help law
librarians do their jobs better and more efficiently;
2. By giving librarians access to professional training
opportunities (see number 1); and
3. By providing a forum for professional interaction with
others in the field in a way that is fun.

As a Board member, I will emphasize those three basic
missions — and build on them where appropriate — to
make sure that CALL continues to meet the needs of
Chicagoland law librarians. For your info, I’ll be working
on number 3.

BE SURE TO VISIT OUR NEW
AND IMPROVED WEBSITE!

http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call
For Director

**JOHN M. KLASEY**

Education:
B.S., Illinois State University, 1987
M.L.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1994

Employment:
Head Librarian, Piper Rudnick, 1999 to present
Head Librarian, Ungaretti & Harris, 1991-1999
Librarian, McKenna, Storer, Rowe, White & Farrug, 1988-1991

Professional Memberships:
CALL, AALL, SLA

Professional Activities:
CALL, Elections Committee Chair, 2000-2002

Statement of Goals:
My goals are to fulfill the duties of Director with the CALL Board effectively and responsibly, and to ensure that CALL continues to serve the needs of the entire membership.

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**Julia Wentz**

EDUCATION:
M.A., Hospital and Health Administration, University of Iowa
J.D., University of Iowa College of Law; Member, Iowa Law Review
M.A., Library Science, University of Iowa
B.S., Iowa State University

EXPERIENCE:
1998-present: Loyola University Chicago Law Library, Associate Director
1995-1998: Marquette University Law Library (Head of Public Services, 1995-97; Acting Director, 1996-97; Associate Director, 1997-98.)
1989-1995: University of Minnesota Law Library, Reference Librarian (Assistant Librarian, 1989-93; Associate Librarian, 1993-95)
1987-89: William Mitchell College of Law, Reference Librarian
1984-87: Christian Health Services Development Corporation, Staff Attorney
1975-80: School Librarian/Media Specialist

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS
American Association of Law Libraries
American Bar Association
Chicago Association of Law Libraries
Past member of Minnesota Association of Law Libraries (MALL), Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin (LLAW)
Inactive member of Iowa and Missouri Bars

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
AALL: member Awards Committee, 1997-99, Academic SIS, Readers’ Instruction & Patron Services SIS
MALL Vice President/President Elect, 1995; member: Long Range Planning Committee, Continuing Education Committee, Newsletter Committee, Awards Committee. Chair. Education Committee.
CALL Member program committee, EPIC
Co-chair, Library Fest Midwest, October, 1998

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BE SURE TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF YOUR CHOICE

and return your ballot by March 15th!
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Member, State, Court and County Law Libraries (SCCLL) SIS

Publications:


“Administrative Law on the Net,” Administrative Law, ISBA (October 2000)


“WebWatch,” Internet Legal Resource Series, Cook County Law Library


“Spinning the WEB: Training Presentations for Legal Researchers,” No. 165 CALL Bulletin (June 1997)


Book Reviews for Legal Information Alert and International Journal of Legal Information:

Professional Reading column, CALL Bulletin (1994-2002)

Internet Ideas column, RIPS Law Librarian (1998-2000)


Presentations:


Statement of Goals:

Our profession is evolving due to changes in technology and the organization and delivery of legal information. CALL needs to continue to respond to this changing landscape and assist its members in effectively addressing these developments through increased communication (website and listserv), recruitment, and strategic planning.

CALL must continue to promote the professionalism and expertise of members to our stakeholders - the attorneys, judges, law professors, and students who rely on us for their information needs. The association should explore joint initiatives with both library and legal organizations in the area, including continuing education programs and technology shows.

CALL is its members. It is the hard work, congeniality and shared expertise that makes this association tick. To ensure this vitality, we need to address the professional needs of both longstanding and new members through continuing education, networking and other professional opportunities. I have become a more informed and effective law librarian through my involvement in CALL. Committees are wonderful sources of ideas and experience, and new and veteran members are encouraged to share their knowledge and enthusiasm. Additionally, we must maintain and enhance the fiscal soundness of CALL so it may continue to serve the Chicago law librarian community into the future.

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Statement Of Goals:

CALL has turned out to be a big part of my professional life. It has given to me, professionally, more that I initially thought possible. While I have tried to give back to the organization through committees, such as the Bulletin Committee, I would like to do more.

My goals, in addition to carrying out the duties of Secretary, are to renew and revitalize interest in CALL amongst not only its current members but also amongst possible future members.

I want to work to strengthen the chapter by encouraging member participation and support. With all of the changes that are occurring in our libraries today (i.e. staff, collection and space reductions), I believe that it is imperative that it be known, not only among the library community but amongst the legal community as a whole, that we are knowledgeable librarians who provide a valuable service. This I believe can be achieved by increasing the visibility of CALL within the library and legal community. One way of doing this would be not only to encourage member participation within the organization itself but also to build CALL’s relationships with other organizations that share our same ideas, concerns and goals.
In the Winter 2002 issue, I wrote about my visits to six law libraries during my 2000-2001 sabbatical in “Preservation Survey of Chicago Area Law Libraries.” Altogether, I visited thirty law libraries in four states but in the article I concentrated only on those in the area covered by this chapter. I discussed my findings from a survey I conducted on preservation. The purpose of this follow-up article is to go over the recommendations I made to the libraries. Following the visits, I wrote an individual letter to each of the librarians with whom I had spoken. The letters specifically addressed the positive steps taken by the libraries as well as areas where improvements were needed.

As part of the survey, I asked the respondents to rate their efforts in several specific areas. I also learned a lot from my personal walk-throughs of the libraries. Some problems can be observed by anyone perusing open stack areas while others are not readily apparent. I learned about those in the latter category through the survey questions.

I’ll start with some of my most common recommendations. I suggested to five of the libraries that they conduct a survey in order to determine their preservation needs. Such a survey includes an assessment of the characteristics of the building, security, fire prevention, environmental conditions, an evaluation of the needs and general condition of the collection, and a description of the programs for binding, conservation, and exhibits. A useful source which delves into each of these topics and others is “What an Institution Can Do To Survey Its Own Preservation Needs.” It can be obtained from the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) at 978-470-1010.

For the libraries without in-house book repair facilities, I made the suggestion that they work with one of the regional preservation centers individually or as a group. Libraries can contract with NEDCC (www.nedcc.org), Solinet (www.solinet.net), and the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (www.ccaha.org) to present workshops on preservation topics, including training in book repair. Costs for the presenter are more affordable when divided among several institutions.

Five of the six libraries needed to write or revise disaster plans. Information on writing such plans can be found at Conservation OnLine (http://palimpsest.stanford.edu) and Section 3, “Emergency Management,” of Preservation of Library and Archival Materials: A Manual (The NEDCC Manual) published by NEDCC and available online at http://www.nedcc.org/plam3/manhome.htm. Essential parts of a disaster plan are the names with work and home phone numbers of staff members, evacuation plans, and a priority list of items to be salvaged, plus names and contacts of companies specializing in freeze drying, carpet drying and other services. In addition to the list of “Disaster Planning Sources” compiled by Bridget MacMillan in the last issue, I would add the numerous checklists and other vital materials available at the Solinet web site. All these practical items can help make the process less daunting.

I emphasized the importance of stacks maintenance and dusting. It is vital that a fulltime staff member supervise these areas so they don’t slip between the cracks. The larger and the older a collection, the more important stacks maintenance becomes. Student workers, support staff, even volunteers can be trained to shelve properly, use bookends, and to dust regularly. Ignoring this can lead to books in need of rebinding and replacement. A delightful web site on the care and handling of library materials, complete with little bugs crawling across the screen, is http://staffweb.library.northwestern.edu/preservation.

Light damage from bright sunlight was a problem in at least two libraries. Paper and binding fade from the effects of the ultraviolet rays and the damage is cumulative and irreversible. Blinds and curtains should be installed and then put into use to protect the books. “Protection from Light Damage,” Section 2, Leaflet 4 of The NEDCC Manual referenced above discusses types of light and various ways to measure it.

Many libraries find it necessary to apply for grants to cover expenses for workshops, supplies, equipment, or consultants to aid them in their efforts to preserve their materials. Again, consult the Solinet web site for a listing of numerous agencies which fund different types of library and museum projects. One of note is the Preservation Assistance Grant offered by the National Endowment for the Humanities (www.neh.gov). These grants are specifically for relatively small projects.

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An online resource to learn more is “Preservation 101,” made available on the NEDCC web site: www.nedcc.org/p101cs/content.htm. The eight lessons contain descriptions, photographs, assignments, tests, and lists of resources on several broad categories such as environmental damage, planning, and emergency preparedness. I recommend this as a super (and free!) way to learn the basics and a little more about preservation.

I have compiled an annotated list of twenty-two organizations, companies, and publications on preservation at the web site for the Technical Services Special Interest Section. It can be accessed at www.aallnet.org/sis/tssis/techlinks/preservation.htm.

In addition to those mentioned here, there is information about The Abbey Newsletter, University Products, the Council on Library and Information Resources, the Library Binding Institute, and the National Preservation Office, among others. I strongly urge interested readers to check out the web site and the wealth of information provided at the individual links.

I would like to thank each of the participants in my survey. They, and all other readers of this piece, are welcome to contact me with questions pertaining to preservation.

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**Publications:**


**Statement of Goals:**

We need to encourage every member to get involved with CALL on some level. I would like to see more new faces participating on committees and serving on the Executive Board. I would like to hear from members with new ideas and lots of positive energy. After all, an organization is only as strong as its members.

We need to continue to offer our members indispensable resources. Each member now receives the CALL Membership Directory and four issues of the *CALL Bulletin* every year. The Directory alone makes joining CALL worth the investment. Members also have the opportunity to purchase the CALL Union List which is published every other year. We are starting to make these resources even more valuable. We already have been posting previous issues of the *CALL Bulletin* on the redesigned CALL Website, and, beginning in the fall of 2003, we will start to distribute the *CALL Bulletin* electronically. We should consider making the current issue of the *CALL Bulletin*, our membership directory and the union list available electronically on a secure “members-only” portion of our Website.

We need to partner with other professional organizations and find common ground, so that we can leverage our resources. I would like to see more jointly sponsored presentations. I would like to be able to recommend talented speakers to represent our organization. I would like to find other ways we can work together.

Finally, we need to get the word out that membership in CALL is essential. Our members are constantly being challenged to justify the cost of their professional memberships, the cost of attending a national professional conference at least once a year, and the time needed to participate in professional activities and continuing education programs. I would like to see our organization develop new tools and resources to help our members with this ongoing struggle. I believe it is essential that we find new ways to communicate our value to the legal community, as well as to our employers.

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**PUBLICATIONS**


**PRESENTATIONS**

Cases and Digests; Minnesota CLE Seminar for Paralegals; Panelist, the Impact of Emerging Technologies on Collection Development, MALL Spring Conference; Unlocking the Secrets of Bibliographic Databases, AALL Annual Meeting; Court Cases and Digests, MALL Legal Bibliography Institute. Coordinator and moderator: Impact of New Formats on Collection Development, AALL Annual Meeting, International Organizations and Their Impact on International Business, AALL Annual Meeting, Comparative and International Law for the Non-expert, AALL Annual Meeting.

**GOALS**

As a relatively new member of CALL, I have enjoyed and benefited from the meetings and programs I have attended. It has been good to meet colleagues from all types of libraries through CALL activities. I would like to help keep CALL the excellent professional organization that it is by offering my time and energy. On a personal level, I would like to get to know more members of CALL. The best way to do that is to become actively involved.
INTERNET MOMENT:  
§508 COMPLIANCE FOR WEB SITES  
Sue Boland  
Northern ILUniversity College of Law

Is your law firm or library web site accessible to those with disabilities? If not, you may have a lawsuit in your future. According to a Department of Justice 1996 advisory letter, covered entities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are required to offer Internet communications through accessible means. In November 1999, the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) sued America Online because its service was not in compliance with the ADA. As a result, AOL agreed to make its software screen reader compatible. In April 2000, the NFB and the Connecticut Attorney General’s Office successfully made agreements with four companies providing e-filing services to make their Internet sites accessible to the blind. Recently, in granting injunctive relief to disabled plaintiffs against the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, the United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia stated MARTA was violating the ADA when its web page was not formatted to be compatible with screen readers.

While it is still uncertain to what extent, if any, the ADA applies to private web sites, those of us at public universities are working very hard to make our sites Section 508 compatible. Regardless of whether compliance is mandatory for your web site, making your web site accessible usually translates into greater usability. Greater usability then translates into more people using your site. As information professionals who realize the importance of making information available to patrons, we should be especially concerned with our library or law firm’s web site accessibility. Luckily, there is a plethora of information and tools out there to help you in your quest for accessibility. Among my favorites:

State of Illinois Web Accessibility Standards:  
http://www.illinois.gov/ito/iwas1_2.cfm


W3C list of Evaluation, Repair, and Transformation Tools for Web Content Accessibility:  
http://www.w3.org/WAI/ER/existingtools.html

UsableNet’s free accessibility extensions for Macromedia Dreamweaver:  
http://www.usablenet.com/frontend/508as_entry.jsp

A-Prompt Accessibility Verifier:  
http://www.aprompt.ca/

Bobby: (Now owned by Watchfire with desktop versions available for purchase)  

Wave:  
http://www.temple.edu/instituteondisabilities/piat/wave/

508 Compliant: (demo available)  
http://www.508compliant.com/tools.htm

JAWS: (40 minute demo available)  
http://www.freedomscientific.com/fs_downloads/jaws.asp

1 Deval L. Patrick, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, ADA Core Letter No. 204 (Sept. 9, 1996), available at http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/foia/cltr204.txt.

As librarians and paraprofessionals, we often are asked to photocopy, provide or obtain copies of materials that are protected by copyright. About a year ago, I attended a seminar on copyright and have learned to research the subject from time to time to protect myself from complications. Here is a summary of what copyright should mean to you.

An author of published or “non-published” materials is automatically protected by copyright. The author is the owner of his or her work and is protected by law from others using or “stealing” the work. USC 17 (http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/17/) regulates copyrights in the United States. Section 106 of the Copyright Act ensures authors/owners exclusive rights over their work, whether published or non-published, including the right to authorize others to reproduce, distribute, perform or display the work with the only exception being “fair use.” (If an author compiles a work for an employer, then the work belongs to that employer.) Most websites and/or copyrighted materials have copyright permission instructions and/or disclaimers affixed to them so that if someone wants to use a work, they can obtain permission to do so. Permission may be granted with or without copyright restrictions. The restrictions in the written permission must be adhered to in order to avoid legal consequences involving copyright infringement.

The “original works of authorship” that are prepared by an author are those of literature, music, dramatic works, pantomime, choreography, pictures, graphics, sculptures, movies, audiovisual works, sound and architecture. However, with modern computer technology, these categories should be expanded and viewed as broad enough to encompass computer technology. The Copyright Act against piracy or infringements protects all of these works. The Act, at http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/17/504.html, protects materials from infringements by imposing some pretty hefty penalties.

While copyright protection is automatically secured to protect the owner or author of a work, the exceptions, including fair use, apply. It is important for you, as an information specialist, to stay abreast of current copyright laws and regulations to assure compliance. An example, common source materials are not protected by copyright. Currently, the Copyright Act of 1976 automatically protects, to full term, the copyright for all works. This is extended from the time the work is made tangible for the life of the author plus 50 years. An exception to this applies to the corporate author. They are protected for 75 years from the date of the publication or 100 years after the work was created, whichever applies first. In order to fully protect a work for copyright reasons, in the United States, the owner/author must register the work with the Library of Congress. Minus this registration, copyright damages may not be pursued or found against an innocent infringement.

Fair use comes into play mainly for educational, research and teaching purposes. These rights are also limited to whether the use is harmful to the owner/author and if the use is reasonable. Four factors are used in this determination:

1. the amount and substantial portions being used;
2. the nature of the work;
3. the purpose and character if there is no charge for copies beyond cost recovery. Also considered is whether the same function is attained from the copy as that which was served by the original;
4. the effect on the potential market for or value of the work. In other words, in using the work, there is no damage of the market for the original and the use also encourages a market for the original.

If you are not depriving the original owner/author of a derived income and are using the work for reasonable educational or research purposes, you may be within the scope of the 1976 Copyright Act regarding fair use. If in doubt, seek the owner/author’s permission. Note that a fee for permission may be involved.

Another determination of whether copyright applies is the definition of the work. With the Information Age upon us, copyright laws are being revised. Publications in print, media, video, and audio, all fall under copyright laws. It is important, in order to avoid a violation, that we are aware of the changes in the law as they apply to our roles. Some informational web pages are:

http://www.law.cornell.edu
http://fairuse.stanford.edu/
http://www.copyright.gov
Information on how to file for a copyright, what the fees are, what the laws are, what fair use means, is available on the sites listed above. You may also obtain information at:

http://freeadvice.com/intellectual_property/copyright_law/benefit_copyright_registration.htm
or
http://excalibur.wju.edu/IPP/licensing/copyright/ip_crt_reg.htm

You may also contact the Library of Congress, directly. Most questions you have may be researched in the information found within the sites listed above.

Ultimately, you are responsible personally for any violation of copyright laws on your part. Fines for a violation can range from $250 up, inclusive of possible imprisonment of up to one year. So, be aware of what the laws are, especially when distributing material to a group if a copyright is involved.

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5 See Access Now, Inc. v. Southwest Airlines, Co., 227 F. Supp. 2d 1312 (S.D. Fla. 2002) (holding the airline web site was not a place of public accommodation within the meaning of the ADA and that no nexus between the web site and a physical place of public accommodation existed).
STAYING FOCUSED IN A SEA OF CHAOS...

The library where I work is currently in the process of moving. And while that may sound like a routine, unemotional event in this day of constant flux, it is anything but routine for me. It is a metamorphosis over which I have no input or control. This library is my home away from home. I spend more hours here, at this single location, than at any other. And if I want to stay on board it is to be as a passenger, not as part of the decision making crew.

It is more than a simple matter of moving the library from one floor to another. We are moving from a space that has windows to one that does not. Many of us are losing our offices to a quad of cubicles. We are reducing our print collection. In short, it feels to me as though the library is moving from a location of high visibility and prominence to one characteristic of an afterthought.

While I could understand the changes from an economic and financial standpoint, the librarian in me was clearly upset. How could this be happening, I thought to myself? More importantly, now what do I do? I did not understand how we could throw away books. How could we break up a set of reporters by throwing half of them away? Yes, I understand that these same cases can be obtained on LexisNexis and Westlaw. But for me, finding an adequate substitute does not justify throwing books away. For me, it is about history and originality. Many of the books thrown away were from the turn of the Century and by that, I mean from the 19th to the 20th Century. These books have passed through the hands of many people. Every time I would pass them, I couldn’t help but wonder who had picked them up, read them and how did it effect them in their time? Unfortunately, many of those people were no longer with us, but the books were. They were their history—proof of their time and existence.

[On many of my quests to the Cook County Law Library, I would find old, personal letters hidden within the pages of quietly aging reporters. There was something very exciting about this for me. It was if I was invited to step into a time portal of the past, if only for a few minutes, and I felt privileged.]

Right now you may be saying, “Okay, we hear you. Chill out, it will be all right.” I in turn say, see Working Smarter p. 28

WORKING SMARTER
by Deborah Rusin
Altheimer & Gray

PROFESSIONAL READING
By Mike Robins
Levenfeld Pearlstein


Despite successful litigation against the Children’s Internet Protection Act and other wins, libraries faced a range of political and economic challenges throughout 2002. The authors discuss the continued impact of September 11, budget pressures, and virtual reference and education issues as they make predictions for the new year.


Recognizing the importance of older materials (pre-1970) upon current law, the authors describe a variety of traditional and electronic resources for retrieving the materials that make up legislative history or reveal Congressional intent.


DePaul University librarians developed peer to peer instruction software in order to keep communication open between staff members at all eight campus libraries. In addition to sharing subject expertise in the present, the system also stores its knowledge for future use in a convenient and easily retrievable format.


As the USA PATRIOT Act lowers the standards for obtaining search warrants, Fifarik discusses the possible threats to patrons’ privacy in today’s digital libraries. Information technology, either intentionally or unintentionally, often collects patron information that librarians may be asked to turn over to legal authorities. The author discusses strategies for protecting patron privacy in such situations.

Hanson, F. Allan. “From Key Numbers to Key Words: How Automation Has Transformed the Law.”

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“Okay, but I am a romantic. I am a bibliophile. I am a LIBRARIAN! How else do you expect for me to feel?”

All of these were my initial feelings and reactions and I am still coming to terms with the inevitable changes the future is sure to bring for all of us librarians. In the meantime, I have found that little voice reminding me that I am one of the fortunate ones, in that I am still doing what I love to do and that is being a librarian.

For warm and fuzzy comfort, I still have my library at home. And at that library, I am solely in charge, so any thoughts you may have of budgetary reductions you can keep to yourself. However, if there is a book you wish to check out, please let me know!

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Hanson details the many differences between print-based and computer-assisted legal research, while also pointing out how automation affects our perception of the law as a science. In his opinion, print-based research projects a view of the law as a “separate domain” because of its hierarchical structure, while computer-assisted research “erodes” the boundaries between the law and other disciplines. The article raises many interesting philosophical issues for any librarian facing the transition from paper to electronic libraries.


The authors describe the cost benefit analysis (CBA) approach to estimating a dollar value for services offered by public libraries. At the same time, they outline a methodology for a less expensive CBA applicable to smaller or private libraries.


This brief article points out the serious gap that often exists between how librarians and their patrons view the same library. Focusing on design and layout, the author suggests ways in which librarians and staff may better understand the challenges faced by patrons.


With the advent of full-text databases, librarians now must decide how to “catalog” the many titles available under a single heading. This article summarizes the results of a survey of research libraries attempting to use aggregated databases as a solution.


The author discusses the basic issues confronted by librarians as electronic journals gain greater prominence in academic law libraries. In addition to licensing, use statistics and reference linking, the article also describes a “serials crisis” in which rising subscription and production costs have led to a lack of intellectual communication between scholars.


This fascinating article explores the importance of reliable and accurate citation in legal scholarship. According to the author, “scholarship...depends on the reliability of sources used so that subsequent scholars can build upon the work.” In a review of 20 recent law articles, the author finds that 12 cited an online source that could no longer be located. Since electronic formats do not necessarily distribute information in a consistent and reliable format, scholars need to be aware of the pitfalls of some electronic research.


Purchasing new technology for a law firm generally requires a great deal of time and money. This article suggests methods for establishing safeguards before such purchases are made, including a return on investment (ROI) calculator. While the article addresses firm-wide initiatives, the lessons drawn apply equally to the efforts of law librarians.


For the foreseeable future, experts identify XML as the most important standardized language for

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February 21, 2003
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February 27, 2003
CALL Seminar — Help I Have To Do Interlibrary Loan!
www.aallnet.org/chapter/call

March 11, 2003
ARMA Chicago Spring Seminar
www.armachicago.org

March 13, 2003
CALL Executive Board Meeting, Chicago, IL
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March 13, 2003
SLA Illinois Student Mentoring Program

March 21, 2003
CALL Business Meeting, Chicago, IL
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April 3 - 5, 2003
ABA Techshow, Chicago, IL
www.abanet.org/techshow/index.htm

April 6 - 12, 2003
ALA National Library Week
www.ala.org/pio/nlw/

April 10, 2003
CALL Executive Board Meeting, Chicago, IL
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April 10 - 13, 2003
ACRL National Conference, Charlotte, NC
www.alanet.org/acrl/charlotte/

April 23, 2003
SLA Illinois Meeting

May 6 - 8, 2003
INFOTODAY 2003, New York, NY
www.infotoday.com

May 16, 2003
CALL Business Meeting, Chicago, IL
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June 7 - 12, 2003
SLA Annual Meeting, New York, NY
www.sla.org

June 19 - 25, 2003
ALA/CLA Annual Conference, Toronto, ON
www.ala.org/events/annual2003/

July 12 – 17, 2003
American Association of Law Libraries:
Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
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August 7-13, 2003
American Bar Assoc., Annual Conference
San Francisco, CA
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structuring documents and data on the web. As librarians take increasingly larger roles in designing firm intranets, external websites and online catalogs, it becomes important for them to understand the nuts and bolts of XML. This concise and clearly written article introduces the basic concepts and predicts future trends.


This brief article suggests that law firm libraries plan and market themselves to the firm as a small business would to its market. The author proposes a “three-pronged process”, which includes developing a strategic plan, building relationships and superior client service, and communicating value.


Since the development of electronic resources and the rise of the “digital age,” librarians face daily challenges to their roles within their departments and their organizations at large. This article describes the evolving nature of information services and suggests ways for librarians to stay ahead of the curve.


At a time when the economy and certain technological developments threaten the jobs of information professionals, this article provides a detailed list of resources to help with career management. Focusing on issues such as networking and career planning and development, the author recommends a variety of print and online resources dedicated to a proactive career strategy.
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