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FROM THE EDITORS

Like any organization, leadership spearheads progress. Leaders help the organization grow by bringing new ideas and perspectives. They help foster the completion of projects. In short, leaders help the organization to grow. Without willing participants to run for the various offices, an organization eventually falters.

In this issue of the Bulletin we are pleased to present the biographies of candidates for the CALL Executive Board. These candidates are willing to give of their time freely in order to continue to make CALL a great organization. While a biography cannot tell you everything about a candidate, it’s certainly a great introduction. Take a few moments to read about these wonderful candidates before you cast your vote.

In addition to seeking out great leaders, a great organization needs to step back every once in awhile and take a look at its mission, goals, policies and procedures. Also in this issue, you will find that proposed changes to CALL’s by-laws. Please take the time to carefully review these changes, as they will impact you as a member of CALL.

Debbie and Joan

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BE SURE TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF YOUR CHOICE and return your ballot by March 15th!
This my third Presidential column. The time has certainly gone by quickly. The holiday months of November and December are over. We had our Joint meeting with SLA on January 20. Spring flowers will be appearing shortly.

Please note the upcoming events:
1. The ballots for the candidates will be mailed by February 21. Ballots must be returned by March 15. The candidates biographies will be posted on the CALL website on the Members only side. The candidates are:
   For Vice-President /President Elect:
   - Charles J. Condon (Northern Illinois University College of Law Library)
   - Naomi J. Goodman (Valparaiso University School of Law Library)
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   - Jamie K. Stewart (Chapman and Cutler LLP)
   A special thank you to all of the candidates for making this commitment to CALL. Also, the CALL Nominations Committee: John Klaus, Chair; Pegeen Bassett; Lenore Glanz; Joan Ogden; and Priscilla Stultz are to be congratulated for their hard work.

2. The next Business meeting will be March 18. Our speaker will be John Unsworth, Dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The title of his topic was not known at press time. If his name does not sound familiar to you, it is because this is his first year as Dean. His press release is located at: http://alexia.lis.uiuc.edu/gslis/unsworth.html

We will also be discussing the proposed bylaws changes that the Bylaws Committee have distributed to the membership. These changes should make our bylaws in concordance with the AALL Bylaws and to allow for electronic transactions of CALL business.

3. If you have suggestions for topics for the projected Joint Chapter meeting with Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana librarians, please let me know.

There are also some committee opportunities:
1. A new co-chair is needed for the Public Affairs Committee. Spencer Simons has accepted a position outside of the Chicago area. The charge for the committee is:

   **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

   This committee is composed of a chairperson and at least four members who:
   
   Monitor activities at the local, state and federal levels of government that is of interest to the Chicago law library community.
   
   Suggest to the CALL Board the possibility of writing position statements regarding pending legislation and assist in preparing the statement. Advise the Board on legislation and other public affairs items of interest to the chapter. Assist Board in response, including drafting response.
   
   Monitor activities of public libraries, private libraries that have public access, and related professional associations that are of interest to the Chicago law library community. These associations include, but are not limited to, the Illinois chapter of the Special Libraries Association, the Association of Legal Administrators, the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Chicago Multitype Library System, and the American Library Association.
   
   Report to the CALL Board of Directors on at least a monthly basis and to the membership at each business meeting about library, government and professional association activities of interest.
   
   Keep the membership informed of activities of interest by means of columns in the CALL Bulletin “Public Affairs Update”, the CALL Discussion forum, the CALL website, handouts and announcements at the CALL Business Meeting, and other methods.
   
   Maintain a relationship with related committees of AALL.

   If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

2. The charge for a Strategic Planning Committee should be available shortly. If you have any interest in this committee, please contact me.

3. Jean Wenger, Vice President, will be starting to appoint the Committees Chairs shortly. Remember to volunteer for the committees. It is the expertise of CALL members which makes us such a strong organization.
The November CALL business meeting was held Wednesday November 19, 2003 at the Chicago Bar Association. Attendees numbered 76 for the breakfast meeting that featured guest speaker Judith Krug from the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom. The meeting was co-sponsored by C. Berger and GSI. Professionals Library Services provided the door prizes.

At this meeting the CALL Nominations Committee announced the slate of candidates for the 2004 election. They are:

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Ballots will be mailed in February.

Vice President Jean Wenger introduced Judith Krug, the Director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association. Krug’s presentation, entitled “The ‘Interesting’ Times of Intellectual Freedom,” focused on the USA Patriot Act and the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the use of filters. She reported ALA is not against the use of filters in the home, but does feel filters are inappropriate for public institutions. Unfortunately certain federal funding is tied to the use of filters. Krug outlined the recent case, the United States vs. ALA that was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court.

In finishing, Krug listed the most frequently challenged books of 2003. Included in the list are Harry Potter, Fallen Angels, the Alice Series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, Slaughterhouse Five, the Chocolate War, Of Mice and Men, and King and King. Krug encouraged people to look at the ALA website at www.ala.org/oif for more information.
Breakfast is served!

Mike Franklin and John Stanton of GSI Online, meeting sponsor.

Ms. Krug spoke on “The ‘Interesting’ Times of Intellectual Freedom”.

The meeting speaker, Judith F. Krug, Director of the Office of Intellectual Freedom of ALA.

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CALL Executive Board
Summaries of Minutes
By Denise Glynn
DePaul University College of Law

Date: October 8, 2003, 9:00 a.m.
Place: AALL Headquarters

Board Members Present: Nancy Faust, Denise Glynn, Betty Roeske, David Rogers, Christina Wagner, Jean Wenger, Julia Wentz

Also Attending: Kathleen Powers Goodridge, Union List Chair

I. Minutes
Minutes for the September meeting were approved with amendments.

II. Treasurer’s Report
Income and deposits for September totaled $5,230.00 and checks written totaled $5,311.00. Actual balance at the Harris Bank to reflect deposits and outstanding checks is $15,984.25. The Northern Trust balance as of September 3, 2003 is $3,952.06.

Status with IRS: CALL tax information has been sent to the accountant. The taxes are due Jan. 15, 2004. We do not have to file Illinois State Taxes.

Membership renewals: As of October 1, 2003, CALL has 288 members.

III. Old Business
Proposals for future awards, VIP program, etc.: Depending on the budget, CALL could think about the possibility of increasing the awards for scholarships.

IV. New Business
Policy Enable live links in vendor ads from Bulletin: The question came from the Bulletin Committee—do we want live links from the Bulletin to the advertisers websites? Annette will check if live links will work.

Washburn Library renewal: We are a membership and not a subscription. We can send Washburn back copies of the Bulletin with a note saying we have gone to an electronic format for our Bulletin. Gail can draft a letter for Joan to send to Washburn stating they need an individual name so they can have access to the Bulletin. Joan can call EBSCO stating we are a membership and not a subscription.

Anything other than a table for AALL? CALL will have a table for the exhibit hall.

George Strait Scholarship Donation: When CALL is in better financial shape, we might want to consider sending money to this fund. We will wait until May to see how financially sound we are. CALL sent a $200.00 check for the 9/11 Fund on June 5, 2002. AALL said the 9/11 funds were going to go to the minority fund.

Comments about the Bulletin on the web: CALL received only 1 negative comment about the Bulletin on the Web.

Archive of Bulletin procedure: When Joan sends the copy of the Bulletin to Annette, she can also send a copy to Juli in Archives. Perhaps, the PDF can go to someone at Loyola and they can print it out.

V. Committee Reports
Union List/Kathie Goodridge: The Union List will be produced in 2004. Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman will be able to front the OCLC costs. Due to production costs, there will be a slight price increase in the next edition. The prices will be:

- $90.00 for Union List participants, first copy
- $65.00 for participants, additional copies
- $135.00 per copy for non-participants

EPIC: The Committee is having trouble figuring out their purpose. They are going to write a survey and give it to Charlie. They want to know what the Board considers para-professional.

Public Affairs: They had their first meeting and will prepare a report for the next Board meeting.

By-Laws: They have not met yet. Frank Drake will be able to step in as Chair if necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Denise Glynn
October 21, 2003, Amended: November 12, 2003

Date: November 12, 2003, 9:00 a.m.
Place: AALL Headquarters
Board Members Present: Nancy Faust, Denise Glynn, Betty Roeske, Christina Wagner, Jean Wenger, Julia Wentz
Absent: Dave Rogers
Also Attending: Frank Drake, Chair, Bylaws Committee

I. Minutes
Minutes for the October meeting were approved with amendments.

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“BNA is so hands-on, and they really know their customers. They are really aware of our firm’s specific needs and will work with us to find the products best suited to meet those needs.

“When pharmaceutical law became a big focus in our IP group, BNA was right there with Pharmaceutical Law & Industry Report. When the Sarbanes-Oxley Act was passed, BNA’s Corporate Accountability Report came out almost in tandem—and we bought it right away. That was brilliant timing on the part of BNA.

“When new attorneys start, the first question they always ask is, ‘What BNA publications do you have?’ BNA puts out a solid product that our attorneys respect.”
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II. Treasurer’s Report

Income and deposits for October totaled $635.00 and checks written totaled $1,500.24. Actual balance at the Harris Bank to reflect deposits and outstanding checks is $15,102.29. The Northern Trust balance as of October 3, 2003 is $3,955.14.

Status with IRS: The tax returns are ready. We are also going to file with the State of Illinois per the recommendation of the accountant.

Memberships to date: CALL has 289 members as of November 1, 2003.

III. Old Business

Enable live links in Bulletin: Betty has not heard back from Annette on this issue. The Board has decided not to enable live links until a later date. The Board does not want to overwhelm Annette with too many new changes. The Board wants to see a smooth transition with Bulletin online first.

Archive of Bulletin: Julia Wentz has a volunteer at Loyola who will handle archiving the Bulletin. This person will coordinate with Juli Jackson.

Registering with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds: Denise will check into this further.

Unemployed members: The Board has decided further review is necessary.

IV. New Business

Liaison interaction with their Committees: Liaisons, please remind your committees to post information and notices in a timely manner. Please go over how to post to the website/Discussion Forum with your committee chairs. Because we are online only, committees need to take the responsibility of posting to the website/Discussion Forum. The Board has decided to add to the Handbook a section on how to post to the website/Discussion Forum.

Ideas for the topic for the March meeting: Jean will forward to Board members previous interviews from Dean Unsworth. Please read these to help solidify a topic for the March meeting.

Approval of CALL Website policy: The Board has approved the CALL Website Policy.

Friends of SLA-Illinois: SLA is offering the opportunity to advertise in their Directory under a new section called Friends of SLA-Illinois. For $25.00, your name or business card can appear in this section. This was an FYI announcement for the CALL Board and might be something we could possibly try in the future if we need to generate more funds. We will be evaluating it.

AALL Strategic Plan: AALL is looking for suggestions. The deadline is Nov. 24, 2003.

AALL Professional Development Awards: Is there anyone we want to recommend?

Bylaws in regards to Quorum for Board Meeting: Will the speakerphone count as a quorum? Yes it does according to ILCS 105/108.15. This is just in case a Board member is unable to attend the meeting physically, but can still be present via speakerphone.

AALL Spectrum and Chapter News: Naomi Goodman wrote a very nice article and included a photo for the November 2003 issue of the AALL Spectrum. The Public Relations Committee did an excellent job getting this in.

Notice in Law Bulletin about meetings: Any public announcement made by CALL concerning meetings and educational programs should be sent to the Public Relations Committee for dissemination to the CALL Bulletin, ISBA News, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin and to the Chicago Multitype Library System (CMLS).

V. Committees

Change to Bylaws Committee Roster: Frank Drake has replaced Carolyn Hayes as Chair of the Bylaws Committee.

Disbanding of Community Services: Community Services has ceased for this year. Dave will send the committee information to the Archives in case it is needed for the future.

Bylaws: Frank passed out an annotated copy of “Suggested Changes to CALL’s Bylaws (submitted for discussion)”. Please send suggestions to Christina, Betty and Frank. There is no provision for electronic balloting in the State of Illinois at this time. CALL’s Bylaws were compared against AALL’s Bylaws. At this point they have not been compared against other chapters bylaws. In reading through the proposed changes many questions came up. The Corporate Memory Committee will be asked if there are or have been any honorary members. Do we want the fiscal year in the Bylaws? The Board wants the fiscal year to be September 1- August 31. This coincides with both the IRS and the Illinois Secretary of State. This could then be added to the Corporate Memory Log. AALL does not have a year designated in their bylaws. Does any other chapter have a specified year? Under Section 8.3, do we want to give committees a term? Do we want to tie down the VP with a date for appointing committee members? The Board needs to establish which version of the bylaws is the official version. The bylaws are in print in the CALL Handbook and on the CALL website. Should there be a currency date at

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the end of the Bylaws? This was just the first meeting with the Bylaws chair. The discussion will continue at future board meetings.

VI. Committee Reports

Community Service: This committee has ceased for this year. Membership has fallen below the required two members plus Chair. Linda Chia has resigned from the committee leaving just the Chair, Kelly Pucci, and one other member, Joanne Kagler who resides out of state. The Committee chose as its project matching CALL member library discards with donors. Pucci solicited suggestions from other law libraries via a listserv and received an overwhelming response. She will make these suggestions part of the Committee records.

Continuing Education: On Thursday October 30, 2003, SLA (Chicago) and CALL co-sponsored a presentation by Stephen Abram held at the CLS offices in the Santa Fe building. Approximately thirty people attended the program. This program was well into the planning stages by the time CALL got involved since SLA had already arranged for the speaker, the facility and the date. SLA handled the preparation of the flyers and both SLA and CALL publicized the program on their websites as well as through the SLA listserv and the CALL Discussion Forum. SLA handled the mail in registration and both SLA and CALL provided on-site assistance to participants on the morning of the program. CALL arranged for the food and refreshments after consultation with SLA on the costs involved. Overall, the program was an unqualified success and members of both SLA and CALL expressed an interest in exploring joint sponsorship of future events.

Relations with Information Vendors: Gail has been busy forwarding email messages from the Law-Acq listerv to keep CALL members informed of happenings with vendors and other acquisitions related issues. Two projects are now in the making. The first one is that CCH is interested in holding focus group meetings with law firm and corporate legal department librarians on either Dec. 5 or 12, in the Kluwer’s headquarters in downtown Chicago. The second one is with West librarian’s liaison for Illinois. Lorna Tang asked Ms. Butman if she is interested in doing a demo or a program for West’s “My Account” feature. She responded and said yes they are interested.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by: Denise Glynn

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Bulletin Committee and Handbook revision policy: The Bulletin Committee changed the submission date for the spring issue of the Bulletin from Jan. 15, 2004 to Feb. 1, 2004. They made this decision without consulting the Board. The spring issue holds the bios of the candidates for the upcoming election, so there was concern on the Board’s part how this information was to be disseminated. The Board decided for this election, to put the candidates’ bios on the members only side of the website and mail the bios to the people not on the Discussion Forum. When the Bulletin comes out, it will contain the bios. The Bulletin with the bios will not go to the public side of the website. For 2005, the various committees will be charged to improve their joint coordination so all their information goes out in a timely fashion.

Public Affairs Committee Chair: Joanne Kiley has volunteered to be a co-chair of the committee.

V. Committee Reports

Bylaws: Frank distributed “annotated version 3A revised” of the proposed bylaw changes. Please send any changes to Betty, Christina and Frank. This revision of CALL’s bylaws was compared against AALL’s bylaws and other chapters’ bylaws. Under Article IV, classes of members were renamed. “Active member” will replace “individual member”, and “individual” will be incorporated under dues. Throughout the bylaws, “letter/mail” requirements were removed and changed to “notice” except under the section for elections. Under Section 7.2, Frank offered 2 choices of wording, one option from other chapters’ wording and one option from Roberts Rules of Order. The Board chose the wording from Roberts Rules of Order. The Board also decided not to specify in the bylaws, a set number of Board meetings to be held per year. Section 8.3 is being revised so it follows the AALL bylaws. In the next couple of weeks, Frank will send to the Board another version of the proposed bylaw changes. Please send any comments, corrections to Betty within 3 days of receipt of the proposed bylaw changes. The proposed bylaw changes will be presented for discussion at the March business meeting. Membership will be notified 30 days prior to that day. During the discussion of “letter/mail/notice”, the Board questioned how everyone was being notified who was not on the Discussion Forum. Judy Gaskell had run a list of names from the Discussion Forum against the CALL Directory. Those who are not on the Discussion Forum list get notices in printed form. Judy had a goal that each institution would have 1 person on the Discussion Forum to pass along information to those not on the Forum. Since Judy has moved to Washington, D. C., Betty is investigating this issue with the Internet Committee Co-Chairs.

Union List: The Committee has been busy preparing material for the January mailing to all participants. Margaret Lundahl will be available again to serve as a resource for our union list participants. The preorder form for the union list will be posted on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Denise Glynn

December 11, 2003, Amended: January 15, 2004

Supporting New Professionals:
AALL Annual Meeting Grants
by Iris Lee
AALL Grants Committee Chair

The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to law librarians or graduate 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 are awarded to cover the Annual Meeting registration fee or the registration fee for workshops presented at the Annual Meeting. Preference is given to applicants who are new to the profession and active in AALL or one of its chapters.

The AALL Grants Program began in 1952 and is one of the oldest and most successful AALL programs. More than 1,000 librarians have received funding to assist them in attending AALL educational activities. Many of those recipients are leaders in the profession today. For additional information, check out the application on the Association’s web site.

http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grants.asp

In 2001, the Minority Leadership Development Award was created to assure that AALL’s leadership remains vital, relevant and representative of the Association’s diverse membership. The Award provides up to $1,500.00 toward the cost of attending the Annual Meeting, an experienced AALL leader to serve as the recipient’s mentor, and an opportunity to serve on an AALL committee during the year following the monetary award. For additional information, check out the application on the Association’s web site.

http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_mlda.asp

Applications for both AALL Grants Programs must be received at the Association’s headquarters by April 1, 2004. ■
Valparaiso University School of Law Celebrates 125 Years
by Naomi Goodman
Valparaiso University School of Law Library

One hundred and twenty-five years! That’s an anniversary that demands a big celebration, so Valparaiso University School of Law has planned an appropriately impressive gala at the Field Museum for May 1, 2004. The 41st President of the United States, George H.W. Bush, will be the speaker, and guests will have the opportunity to visit the Field’s “Splendors of China’s Forbidden City” exhibit during the evening and listen to the Valparaiso University Symphony. The Law School’s anticipation of great interest and fast ticket sales was confirmed when the 1,100 available tickets sold in nine hours.

A poster proclaiming “125 Years of Teaching and Learning” features real students in the actual Court Room of the Law School. The poster was designed for the anniversary by artist Mitch Markovitz and is available to the public. The poster, and details of the artist’s approach to producing a more serious work than the “South Shore” type posters previously produced for Valparaiso University, can be seen at http://www.valpo.edu/law/125th/.

Special banners – some with the university’s seal, for placement around the Law School, and others with “lady justice” for the rest of the campus – have been created for the anniversary.

A major fund-raising campaign centered on the 125th celebration has been very successful. Of the target $10 million to be raised, $8 million is already secured. continued on p.33
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In 2003, the CALL Board charged the Bylaws Committee to review the current bylaws and make recommendations for changes. In making changes, there were specific goals stated:

1) Make allowance in the bylaws for the conducting of as much CALL business as possible by electronic means instead of using costly mailings. Also, to the extent allowable by Illinois law (current and future), make provisions for the eventual possibility of electronic balloting.

2) Review and compare AALL bylaws for language which may be included in CALL bylaws, including bringing our membership categories in closer conformity with AALL.

3) Clarify as much as possible references to CALL’s operating year (between our annual meetings) as opposed to our fiscal year (from September 1, to August 31), and to clarify operational procedures.

The Bylaws Committee made an extensive study of our bylaws and compared them with bylaws of AALL and of other chapters. The committee has made a number of recommendations and reviewed them with the CALL Board. The AALL Bylaws Committee reviewed a preliminary draft of the proposed changes and found them to be in compliance with AALL. The document below is the result of this review.

Ordinarily when presenting proposed bylaws amendments to the membership, each change is compared with the current version. Because the proposed revisions are so numerous and affect almost every article, the resulting document would be far too long. Instead, we recommend that members compare this document with the current bylaws as found in the current membership directory or online at [link].

If any member has questions or comments concerning these proposed revisions, please contact the Bylaws Committee chair, Frank Drake, at (312) 876-7170 or at fldrake@arnstein.com. Members may also contact the committee: Carolyn Hayes, John Klaus, Jamie Stewart, and Virginia Thomas. These proposed changes will be presented for discussion at the March business meeting. After discussion, a vote will be taken whether or not to send the proposed revisions out to the entire membership for approval by ballot.

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ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP

This article has been thoroughly revised and reformatted, primarily to bring the CALL membership categories and definitions closer to those of AALL. Language regarding Notice to Members is taken from recent revisions to the AALL Bylaws, so as to allow the conducting of business as much as possible by electronic means.

Section 4.1 Qualifications for Membership.
Any person interested in law libraries may become a member of the Association upon payment of dues and by meeting the qualifications for one of the following classes of members: active, retired, associate, student, and honorary.

Section 4.2 Members – Active and Retired.
(a) Active: Any person who is interested in the objectives of the Association and works with legal information in a library or information center or provides library services on an independent contract basis.
(b) Retired: Any person who is (1) retired from library work and (2) was an active member of CALL the Association for at least 10 consecutive years.
(c) Rights and Privileges. Active and Retired members shall have the right to vote, to hold an elective office or an appointive position, to serve on committees, and to receive the CALL Bulletin.

Section 4.3 Members – Associate, Student, and Honorary
(a) Associate: A person who is not eligible under any other category, including non-library members of the information industry and members of library governing boards.
(b) Student: A person enrolled in a degree program related to law librarianship. Membership in this category is limited to five consecutive years.
(c) Honorary: A person who has made extraordinary contributions to law librarianship or to the Association and who is not a member of the Association is eligible for honorary membership upon endorsement by the Board of Directors. There are two categories:
(1) Lifetime honorary membership.
(2) Special honorary membership. Applies to individuals who serve in a governmental capacity and is limited to their term of office.
(d) Rights and privileges:
(1) Associate members shall have the right to hold an appointive position, to serve on committees, and to receive the CALL Bulletin.
(2) Student members shall have the right to vote, to hold an appointive position, to serve on committees, and to receive the CALL Bulletin.
(3) Honorary members shall have the right to receive the CALL Bulletin.

Section 4.4 Dues.
(a) Dues shall be payable annually in advance for the year commencing June 1st and ending May 31st.
(b) Dues for each class of membership in the Association shall be determined by the Board of Directors subject to approval by two-thirds of the members present and voting at any regular meeting provided that written notice shall have been mailed sent to the members at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.
(c) Membership shall cease when dues are three months in arrears. Reinstatement is possible upon payment of dues for the entire 12 month period. Dues are not refundable.
(d) Membership dues paid by an institution can be transferred or assigned by the institution. Membership dues paid by an individual cannot be transferred or assigned.
(e) Honorary members do not pay dues.

Section 4.5 Notice to Members
Whenever these Bylaws require notice be given members of the Association, such notice shall be given by sending e-mail to the member’s e-mail address of record, sending electronically transmitted facsimile copy (fax) to the member’s fax number of record, or mailing printed or written notices to the member’s postal address of record. Printed or written notice may also be included in the CALL Bulletin.

ARTICLE V
MEETINGS

Section 5.1 There shall be at least four regular business meetings of the Association from June through May unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors.

[Dates changed so as to reflect CALL’s operational year.]

Section 5.2 The last meeting of the year shall be the Annual Business Meeting which shall be for the purpose of receiving reports of officers and committees, announcing election returns, presenting the newly elected slate of officers to the members, and for any other business that may arise.

Section 5.3 Notices of all meetings and their locations, except special meetings, shall be sent four weeks prior to the day of the meeting.

Section 5.4 Special meetings can be called by the President or by the Board and also shall be called upon written request of at least ten members of the Association. The purpose of the

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meeting shall be stated in the call. No matters may be acted upon other than those specified in the call. Notices shall be sent at least three weeks prior to the day of the meeting.

Section 5.5 Forty **voting** members of the Association shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Association.

Section 5.6 Decisions of the membership shall be made by the majority vote of **eligible** members voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present, unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws. Proxy voting is not allowed.

[Sections 5.5 and 5.6 revised for clarity].

ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS

Section 6.1 The officers of the Association shall consist of the President, the Vice President/President-Elect, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Section 6.2 The terms of office of the President and Vice President/President-Elect shall be one year. The terms of office of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be two years. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected in alternate years. All officers shall serve until their successors are elected and assume their duties. Each officer’s term of office shall begin at the close of the Annual Business Meeting unless otherwise provided by these Bylaws. **No officer shall hold more than one office at a time, nor shall anyone serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.**

[Language taken from AALL.]

Section 6.3 The officers shall have responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the Association and shall perform those duties assigned to them by these Bylaws and by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 7.1 The President, Vice President/President-Elect, immediate Past-President of the Association, Secretary and Treasurer as ex officio members, and two elected Directors shall constitute the Board of Directors. The terms of office of the elected Directors shall be two years with one Director elected each year. All officers and directors of the Association must be members in good standing of the Association, and the President and the Vice President/President-Elect also must be individual members or designated institutional members of the American Association of Law Libraries. The removal of a person from a position as officer simultaneously removes that person from a position as Director.

[Change made for clarity.]

Section 7.2 The Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association, fix the time and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Association, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association (Article XII). The Board shall establish an annual budget.

[Language taken from AALL.]

Section 7.3 Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, meetings of the Board shall be held as deemed necessary by the President. Special meetings of the Board shall also be called upon request of any four members of the Board. A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of its members. The act of a majority of the Board present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board.

[Language taken from AALL.]

Section 7.4 The Board may conduct business and vote by any means authorized by statutes of the State of Illinois.

[Language adapted from AALL.]

Section 7.5 All major resolutions and policy decisions of the Board shall be published in the **CALL Bulletin**. These bylaws shall be published in the Association’s Membership Directory.

Section 7.6 The members of the Board shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for any expenditure incurred in the discharge of their duties.

[Language taken from AALL.]

ARTICLE VIII
COMMITTEES

Section 8.1 The Board may establish Committees of the Association, provided that none shall be “Committees of the Board” unless they satisfy the provisions of Section 108.40 of the Illinois General Not For Profit Act of 1986, as amended. No Committee shall act in contravention of Section 108.40.

Section 8.2 Committees shall be of two classes: Standing Committees and Special Committees.
(a) Standing Committees shall be those established for purposes requiring the continuous attention of the Association.

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(b) Special Committees shall be those established for a stated period to accomplish a specific purpose. At the end of the stated period, the continuation of every Special Committee shall be decided upon by the Board.

Section 8.3 The Vice President/President-Elect, with the advice and consent of the Board, shall appoint the committee members, with the exception of the Nominating Committee (as specified in Article IX, section 9.1) and designate the chair and co-chair of each committee to serve during the year in which the Vice President/President-Elect will serve as President. The President may make committee appointments during the President’s term of office. Appointments to Standing Committees shall be made for the term of one year beginning at the close of the Annual business meeting.

[Language taken from AALL, and used to clarify the process of appointing committees.]

Section 8.4 Each Committee shall submit to the Board a written annual report of its activities which shall contain any recommendations considered necessary or advisable. Additional reports may be submitted at the option of a Committee or as requested by the Board or the President. Summaries of the reports shall be published in the CALL Bulletin.

Section 8.5 No Committee shall incur expenses on behalf of the Association except as authorized by the Board nor shall any Committee commit the Association by any declaration of policy.

Section 8.6 The President shall be an ex officio member of all Committees except the Nominating Committee and the Elections Committee. The President may appoint individual members of the Board to act as liaison to the committees.

[Language added to reflect current practice.]

ARTICLE IX
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
Section 9.1 The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of five members of the Association, no one of whom shall be a member of the Board and no one of whom shall be a candidate for office at the succeeding election. Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of one year, and the chairperson of the committee shall be designated by the Board.

Section 9.2 The Nominating Committee shall, each year, place in nomination the name of at least one candidate each for the offices of Vice President/President-Elect and Director. The Committee shall, in alternating years, place in nomination the name of at least one candidate for the office of Secretary or the name of at least one candidate for the office of Treasurer. These officers will serve staggered two year terms. The Committee shall present the names of candidates together with their written acceptances to the Board not later than October 1st.

Section 9.3 Additional nominations may be entered by written petition of at least ten members of the Association. These nominations, accompanied by written acceptances of the candidates, shall be filed with the Secretary of the Association not later than January 1st.

Section 9.4 Voting shall be by secret ballot. The Secretary shall prepare the official ballot comprised of the slate of nominees presented by the Nominations Committee and those nominated by petition. The professional position of each nominee shall appear on the ballot.

[Language taken from AALL.]

Section 9.5 The President shall appoint an Elections Committee consisting of members of the Association, no one of whom shall be a member of the Board and no one of whom shall be a candidate for office at the succeeding election.

Section 9.6 Method of Voting. Prior to February 21, a copy of the ballot shall be distributed to each voting member of the Association. A member shall be deemed to have responded and the member’s ballot shall be counted if it is physically received by the Chair of the Elections Committee by March 15. The Committee shall count the returned ballots; the candidate who receives the largest number of votes for an office shall be elected. In the case of a tie vote, the winner shall be determined by lot conducted by the members of the Elections Committee. The chair of the Elections Committee shall report the results of the election, first to the candidates and then to the Board. The results of the election will then be reported to the membership as soon as possible, via e-mail, in the CALL Bulletin, and at the Annual Business Meeting.

[Language changed to clarify the process and to allow for the eventual possibility of electronic balloting.]

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ARTICLE X
VACANCIES, SPECIAL ELECTIONS, AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 10.1 In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice President/President-Elect shall automatically assume the office of the President for the remainder of the term plus one year.

Section 10.2 In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice President/President-Elect, a special election will be held to elect a new Vice President/President-Elect to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. The Vice President/President-Elect shall duly succeed to the office of President.

Section 10.3 Special elections shall be held within 60 days of the occurrence of a vacancy, and shall observe the procedures established for general elections.

Section 10.4 In the event that a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board of Directors, except in the office of President or Vice President/President-Elect, the board shall appoint a member to fill that office for the remainder of the term.

[Sections 10.3 and 10.4 re-ordered for clarity.]

Section 10.5 Any officer or director may be removed from office, without any necessity for showing cause, by two-thirds affirmative vote of those members responding to a <letter> ballot. A <letter> ballot shall be sent <by U.S. mail, first class postage,> to every voting member at the address for such member shown on the records of the Association. The ballots shall be sent no later than ten days after passage of a resolution by the Board or receipt by the Board of a petition for that purpose, described below. Members shall be given at least three weeks from the date of mailing of sending the ballot to respond, and the deadline for response shall be set forth in the ballot. A member shall be deemed to have responded and the member’s ballot shall be counted if it is physically received by a designated officer or director, described below, on or before the stated deadline. A vote for the removal of an officer or director may only be taken upon (i) the passing of a resolution by the Board or (ii) the presentation of a petition for that purpose to the Board signed by ten percent of the voting membership. An officer or director whose removal is not being sought shall be designated to prepare, send, collect, and count the ballots.

ARTICLE XI
INDEMNIFICATION

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, the directors, officers, and members may be indemnified by the Association under the relevant provisions of the Illinois General Not For Profit Corporation Act, 805 ILCS 105/108.75 <(III. Rev. Stat. ch. 32, para. 108.75)>.

[Old citation removed.]

ARTICLE XII
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of meetings where they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

[Language in Article XIII has been revised for clarity and to allow for the eventual possibility of electronic balloting.]

Section 13.1 Amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by at least ten members of the Association. Proposals originating in the Board shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board before submission to the members. Proposals originating by petition shall be submitted in writing to the Board and shall be presented to the members no later than the second business meeting after receipt of the petition with an accompanying statement of the Board’s recommended action.

Section 13.2 Notice setting forth the text and the purpose of the proposed amendment shall be sent to each member at least 30 days before the meeting at which it is to be discussed. If approved by a majority of the voting members present <and voting> at the meeting, the amendment shall be promptly submitted to the entire membership for final decision by <letter> ballot.

Section 13.3 These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the returned <letter> ballots sent to the <entire> voting membership provided that at least 30 percent shall have voted.

Section 13.4 Upon adoption by the membership of the Association, amendments to these Bylaws shall be submitted to the American Association of Law Libraries Bylaws Committee by the President. ■
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WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO...
by Sally Holterhoff
Valparaiso University School of Law

In an organization as large as CALL, members come and go. Those of us who stay put sometimes wonder how post-Chicago life is turning out for our former colleagues. This article completes an even dozen profiles of people who were at one time Chicago law librarians and who have moved on—to other locations, other jobs, even to careers in other fields. Suggestions for future profiles are welcome.

For Juliet Casper, her two years as a law librarian in Chicago were an early stop on a career journey which began in Indiana and which led her back to the Hoosier state once again. But since Dec. 1999, her life and career have taken an unexpected and interesting turn, putting a new spin on the old adage, “Practice makes perfect.” Following a move to North Carolina, she wasted no time in launching a new career for herself as a practicing attorney, a role that she has found suits her well. Her practice centers on real estate and small business work. She is an Associate with the firm of Newby, Pridgen, Sartip & Masel, LLC, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Juliet is a native of Louisville, Kentucky and she moved to Aurora, Indiana when she was 16. She has a bachelor’s degree from St. Mary’s College in Notre Dame, IN. She went on to law school at Indiana University Bloomington and while a student there she worked in the Law Library at the circulation desk. She enjoyed helping the students, faculty, and general public with research questions. When she received her J.D. in 1992, she learned that the job market at that time was bad for attorneys but good for law librarians. With the encouragement of IU law librarians Colleen Pauwels and Linda Fariss, Juliet stayed at IUB another year and earned her masters degree in library science. Her first job as a law librarian was for Northwestern University, as Evening Reference Librarian, starting in the fall of 1993. When she left that position two years later, it was to return to IUB Law Library as Electronic Services Reference Librarian. During her four years in that job, she was in charge of the World Wide Web Virtual Law Library hosted by IUB School of Law, which she revamped, reorganized, and maintained. She also arranged all the online legal research training for the school and taught several sections of 1-L legal research.

In 1999 Juliet experienced several life changes. Her parents had retired to North Carolina, her son turned 1, and her marriage ended. She found herself wanting to be closer to her parents and also looking for a new challenge. So in December of that year she packed up and moved to an area near her parents, near both the coast and the border between North and South Carolina. Since there were no law libraries within a hundred-mile radius of her new location, she decided to put her law degree to work as a practicing attorney. It wasn’t long before she found a job, with Newby Pridgen, the firm for which she still works. Although she was already a member of the Indiana Bar, she needed to take and pass the South Carolina bar exam, which she did in the fall of 2000, followed by North Carolina in 2001.

Juliet finds some similarities between practicing law and her previous work as an academic law librarian. “Real estate law involves research, much like law librarianship. I review land titles for every residential and commercial closing I handle.” However, she notes that the stress level is considerably higher for a practicing attorney. “The lenders, realtors, and clients all put pressure on the attorney to hurry up and close the transaction. I can’t always leave my work at the office at the end of the day. Plus I have to market myself in the community in order to generate new business.” In her new career, Juliet says she has improved her skills in both communication and negotiation. She notes that “A lot of legal problems are resolved over the phone.” As a practicing attorney, Juliet does some research—“mostly looking for South Carolina statutes.” She thinks that “folks would be surprised how much of the practice of law is just thinking like a lawyer as opposed to spouting off the rule of law.”

Juliet admits missing some things about her former life as an academic law librarian. “I miss reading the U.S. Supreme Court opinions as they are released. I never have time to keep up to date.” She also misses reading new criminal law books, which she used to do on a regular basis as the Recent Books Editor for the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology. On a personal level, one of the things she misses most about Chicago is going to Cubs games—“I would have loved to have been there this past fall for the division title games.” She also misses Chicago style pizza and great Italian food. From her days as a CALL member, Juliet recalls fondly working with CALL members on the telethon—“I still have my Call on CALL tee-shirt!”

Getting accustomed to life in the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (Horry County) area did not take Juliet very long. She points out that this is the “fastest growing area in South Carolina. Hundreds of thousands of tourists visit every year. People are very friendly here and the pace of life is slow, like you are on vacation.” She has found attorneys in the local county bar association, most of whom are University of South Carolina Law School graduates, to be very good colleagues.

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INTERNET MOMENT
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So You Want to Write Fiction …
“Scratch a lawyer and find a budding fiction writer …” so stated the subtitle to a February ABA Journal article that arrived on my desk recently. True, the article did not specifically mention law librarians dying to join the ranks of fiction writers, but I have heard of at least one law librarian who has made the leap. I also vaguely remember, and perhaps you do too, the emails from SEAK Inc. just daring attorneys to attend their conference and learn to write legal thrillers. While I love my job, there is something about the dreary months of January and February, when winter just drags on and will not let go, that makes my mind jump around like a fish flopping around on dry land trying desperately to reach breathable water. So rather than try and focus such a wayward mind on the more practical column subject that I had originally chosen, I thought I would explore the world of fiction.

First of all, who are these SEAK Inc. people? SEAK Inc. is a company providing training, seminars, directories, and other publications marketed toward expert witnesses, medical personnel, and attorneys. They also run legal and medical fiction writing conferences and contests. For more on the conferences, visit http://www.seak.com/.

Next, I mentioned one law librarian that I knew of who was forging ahead with a writing career. Mindy Klasky works at the DC firm of Collier Shannon Scott. She has published four fantasy novels and is an active member of the Law Librarians’ Society of DC. You can find out more about Mindy by visiting her web site at: http://www.mindyklasky.com/.

So what if you just want to troll the Internet looking for writing how-to information? Well, one good place to start is with the various professional associations.

Professional Associations:
The Author’s Guild: http://www.authorsguild.org/
Horror Writers Association: http://www.horror.org/
Mystery Writers of America: http://www.mysterywriters.org/
National Association of Women Writers: http://www.naww.org/

National Writers Association: http://www.nationalwriters.com/
Romance Writers of America: http://www.rwanational.org/
Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America: http://www.sfwa.org/
Sisters In Crime: http://www.sistersincrime.org/
Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators: http://www.scbwi.org/
Western Writers of America: http://www.westernwriters.org/
Writers Guild of America: http://www.wga.org/

Other useful sites:
The Write Market: http://www.writemarket.com/
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The thirteenth edition of the CALL Union List of Serials will be available in June 2004, and preparations are underway. The Union List Committee mailed an informational packet to all participating libraries on January 16, 2004. The packet contains a letter with instructions for updating local data records, a preorder form, and a copy of each participating library’s entry as it appeared in the twelfth edition. If any participating library has not yet received a packet, please contact Kathleen Powers Goodridge at (312) 435-5660 ext. 2657 or Kathleen_Goodridge@lb7.uscourts.gov. The following preorder form is for the use of anyone who wishes to purchase a copy of the thirteenth edition. Only the number preordered will be printed. If you wish to purchase a copy of the thirteenth edition, you must preorder before April 1, 2004.

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Not unlike other professions, the library profession utilizes personnel who did not necessarily go to school for the sole intent and purpose of becoming a librarian. These employees may not possess a masters degree in library sciences (MLS) and, in many cases, would not fit the job requirements that are desired by various organizations for a library director or librarian position.

A library staff may consist of students who may be going to school and who may or may not have a Bachelor’s degree, personnel who have work experience in a library setting, or employees who have certificates in various aspects of the profession and/or various other degrees or backgrounds. The MLS-degreed person obviously has been trained, however, to work in the librarian profession and usually has a definite desire to be within the scope of the profession. However, there may not be a need for every staff member to possess a degree in library science. One such example can be found at http://winslo.state.oh.us/publib/jobpara2.html.

In speaking with some library directors, I have been informed that in the Chicago area at least, personnel that are not MLS-degreed can be and are very useful members of library staff. The staff can be trained by a librarian to check in and route mail; do online cataloguing and conduct inter-library loan searches. Some personnel also have been trained to decipher requests from attorneys when the attorney is not clear on exactly what they are looking for. An example might be when an attorney wants an article from a magazine or newspaper and has misstated the date or article name. Library staff members have been trained to actually find what these attorneys are looking for by checking the specifics of various requests.

In an effort to achieve good customer relations, along with good staffing choices, libraries use a variety of staffing levels to achieve various goals, sometime overlapping the roles of the staff. There are a variety of staffing objectives for different organizations. Depending on the needs and finances of the organization, the roles in each library may differ where degrees of education are concerned. Thus, employment in a library setting is dependent on what the employer is seeking in an employee. In searching the Internet for various job placements, I found some interesting descriptions:

- The Systems Librarian: Designing Roles Defining Skills — Thomas C. Wilson; Paperback
- The Roles of Reference Librarians: Today and Tomorrow (Reference Librarian Series) — Kathleen Low (Editor); Hardcover

There are even courses that can be taken to become a library paraprofessional – see, for example:

- http://www.mtlib.org/paras/paralinks.html

Also, there are a variety of organizations in existence that want to aid library personnel in their roles within various library settings. Some other sites you can go to for information are:

- http://flightline.highline.ctc.edu/lssrc/orgs/indexmap.htm
- http://winslo.state.oh.us/publib/jobpara2.html
- http://www.ala.org/ssirt/

The EPIC Committee is here to assist the Education Committee in CALL to determine what programs would assist library staffs in CALL. We are attempting to schedule some helpful seminars to curb the gap in the levels within staffing situations. Also, it is noted in doing research on paraprofessionals in general, that this is a problem within more fields than libraries. There are paraprofessionals in medicine, legal, schools and other organizations. If you need further information, please consult: http://www.nrcpara.org/; How To Be A Para Pro : A Comprehensive Training Manual For Paraprofessionals by Diane Twachtman-Cullen, David DeLorenzo; along with many other sources you may find in your searches on the Internet, in libraries and bookstores.
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This article introduces the benefits of virtual tours in showcasing a library, a special collection or services offered. While no standard format has yet been developed, the author explains how multimedia presentations, interactive floor plans and online tutorials may promote law libraries.


Through a combination of text and helpful charts, this article describes how knowledge management initiatives have changed the roles of information professionals. It recognizes that many information professionals feel left behind and aims to assist them in identifying methods for skill development and personal growth.


This practical and informative discussion suggests ways in which librarians may successfully archive appropriate materials. Since modern libraries cannot possibly save everything, the author lists appraisal criteria, including functions, context, content, future uses and cost-benefit of retention.


Reviewing the 2003 SLA Salary Survey, this article points out that salaries for information professionals have exceeded inflation and continue to indicate room for future growth. It also compares regional differences, gender equity and salaries in Canada and the United Kingdom.


If you conduct legal research, then you’re familiar with West Publishing and FindLaw. This lengthy and extremely interesting article describes current litigation between West and FindLaw Co-Founder Tim Stanley over the details of Stanley’s separation agreement and his efforts to launch a competing service. It might make a great movie someday.


While most Internet searchers use short queries in short search sessions, the authors examine those searchers who form more complex queries during longer sessions. In doing so, they attempt to determine whether trends in search strategies are changing.

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Recognizing the speed with which legal researchers must obtain information, this comprehensive article lists a variety of online resources for United States Supreme Court research. The author includes links to official sites, opinions, case summaries, briefs, oral arguments, court dockets and other research guides.


The article describes how the availability of court records online may call for more detailed rules or federal regulation. While asking, “Just how public should public records be?” the author suggests that policies concerning public and corporate privacy must be addressed quickly.


The author explains that patron surveys, particularly in undergraduate libraries, may not provide the most informed feedback for a quality assessment of library services. While user surveys provide valuable information about perceptions, it takes the standards of a professional to evaluate services properly.


Using their experience as promoters of the Rohm and Haas Knowledge Center, the authors outline a strategic approach for communicating with the “customers and stakeholders” of an information center. This approach includes developing champions for the information center, creating effective firm-wide communication and celebrating the accomplishments of inclusive patrons.


Classifying search engines into six categories based on functionality and use, this article compares and contrasts the features of 20 meta-search engines. It identifies and describes unique features of each and offers suggestions for future versions.

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**WORKING SMARTER**

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*It Is All About a Sense of Balance*

With this issue of the Bulletin featuring the candidates’ bios, it made me think about my involvement in CALL and various other organizations. More importantly it made me think about balance. Balance between what we may have to do (i.e. work) and what we choose to do (i.e. volunteering).

I have found that my days can easily become quite chaotic and stressful if I don’t seek a sense of balance. At times when life seems to be getting really crazy with my involvement in CALL, SLA, AALL, WSA Tennis and the Round Lake Area Library, I think seriously about pulling in the reins. Whoa Trigger! It doesn’t take much to throw my whole day off. What I mean by this is that I have to stop, think and listen to myself.

That’s when the coffee break comes in. I take myself away from my desk and head for the coffee station. I give my brain a break by taking a few moments to reorganize my thoughts. I take small breaks by listening to my headphones on the train, catching a tune on the radio in the car, taking a short walk around the block or looking forward to dinner with a friend. Otherwise my life would be like a runaway train. Nothing would get done.

By doing these things I can arrange my day so that it is productive, enthusiastic and enjoyable, making my involvements with the various organizations worthwhile. Because, when I seriously think about cutting back on some of my activities, I realize that I enjoy them all immensely and that they each give my life a sense of variety and balance.
The original School of Law in Valparaiso was founded in 1879 by Mark L. DeMotte, a senior partner in a respected N.W. Indiana law firm, and a former colonel in the Union Army. He was responding to the real need for better qualified lawyers, but was also taking a risk, as the standard for practicing law under the Indiana Constitution of 1850 was “every person of good moral character, being a voter.” Compared to many of the other law schools that were founded in this period, most of which did not survive, this Law School had a significant student base – 19 students, with three instructors.

The Law School soon became part of the Northern Indiana Normal School, which later became Valparaiso University. Both the Law School and the university were committed to providing an education of high standard at a cost that was affordable to a large segment of the public. In the early days of its history, the Law School offered legal education for $10 per term, with the degree to be completed in two and a half years compared to the standard three years. Students were expected to work hard, and some criticized that the school was “too easy to enter, and too hard to get through.”

By the early twentieth century, the Law School had 150 students enrolled, making it the largest law school in the state. By 1910, at least ten graduates had become chief justices of state supreme courts and others had served as state governors or U.S. senators, including George Norris of Nebraska, the “father” of the Tennessee Valley Authority and the author of the 20th Amendment.

As the American economy faltered, so did enrollment, down to nine students in 1923. The School survived, gained approval from the American Bar Association in 1929, and was then accepted as a member of the Association of American Law Schools. Despite an enrollment of only four students during World War II (in 1943), the President of the University had faith in the future of the Law School. He prevailed against those who advocated closing, the school survived, and enrollment rose to 158 by 1949.

In an interview on the front page of the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin on January 14, 2004, Dean Jay Conison noted that today there are 572 students compared to an enrollment “in the low 400s” in 1998. They are supported by 32 full-time teaching faculty, a similar number of adjuncts, and six library faculty. Student applications have increased so much over the past few years that numbers admitted to the coming year’s class will be restricted so that the Law School maintains its small school character.

In the same interview, the Director of Admissions/Recruitment stated that the Law School has switched recruitment efforts from regional to international, with a corresponding change in the school’s composition and character. But the one thing that has not changed is the emphasis on “legal writing and the ‘core competencies,’ or practical skills that lawyers use every day.” This emphasis includes three semesters of legal research taught by the Law School’s librarians, who play a very real part in the students’ education.