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While the Summer Edition of our CALL Bulletin is traditionally not a special edition, we are breaking tradition with this issue and dedicating it to CALL’s 60th Anniversary. It is a tribute to the enthusiasm, cooperation, collaboration and commitment of CALL members—past and present. In this issue you will also find the answers to all those tricky Trivia questions presented by the 60th Anniversary Committee and a letter of congratulations from Sally Holterhoff, president of AALL—and our own CALL member.

Our tribute to CALL’s 60th Anniversary also includes a special article from Joan Ogden on developments and changes for law libraries in the past ten years. We are pleased to feature a question and answer session with past presidents of CALL. There’s a common thread in our Q&A session with CALL past presidents, which we hope you will find time to read. Foremost, presidents mention repeatedly what a pleasure it was to work with such a ‘can do’ membership—members who just don’t say no to any request for help, be it chairing a committee, locating a speaker, or contributing to a program.

Hearty congratulations to all our newly elected officers of CALL! We thank everyone who ran for office, and of course, everyone who helped make the election a success. We welcome Heidi Kuehl and her contribution as author to the column, “TechBuzz.” Unfortunately, we will be saying farewell to two people who contributed a lot to the Bulletin. Sheri Lewis will be concentrating on her new duties as CALL’s Vice President/President Elect, and therefore will take a break from writing her “Professional Reading” column. Since this is the end of Roberta’s three years as co-editor of the Bulletin, she will step down with this issue. The Bulletin has become better due to her dedication and commitment. All her hard work, excellent writing and editing skills, time and efforts are truly appreciated.

“It was indeed my pleasure to work with Debbie Rusin and Gail on this publication, and to be able to learn more about CALL and its thriving, vibrant membership. Getting acquainted with CALL members—albeit sometimes only electronically!—was rewarding and well worth the modest effort required.”

~Roberta

Roberta Fox
Gail Hartzell

FROM THE EDITORS

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This special issue of the Bulletin, along with the trivia questions compiled by the 60th anniversary committee, will help mark CALL’s 60th anniversary. Even more special is the continued vitality of CALL after 60 years. We have active and involved committees, a Board committed to serving its membership, and members who value the Association and its place in representing law librarians.

CALL is the third oldest chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, established in 1947. Only the Washington, D.C. and South Eastern chapters precede us. We have a long and honored history of service to the National Association, including membership on the AALL Board. The current and incoming Boards are perfect examples of this participation, with Sally Holterhoff completing a term as President, Lyonette Louis-Jacques continuing on the Board and Jean Wenger joining the Board during the New Orleans meeting. Every member of CALL should be proud of the contributions of this chapter.

I hope that many CALL members will be in New Orleans for the AALL annual meeting. This unique American city has suffered terribly in recent years. In 2006, ALA was the first large convention to go to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. I’m happy that AALL decided to stay with its original decision to hold the 2007 meeting in New Orleans. There are a number of CALL members working on programs for the meeting including Therese Clarke Arado, Fred Barnhart, Karin Donahue, Debbie Ginsberg, Sheri Lewis, Halle Mikyska, Betty Roeske, Margaret Schilt, Keith Ann Stiverson, Lorna Tang, Gretchen Van Dam and Jean Wenger. In addition to all her presidential duties, Sally Holterhoff is also a speaker.

It has been a great privilege to serve as CALL President this year. This year’s Board has continued the excellent work of our predecessors. We were able to do more work reaching out to GSLIS students, including an invitation to the March 2007 business meeting, a new grant to cover CALL and AALL student membership dues, and participation at Dominican’s association evening in 2007. I’d like to thank Kathy Hough, Katie Leonard and Gretchen Van Dam in particular for their part in these activities.

Three Board members leave this year, Secretary Juli Jackson, Director Janice Collins, and Past President Naomi Goodman. Director Maureen Burns resigned previously when she moved out of state. It was wonderful working with all of them. With new President Debbie Rusin, Treasurer Anne Abramson, recently appointed Director Fred Barnhart joined by newly elected Vice President/President-Elect Sheri Lewis, Secretary Debbie Ginsberg and Director Julie Pabarja, CALL is in capable hands.

I hope that everyone enjoys their summer and I look forward to seeing you at next year’s meetings.

Mary Lu

The 2006-2007 CALL Board of Directors would like to thank all of the CALL members who generously gave their time, creativity, and expertise as committee chairs, committee members, and program speakers for the programs and projects of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries in 2006-2007. Your contributions are truly appreciated by the Board and your fellow CALL members. THANK YOU!
CALL Executive Board Minutes Summary
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Date: January 9, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Place: AALL Headquarters, 53 W. Jackson Blvd, Suite 940
Members present: Anne Abramson, Maureen Burns, Naomi Goodman, Juli Jackson, Mary Lu Linnane; Debbie Rusin
Members not present: Janice Collins

I. Meeting called to order
The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

II. Approve agenda
The agenda is approved.

III. Approve Secretary’s minutes
The Secretary’s minutes are approved as amended.

IV. Treasurer’s report
a. Report
Income and deposits for December totaled $1,821.00. Actual balance at the Harris Bank to reflect deposits and outstanding checks is $33,456.58. The Northern Trust balance as of the end of December is $4237.33.

b. Membership to date
The total membership as of 31. December 2006 is 324.
c. Completion of tax return
The tax returns just came in. Mary Lu needs to sign and then send back.

V. Old Business
a. Library school students at March meeting
Mary Lu Linnane has contacted the Dominican people and the University of Illinois people about offering library students free attendance to the March meeting. No one has gotten back to her yet. Any enrolled student will be able to attend the March meeting for free.

b. Wolters Kluwer grant
The money came from Wolters Kluwer for the grant. This is the grant that will offer CALL and/or AALL membership for a year. The cost would be approximately $61 per year ($51 for AALL membership and $10 for CALL membership). Naomi Goodman has been working with Therese Clarke Arado to come up with a procedure for awarding this grant. They will present something at the February meeting.

c. Continuing Education issues
i. No show follow up
This issue is tabled until next month.

II. Approve wording for 2 questions on ballot
i. CALL Directory proposals Mary Lu Linnane is going to contact Susan Sieber to see if “no preference” can be added to the directory question.

ii. Type of library
This question looks fine.

b. 60th Anniversary Committee ad book proposal
The Board would like the Committee to stay in the realm of the library/legal world. The Committee should not seek advertising from funeral homes.

c. Change in wording for discussion list guidelines (from Internet Committee)
The board approves the new language for the discussion list guidelines.

These changes are:

Members may send attachments, but these must be limited to text-type files (Word, PDF, text files, HTML) which are under 3 megabytes.

d. Plans for joint CALL/SLA meeting (January 18)
The meeting is scheduled to take place as planned.

e. CALL/ISBA programs (Jean Wenger)
Jean Wenger would like CALL and ISBA to work more closely together for programming. This idea came from Dave Bryant and he thought 10 sites in 10 minutes would be a good idea. This would be an ISBA program that would involve CALL. Jean Wenger will provide more information shortly.

f. Nomination for PAGI award per Keith Stiverson
Public Access to Government Information Award – Debbie Rusin thinks that Illinois Clicks should be nominated. She will contact Keith Stiverson to see what needs to be done to nominate Illinois Clicks. The deadline is February 1st.

g. Clarification for possible grant request
A potential grant request may come from a member to attend a meeting in South Africa. The Grants Committee wanted to know if this type of meeting would qualify for a grant. The Board indicated that this type of meeting would meet the grant criteria; however, the grant will not be anymore than normal due to the cost of the conference. $500 is what every one else is likely to get.

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h. CALL eligible for free 2007 registration to New Orleans meeting
CALL is eligible for a free registration to the AALL meeting in New Orleans. In the past, CALL has treated this as an extra part of the Grants Committee.

VII. Miscellaneous

a. Possible date/location change for March meeting
On March 20th, we can not have the Board meeting at AALL. Mary Lu Linnane thinks she can reserve the rare books room. She will let the Board members know if this is not possible.

VIII. Committee Reports

Meetings – The March meeting is almost finished being planned. BNA is the sponsor and we will have a AALL speaker.

Bulletin – They are going to have a special edition in summer. Perhaps it will be a printed version. Naomi Goodman will give the Committee a heads-up on this possibility.

Grants – The Committee will be getting draft language prepared for the Wolters Kluwer grant for the next Board meeting.

Public Affairs Committee – Naomi Goodman will ask the Committee for any information on net neutrality.

CRIV – They will not be doing the vendor program because the Continuing Education Committee is too busy; however, they were asked to help with an e-discovery program. They are discussing this.

IX. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by: Juli Jackson

As Amended: 13. February 2007

Date: February 13, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Place: AALL Headquarters, 53 W. Jackson Blvd, Suite 940

Members present: Anne Abramson, Maureen Burns, Janice Collins, Juli Jackson, Mary Lu Linnane, Debbie Rusin

Members absent: Naomi Goodman

I. Meeting called to order
The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m..

II. Approve agenda
The agenda was approved.

III. Approve Secretary’s minutes
The Secretary’s minutes were approved as amended.

IV. Treasurer’s report

a. Report
Net income for January totaled $395.00. Actual balance at the Harris Bank to reflect deposits and outstanding checks is $33,851.58. The Northern Trust balance as of the end of January is $4,237.33.

b. Membership to date
The total membership as of 31. January 2007 is 325.

V. Old Business

a. Library school students at March meeting
i. Invitations sent to Dominican & UIUC liaisons. The students have been invited to the March meeting. So far no one has responded - but it is still early.

ii. Follow up plans, i.e., meet & greet, etc.
We want to make sure that the students are greeted, get a lanyard, and are recognized at the meeting. The details will be worked out at the next Board meeting.

b. Illinois CLICKS nomination for PAGI award
Debbie put the nomination in with Keith Ann Stiverson. We will probably hear something in April.

c. Reprinted CALL Bulletin articles in CRIV Sheet
These articles were reprinted in the February AALL Spectrum. It is very good publicity for CALL and for the individual authors.

d. Continuing Education issues
i. No show follow up
Anne heard from Julie that a gentle reminder was sent to the two no-shows for their $5 for the Wiki program.

ii. Schedule for 2007
There are no further questions on this.

e. Joint ISBA/CALL/SLA CLE proposal
The proposal was due Jan. 31st and it is now before the committee. We should hear something soon.

VI. New Business

a. Election news
The AALL servers were down last week, so the election was delayed. However, it started this week and everything is going alright so far. Reminders will be sent out along the way and the last date to vote is the 15th of March.

b. Draft proposal for membership grants (Grants Committee)
The Board went through the draft application and made suggestions. Mary Lu will give Therese Clarke Arado the

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suggestions and she will get it ready for the March meeting to pass out to the students. The Board would like to get this ready to put up on the website by March 1st.

c. Webcast for Sunshine Week (Public Affairs Committee)

Kevin McClure is going to put the $250 Sunshine Week registration fee on his credit card (since CALL does not have a credit card) and be reimbursed by CALL. The program will be on March 12th from noon - 1:30 and will be held at Chicago-Kent. This will be a webinar.

d. Planning for AALL webinar on Negotiating E-content Licenses

AALL is making an attempt to have a program outside the annual meeting. The committee will try to meet the education needs of the non-annual meeting attendees. They are planning a program for the end of May. The committee would like to have attendees in the audience and have asked CALL to be the bodies in the audience. They need about 40 people. It would last an hour and CALL or the members participating would not have to pay anything. The date will be sometime the week of May 22nd. This is all preliminary. Once the details are established, Mary Lu will send a message to the membership.

e. Activities area space reservation for AALL meeting (PR Committee)

AALL has sent out a form for reserving space at the Annual Meeting. We don’t have to make a decision now. We have been doing this for years and will do so again this year.

The Public Relations committee is responsible for this area at the annual meeting.

Debbie Rusin will coordinate with the committee to get this space taken care of.

f. Plans for Cornell Winston, AALL Board

He is the speaker at the March meeting. His plans will be set soon. He will not be available for a dinner, but he would like to see one or two libraries before the meeting. Debbie is going to wait and see if AALL wants CALL to pick up the extra night. He wants to know what he should speak on. The Board suggested he could speak on the advantages of being involved in an organization.

g. March 28 program at Dominican

Dominican is looking for CALL participation in their Association Evening. The event date is Wednesday, March 28th from 4-6 pm at Dominican River Forest location. Debbie Rusin is going to contact Katie Leonard to see if she will represent CALL. She will also send the information to the Membership and Placement/Recruitment chairs and see if anyone else would like to go to represent CALL. The Board thinks that having some brochures, lanyards, and membership applications available would be a good idea.

h. Volunteer form for 2007/08 Committees

The Vice-President makes the form available at the March meeting. The only changes to the form should be to change the contact to Debbie Rusin and to remove the Union List committee. The Union List committee is officially disbanded.

i. Miscellaneous

Paula Smith writes a thank you note about the article written on Joyce Malden.

VII. Committee Reports

The Bulletin needs a co-editor.

Continuing Education Committee - the Committee would like to webcast their program and then archive the programs on the website - what has the committee found out about this? How do you do it? Also, is CALL doing anything about Continuing Legal Education? CALL will not be a CLE provider.

Community Service Committee - collected $36 at the joint meeting and this money was sent to American Cancer Society. The Committee is planning another non-meeting event on May 20th to benefit the ACS. Also, nine boxes were collected and $100 for the Greater Food Depository. Books will be donated for March meeting.

Archives - Juli Jackson will hopefully have the Archive items OCR’d by the end of March.

Corporate Memory Committee – Frank Drake sees no reason in the by-laws which precludes announcement of the election results as soon as possible.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by: Juli Jackson

26. February 2007

As amended: 20. March 2007

Revised:

Date: March 20, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Place: DePaul Rinn Law Library, 25 E. Jackson Blvd, Rare Book Room

Members present: Anne Abramson, Maureen Burns, Janice Collins, Naomi Goodman, Juli Jackson, Mary Lu Linnane, Debbie Rusin

I. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. Approve agenda

The agenda is approved.  

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III. Approve Secretary’s minutes
The Secretary’s minutes are approved as amended.

IV. Treasurer’s report
a. Report
Net income for February totaled -$1,496.85. Actual balance at the Harris Bank to reflect deposits and outstanding checks is $32,354.73. The Northern Trust balance as of the end of February is $4,237.00.

b. Membership to date
The total membership as of 28. February 2007 is 326.

V. Old Business
a. Election results
The election results have been presented to the Board via e-mail. The newly elected members are:
Vice-President/President Elect: Sheri H. Lewis
Secretary: Deborah Ginsberg
Director: Julie Pabarja
54% of the eligible membership voted.

b. Library school students at March meeting
No library students have contacted JoAnn Hounshell about the upcoming luncheon. Our contacts at Dominican say that three people will be there, but no one has signed up yet.

c. Grant proposals
i. Student membership dues
The Grants Committee has completed the form. Mary Lu Linnane has sent information to our liaisons at Dominican and UIUC, put the information on the CALL webpage, and put out a message to the membership through the listserv. The deadline is May 1, but if someone applies later, they should be able to get the grant.

Any form that we make available needs to have the date. Mary Lu Linnane will add the date of the form and add to the Handbook. The Grants Committee needs to look into how to follow up with the recipients. It would probably be best to send the checks made out to CALL or AALL along with the form for the recipient to mail in.

ii. Deadline for free AALL registration (May 1)
We need to notify AALL by May 1 who is getting the free registration to the AALL annual meeting.

d. CALL at Dominican association evening
Katie Leonard is going to be representing CALL. John Klasey will most likely be there as well, however this is not confirmed yet.

e. Plans for March business meeting
Cornell Winston is speaking. He will be visiting Schiff at 9:00 and Sonnenschein at 10:00. Then Debbie Rusin will get him to the CALL Business Meeting. We have about 90 people signed up to attend. He will talk about updates to the AALL Board and how to get our organizations to support participation in Associations.

VI. New Business
a. Resignation from Board and appointment of replacement -
Maureen Burns is leaving the Board. She is moving to Wisconsin and getting married. The Board is responsible for appointing a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. Mary Lu will contact perspective members about filling the vacancy and will let the Board know at the next meeting.

b. ILA request to defeat Illinois S.B. 1682
There has been a bill introduced by a Senator from Palatine to prohibit public schools and public libraries from allowing access to open spaces like MySpace. ILA is concerned about how this restriction will affect patrons. It won’t affect the CALL membership; however it might create a slippery slope. Robert Doyle at ILA just wants to know what position CALL will take in case it is necessary in the future. Mary Lu has said that we will support their efforts to defeat the bill.

c. CALL Bulletin advertising
The advertising revenue has gone down dramatically through the years because major vendors now have a policy of not advertising in regional publications. We could try to go out and get more advertisers or just keep accepting ads. The Board does not want to go get more advertisers. The Board would like to keep what advertisers we have and if they peter out, they peter out.

d. Law Bulletin Publishing marketing opportunity
It is time to look at signature listing opportunities again. We have done the Law Day issue in the past and the Public Relations Committee usually takes care of the listing. The deadline is April 6th and the cost is $150. Mary Lu will find out what we did last year and let Anne Abramson know.

Mary Lu will put this information in the Handbook under Treasurer.

e. Request from Mary Alice Baish for online petition
Mary Alice Baish would like an online petition to be sent out continued on p.8
to the membership. This online petition is for public access to governmentally supported research. Mary Lu will send it out to the membership.

f. Continuing Education and online access to programs
The Continuing Education Committee has asked if they can provide online access to their programs. The answer is no because the AALL server can not handle it. As long as we are on the AALL server, we can not offer this.

g. CALL no-host dinner in New Orleans
We are going to plan for Saturday night and 20 – 25 people. Will also plan to leave enough time to get to the Lexis dessert reception at 8:30 p.m. Will also try to keep the cost around $40 without dessert, unless a great restaurant has something available!

h. Discuss possible VIP guest in New Orleans
We will not be having a VIP guest this year.

VII. Committee Reports

Continuing Education Committee - the e-discovery program was well attended and the speaker was very good. There were approximately 30 people there. Another program is set for April and aimed at cataloging librarians. The program will discuss what’s new in the world of cataloging. More information will be coming out shortly. The tour of the Newberry library is scheduled for June.

Meetings Committee - all the volunteer forms have been printed. We will most likely have a judge at the final meeting.

60th anniversary committee - June 13th has been selected as the date for our celebration. Debbie will talk to them and get more specific information about the plans.

Public Relations Committee – The Sunshine Week program had technical difficulties again this year. We will be getting our money back again and the participants will be getting their money back too.

Grants/Awards Committee- The word needs to get out about the various awards and grants CALL has to offer. Naomi will make an announcement at the meeting this week.

Bulletin Committee - Summer 2007 will be a dedication to the 60th anniversary.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Submitted by: Juli Jackson
2. April 2007
As amended: 10. April 2007  ■
The March 22, 2007 CALL Business Meeting was held at Petterino’s. BNA sponsored the meeting and Professionals Library Service donated the door prizes. Cornell Winston, AALL Board Member, was the guest speaker.

Mr. Winston gave a very inspirational talk on what each member could do to make an impact on the library community. First, he strongly encouraged everyone to continue their education. This can be accomplished through chapter continuing education or through the Annual Meeting. If your employer will not help defray the costs of continuing education, members can apply for the BNA Continuing Education grant or a chapter grant. Chapters can apply for a grant to bring a speaker locally and provide a program for the membership. Mr. Winston strongly encouraged attendees not to “sit, soak, and sour!” Instead he encouraged members to share their knowledge!

Second, Mr. Winston encouraged advocacy. He was very impressed with the activities of the CALL Public Affairs Committee. Keep up the good work!

Finally, Mr. Winston encouraged everyone to get involved with their profession. He suggested getting on a committee, writing an article, or proposing a program for CALL or the annual meeting. You should be a resource to and for someone else!

President, Mary Lu Linnane, announced the 2006/2007 Board election results:
- Vice President/President elect: Sheri Lewis
- Secretary: Deborah Ginsberg
- Director: Julie Pabarja

President Linnane thanked CALL members for voting. There was a 54% turnout. President Linnane also thanked the Elections Committee for all their hard work in producing a successful electronic election.

President Linnane welcomed four new members, Susan Sloma, Sonal Desai, Jamie Sommer, and Alina Kelly.
The American Association of Law Libraries held its first Management and Leadership Institute in March in Tucson, Arizona. CALL members Julie Pabarja and Holly Lakatos were among the 35 participants selected along with other firm, government, county, and academic law librarians from around the country. The purpose of the Institute was to prepare the next generation of leaders of the profession. Each day had a specific theme which has been summarized below.

**Day 1: Management and Leadership: Principles, Practices and Competencies.**

The first day of the Institute was dedicated to identifying qualities that distinguish management from leadership. Since the Institute was sponsored by AALL, the AALL Library Management Core Competencies were emphasized. Participants discussed best practices for good management, including planning and organizing as well as working within the “Emotional Competence Framework”. The “Six Leadership Styles” were also discussed.

**Day 2: Developing Effective Interpersonal Relationships**

Day 2 focused on the relationships between managers and their staff and the administration. We discussed the key components required for effective communication, such as active listening and clarity of expression and how to understand conflict, problem solve, and negotiate effectively.

There was also discussion on the characteristics of different generations (e.g. baby boomers, generations x and y) and how to communicate effectively with each type.

**Day 3: Juggling: Learning the Art (and Science) of Management**

Day 3 focused on areas that cause problems for many managers: project planning, strategic planning, budgeting, and building consensus. New managers tend to have little experience with “big picture” planning. This may mean that new systems and services may have a few more bugs than normal. Effective planning usually involves setting clear, measurable goals that are realistic. Feedback at every stage is also very important. In the discussions, one point was made often: new managers should get as much experience with financial matters as possible.

**Day 4: Transforming Libraries: Inspiring Change**

On our last day, we discussed changes in the work environment, law librarianship as a life-long career, and our personal development plan. Building partnerships with the parent of the organization was a similar goal the participants agreed an effective manager should possess. We were all concerned about the future of librarianship, and we brainstormed ways to market our profession and recruit future librarians. We also discussed the work/life balance and how we should position ourselves for promotion.

Overall, the topics covered in this Institute benefited all types of participants, from the associate director to the person who is not in a management position but who takes on leadership roles within their organization and profession. The added value came from the collaboration of the different types of law librarians. In addition to the material taught each day, great lessons and advice came from the endless opportunities to interact. For example, we had a good dialog between the academic librarians and firm librarians on teaching legal research to law students and how those skills are carried over to their job within the law firm. We encourage anyone who is considering going into management or taking on a leadership role to attend this Institute. We would also be happy to share handouts and other information with you.

CALL would like to thank BNA for sponsoring the March 22, 2007 business meeting.
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This is my last column installment for the 2006/2007 Bulletin. As in the past, the articles in this list were gleaned predominately from AALL chapter and SIS newsletters. The one exception is a piece from a recent issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education that focuses on the future of the reference desk. I chose to include this article because I felt it was highly relevant for CALL reference librarians and administrators who grapple with the role of the reference desk in their libraries. I don’t necessarily agree with all of the opinions and ideas in this piece, but it certainly provides some “food for thought.”

I hope that you found some “buried treasure” among the articles that I’ve listed this year. I thoroughly enjoyed the hunt for these items, and the experience was valuable to me in several ways. First, it confirmed my belief that information “gems” are often buried in peripheral publications, outside the mainstream professional literature. Second, the experience gave me a newfound pride in my profession; the quantity and quality of research and writing in the field of law librarianship is astounding. Finally, it expanded my horizons in terms of networking and meeting new people. Recently, I recognized the name on a tag at a conference as one of the authors I’d listed in my spring column. It was great fun to meet her, and she was quite pleased to know that her article had been introduced to a wider audience. I similarly look forward to running into more recognizable authors this summer at AALL.

Have a great summer everyone!

**COLLECTION ANALYSIS (WORLDCAT)**


Technical Services Law Librarian is a joint publication of AALL’s Technical Services SIS and Online Bibliographic Services SIS. This recent article from that publication describes the Desert States Law Library Consortium’s experience with OCLC’s WorldCat Collection Analysis Service (WCA). The author, affiliated with the University of New Mexico Law Library, outlines some of the major limitations of the WCA, including data categorization and integrity problems. Despite these shortcomings, however, Rigual contends that the Service can provide some useful and practical information for participating libraries.

**COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES**


Keefe, Assistant Librarian at the U.S. Courts Library in Los Angeles, authored this piece about recent positive changes at the Los Angeles County Law Library. Library Director Marcia Koslov, for example, has taken aggressive measures to transform the community’s perception of the Library by outsourcing the development of a new logo. Other important transformations at the Library include a new organizational structure, patron use of credit cards for various services, and a re-configuration of the Library’s physical space. According to Keefe, the Library’s increased share of income from filing fees has helped fund these changes.

**EPA LIBRARIES (CLOSURES OF)**


This article, published in the Law Librarians of Puget Sound (LLOPS) newsletter, describes federal government documents related to the contentious issue of EPA library closures. Documents described in the article include various letters, a CRS report, and a committee hearing transcript. The author concludes that the materials collectively reflect “conflicting points of view and delineate the uncertain state of the library collection.” (p. 6). Note that the article does not include direct links to the documents themselves.

**LAW REVISION COUNSEL (OFFICE OF)**


Eastland, a Thomson West employee, wrote this short piece for the newsletter of the Law Library Association of Greater New York (LLAGNY). Curious about the placement of laws in the U.S. Code, Eastland researched and then wrote this article about the Office of the Law Revision Counsel (OLRC)—the body responsible for maintaining the Code. The article describes the history of the OLRC, and includes several interesting quotations from the current Law Revision Counsel, Peter LeFevre. I plan on sharing this information with my advanced legal research students who are often curious about the transition between the Statutes at Large and the U.S. Code.
Learning New Technology….

Is learning another piece of technology worth it? Do you wonder whether instant messaging would be helpful for reference service? Have you used about those e-mails from faculty or attorneys that are sent from “Blackberry Wireless” devices? Recently, a new study published by the Berkman Center for Internet and Society entitled, “New Skills, New Learning: Legal Education and the Promise of Technology” by Gene Koo (see http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=976646), suggests that the integration of technology into legal education is becoming more important and vital to success in practice. According to the study, most attorneys use technology, especially e-mail (whether on a computer or through a Blackberry), and some law students might need to learn “technology management” skills while still in law school (see Koo at 13). As a critique of legal education today, this article posits that some law school clinical education settings might not be offering “authentic” technology infrastructures or environments for students to learn these crucial skills (see Koo at 13-14). In a legal research setting, integration of print and electronic resources has often been advocated for teaching to the Google-generation and even teaching electronic databases first, such as LexisNexis and Westlaw, to more fully mimic a practice-setting and reach this new generation that hasn’t grown up conducting research in print sources.

How can law librarians help law students and attorneys learn new technologies? Some helpful ways would be to: 1) understand and use the technologies yourself; 2) provide the technologies in the law library; and 3) use the technologies in reference interviews and teaching. My most recent endeavor in this regard was to learn to use my new Blackberry for e-mail and text messaging. It’s amazing how easy and accessible everything is through this mobile device, such as e-mail, calling, and a camera for digitization, which provides a triage of communication capabilities and services to faculty and students. For reference services, choosing an instant messaging service, such as the free Yahoo Messenger or other fee-services, is helpful to connect with students and attorneys in a more virtual world. When teaching legal research, the integration of technology, such as use of Blackboard for course management, Captivate for legal research tutorials, MP3 audio files and Podcasts, YouTube Videos and RealMedia files, and use of Powerpoint, can be quite helpful for students coping with these technologies and learning how to use them, as well as creating the files for presentations of their own. Providing a variety of formats for digital media and electronic resources, such as e-books in the law library’s collection, can also expose students and faculty members to these new mediums for legal research. In the not so distant future, students and faculty will be able to review legal research tutorials on mobile devices on their way to work, continue to learn to efficiently manage information in a variety of formats, and law librarians will still be at the forefront of teaching how to use the best available resources and formats for legal research. Try a new piece of technology today! It is worth the investment of your time for optimal service in this technological world and connecting with your patrons in a meaningful way.

~ Heidi Frostestad Kuehl

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO PRISCILLA STULTZ?
“It’s Been a Change, but It’s Been a Good Change”
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Priscilla Stultz left the Chicago area a year ago this past April for Southern California. You may remember her as our LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultant, but now she is practicing her trade as a law firm librarian.

Priscilla’s family is from Indiana and she was born in the Indianapolis area, but grew up in a community outside of Detroit. For college, she attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. After her graduation in 1984, she moved to the South and worked as an assistant bank branch manager, first for First Union Bank in Florida and then for Bank Texas in Texas.

After several years, Priscilla returned to the Midwest and settled in South Bend. She attended library school at the Indiana University-South Bend campus. After interning for a semester at the Notre Dame University Law School Library, she began working there full time while attending library school in the evenings. She explains that her experience at the law school library gave her a great introduction to the workings of a legal library. The law library internship rotated among the reference, technical services, and circulation departments. She has fond memories of the staff at the library that mentored her career as a law librarian.

Priscilla received her MLS from IU in December of 1995, and moved to Chicago in March of 1996. Her first position as a degreed librarian was a researcher at Ernst & Young in the Sears Tower. She underwent her “baptism by fire” there, and describes the work as fast and furious. In retrospect, she says that it was a great way to learn, being one of three members of a research department that served up to 1300 consultants. In this position, she learned a great deal about company and industry research.

In late 1997, Priscilla was hired away from Ernst & Young by a boutique executive search firm who were looking for a researcher. The Heidrick Partners specialized in finding candidates for the boards of directors of Fortune 500 companies. She stayed in this position until the firm was absorbed by mega recruiting firm Heidrick & Struggles.

Dissatisfied by the recruiting nature into which her position had evolved, Priscilla applied for a position with LexisNexis. After a series of interviews, presentations and meetings, she was hired and began her new career in December of 1998.

Priscilla says that working for LexisNexis was very different from the day-to-day world of a librarian, but that she really took to it. As a consultant and trainer, she covered an 8 to 9 state territory with some 450 – 475 law librarians as a customer base, including those from law schools, law firms, courts and state and local government agencies. She was on her own covering this territory for the first three to four years until LexisNexis hired Bridget MacMillan.

Priscilla explains that she liked working for Lexis during this time and enjoyed her job as well as the contact with the customers. Her home became her office, and she would spend as much as 75% of her time traveling.

As much as she enjoyed her career though, Priscilla says that she started thinking long and hard about enduring the cold Midwestern winters and, after nine and a half years, she was ready for a change. She has a couple of good friends in Southern California, and that was the encouragement she needed to begin an employment search in that region. After interviewing with a few law firms, she found a good fit with the Los Angeles office of O’Melveny & Myers. An offer was made and accepted, and Priscilla resigned from Lexis and began making preparations for the move west. Her friends from California came out and together (along with her two dogs) they made a four day scenic and relatively leisurely trip out to Los Angeles.

On April 17, 2006, Priscilla began the next phase of her career as the Head of Reference Services for O’Melveny’s Los Angeles office. She says that her first year was spent honing her research and reference skills in order to better manage her staff. She also said that she had to make the adjustment of transitioning from a life of traveling and working from her home to coming into the office on a daily basis, and having set hours.

Now that she has completed her first year of employment with O’Melveny, her library is in the process of planning a move to temporary space while the permanent library undergoes a twelve to eighteen month renovation. As is the situation with many law firm libraries, the staff has the charge of reducing the collection by more than half. They have been earmarking the usual suspects for deletion, such as the regional reporters, digests and ALRs. She says the staff is doing what it can to condense the collection and still have enough space for future growth.

Priscilla has what she calls an almost unheard of commute: 15 minutes, door-to-door. She lives four miles from her law firm’s office in downtown Los Angeles, and she negotiates the daily trip by car on side streets. She says that living in...
NEW FACES, NEW SHOES

By Eugene Giudice
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Alina Kelly

What is your current position?
Reference Librarian, Neal Gerber & Eisenberg

What led you to come to work in librarianship / legal information?
First, curiosity. I’m interested in too many things to focus on one. Second, I learned quickly in college that the gathering information portion of academics was my favorite.

Who or what were large influences on your career?
Mmm…research for papers for school, for fun, for entertainment. When I learned I could do this as a career, I was hooked. My first job out of college was as a project assistant; then a conflicts analyst at a law firm introduced me to this specialty.

How do you think legal information will be delivered in 20 years?
Let’s hope not transmitted to a chip in your brain. That would be creepy.

What is the most rewarding part of your work?
The most rewarding part is discovering something new every day; it keeps me interested.

What are some of your hobbies and/or interests?
What aren’t? Hiking, camping, biking, reading, picnicking (does that count?) are some of my favorites.

Did you grow up in the Chicago area? If not, where did you grow up?
Yep, southwest ‘burbs.

And finally, one fun question….If you had to describe yourself as any type of shoe, what would it be and why? Because I’m happiest in shoes like this…

Name:
Sara Robertson

What is your current position?
Reference Librarian, Marshall, Gerstein & Borun

What led you to come to work in librarianship / legal information?
I became a librarian because I love working with and helping people. After 4 years at the Joliet Public Library, I wanted to live in Chicago, but was not excited about working for an organization as large at the Chicago Public Library. Instead I applied for, and was offered, a job as a law librarian at Marshall, Gerstein & Borun.

Who or what were large influences on your career?
Dianne Harmon is the Assistant Director of the Joliet Public Library, and was my supervisor there. I was always amazed at her remarkable dedication to public service, and her ability to wear so many hats at once.

How do you think legal information will be delivered in 20 years?
I think in 20 years nearly all legal information will be easily accessible electronically, but I hope there is still some room for books.

What is the most rewarding part of your work?
Knowing that a bit of extra effort on my part can make a big difference to a colleague or client keeps me coming in and doing my best.

What was the most challenging research question you have had in either your school or professional career?
I find the occasional request to find out the day on which a certain journal was mailed to be nearly impossible – especially an obscure journal that was published many, many moons ago.

What are some of your hobbies and/or interests?
Obviously, I do a lot of reading. Other than that, I try to spend lots of time with my friends, whether it be eating out, watching movies together or seeing bands. I watch more television than I should, and follow sports (Cubs, Bears, Bulls, and Wisconsin Badgers).

Did you grow up in the Chicago area? If not, where did you grow up?
I grew up in Western Illinois, spent some time in Moline and Rock Island, and then finally in Galesburg.

And finally, one fun question….If you had to describe yourself as any type of shoe, what would it be and why?
A Mary Jane – classic, yet fun, fitting for many occasions, and pretty comfortable (at least for everyday use). ■
As National Library Week comes to a close, it has hit me how much I really value libraries in general. It has also hit me how many different types of libraries exist. Libraries are everywhere. The Shedd Aquarium has a library. The Field Museum has a library. Heading north there is the Harold Washington Public Library, the Art Institute’s library and farther north the Newberry Library. Libraries are everywhere and I think celebrating that fact is a great thing to do.

At present, we work in law libraries, so in a sense, libraries are our work. Sometimes though, looking beyond our own specialty library to the broader library world is important and fun. Maybe you are not into learning the basics of Calculus or trying to figure out Quantum Physics, but maybe, just maybe, visiting a different library that is outside the law or outside your normal course of business is just the thing to do.

Bookstores with coffee shops are wonderful places to spend time (and, ha, spend money). However, you can go into your local public library and come out with entertaining and fascinating materials at no cost. Celebrating this fact is important. How many times as a kid did you go into a library and choose a favorite book like an autobiography or a work of fiction and suddenly you were transported into another world. Hey, why not try doing that again as an adult.

Summer is the perfect time to celebrate your local libraries. Spending a morning or afternoon exploring a different specialty library or walking down to your local branch library can be lots of fun. Definitely celebrating our law libraries is important, but really getting out and celebrating all different kinds of libraries can be fun and can be free. Hey, it might even help us work smarter – after all, giving your mind something to enjoy outside of work is important. Let’s enjoy some time in libraries this summer and Celebrate Libraries while we Celebrate Summer.

Priscilla Stultz, cont.

Southern California gave her an appreciation for a public transit system that works: taking three to four buses each way to work is not the best way for her to get to and from work. So she made the decision to drive and bought a hybrid car in order to be more environmentally responsible.

Since arriving in Los Angeles, Priscilla has joined the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SoCALL), and the local chapter of the Special Libraries Association. She says it is a close and collegial group, like the Chicago law library community, and that she enjoys the associations’ activities.

Priscilla’s Silver Lake neighborhood is a bit atypical for the region, in that there are restaurants and shopping within walking distance from her home. She lives in the hills by a park with a reservoir, where she walks her dogs, who have also adjusted well to the Southern California lifestyle. She says that she is making an effort to explore the entire area, as there are so many things to see and do. It’s an incredibly diverse metropolis, with over 140 countries and a multitude of languages, cultures and driving styles represented. And while she is making friends and acquaintances out on the West coast, she still remembers her friends and associates in the Midwest. Those wishing to get in touch with Priscilla may contact her by email at pstultz@omm.com.

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Dear Mary Lu:

On behalf of the Executive Board of the American Association of Law Libraries, I am pleased to send congratulations to you, the CALL Executive Board, and all the members of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries as you celebrate your chapter’s 60th anniversary this year. As a long-time CALL member myself, it is a special honor to be sending this message to you.

Since its founding in 1947, CALL has played an important role for its members and for the legal community in Chicago. CALL has provided educational and networking opportunities for law librarians and has fostered a spirit of professional cooperation and service. From the beginning and throughout its history, CALL has had strong ties to the American Association of Law Libraries. The many contributions of CALL members to AALL as volunteers and leaders on the national level have been a tremendous benefit to the law library profession. CALL deserves recognition and praise for its strong record of service and leadership over the past 60 years.

To all the members of CALL, I offer best wishes for many more years of success. AALL values its long-standing relationship with your chapter and looks forward to future collaborations that will benefit all of us.

Sincerely,

Sarah (Sally) G. Holterhoff
President
CALL Celebrates Its 60th Anniversary
A DECADE OF CHANGE
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It’s hard to believe that it’s been ten years since CALL’s 50th Anniversary! You may be wondering, “What could possibly have changed so much since 1997?” Let’s take a look back and see…

THE TECHNOLOGY
Perhaps the greatest technological change in the past ten years has been the meteoric rise of the Internet. Although the World Wide Web has been around in one form or another since the late 1960’s and early 1970’s, the term “Internet” wasn’t officially adopted until October 24, 1995, when the Federal Networking Council passed a resolution defining the term.

Since Internet users needed tools to find useful web sites, search engines quickly developed. Both Yahoo! and Google are examples of search engines developed not by mega-corporations, but by enthusiastic young college students. Yahoo! had it’s first million-hit day in the fall of 1994. Google was still in beta when it was named as one of PC Magazine’s Top 100 Web Sites and Search Engines for 1998.

In the fall of 1996, Microsoft’s Internet Explorer had only third of the browser market share. It wasn’t until 1999 when IE surpassed Netscape to become the leading web browser it is today. How many of us are still using the Netscape browser today? A more intriguing question is, how many of us will still be using IE in another ten years?

In the late 1990’s, many law libraries were using a lot of out-of-the-box software and CD-Rom products. How we struggled with our Technology Departments to get them to load and update software onto the network! Now we are using more Web-based products. Some of these products even use active server pages, or “asps”. With asps, data such as catalog records are housed outside of our organizations, on the vendors’ servers, and staff members can access and update the data immediately through websites. Updates for software programs are automatic, too, thus eliminating the need to get Technology Departments involved.

In the early days of the Internet, the library was often the epicenter for change, and librarians were looked upon as the “experts” during that time. Library staff members were usually the first ones to figure out how to get that government document that was in something called “PDF format” using something called “Adobe Acrobat Reader”. We even became skilled at unzipping huge files using something called “WinZip”. Now we think nothing of e-mailing PDFs and zipped files to our colleagues.

Do you remember when both LexisNexis and Westlaw started as dial-up services in the 1970’s? In September 1997, LexisNexis debuted the first Web-based service for U.S. legal professionals, the precursor to LexisNexis™ at [www.lexis.com](http://www.lexis.com). Westlaw followed soon after in 1998 with their own Web-based platform. These days, in addition to doing your legal research on the Web, you can even check citations in briefs using the online version of WestCheck or the more recent LexisNexis product, called Shepard’s BriefCheck.

As more and more law firms began using LexisNexis and Westlaw, law school librarians began teaching online legal research on a regular basis, in addition to the more traditional book-based legal research classes. University librarians often had to struggle to keep ahead of their law students, since many of the students grew up using computers. When those law students became brand new associates, they often favored using online services and didn’t even think about using books. I think the jury is still out as to whether all those bright-eyed associates can do cost-efficient legal research as well as their “PC” (pre-computer) colleagues, though.

Speaking of those PC attorneys, even older partners are fairly computer-literate these days, communicating via e-mail and knowing how to “google”. However, attorneys and students alike, old and new, still seem to rely on their librarians to guide them through some of the more difficult technological challenges using plain English.

THE PROFESSION
Some of us who have been in the profession a bit longer than ten years remember when libraries of the larger law firms were quite large. Over the years, spaces allocated for those law libraries have been getting smaller and smaller. Compact shelving became popular. Many volumes, including some old legal research stand-bys like the West regional reporters and Shepard’s citations, were cancelled and removed from collections. Fortunately, law firm librarians can rely on some of our large law libraries that still exist in the area, including the law school libraries and Cook County Law Library.

While our collections and physical spaces continue to shrink, our costs continue to grow each year. Print resource costs are always escalating and, as many of us are well aware, online licenses are not cheap. With so many online resources available, it is getting harder to identify what our users need. Evaluating the online resource licensing options has become more complicated, too. If a decision is made to add continued on p.24
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a resource, determining how often it is being used becomes the next challenge. Yet, despite all these cost realities, we are constantly under pressure to reduce our budgets.

In my opinion, the most disturbing trend in the last ten years has been the involuntary reshuffling and outright elimination of positions within our profession. One reason for these changes has been the number of law firm mergers. Quite a few large out-of-state law firms have started small offices in Chicago offices in recent years. Some of these firms then grew by merging with well-established Chicago firms. I speak from experience, having gone through not one, but two law firm mergers in the past five years.

Not all changes are the result of mergers, though. A number of library directors in some of our largest Chicago law firms have been let go in recent years. Some of these directors had held their positions for many years. In a few cases, firms simply decided that they did not need a library director any more. Library management responsibilities were shifted to other library staff members or in some cases to non-library staff members. Another disturbing trend is that some law firms have posted job openings for law librarians, interviewed candidates, and then decided, for no apparent reason, not to fill the positions.

Our association has been impacted by these changes. In the year of our 50th Anniversary, CALL had 348 members according to the 1996/1997 Membership Directory. Ten years later, we have only about 303 members. One of the challenges our association must face in the coming years is to get more law firms to understand and appreciate the need for professional law librarians. Our association also will need to focus on developing new skill sets to help our members handle licensing and budgeting issues that we must face every day. We also will need to encourage others to join our profession and our association, and then mentor those new law librarians as much as possible.

THE ASSOCIATION

Although events such as the Iraq War and Hurricane Katrina touched many members of our association, I think it’s fair to say that the single most shocking event in the last ten years occurred on 9-11-2001. After that horrible day, our association had to pull itself together and carry on somehow, business as usual. Since access to some of our buildings became much more restrictive, some of us had to modify our procedures for interlibrary loan requests. Disaster planning became an important topic for many of us. We also had to keep up on hot topics that impacted our work as librarians, such as the USA Patriot Act and the closing of the EPA libraries.

On a more positive note, our association has passed many milestones in the past ten years. Thanks to the pioneering efforts of Bill Schwesig and Annette Cade, among others, CALL now has a fully-functioning website. It’s hard to believe that the CALL website has only been up and running since 2000. Why, I wouldn’t be surprised if we set up our own RSS feed or Wiki any day now!

The Fall 2003 issue of the CALL Bulletin was the first to be delivered electronically to the membership. With the first electronic issue came a number of challenges. First, not everyone had an e-mail address or access to the Internet. There were questions about how the issues would be archived. Sections of the CALL Bulletin that might compromise members’ privacy on the main website were placed in the Members Only section of the website. Now, electronic versions of the CALL Bulletin are available on the Association’s website, starting with the Fall 2000 issue.

More recently, the first CALL election where votes were cast electronically was in 2006! In 2007, the association is considering distributing the CALL Directory electronically by posting it in the Members Only section of our website. Maybe someday we will have all of our archives digitally preserved for future CALL members to use!

Over the past ten years, our Association has been at the forefront of change. We certainly have our work cut out for us, though! Remember, it’s only 40 more years until we reach our 100th Anniversary, so let’s get out there and keep our profession and our association alive and well! ■

2007/2008 CALL Board Election Results

Vice President/President Elect
Sheri Lewis
University of Chicago D’Angelo Law Library

Secretary
Deborah Ginsberg
Chicago-Kent College of Law

Director
Julie Pabarja
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A SPECIAL INTERVIEW:
OUR PAST PRESIDENTS ON CALL, LAW LIBRARIES AND LIFE

By Gail Hartzell and Roberta Fox

As part of our 60th Anniversary Edition, we decided to send a questionnaire to each CALL President of the past 10 years, focusing on experiences and accomplishments during their respective terms. Not every President was able to participate, and not everyone who responded answered all of the questions. Some responses have been edited, simply for reasons of space. Look for some common themes in their answers, as well as a surprise or two. Enjoy! ~The Editors

Why did you become a law librarian?

I enjoyed the study of law but was not interested in practicing law. The opportunity to work after my first year of law school at Cook County Law Library intrigued me. I discovered a profession that challenged me and tapped into my intellectual curiosity. Recalling the hectic pace of the reference desk in the mid-1980s, by the end of my first week of work my feet were killing me, but I was hooked. ~Jean Wenger

I worked as a paraprofessional at Valparaiso University Law Library. I became interested in resolving subscription problems and Lexis training. My director–Matt Downs–encouraged me to go to graduate school. ~Betty Roeske

By accident. My final semester in college–where I thought I’d study to be an English teacher–I began thinking of libraries. A friend told me about an opening at the Marquette Law Library; I applied and got the job. ~Mary Lu Linnane

After four years of teaching high school, I was fortunate to receive a scholarship from the National Library of Australia. They had just built a new and beautiful building and wanted to upgrade their professional service–and believed the best way was by scholarships. One of my early jobs was at the University of Sydney Law School. After immigrating to the United States I worked as a weekend reference librarian at the Valparaiso University Law School. So like many others, I became an accidental law librarian but found the work challenging and fun. Eventually I became a Technical Services Librarian. It’s incredible that I have now been a law librarian for over 20 years. ~Naomi Goodman

I rather fell into it. When I was job hunting in 1983, the new position of librarian was open at Arnstein & Lehr. Even though my knowledge of law at the time was Perry Mason, I applied–on the theory that a librarian is a librarian is a librarian. Fortunately they hired me. I rapidly acquired some knowledge of the field, mainly due to the kind assistance of fellow librarians in CALL. ~Frank Drake

What were your goals and ambitions when you became President of CALL?

Any particular experiences that stand out?

My goals were to leave the association fiscally sound and to raise the profile of law librarianship in the legal profession. When lawyers think of legal research or legal information, they need to think of law librarians. I would have to say my favorite experience was the power of the gavel. ~Jean Wenger

I wanted to maintain CALL’s status as one of the most progressive chapters. My goals were to revise the Bylaws, allow electronic ballots and schedule business meeting on days other than Fridays. One of my favorite experiences was the Leadership Training session. The interaction of the committee chairs on that day created a very productive year for CALL. ~Betty Roeske

I wanted to continue the excellent work of my predecessors. I am impressed with what CALL members have accomplished this year, beginning with the Community Service Committee winning the Spirit of Law Librarianship award, and being honored at the AALL meeting in St. Louis. The AALL CRIV Sheet reprinted articles by CALL members that originated in the CALL Bulletin. And thanks to President-Elect Debbie Rusin, CALL had a Chicago mayoral candidate as a speaker. I hoped that we could move toward an online registration system for our meetings and education programs. This has yet to become a reality. ~Mary Lu Linnane

I knew that CALL was one of the best chapters in AALL, but I wanted it to be even better. In particular, I wanted to see more opportunities for members through continuing education both in programming and through the Bulletin, more involvement in public affairs and advocacy, and I wanted CALL to reach out to students who might–with some encouragement–become law librarians. ~Naomi Goodman

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My first reaction upon being elected President was that of sheer terror. However, many former CALL presidents and members immediately offered their support and willing assistance. My favorite experiences were seeing a number of programs and presentations come together through the hard work of many CALL members and our vendor sponsors.

~Frank Drake

How would you like your term to be remembered?

That CALL members found membership to be both personally and professionally valuable. ~Jean Wenger

That CALL remained fiscally sound, that we were able to offer programs of interest to our members, and that we made strides to reach out to prospective law librarians and CALL members. ~Mary Lu Linnane

The speaker at CALL’s first business meeting in September was Chief Judge Susan Sonderby of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The meeting was held ten days after the September 11th terrorist attacks. At the meeting, the Judge not only reflected on the terrorist attacks but also discussed the new security design for the Dirksen Federal Courthouse, which would consist of rows of bollards placed outside the Courthouse to help defend the building against a vehicle-delivered bomb.

After the terrorist attacks almost all the office buildings in downtown Chicago developed and implemented new security measures. Today, you cannot enter any office building without first being greeted by a security guard. You may also be required to pass through a metal detector and have your belongings scanned.

A couple of weeks after the terrorist attacks came the anthrax scare, when most of our library’s mail was “cooked” by steam heat, which killed the anthrax virus but ruined many of our books. ~John Klaus

What were your major achievements? What was your favorite program or project?

Notable achievements for members were the continuing education programs and the inauguration of the wonderful community services projects coordinated with the CALL business meetings. But the major achievements don’t belong to me— but to the members. ~Jean Wenger

My favorite project was working to revise the Bylaws. Frank Drake, Bylaws chairperson, wanted to anticipate possibilities, especially future technologies so we would not need revisions on a yearly basis. ~Betty Roeske

I am pleased that the CALL Board established liaisons to the two Illinois graduate library schools and invited GSLIS students to the March 2007 CALL meeting. In that same vein I appreciated that Wolters Kluwer sponsored a grant to cover student membership dues for CALL and AALL.

~Mary Lu Linnane

It is gratifying to see some of the goals and projects that were proposed or started when I was on the Board (as President and while serving other roles) come to fruition: a robust CALL website, electronic voting, a web-based CALL Bulletin, and the creation of the Corporate Memory Committee as a way to safeguard the institutional memory of the Association. None of these projects could have become a reality without the hard work and creativity of committee chairs and members. ~Christina Wagner

My major achievement was appointing great committee chairs and members. I have always believed an association excels when it makes maximum use of the creativity and commitments of as many members as possible. During my term we found success through the Community Services Committee as members donated to Chicago groups in need, our first “Legislator of the Year Award,” and a joint effort of the CRIV and Bulletin committees of articles that were later published in the CRIV Sheet. This was our first reverse site publishers’ visit in several years. ~Naomi Goodman

Conducting CALL business was eased and enhanced by strengthening the communication process between board members and committees by electronic means. More email groups were established, and much less business had to be conducted by laborious phone communication. This transition, of course, was a gradual process over the years, but I believe it was more firmly established during my years.

~Frank Drake

How did the library profession change during your presidency?

Advocacy has become a more prominent initiative for the profession. Law librarians are uniquely positioned to identify the issues involving the prevalence of technology and preservation of legal resources, to name a few. ~Jean Wenger

Technology and knowledge management, etc., to name a few. The law library profession started to communicate more via emails. There were less snail mails and conference calls. The ability to create PDFs to send via email decreased our use of fax machines. ~Betty Roeske

When I reflect on my tenure as CALL President I think back on how much homeland security has become a part of everyday life; whether it’s getting to the airport an extra hour

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early because of new security measures, or having our interlibrary loan clerk pick up a book from the borrowing library—at the building’s security office. ~John Klaus

Increased reliance on computer services continues to be a major aspect of the profession. ~Mary Lu Linnane

Librarians in all kinds of law libraries continued to be challenged by keeping up with new technologies and new systems, always offering more but needing more time and knowledge to master all these advances. For some libraries, there were moves to smaller physical spaces or the threat of such moves. Then there was the need to supply more with static budgets. One promising trend—particularly in academic libraries—was to consider the content of a source rather than the format. And also there was recognizing the necessity of students graduating with proficiency in all formats.
~Naomi Goodman

How has CALL enriched your life and/or career?

CALL provided ongoing ways to learn about the Chicago law world, what other academic libraries were doing, and how firm librarians perceived law students as they went out into the world. These were many aspects of the legal research I would not have learned in my own library. Add to this, so may interesting people to meet at any meeting or program; the rewards are many and well worth the effort.
~Naomi Goodman

As any CALL member can attest, our association is a magnificent network of mutual assistance, leadership and personal friendships. I have often said that the aspect of CALL that gives me the most pride is that while I was Vice-President and President, not one person said NO when asked to serve or assist. This attitude of cooperation shows the true greatness of CALL. ~Frank Drake

Tell us about yourself, your professional career, your hobbies and your family.

My hobbies are reading, walking, and being a food dispenser for felines. My parents and I live in connecting houses on 67 acres in the heart of Boone Grove, Indiana. One brother and his wife have a 100 acre farm across the railroad tracks. The other brother and his wife have a palatial 8 acre estate in Lucerne, Indiana. ~Betty Roeske

I like to travel and last year I spent three weeks in France, part of it as a member of a group of DePaul staff visiting sites associated with St. Vincent DePaul. Of course I like to read, though don’t all librarians? I enjoy theater and ballet. Though I don’t skate I follow figure skating, and have attended a number of national and world competitions.
~Mary Lu Linnane

Myself? I am just now looking forward to retirement at the end of August. I’d like to travel to places I’ve never been, and back to places I have been to before. Of course reading whenever I want—for as long as I want. I’ve collected a small library of fiction and modern history books recently, and as I walk past my bookcases at home, I think to myself, “So many books!” and not, “So many books to be cataloged!” Family includes my husband, two adult children and a son-in-law, a charming one-year-old grandson soon to be joined by a brother or sister. And there are always cats in my life. Hobbies to revisit include family history research, handcrafts, and hopefully teaching English as a second language one-on-one.
~Naomi Goodman

I have been a librarian, well, it seems all my life; but officially I have been in the profession since 1979 when

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proclaimed expert. My collection of recordings and videos is a significant Chicago collection. Of course, as a librarian, much of my personal time is spent cataloging it! For 24 years I was a member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus and I still sing in church and in occasional concerts. ~Frank Drake

How have law libraries changed?

We are multi-taskers extraordinaire. Technology has compelled us to assume broader responsibilities. Contrary to popular myth, technology has only made us more relevant and necessary. Law librarians are becoming increasingly vocal about the information issues important to society and about our role as information specialists. ~Jean Wenger

There is less physical traffic in the physical library space. Librarians have learned to utilize electronic resources. There are more women attorneys, and more minorities. Attorneys are more technologically oriented with their PDAs, cell phones, etc. ~Betty Roeske

There are more women and minorities. As an academic law librarian I can say that the number of women attending law school has increased dramatically. At DePaul it is a 50-50 split. Everyone is computer savvy. More is expected because there are more places to find information. The inquiries are broader, going beyond law and law-related questions to the need for inter-disciplinary information. ~Mary Lu Linnane

And finally, what was the best part of being President of CALL? Why would you recommend becoming President to others?

The best part is working with wonderful people. Being CALL president involves a serious time commitment but the benefits to the individual and home institution are many—more developed leadership skills, better listening skills, and better time management strategies. I highly recommend professional involvement to CALL members, including as an officer or a member of the Board of Directors. CALL wants and needs your talents, ideas and encouragement. ~Jean Wenger

The best part of being President was appointing new CALL members to committees and then watching their progress. Whenever I asked people to work on committees or programs, I always received an enthusiastic, positive response. ~Betty Roeske

Being President of CALL is a great experience, an enhancing experience. Besides working closely with other CALL members on the Board you are exposed to the entire membership. You represent CALL beyond Chicago. We’re an impressive group, and it’s exciting to be in a position where you can brag about what CALL is doing. ~Mary Lu Linnane

The best part of being President of CALL was meeting and getting to know so many CALL members. I worked with wonderful people while on the Board of Directors, and at meetings and programs I interacted with members I might have never known otherwise. My network of friends and associates has grown as a result so I’ve gained both personally and professionally from my time on the Board. ~Christina Wagner

Working with a great Board and Committees, as we continue through a very active and productive year. Having a VIP at the centennial AALL in St. Louis, and having him speak on advocacy and technology. Experiencing how important cooperation is. I saw how the work of one Board affects the future of CALL, e.g., our electronic election in 2006 was only possible because an earlier Board proposed Bylaws changes allowing electronic business.

I would definitely recommend becoming CALL President to others—and I’m not saying this just because I will be in charge of the Nominations Committee this fall. Certainly there has to be a commitment of time and a willingness to take on extra work. Start thinking about it now and you will see ways that you can organize life and work. Then think about the rewards! ~Naomi Goodman

My experience on the CALL board—extended by my year as chair of the AALL Council of Chapter Presidents, was for me a period of enormous personal growth. There was a lot of work involved, but the rewards were repayment many times over. The association has so much to offer us, and I believe strongly in ‘returning the favor.’

~Frank Drake

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CALL Presidential Hall of Fame

Frank Drake (2000-2001)

Jean Wenger (2004-2005)


John Klaus (2001-2002)

Naomi Goodman (2005-2006)

Betty Roeske (2003-2004)

Not pictured here are
Rebecca Corliss (1997-1998)
Carolyn Hayes (1998-1999)
Nancy Henry (1999-2000)
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CALL’s Trivia Question and Answer List
By Annalisa Anderson, Sonnenschein, alanderson@sonnenschein.com

March 19, 2007
Q: Who was the first president of CALL?
   A: William Roalfe
   Northwestern University Law Library

March 26, 2007
Q: The Chicago Association of Law Libraries was formed June 25, 1947. What major institution of Chicago public transportation had its start the same year?
   A: The CTA began local transit operations October 1, 1947, by purchasing the properties of the Chicago Surface Lines and the Chicago Rapid Transit Company.

April 2, 2007
Q: What were annual dues during the first years of CALL’s history?
   A: $1.00 per year for regular members, library assistants, and associate members.

April 9, 2007
Q: In 1947, what famous Chicago developer coined the nickname for that area of North Michigan Avenue that is home to glamorous shopping, restaurants, hotels and nightlife? What is the nickname?
   A: Arthur Rubloff and the Magnificent Mile.

April 16, 2007:
Q: According to the 1970s salary survey, which CALL members were paid the worst?
   A: Law firm library personnel. Law school and government librarians were paid the best.

April 23, 2007
Q: For which famous play did Tennessee William win the Pulitzer Prize for drama?
   A: “A Streetcar Named Desire.”

May 7, 2007
Q: 1947 marks the first year parking meters were used in Chicago. Where were they installed?
   A: Along the upper and lower levels of Wacker Drive.

May 14, 2007
Q: How many individuals were in attendance to form CALL during the first meeting in 1947?
   A: 17

May 21, 2007
Q: Who was President of the United States during CALL’s first year as a professional organization?
   A: Harry S. Truman

May 29, 2007
Q: How many times has the national AALL meeting been held in Chicago? During what years?

June 4, 2007
Q: Which event caused the most extensive discussion of emergency disaster plans among CALL members?

June 11, 2007
Q: Early CALL meetings were held in some long-gone venues. Name some.
   A: Normandy House, Fortnightly Club, Furniture Mart, Stouffers on Madison, Don Roth’s Blackhawk on Wabash.

June 18, 2007
Q: The Agnes and Harvey Reid Award was established by two non law librarians. Who were they?
   A: Harvey was a lawyer who worked for West Publishing Company and Agnes worked for Burdette-Smith, a subsidiary of West.

June 25, 2007
Q: Two CALL presidents have served more than one term. Who are they?

Is it C.A.L.L. or CALL?
Only Your Style Guide Knows for Sure
http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/protected/index.html

The CALL Style Guide is intended to be a living document, so if you have any additions or changes you would like to recommend, please contact the CALL Public Relations Committee chairs, Fred Barnhart (fbarnha@luc.edu) and Rebecca Boyd (bec@zonesys.com).

You will find the Style Guide in the Members Only section of the CALL website very soon.
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Chicago Association of Law Libraries Presidents

1947-48 William Roalf (Deceased) 1977-78 Mary Virginia Shields
1948-49 Charles McNabb (Deceased) 1978-79 Janice Bentley
1949-50 Frank di Canio (Deceased) 1979-80 Denise Mahaney
1950-51 Francis Rooney (Deceased) 1980-81 Lee Burstein
1951-52 Virginia Dunlap (Deceased) 1981-82 Donna Tuke (Heroy)
1953-54 Elizabeth Benyon (Deceased) 1983-84 Judith A. Gaskell
1954-55 Jean Ashman (Deceased) 1984-85 Nancy L. Tuohy
1955-56 Redmond Burke, C.S.V. (Deceased) 1985-86 Kenneth Halicki
1956-57 Dorothy Scarborough (Deceased) 1986-87 Denise Mahaney
1957-58 Kurt Schwerin 1987-88 Mary Lu Linnane
1959-60 William Murphy (Deceased) 1988-89 Patricia Patterson
1960-61 John Leary (Deceased) 1989-90 Susan Siebers
1961-62 Charlotte Stillwell (Deceased) 1990-91 Susan Cochard
1962-63 Fred Donnelly 1991-92 Francis (Bob) Doyle
1963-64 Leon M. Liddell 1992-93 John Austin
1964-65 William Powers (Deceased) 1993-94 Marie Del Bene
1965-66 Frank Lukes 1994-95 John C. Fox
1966-67 Elaine Teigler 1995-96 Sally Holterhoff
1967-68 Harley Stephenson (Deceased) 1996-97 Denise Mahaney
1968-69 Joseph Benson (Deceased) 1997-98 Rebecca Corliss
1969-70 Carroll Moreland 1999-00 Nancy Henry
1970-71 Joyce Malden 2000-01 Frank Drake
1971-72 David Baderstsch 2001-02 John B. Klaus
1972-73 Edward F. Hess, Jr. 2002-03 Christina Wagner
1973-74 Margaret Seline 2003-04 Betty Roeske
1974-75 Alfred Kulys 2004-05 Jean Wenger
1975-76 Richard Bowler 2005-06 Naomi Goodman
1976-77 Donald Crandell (Resigned) 2006-07 Mary Lu Linnane
1976-77 Sandra Traicoff
REFERENCE SERVICES
I decided to include the citation to this article because I think the topic is highly relevant for reference librarians in any library type. Here, Carlson explores the debate pertaining to the efficacy of the traditional reference desk, drawing upon statistics, “day in the life”-type vignettes, and published literature. Although Carlson draws no conclusions, this is an interesting read for librarians who ponder the future of the reference desk and reference services at their institutions.

SPECIALIZED LEGAL RESEARCH COURSES (TEACHING OF)
In this piece, which appeared in the newsletter of AALL’s Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS, the author offers guidance for creating specialized legal research courses. Specifically, Wheeler recommends that prospective teachers consult with their library directors, consider staffing and compensation issues, talk to legal writing professors, plan carefully, and get curriculum committee support. Note that this RIPS newsletter issue contains additional articles that focus on specialized legal research instruction, including one that has course descriptions (See p. 7).

SUBJECT HEADINGS (LIBRARY OF CONGRESS)
This is a short, albeit interesting article that discusses the backgrounds and shortcomings of some of the law-related Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH). For example, the heading Assistance in Emergencies was originally a legal heading referring to duty (or lack thereof), but has been “borrowed” by non-law catalogers for materials on first aid. The article, which appears in the joint newsletter of AALL’s Technical Services and Online Bibliographic Services SIS groups, also includes specific recommendations for clarifying some of the law-related headings.

TOPICAL LEGAL RESEARCH
This article is included in a Law Librarians’ Society of Washington, D.C. (LLSDC) newsletter that focuses on research in special areas. Here, Kelley provides an overview of the statutory and administrative sources of federal communications law. Specific FCC documents are discussed, as well as commercial loose-leaf services and databases that cover this topic.

This item also appeared in the aforementioned LLSDC newsletter dedicated to topical research. In this piece, Walters describes the pitfalls of conducting national criminal background checks, and provides a step-by-step guide for conducting efficient searches of this type. Free and fee-based sources are discussed, along with the strengths and weaknesses of both. Walters concludes that there is no guarantee of 100% certainty with this kind of research, and opines that a nationwide criminal records search remains a goal, not a given.

VIRTUAL LEGAL EDUCATION
This piece, which appeared in the newsletter of AALL’s Southeastern Chapter (SEAALL), describes the first law school course offered in a virtual world. Created jointly by Harvard Law School and the Harvard Extension School, “CyberOne: Law in the Court of Public Option” debuted last fall. Harvard Extension School students, and interested members of the public, attended the course by going to a location called Berkman Island in the virtual world of Second Life (http://secondlife.com/). For more information on this unusual class, see the course home page at http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/cyberone/.

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CALL Meeting Schedule
2006-2007

http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/calendar/calendarindex.html

Business Meetings
Thursday, May 25, 2006
Thursday, September 21, 2006
Friday, November 17, 2006
Thursday, January 18, 2007
(joint meeting with SLA)
Thursday, May 17, 2007 - Please note changed date

Details will be posted as they become available. Dates subject to change.

Executive Board Meetings

Tuesday, June 13, 2006
Thursday, August 3, 2006
Tuesday, September 12, 2006
Tuesday, October 10, 2006
Tuesday, November 14, 2006
Tuesday, December 12, 2006
Tuesday, January 9, 2007
Tuesday, February 13, 2007
Tuesday, March 13, 2007
Tuesday, April 10, 2007
Tuesday, May 8, 2007

Discussion List Guidelines

The CALL Discussion Forum is provided for general discussion for members of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries. Only CALL members may post to the list. Appropriate topics for the list include:

- CALL committee news
- CALL meeting and education event reminders
- notices of CALL membership changes
- requests for volunteers for CALL activities
- discussions of issues related to our jobs
- hard to find ILL requests
- informal surveys
- news of interest to the Chicago law library community

Please do not use the discussion list to promote or market commercial products.

Forum Etiquette

DO add a descriptive subject line to all messages. For example: ILL request; Free books for postage, etc.

DO sign all messages. Please include your name, affiliation, and contact information.

DO remember to unsubscribe from your old address and re-subscribe from your new address whenever your email address changes.

DON’T use the list for longer items. Please use the CALL website and CALL Bulletin for those. You may e-mail out a brief announcement in which you include the URL for a longer item.

Members may send attachments, but these must be limited to text-type files (Word, PDFs, text files, HTML) which are under 3 megabytes.

DON’T use the discussion forum for personal opinions unrelated to CALL or the field of law librarianship.

DO remember to contact the CALL Discussion Forum administrators if you need any help.

CALL Discussion Forum Administrator

Debbie Ginsberg is the CALL Discussion Forum administrator. You may send her a message at dginsberg@kentlaw.edu

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