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Welcome to fall and a new year for CALL. We have a new co-editor of the Bulletin, Julienne (Julie) Grant. Julie is a reference librarian, and the Foreign and International Research Specialist at Loyola University Law Library. She enjoys writing/editing, and will continue contributing her column, “Off the Beaten Path,” to the Bulletin. We also welcome Debbie Rusin as the new CALL President, as well as all incoming officers and board members. We look forward to a great year as we celebrate CALL’s 60th Anniversary.

This issue includes the CALL Committee Annual Reports, with an accompanying introduction that highlights the committees’ accomplishments during the past year. Check out the activities and contributions of the various committees, and join one that interests you, if you have not already done so. CALL has a lot to be proud of, and the committees are an example of the power of volunteerism.

There are also several new contributors to this issue: Therese Clarke Arado to “Tech Buzz,” and Julie Melvin and Susan Sloma, both recent CALL grant winners. Julie and Susan, along with Valerie Kropf, relate their experiences (some first time) at the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in New Orleans.

In Julie Melvin’s article, we also learned that her mother, Janie Weisenberg, believes that “law librarians are smart.” We all know “mothers know best,” and we wholeheartedly agree with her.

Gail Hartzell and Julienne Grant, Co-Editors

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Greetings-

What an exciting year it has been so far! Many of us had the opportunity to attend the AALL Conference this year in New Orleans . . . it seemed that everyone was especially gracious and thankful for our being there. I myself found the Conference particularly informative and was renewed with ideas I hope to share and bring to our local Chapter this year.

This leads me to the August 1st CALL Leadership Training Workshop that was held at DLA Piper, and facilitated by Kathryn Deiss of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL). It was at this workshop that the CALL Board and the committee chairs had the opportunity to further discuss some of the ideas that we brought back from AALL, and hope to bring to CALL this year.

One thing that stood out at AALL was the high level of participation by all in attendance. There was a large variety of workshops put on by numerous Chapter members, the Exhibit Hall had great vendor representation and everyone seemed to participate in all the Conference had to offer. Pulling off the entire Conference takes a tremendous amount of planning, organization and volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, CALL is still in need of committee chairs for the Public Relations Committee, along with committee members for the Public Relations, Placement/Recruitment, Public Affairs and Continuing Education Committees. Keep in mind that volunteering does not have to take a tremendous amount of time, nor do all of the committees have a lot of face-to-face meetings. A lot of the committee work is done via e-mail, and there are many levels of time commitment. Please consider volunteering for one of these committees. A description of each committee can be found on the CALL website at: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/committees/commdescript.html. If you have any questions, or if you would simply like to sign up, please feel free to contact me at Deborah.Rusin@lw.com.

CALL really is a fantastic group of librarians who keep giving and giving. CALL currently has three of its own members serving on the AALL Executive Board: Sally Holterhoff, Past President; Jean Wenger, Board Member and Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Board Member. Mary Lu Linnane was elected Chair of the AALL Council of Chapter Presidents and took office at the AALL Conference in New Orleans.

CALL is a tremendous group that has been going strong for many years. In fact, 2007 marks our 60th Anniversary! At our September 20, 2007 business meeting, we plan to acknowledge that landmark with a 60th Anniversary celebratory cake and memento. Congratulations CALL!

I look forward to seeing and working with all of you this year as we head into our 61st year!

Sincerely,

Deborah Rusin
President 2007/08

CALL would like to thank

Wolters Kluwer Law & Business

for sponsoring the May 17, 2007 business meeting.
CALL Executive Board Minutes Summary

By Juli Jackson, Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, jjackson@brinkshofer.com and
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Date: April 10, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Place: AALL Headquarters, 53 W. Jackson Blvd, Suite 940

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

New Board members present: Debbie Ginsberg, Sherri Lewis, Julie Pabarja

I. Meeting called to order
The meeting was called to order at 8:57 a.m.

II. Welcome new Board members
Mary Lu Linnane welcomed all the new Board members to the meeting.

III. Approve agenda
The agenda was approved as amended.

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

V. Treasurer’s Report
a. Report
Net income for March totaled $1,644.91. Actual balance at the Harris Bank to reflect deposits and outstanding checks is $30,709.82. The Northern Trust balance as of the end of March is $4,279.26.

b. Membership to date
The membership as of March 31, 2007 is 327.

VI. Old Business
a. GSLIS students at March meeting
There were twelve students at the meeting. Petterino’s was wonderful in making room for the twelve extra people and getting them the food they wanted. The whole event was very successful. The meeting did not cost us anything extra, even with the students present. The total attendance was around 100.

b. Dominican Association Night
Katie Leonard went and represented CALL. It was very successful.
A question came up from a student on whether there was a central place for students to look for internships through CALL. This issue should go to the Recruitment Committee, and they can work with the students to try and find an internship. Fred Barnhart will talk to the Recruitment Committee about this issue.

c. No-Host Dinner
The CALL No-Host dinner will be at K-Paul’s in the French Quarter. The cost is $75 per person, and liquor will be extra.

d. 60th Anniversary
The date of the event is June 13th, and it will be at the Park Grille.

e. Comments on online Membership Directory
In the most recent CALL election, there was a feedback question on the Membership Directory asking what members thought about stopping the print version of the Directory. There were 60 responses. The official decision of the Board is that CALL will no longer print the Directory. Those that do not have Internet access will receive a paper copy, which will just be printed from the website.

The Membership Committee will send out a notice to the membership when a new Directory is available.

VII. New Business
a. Grants & Awards
Naomi Goodman sent out a message via the CALL listserv about what grants and awards are available. She will keep advertising what is available.

b. CALL display at AALL
Fred Barnhart is going to take care of the display. Debbie Rusin and Fred Barnhart will put their names on the form that needs to be submitted in order to get in the building to set it up. Debbie Rusin will submit the form.

c. Information about May meeting
The May meeting will be at Harry Caray’s. CCH is the sponsor. Debbie Rusin and Fred Barnhart will put their names on the form that needs to be submitted in order to get in the building to set it up. Debbie Rusin will submit the form.

d. Sullivan’s Directory
The Board names have been changed for the 2007-2008 listing and mailed.

VIII. Committee Reports
Archives – the Directories, Handbooks, and Bulletins have all been scanned and OCR’d.

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Corporate Memory – they will have the new logs available for the next Board meeting.

Continuing Education - 4/17/07--a cataloging program is planned. Fifteen people have signed up and the Committee is still accepting registrations.

Public Affairs – the hand-out at the last meeting emphasized Library Day.

Bulletin - in good shape for the special issue coming out in the summer. Roberta Fox and Gail Hartzell are going to work the responses from the past ten presidents into an article, and the trivia questions and answers will be printed in the issue. The Bulletin co-chairs for next year will be Gail Hartzell and Julienne Grant.

Public Relations – the Committee is putting together contact information for various publications that might have calendars where we can publicize the 60th Anniversary event.

IX. Miscellaneous
Debbie Rusin wondered if there could be co-chairs for the Community Service Committee. It is not required, but a good idea. The Board says that it is fine to have co-chairs for this committee.

Also, the Continuing Education Committee wondered if committees could have meetings at AALL headquarters. Debbie Rusin will talk to Kim at AALL to see if that is possible.

X. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Submitted by: Juli Jackson
May 2, 2007

As amended: May 8, 2007

Date: May 8, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Place: AALL Headquarters, 53 W. Jackson Blvd, Suite 940
Members present: Anne Abramson, Fred Barnhart, Juli Jackson, Mary Lu Linnane, Debbie Rusin
Members absent: Janice Collins, Naomi Goodman
New Board members present: Debbie Ginsberg, Julie Pabarja
New Board members absent: Sheri Lewis

I. Meeting called to order
The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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 April totaled $1,215.00. Actual balance at the Harris Bank to reflect deposits and outstanding checks is $31,924.82. The Northern Trust balance as of the end of March is $4,293.80.

b. Membership to date
The membership as of April 30, 2007 is 329.

c. Summary report at business meetings
An accounting summary should be done at each meeting according to the Handbook.

Should this still be done? The Board agrees that it should be done. Anne Abramson will start next week at the meeting.

d. Signature cards for 2007/08 (Harris Bank)
Debbie Rusin, Debbie Ginsberg, and Anne Abramson signed the signature cards for the upcoming year.

e. Copies of tax form for Archives
Should the Archives contain a signed copy of the tax form? The Board does not think a signed version is necessary. The Treasurer will send the client copy to the Archives, and the Handbook will be adjusted accordingly.

V. Old Business
a. May meeting
The meeting is at Harry Caray’s. Two judges will come to talk about the historical society of the northern district court. They will jointly speak for about 15-20 minutes. So far, 80 people have registered.

b. No host dinner
SurveyMonkey will be used for the registration.

c. CALL display at AALL
Debbie Rusin sent the form in for her and Fred Barnhart to have access to the Hall to set up the CALL exhibit.

d. 60th Anniversary plans
The Board discussed the plans for the 60th Anniversary celebration.

e. Confirm disbanding of Union List Committee
The Committee was disbanded at the February meeting.

VI. New Business
a. Clarification about sending minutes to newly elected Board.
The minutes are to be sent to the newly elected Board by the Secretary.

b. Archives OCR’d
The Bulletins, Directories, and Handbooks are now all OCR’d and almost ready to be put on the website.

c. Sample job descriptions for website posting
The job descriptions look good. There are a few changes the Board would like to make, but it looks good to put up on the web. A message should be sent to the membership when it is available. Also, it would be a good idea to make this information more widely known. Perhaps sending something to law-lib, Dominican, Spectrum, AALL, etc.

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d. Grants for student members
There are three people interested in the grant. The Committee is going to be looking into this after the meeting next week.
e. Attendance at AALL programs
We would like to have as many CALL people as possible at the various AALL programs that have to do with running the Association.
f. New Executive Director at AALL
The new AALL Executive Director is Kate Hagen. She will start sometime in June. Debbie Rusin is going to invite her to a CALL meeting next year.
g. Suggestions Log
The Policy Log is approved to go up on the Intranet. Also, the Suggestion Log will be revised to remove those items that have been dealt with below.

Bulletin. Please clarify who is responsible for obtaining photo permission. There is a discrepancy between the Feb. 2003 minutes and the Dec. 2005 minutes.

Forms included with Membership renewals and retained by Membership Committee who maintains list. Bulletin editor checks list to determine if CALL member gave permission. Bulletin editor contacts non-CALL members to obtain written or e-mail permission to use photos. This is in the Handbook under both Bulletin (item #7) and Membership (item #15).

CALL Dinner at AALL Meeting. Delegate organization of this event to a Board Director (since VP/President Elect has many other duties at this time).

This is up to the President. Should be someone on the Board, but not necessarily a Director.

E-mail. Do committees need to get Board approval in order to obtain generic e-mail addresses?
Yes. This is now policy.

Finance. At least semi-annually, make a report to the Board on the status of the budget.
Treasurer reports at each Board meeting.

Internet. Please clarify how long information is kept on the website.

Internet. Please clarify at what point the CD archives are sent to the Archives Committee.
Both items are referred to the Internet Committee.

Meetings. Please clarify the policy for speaker reimbursement. CALL members have been speakers at our meetings. Do they get any reimbursement?
This is sufficiently covered in the Policy Log. CALL members are not reimbursed.

Meetings. Speaker: Establish a policy regarding a free meal for the speaker, and if requested, additional meals be approved by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

Don’t pay speakers, so free meal is payment. Board can make policy on additional free meals on case-by-case basis. This is now the policy of the Board.

Membership. Look into student pricing.
Student membership is $10. No plans to raise or lower it.

New Committee. A new committee should be formed to deal with the AALL conference duties, such as the no-host dinner, programming, and public relations.
These duties are delegated already to either Board or committee positions. No new committee will be formed.

Union List: For the 2006 edition of the Union List, have institutions pre-pay for their copies when they place their order.
The Union List Committee has been disbanded.

Vice President. The Vice President should post meeting notices to the AALL events calendar.
Will be added to the VP duties in updated Handbook. This would be for business meetings only.

Board. Registered Agent. When feasible, the registered agent should have a term of three (3) years.
The Board has decided that the term is 2 years.

Committee Liaisons. Beginning of the CALL year, each liaison should review appropriate sections of the Handbook with his or her committee. Also, when the committee chairs meet with the Board, this policy should be reinforced.
This is part of current procedure. Will reinforce with Board.

President. After the Board receives the slate of candidates, the President should make the announcement to the membership as soon as possible.
Will add to President responsibility in updated Handbook.

h. Handbook suggestions

The Handbook Suggestions Log will be revised to remove those items that have been dealt with below.

Bylaws. Indicate date of amendment for any article or section that has been amended.
Will add this year.

Not sure what they mean. Information is on the web and in each issue of Bulletin.

Committee Chairs. At the invitation of the President, appear before the Board to discuss the committee charge and plans for the year.
In Handbook, item #5.

Committee Chairs. Check with the Vice President, who coordinates the CALL calendar, any public programs or meetings.
In Handbook, included in item #14.

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Committee Chairs. Any survey generated by a CALL committee needs approval by the committee liaison.
Will add this year.

Committee Liaisons. For Liaisons of the Continuing Education, Meetings and Union List Committees, after each program (or printing) strongly remind the Committee to submit to the Board a written report outlining the costs and profits of the program (or publication), so the Board is better able to keep track of the budget.
The Board does not wish to add this to the Handbook.

Committee Liaisons. Add to item #1, “For input into CALL budget planning, at the beginning of each term, liaisons should contact their committee chairs to see what cost items the committees will need to carry out their charges.”
The Board does not wish to add this to the Handbook.

Community Service Committee. The CALL Community Service Committee will have SLA announcements sent to them for posting to the CALL Discussion Forum.
No, because the Past President is supposed to be SLA contact.

Continuing Education Committee. Ask the speaker if he/she wants their handouts posted on the CALL website on the “Members Only” side. Offer to post the material with the speaker’s permission.
In Handbook as VP responsibility, item #8.

Corporate Memory Committee. The Chairman of the Committee sends the updated version of the Policy Log to the Internet Committee for posting on the “Members Only” side of the website.
In Handbook, item #9.

Elections Committee: Add to the Committee charge, the Committee is responsible for mailing out the ballots.
In Handbook, included in item #1.

Grants and Chapter Awards Committee. Add to the Committee charge, the Committee allocates the “free registration” given by AALL every 3 years.
In Handbook, item #7, but will add something about awarding this to newer member.

Internet Committee. Add to the Committee charge, the Committee is responsible for creating the link to the CALL website for Discussion Forum postings and sending that information to the designated committee person. Each individual committee is then responsible for their postings to the CALL Discussion Forum.
In the Handbook as item #6 for committee.

Meetings Committee. Add to the Committee charge, the Committee will post to the Discussion Forum, announcements of meetings, events and holiday parties from SLA and other sister organizations.

Meetings Committee. Add to the Committee charge, announcements must be posted 30 days prior to the event date.
In Handbook, included in item #3.

Meetings Committee. Ask the speaker if he/she wants their handouts posted on the CALL website on the “Members Only” side. Offer to post the material with the speaker’s permission.
In Handbook, as VP responsibility, item #8.

Membership Committee: Per minutes 2005-08, responsibility for welcoming new members falls to the Membership Committee
In Handbook, item #11.

Past President: The Past President will become the contact person for SLA announcements.
In Handbook, item #8.

President. Item #3: As soon as possible at the beginning of the term, invite each committee chair to appear before the Board.
Will add this year.

President. Add to item #8: Change phone number to current President.
Included under Treasurer.

President: Per minutes 2005-08, duty of handling Chapter liability insurance should go under President charge.
In Handbook, item #9.

Public Relations Committee (1 & 2), p. 30:
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).
Current items 1 & 2 are:
1) Inform both the legal and library communities about law librarians and their activities. Post notices of meetings and educational programs on the SLA-IL Discussion Forum.
This should be kept as is.

Treasurer: In May, when the new Board of Directors takes office, the Treasurer should arrange with CALL’s bank (currently Harris Bank) to have the correct signatures on account. Sending a letter to Harris Bank stating who should be removed, and who should be added, should be sufficient. (The CALL Harris Bank account is considered a small business private account).
Anne Abramson is working on this and will work on language to be included in the Handbook. cont. on p. 8
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Vice President: The Corporate Memory Committee should be a standing committee with the members appointed. Remove the Corporate Memory Committee from the Committee Volunteer Form.

Already done; CMC isn’t on the form.

Website/Discussion Forum. Add to the Handbook a section on how to post to the website/Discussion Forum.

In current Handbook, pgs. 48-51 cover Discussion Forum protocol.

Board. The new incoming Vice President should set the meeting dates by the April Board meeting.

This is done by the current VP, will add this year.

Committee Chairs. The Committee responsible for putting on a program is also responsible for no-shows and letting them know that they still need to pay for the program. If the no-show does not respond to the Committee’s request for payment, then the President will get involved. (This should also be added to the charges for the Continuing Education, Meetings, and Public Relations Committees, as they are the committees primarily responsible for such programs.)

Add to updated Handbook; work out correct wording.

Community Service Committee. CALL cannot give out receipts for items donated to the Community Service Committee.

Will add this year; include at end of item #1.

Continuing Education Committee. The Committee responsible for putting on a program is also responsible for no-shows and letting them know that they still need to pay for the program. If the no-show does not respond to the Committee’s request for payment, then the President will get involved.

Add to updated Handbook; work out correct wording.

General. Put in general dates for when tasks should be accomplished wherever possible.

No – this would be too restraining for future year committees.

General. Arrange duties based on the general time frames established.

No – this would be too restraining for future year committees.

Meetings Committee. The Committee responsible for putting on a program is also responsible for no-shows and letting them know that they still need to pay for the program. If the no-show does not respond to the Committee’s request for payment, then the President will get involved.

Add to updated Handbook; work out correct wording.

Vice President. Every two years the Registered Agent will change to the incoming Vice President. The next change will take place in the 2007/2008 year. (COMMITTEE NOTE: but see Suggestion Log, recommending a three-year term).

No – this will be 2 years only.

Vice President. The Vice President will put the business meetings on the AALL calendar.

Also mentioned in general suggestions; will add to updated Handbook.

VII. Committee Report

Community Service - cell phones will be collected at the next meeting. The phones are being collected for the elderly. The Committee has signed up for the Walk & Roll event.

Treasurer - The CD was renewed at Harris Bank for another year.

Continuing Education - program on May 23, 2007, with AALL is where CALL is supposed to be the audience. There is room for 40 people and it would be nice to fill to capacity. The program is about negotiating e-content. It’s a webinar.

Internet Committee - working on getting a co-chair; Annette Cade says this is really going to be her last year.

All committees are chaired except for the Public Relations Committee.

The membership renewal packets have gone out.

The grants have been decided and will be given out at the meeting next week.

The CALL name was put in the Law Day issue of the Law Bulletin. It was in the April 21st issue.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Submitted by: Juli Jackson

May 17, 2007

As amended: Debbie Ginsberg

June 7, 2007 ■

Congratulations to CALL on its 60th Anniversary!
The May 17, 2007 CALL Business Meeting was held at Harry Caray’s Restaurant. Wolters Kluwer sponsored the meeting, and Professionals Library Services donated the door prizes. Judge William T. Hart and Judge Jeffrey N. Cole of the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, were the guest speakers.

Judge Hart and Judge Cole talked to the group about the Court Historical Association. The Association originally started out as a committee and, in 1995, was organized into a not-for-profit corporation. The purpose of the Association is to recover, preserve, and promote the history and artifacts of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and to educate the public on the role and function of the court. In 2002, Judge Aspen was able to find money to have A Court That Shaped America: Chicago’s Federal District Court from Abe Lincoln to Abbie Hoffman, published by Northwestern University Press. The book contains a lot of history on the court and the many famous cases that have gone through the Northern District.

Unfortunately, when the 1871 Chicago Fire happened, it destroyed many of the historical papers related to the court. Judge Hart and Judge Cole are asking librarians to help try and recreate the lost case files. The judges ask that, if anyone has any historical information on significant cases that went through the Northern District, to contact the Court Historical Association. They are not looking for privileged client information, only the public paperwork available for significant cases. If you can help in any way, please let the Court Historical Association know!

Therese Clark Arado, Co-Chair of the Grants and Chapter Awards Committee, presented the Award for Outstanding In-House Publication to Margaret Schilt of the University of Chicago. Ms. Arado also announced that Sally Holterhoff was the recipient of the Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law. This award will be given to Ms. Holterhoff at the September meeting. The Committee also awarded six grants to members for various programs.

President Linnane announced that, due to time constraints, the 60th Anniversary Event planned for June 13th would be cancelled. Another event is being planned for later in the year. President Linnane further announced that the CALL No-Host dinner at AALL would be at K-Paul’s Louisiana Kitchen and registration information would follow shortly. Finally, President-Elect Debbie Rusin encouraged members to volunteer for the various CALL committees.

President Linnane thanked the retiring Board members (Naomi Goodman, Past President; Juli Jackson, Secretary; and Janice Collins, Director) for their service over the past few years. She then passed the gavel over to the new President, Debbie Rusin, who thanked President Linnane for her tremendous job over the past 12 months.

Submitted by: Juli Jackson, CALL Secretary
July 30, 2007
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Welcome to my first column installment for the 2007/2008 Bulletin year. Because I am now serving as Co-Editor of the Bulletin, I contemplated giving up the column, but decided I could squeeze in the time to put it together. Now that I’m working so closely with the CALL Bulletin, it is even more interesting for me to peruse the publications of other AALL sections and chapters.

I had a little more difficulty finding articles this time, as I think many law librarians were focused on the AALL annual meeting this summer, rather than writing. Despite the relative scarcity of articles, however, I was still able to locate ten articles that I think will interest CALL members. In particular, if you don’t know anything about Web 2.0, consider reading the piece in the Southeastern Law Librarian for an introduction to 2.0, and a list of law library-related 2.0 projects. I would also recommend taking a look at the bibliography on Illinois county histories in the Spring 2007 edition of Illinois Libraries. The entry isn’t specifically related to law libraries, but it’s really quite fascinating to scroll through this comprehensive list of sources on Illinois’ 102 counties.

Enjoy!

COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES


Many CALL members are familiar with the Cook County Library, so I thought some individuals might be interested in this piece about Cook County’s counterpart in Minnesota—the Hennepin County Law Library (HCLL) in Minneapolis. HCLL is the largest county law library in Minnesota, and its visitors numbered over 32,000 last year alone. The article, authored by HCLL’s Director and Assistant Director, provides additional statistics of interest, an overview of HCLL’s governance, as well as a description of its print and electronic collections.


In this article, a librarian at the U.S. Courts Library in Los Angeles, provides a look at the transformation of the Orange County (CA) Public Law Library. The Library, which was built in 1971, recently added over 19,000 square feet to its facility. Keefe describes the planning process, as well as the various changes to the original building, including the addition of a subterranean level. The article is accompanied by color photographs that chronicle the construction process, and showcase the spectacular final product.

ILLINOIS COUNTY HISTORIES


This is not about law libraries per se, but I found this entry in the most recent edition of Illinois Libraries to be fascinating. The article is essentially a bibliography of more than 500 Illinois county histories held at the Illinois State Library. In addition to a list of sources, each county listing includes a short explanation of the history behind the county’s name. Legal historians may find this bibliography useful, as some of the listed works focus on courthouse histories, and there are undoubtedly biographies of prominent Illinois attorneys in the many county histories listed here.

LAW LIBRARIES (MANAGEMENT OF)


In this piece, which appeared in the newsletter of the Houston Area Law Librarians, two firm librarians describe their experience at the 2007 AALL Management and Leadership Institute. The Institute, which was held in Tucson in March, provided 35 law librarians with four days of insight into effective management and leadership. The article provides day-by-day summaries of the Institute’s workshops and lectures, and will be of interest to supervisors and managers, as well as anyone who aspires to become an administrator in a law library.

LEGAL REFERENCE LIBRARIANS (TITLES OF)


This is a very short, albeit interesting, entry in the newsletter of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York. Callihan, Head of Research Services and Lecturer in Law at the Cornell Law Library, describes her library’s recent decision to send the term “reference librarian” to the “dustbin of history.” Law librarians with J.D. degrees who provide reference services at Cornell are now called “research attorneys,” even if they have not practiced law. The article describes why the change was made, as well as staff reaction to the new titles.

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TECHBUZZ

Power on Your Keychain: USB Flash Drives
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Remember how great 3 ½ inch disks were? They held far more files than those paper-thin 5 ¼ disks and came in bright plastic colors, to boot. In 2007, though, the poor floppy disk is completely obsolete. They are too small and too fragile. The floppy disk replacement is going to have to offer a lot more than mere storage to compete with e-mail and network drives. Are USB flash drives up to the task?

USB flash drives (also known as USB keys, pen drives, and thumb drives) are portable storage devices with “flash” memory chips. Flash memory keeps all of its data, even without power. USB drives can be plugged into nearly any USB port. Most USB drives are about 3 inches long and are about the size and shape of a pack of gum.

Unlike CDs and floppies, USB flash drives cannot be scratched. They handle casual abuse very well (I’ve heard of cases where they survived laundry machines, but don’t try this at home). The drives can store any kind of file from about any operating system, including Windows, Linux, and Mac.

That said, the drives have some problems, such as a limited life span (they will eventually use up the number of possible rewrites). However, security is probably the biggest issue. USB drives are easy to lose, but users tend to still think of them as disks, something easily lost and replaced. USB drives can hold far more data, some of which is likely to be sensitive. Recently, somewhere in Madagascar, a professor lost a USB drive containing the Social Security numbers of thousands of students. Encrypting data and enabling passwords on USB drives can help keep security risks to a minimum.

In 2001, USB flash drives cost $70 for 16 MB, and $200 for 64 MB. Now they range from $5 for 128 MB, to $250 for 16 G. Because the smaller drives are so inexpensive, many will give away free drives much like free pens or post-it notes. Often, the free drives will contain demo programs or information about products.

Vendors today offer many variations of the basic USB drive. Some are practical, such as USB plugs that retract or swing in to prevent damage. Others offer additional security; SanDisk, for example, sells USB flash drives that can read fingerprints. Other vendors are playful, offering drives shaped like sushi, drives made of wood, or even drives inside dolls (remove the head to use).

Most people use USB drives to transfer data. These drives are perfect when working with files too large to be sent over e-mail, or when using information too sensitive to be stored on network drives.

The drives can also be used as mini-hard drives, complete with applications and operating systems. Connecting (the newsletter for the Computing Services Special Interest Section of AALL) recently featured “Life on a Stick,” Susan Boland’s article describing how to turn USB flash drives into portable application devices. Instead of installing applications on a PC, simply launch them from a USB drive. Programs available include Firefox, Open Office, “Wiki on a Stick,” and virus protection. Users can even create a “boot disk” to run Linux directly from a USB drive.

Carrying portable applications on USB drives ensures that favorite programs are always available. Programs used from the USB drive also leave no traces on a PC – personal information is not stored in the Windows registry, and no cookies are left on the hard drive. Or, install large programs on the USB key and keep Windows from becoming bogged down with extra installation files.

Some USB drives now come with “U3,” an application designed to manage and launch portable programs. Users with U3-enabled USB drives can use these programs to make any other workstation function much like their own (but note this is PC-only).

Some libraries are starting to lend USB drives to library users for temporary use. Libraries can also buy USB drives in bulk to give away to incoming students, new attorneys, or other library users. The drives can be branded with a library logo and can include research pathfinders, multimedia presentations, and even a set of useful portable applications.

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Prices for USB drives have dropped dramatically in the last 5 years. The drives are faster and offer plenty of features. Compared to floppies, USB drives have grown at an amazing rate. We will likely see USB drives as large as many current hard drives in the not-too-distant future, perhaps under $100. Will it be long before we can fit an entire computer on a USB drive? We already can! A recent Wired article, “The World’s Tiniest PCs”, describes a PC that’s been built into a thumb drive. The computer is not very powerful, but includes a network port, a monitor port, and even its own USB port. Computer on a keychain, indeed!

Where to find more portable software:

- Fragstation: http://fragstation.org
- No-Install: http://www.no-install.com/
- PenDriveApps: http://www.pendriveapps.com/
- Portable Applications List: http://www.quate.net/newsnet/read.php?30
- PortableApps.com: http://portableapps.com (Home of the Portable Apps suite, a bundled collection of portable applications.)
- The Portable Freeware Collection: http://www.portablefreeware.com/

Articles of Interest


Earlier this year, I embarked on an annotated bibliography project with my co-worker, Susan Boland. To facilitate our communication, and to avoid duplication in our efforts, Susan suggested we utilize a wiki for the project. After some online searching, she came across Zoho.com. According to the “About Us” section at Zoho.com, “Zoho is an Office Productivity Suite from AdventNet Inc. Founded in 1996, AdventNet is headquartered in Pleasanton, CA with offices in North America, Europe and Asia. AdventNet focuses on building affordable software for businesses.”

One of the products offered at Zoho.com is a freely accessible wiki. For the bibliography, we only utilized the wiki. I must confess that, although I am writing this, Susan was the better wiki user. I know the immense benefits of technology in our profession, but sometimes I don’t have the energy to learn the newest or latest technology. That was not a problem with this site. Once I registered (free), I was able to easily navigate the wiki site. It has a very adaptable format. Users create their own pages and can control access to the material by limiting those who can link to it. The editor feature allowed for easy updating of the materials. A minor downside was some font formatting problems, but these were not insurmountable. Zoho.com lists the following features of the wiki:

Easy to use WYSIWYG editing
Create, edit or re-format contents using our WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get) editor

Version your Wiki pages
Have multiple versions of your content pages, not multiple copies

Group Wiki
Create Groups. Add, edit and share contents among your group

More structured wiki with subpages
Organize your site by having subpages for each page

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO CARL YIRKA?
“It’s Gone by Quickly...It’s Really Amazing”
By Bob Winger, McGuireWoods LLP, rwinger@mcguirewoods.com

Carl Yirka commented almost in surprise when reminded that he departed Chicago 25 years ago in 1982 to continue his academic pursuits, and ended up working his way progressively eastward. He recently took some time to catch up from Vermont, where he is Professor and Library Director of the Julien and Virginia Cornell Library at the Vermont Law School.

Carl grew up in the Cleveland area before attending Columbia University in New York for his undergraduate degree. He then returned home for a year to earn his M.L.S from Case Western Reserve University. His first position after library school was at the Cincinnati County Law Library, where he worked in circulation and reference for about a year. He then switched (permanently, as it turned out) to academics, by working in the reference department for a year and a half at Chase Law Library of the University of Northern Kentucky.

Carl’s next move was to Chicago, where he became Head of Acquisitions at Northwestern University Law School Library. His duties there, he states briefly, were to “buy books.” He speaks of the benefits of “working for one of the top 10 law school libraries” in the United States, a reference to the fierce jockeying for position amongst the top tier law schools. He says that he enjoyed his time in Chicago, and remembers the people with whom he worked with fondness, including the two directors during his time there: Leon Liddell and George Grossman.

After a few years at N.U., Carl says he realized that he would need to get a J.D. in order to advance his career in academic libraries. In 1982, he applied to, and was accepted into the law school program at Indiana University on an accelerated track. While in law school, he worked part-time as an acquisitions librarian in the library there.

Carl finished his legal studies and moved to New York City, where he became Associate Director of the library at New York Law School. This began his career in independent law schools, which continues to this day. After five years in this capacity, he moved on to his current position.

Vermont Law School is another independent law program located in South Royalton, in the middle of the state, about twenty miles from the Connecticut River and the New Hampshire state line. Carl notes that, as an independent law school, “We live and die by our own wits.” The school has 600 students and boasts a strong environmental program, offering—besides the J.D. and LL.M. degrees—an M.S. in Environmental Law. He has been teaching courses in the school for 18 years, most currently one on comparative law.

Carl states that one of the school’s strong suits is its active participation in exchange programs. In addition to maintaining ongoing exchanges with programs in Paris, France, Seville, Spain and Trento, Italy, Vermont Law School had a very strong and active exchange with Petrozavodsk State University in the Karelia region of northwest Russia (about 100 miles from the Finland border). He says that this association resulted in a lot of travel to Russia to set up a legal clinic and environmental law center and also helped him brush up on his Russian language skills, which he had not really used since his high school and undergraduate days. The drying up of U.S. State Department grant funds effectively ended this program, but not before the University awarded Carl with an honorary doctorate in 2005.

Carl and his wife— Micki Colbeck, a painter—live in nearby Strafford, Vermont, which he describes as a community of artists. They each have a son and a daughter, and he says that he recently convinced his daughter to move to Strafford with her three children. He says that, as grandparents to a twelve, five and three-year-old, they have adapted to living more in the moment, especially with the younger children.

While Carl maintains memberships in the American Association of Law Libraries, the American Library Association, the American Society for Information Science, and AALL’s Law Librarians of New England chapter, he says that he is not active in leadership roles, given the small size of his library’s staff. He is able to go to the AALL annual meetings, having attended the one in New Orleans this past July, and the one in St. Louis the year before. When at those meetings, he says that he occasionally runs into CALL members whom he remembers from his days in Chicago.

Carl relates that, when he left Northwestern, George Grossman told him that he was giving up the best position he could ever have. While he admits that there is some truth to that, he says that he has also enjoyed the opportunities he has had, and the challenges he has faced, since moving on.

Those wishing to get in touch with Carl may contact him by e-mail at CYIRKA@vermontlaw.edu.
**TECHBUZZ - Free Wiki cont. from p.14**

- **Search engine friendly**
  
  All your public wiki pages will be indexed and cached by search engine robots and hence will be listed in search results.

  So, why is this type of technology helpful to law librarians? Basically, it’s because our jobs require constant project coordination. Using a wiki, like the one described here, or another freely available product, can help you organize a project that requires input from many people. If a common work product is to be produced, the wiki can allow for continuous updating by all involved. If several products are going to be pieced together, the feature at Zoho.com that allows others to link to your pages, will help here. Other contributors can see how your portion of the project is developing, and thereby get an overall picture by viewing all the pieces.

  We were able to maintain a pulled resources list (okay, I have to admit Susan was much better at keeping it updated with her materials) separate from the actual annotations. We also utilized different pages to keep types of sources separated. Could this be achieved by a regular word processor? Sure, but we would have had to be e-mailing documents back and forth, saving on our own computers, and, when working at home, would not necessarily have the correct version handy. The wiki eliminated the need to keep different versions straight, and we avoided the inevitable act of working on the wrong file. The wiki provided real time access to updated materials, and flexibility in terms of when and where we could work on the bibliography. It was a useful resource to have when working with another person.

  Zoho.com provides free access to a number of tools, in addition to the wiki. The user can access a word processor, a spreadsheet, and presentation software, among others.

  There are numerous freely accessible wikis and other software available on the web. This is my experience with just one. You may find others that have more features of interest to you. As always, just be aware of the source, and remember what is available today on a free site may not be there tomorrow.

  Below is a brief list of articles on wikis that you might find helpful or interesting. The articles cover wikis, their benefits and related pitfalls in law:


Rise to the Challenge
All photos courtesy of Mary Lu Linnane

Sally Holterhoff
AALL President 2006/07

New Orleans’ Finest

Grand Finale! Ann Fessenden (incoming AALL President) and Sally Holterhoff (outgoing AALL President)

AALL Annual Meeting
New Orleans 2007

AALL Board Members (our own CALL members)
Lyo or Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Sally Holterhoff, and Jean Wenger
The theme for this year’s American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting in New Orleans was “Rise to the Challenge.” AALL members were challenged to apply competitive intelligence (CI) strategies within their firms in a pre-conference workshop entitled “Riding the CI Wave: How to Hang Ten and Implement a Firm-wide CI Solution with Minimal Resources.” Given the number of articles written in recent professional journals on this topic (including the Winter 2007 CALL Bulletin), I was anxious to hear from the experts.

The relatively new Private Law Libraries-Competitive Intelligence Caucus (PLL-CIC) was instrumental in offering this workshop, coordinated by Mark Gediman of Best Best & Krieger LLP. He introduced the session with his own definition of competitive intelligence: information gathered and analyzed with the purpose of making the firm more competitive and profitable in an ever-changing marketplace. He also described the market forces that have brought CI to the legal world.

The next speaker, Cynthia Cheng Correia, principal of Knowledge inForm Inc., has worked with clients representing many industries. She stated that the tools and techniques of CI are mature in other industries, such as pharmaceuticals. CI divisions in these industries employ those with a background in intelligence, such as government intelligence. Competitive intelligence in the legal world is relatively new. Firm librarians have the research skills with published sources, but CI requires competencies in planning & direction, human source collection and analysis & production. At this time, CI in law firms tends to involve marketing departments and the library staff. Correia listed several professional associations that would be of interest to CI professionals, including the Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals, the Special Libraries Association CI Division, and the Legal Marketing Association.

These presentations were followed by several panel discussions:

Karin Donahue of DLA Piper LLP, Linda Will of Dorsey & Whitney, and Mark Gediman discussed how to market CI internally. Suggestions included creating a “CI Unit” across several administrative areas, winning new champions by targeting a specific practice or administrative group, and eliminating barriers to using CI services. All three speakers emphasized the importance of knowing your firm’s business

by participating in practice group meetings and retreats, lurking on internal practice group listservs, and reviewing the firm’s top clients. Donahue emphasized the importance of soliciting feedback from those attorneys and staff requesting CI services. She also referenced the ability to engage in intelligent conversation about a specific company or industry. Gediman described how his early CI work was limited by his then-current resources. He started by focusing on a particular practice group, and began working in conjunction with the Marketing staff. Now, Marketing comes to him first when working on a “Request for Proposal.” He brands his materials with a library logo, and he reports CI activities to management to give value to the work. His firm has devoted more dollars to CI resources because of his early successes.

Another panel gave tips about CI careers. Donna Cavallini of InfoFirst LLC, Jan Rivers of Dorsey & Whitney and Marsha Fulton didn’t necessarily expect to work in competitive intelligence, but they assumed CI roles because of their own interests and skills. In addition to traditional reference work, you must be comfortable with analysis. Fulton suggested future CI work may require a knowledge of financials.

The final panel showed examples of CI materials. Greg Lambert from King & Spaulding emphasized the need to work cross-departmentally. Lambert created an internal resource based on monitoring competitors’ websites. Kim Abbey showed a sample report, using her research on several counties’ use of in-house vs. contract attorneys. She relied heavily on charts and graphs. Her report included sections entitled “Assumptions, Key Conclusions, and Key Facts.” My only disappointment was that there were so few examples of actual briefing books or dossiers. I suspect that one of the PLL-CIC sessions at AALL 2008 will cover how to present CI research and findings.

Until then, those interested in competitive intelligence should sign up for the PLL-CIC listserv listed on the AALL website.
If you think committee work is dull, read on, because the CALL Committee 2006-2007 Annual Reports will convince you otherwise. CALL committees, led by a group of enthusiastic and hard-working chairs, had an exciting and productive year—educating members of our profession, assisting local community groups, organizing meetings for our membership, archiving CALL materials, and the list goes on.

Did you attend that terrific program last November on legislative advocacy at Chicago-Kent? That was co-sponsored by CALL’s Continuing Education and Public Affairs Committees. Did you bring school supplies, books, or an old cell phone to a CALL meeting this past year? CALL’s Community Service Committee collected those, and the Committee’s annual report explains how those items benefited our local community. Did you enjoy any of CALL’s business meetings last year with those great speakers? Yes, there’s actually a CALL Meetings Committee that organized those gatherings. The aforementioned are just a few of the many exceptional programs and activities that CALL committees organized this past year.

Read through the 2006-2007 annual reports below, and you will indeed get a sense of how much our organization accomplished last year, thanks to the efforts of all of CALL’s sixteen committees. If you haven’t yet signed up to be on a CALL committee for the 2007-2008 year, it’s not too late. Joining a CALL committee is a great way to help out the Association, meet new people, gain new skills, and also have some fun.

### Archives

**Members:**
- **Chair:** Carol Klink
  - Liaison: Julia Jackson

Thanks to the efforts of Julia Jackson, all the past Bulletins, Handbooks, and Membership Directories have been scanned and OCR’d for loading onto the CALL website. Keep checking the website to see their premiere.

The remaining members of the Archives Committee have continued to file all additional materials that have been received this year. The materials are arranged in chronological order by committee name or office. Please continue to send all materials to the Archives.

We did not meet as a group this year. We kept in touch via e-mail and telephone. We did not have any expenses. We have sufficient archival boxes and file cabinet drawers. I would recommend that the budget for this committee be eliminated or deferred until another location for the Archives and additional file cabinets are required.

Submitted by Carol Klink

### Bulletin

**Members:**
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Susan Boland, Julienne Grant, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Sheri Lewis, Doris Nuding, Mona Tetter, Maria Willmer and Robert Winger

- **Liaison:** Naomi Goodman

The Fall 2006 issue of the CALL Bulletin was produced on August 30, 2006, and had 38 pages. For the first time, there was a Splash Page that was e-mailed to all CALL members. The Splash Page contained the titles of major articles and regular columns included in the Fall issue. This was well received by everyone. For now, there is not an active link to the online Bulletin or articles. Annette Cade will html the Splash Page and place it on the CALL website.

Gail Hartzell began as the new Co-Editor of the Bulletin, along with Roberta Fox. A new column was added in the Fall issue. Julienne Grant’s column is titled “Off the Beaten Path,” and it covers newsletters and more obscure (not mainline) publications that are available online. Eugene Giudice, Janice Collins and Mary Ann Lenzen were all grant winners and wrote about their experiences at the AALL Conference in St. Louis, MO. In addition, there was a written report on the presentation about library advocacy by CALL’s VIP, Mike Ragen, at the AALL conference. Also new this year, the Bulletin displayed pictures of CALL members who participated in Hein’s Fun, Run & Walk at AALL. The annual reports of the CALL committees were included in the Fall issue. These regular columns continued: Sheri Lewis – “Professional Reading,” Maria Willmer – “Working Smarter,” Robert Winger – “Whatever Happened to...” and Megan Butman and Kathleen Bruner – “People and Places.”

There were three full-page ads (Westlaw, BNA and GSI) and two 1/4-page ads (EOS and CBG). Seven Bulletins were mailed out to CALL members without e-mail addresses, and one to Archives. Valparaiso University Law Library will allow the Bulletin Committee to print, copy and mail these issues at no cost, thus saving CALL the cost of printing and postage.
The Winter 2007 issue of the Bulletin was published before Thanksgiving on November 21, 2006, and had 34 pages. Roberta Fox jazzed up the Splash Page by rearranging it and adding more color. The end result was more appealing.

Eugene Giudice started a new column, which is interesting to all members. In his “New Faces, New Shoes,” he provides information about new CALL members. Two more grant winners wrote articles. Debbie Ginsberg described her CALI experience, and Patricia Scott gave her “Reflections on Teaching” from the AALL Conference. Along with the regular columns were the minutes from the business meeting at which Dorothy Brown, Chicago mayoral candidate, spoke.

This issue included a special section on Competitive Intelligence (CI). Three CALL members wrote about CI: Monice Kaczorowski – “Influencing the Bottom Line,” Aleksandra Chernin – “Becoming Street Smart” and Maria Willmer – “A New Frontier for Law Librarians.” The Winter issue also contained three full-page ads (GSI, Westlaw and BNA), and three ¼-page ads (one for C. Berger, and two for EOS).

The Spring 2007 issue of the Bulletin was published on February 28, 2007, and contained 40 pages. We experienced problems and delays with the layout and updating of drafts.

Another new column was introduced, titled “TechBuzz.” This will be written by three co-authors: Heidi Kuehl, Therese Clarke Arado and Lyonette Louis-Jacques. The column will focus on new technologies in law libraries. CRIV presented their second annual special section with five articles written by committee members. The articles discussed resources helpful to law librarians.

As in the past, the Bulletin included the biographies, statements and photographs of the candidates for the CALL election. The font for these biographies was larger than the rest of the Bulletin, due to the files that were sent. There were two full-page ads (Thomson West and GSI) and one ¼-page ad (EOS) for a total of three ads for this issue. Lexis has dropped its regional advertising, and the others may not be far behind.

The Summer 2007 issue of the Bulletin was published on June 18, 2007, and had 33 pages. It was published later due to a request from the 60th Anniversary Committee. They wanted to include the Trivia Questions and Answers from the 60th Anniversary Celebration in the Summer issue. There were still some problems and delays with the layout and drafts.

This issue was dedicated to CALL’s 60th Anniversary. Joan Ogden wrote an article on the history and changes to CALL and law libraries in the last ten years. An article on CALL’s presidents for the past ten years was written by Roberta Fox and Gail Hartzell. Along with photos, the past presidents’ thoughts, views and reflections were presented. Seven out of ten past presidents responded to our questions and photo requests. All the Trivia Questions and Answers from the 60th Anniversary Committee were included in the special section.

A letter from Sally Holterhoff, AALL president and CALL member, congratulating CALL on their 60th Anniversary, was the final component.

The election results were published. We had our regular columns and the first contribution by Heidi Kuehl to “TechBuzz.” We lost Roberta Fox as Co-Editor of the Bulletin and Sheri Lewis as columnist of “Professional Reading.” Sheri was elected as Vice-President/President Elect of CALL. Their contributions to the Bulletin have been greatly appreciated.

There were fewer ads in this issue of the Bulletin. The Summer issue contained two ads: one full-page for BNA and one 1/4 page for EOS. For three of the four issues published thus far, the Committee has billed $1850 for advertising. Advertising revenues have been running approximately $450 to $700 billed per issue. Our advertising revenue has dropped significantly because Thomson/GSI has made a decision not to advertise any longer in chapter publications.

Submitted by Gail Hartzell and Roberta Fox

Bylaws

Members:
Chair: Frank Drake
Liaison: Mary Lu Linnane

The Bylaws Committee was relatively quiet this year; no amendments to the bylaws were needed. There were occasional questions from the Board concerning the bylaws, and these were answered.

Submitted by Frank Drake

Community Service

Members:
Chair: Holly Lakatos
Kathleen Bruner, Stephanie Crawford, Lucy Moss, Kevin McClure, Julie Pabarja, Susan Retzer, Susan Schaefer and Mona Tetter.
Liaison: Anne Abramson

General Matters

- The Community Service Committee remains the custodian of the CALL hand truck, which the Committee uses to cart materials collected at meetings from place to place. All other CALL committees are welcome to use the hand truck when needed. The hand truck will be passed down to each new chair of the Community Service Committee.

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At the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, the Community Service Committee was honored with the “Spirit of Law Librarianship” Award. In conjunction with the Award, Alert Publications gave the Committee a grant of $300. The Committee decided to split the grant between two charities it had supported in the past: the Chicago Public Schools’ Homeless Education Program, and the Chicago Abused Women Coalition’s Greenhouse Shelter. Each organization has received a $150 grant from the Committee. Once again, the Committee would like to thank Alert Publications and Professors Roy Mersky and Rich Leiter (creators of the Award) for their generosity and recognition.

In response to the Committee’s concern that it was not communicating enough with the general membership, Committee member Lucy Moss wrote a short article for each issue of the Bulletin to describe the Committee’s projects.

**Projects**

- **Ongoing:**
  At each chapter meeting, the Committee accepted donations by CALL members on behalf of the American Cancer Society. In total, the Committee collected $330.68 through our “Change for Change” campaign.

- **Special “Outside Meeting” Project:**
  CALL Members Stephanie Crawford, Mary Lu Linnane, Kevin McClure and Susan Schaeffer braved wind, rain and lots of runners, skaters, and cyclists to volunteer at the American Cancer Society’s Walk & Roll fundraiser on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at Lower Hutchinson Field. This event was organized by Committee members Susan Schaeffer (Team Captain) and Susan Retzer. Too bad more people didn’t come because volunteers who participated thought it was great fun.

- **September Meeting:**
  The Committee sponsored a school supply drive at our first business meeting to benefit the Chicago Public Schools’ Homeless Education Program. We collected school supplies that will be distributed to the more than 9,000 homeless students in Chicago. This is the third year that we have sponsored this drive. Items donated included: 38 packs of pens (or, about 450 pens); 46 packs of pencils (or, about 500 pencils); 6 rulers; 17 bottles of glue; 50 glue sticks; 7 rolls of tape; 16 pairs of scissors; 10 packs of erasers (or, about 50 erasers); 20 boxes of colored pencils; 3 boxes of crayons; 1 pack of dividers; 105 spiral notebooks; 20 packs of filler paper; 9 packs of markers; 8 packs of highlighters; 3 pencil bags; 3 assignment books; 1 box of label stickers; 57 folders; 16 pencil sharpeners; and 1 compass.

- **November Meeting:**
  The Committee sponsored a toy drive to benefit the Chicago Abused Women Coalition’s Greenhouse Shelter. This is the second year we have sponsored a drive for the Shelter. Greenhouse provides assistance to domestic violence victims and their children. In addition to basic needs - safe refuge, food and clothing - Greenhouse provides a supportive, non-violent environment, and around-the-clock services. This year, the holiday gifts and toys were given to the children in Greenhouse’s hospital program and to other families at the shelter who started services too close to Christmas to adopt out. Items collected included: 1 Soccer Ball; 2 Connect Four sets; 1 Scrabble Junior; 2 Mini Etch a Sketch; 3 Uno packs; 2 Puzzles; 1 Scrabble; 1 Play Doh set; 1 Sorry game; 7 decks of playing cards; 5 disposable cameras; 1 Memory; 1 Candyland; 1 Fire truck; 1 Jenga; 1 Yahtzee; 1 box of Crayons; 4 coloring books; 2 sets of stickers; 1 wood block toy; 4 sets of blocks; 3 sets of markers; 2 Dora the Explorer dolls; 1 hand held Battleship game; 2 sets of Hot Wheels cars; 1 Hungry Hungry Hippo; 2 Doodle books; 1 Barbie; 1 Plush Minnie Mouse doll; 2 winter hats; 2 pairs of winter gloves; and 40 books. This drive was organized by Committee member Stephanie Crawford.

- **SLA Joint Meeting:**
  With SLA Cares, the Committee co-sponsored a food collection to benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository. In total, 9 boxes of food were collected (about 120 pounds) in addition to $100 in monetary donations.

- **March Meeting:**
  CALL members donated 383 books for the Newberry Library’s annual book fair which was held during the last weekend in July. This drive was organized by Committee member Julie Pabarja.

- **May Meeting:**
  The Committee sponsored a cell phone drive to benefit senior citizens through the Cook County Sherriff’s Office elderly assistance program. Donated phones will be given to elderly members of the community who would otherwise not have any type of communication with emergency services. Thirty phones were collected. This drive was organized by Committee members Kathleen Bruner and Mona Tetter.

Submitted by Holly Lakatos

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Continuing Education

Members:
Co-Chairs: Raizel Liebler and Julie Pabarja
Dana Avent, Sally Baker, Frank Lima, Chris Morong and Doris Nuding
Liaison: Janice Collins

Overall Summary

We held six programs this year, three brown bags and three longer programs, all of which were well-attended. Our programs covered emerging technologies, such as search engines and wikis, changing standards for cataloging and e-discovery, and practical skills for negotiating contracts. All of our programs, except for the cataloging program, filled up long before the stated deadline, leading us to often have to turn people away.

We co-organized several of our programs, following the goals of President Mary Lu Linnane. Our committee continues to be a net moneymaker for CALL, with all programs making money. Several of our programs were open to the larger library community, including students, allowing us to further promote law librarianship.

We are proud of the work that our committee has done this year.

Programs Held

On October 5, 2006, we held a brown bag lunch, “Beyond Google: Hot New and Specialty Search Engines,” presented by Susan Boland, Research and Instructional Services Librarian, Northern Illinois University College of Law Library.

On November 3, 2006, we joined with CALL’s Public Affairs Committee, and presented a morning program, “Understanding and Influencing the Illinois Legislative Process.” The speakers were Kip Kolkmeier, Legislative Consultant for the Illinois Library Association, and John J. Cullerton, State Senator for the 6th District, and Senate Majority Caucus Whip.

On February 1, 2007, we held a brown bag lunch, “Let’s All Wiki Wiki! Creative Uses for Wikis in Any Library,” presented by Deborah Ginsberg, Electronic Resources Librarian at Chicago-Kent Law School.

On March 13, 2007, we held a brown bag lunch, “New Rules on Electronic Data Discovery.” Our speakers were Gretchen Van Dam, Circuit Court Librarian for the Seventh Circuit, and Karen Zydrong, Manager of Law Clerks at Skadden Arps.

On April 17, 2007, we held a morning program, “The Future of Cataloging: Library of Congress, OCLC, and Beyond,” presented by Patricia Sayre McCoy, Head of Cataloging & Reserve, D’Angelo Law Library, University of Chicago.

On May 23, 2007, we joined with AALL’s Continuing Education Committee, and presented a midday program, “Buying Electronic Content: The Theory of Negotiating Capital.” The speaker was K. Matthew Dames, founder and principal of Seso Group, LLC, and Executive Editor of Copycense. This program was broadcast over the Internet, resulting in a unique experience for the audience.

Tentative Plans for Next Year

We did not hold a tour this year, and therefore will likely be holding a tour next year at either the Newberry Library, or the Federal Reserve Bank/Money Museum.

We will continue to work with AALL Continuing Education and AALL staff, likely leading to additional programs, especially considering the success of our programs this year.

In addition, we will continue to bring programs back from the AALL Conference – as was done with two of our brown bags – to better serve the continuing education needs of those unable to attend the Conference.

Submitted by Raizel Liebler

Corporate Memory

Members:
Chair: Frank Drake
John Klaus and Susan Siebers
Liaison: Julia Jackson

(The CALL Secretary is a participating member of the Committee, as well as liaison to the CALL Board.)

The Corporate Memory Committee met twice this year in order to fulfill its charge to ensure that policies set by the Board of Directors are recorded in a permanent and accessible fashion so that future boards can be guided by past actions. Minutes for the year were reviewed and the following documents were updated and then distributed to the CALL Board:

- Policy Log
- Suggestion List
- Handbook Suggestion List

In order to make the Policy Log easier to use, and for the sake of consistency between the Log and Lists, a master list of subject headings for all three documents was developed and inconsistencies resolved. Going forward, the subject list will be included with the Policy Log. This, and the most current Policy Log, will be available soon on the CALL website.

Submitted by Susan Siebers

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Elections

Members:
Chair: Susan Siebers
John Austin, Eugene Giudice, Lenore Glanz and Julie Pabarja (through February 2007)
Liaison: Mary Lu Linnane

The Elections Committee had another busy and successful year. Since this was the second year that the CALL election was conducted electronically using the AALL Online Election System Administration Site, it was assumed all would run smoothly. The only glitch was that, a week before the election was to begin, the AALL server became unavailable. Luckily, everything was in place for the election before then, and more than ample time had been allowed for the election. So, as soon as the server had been restored, the notices with voting passwords went out to members, and the election ran smoothly.

Electronic voting began on February 12, 2007, and ended at 11:59 P.M. on March 15th. Paper ballots were mailed to those without e-mail or valid e-mail addresses so they would be received when the electronic election began. The results were downloaded March 16th in the presence of three Elections Committee members. One hundred sixty electronic ballots were cast. This was an increase of twenty over the previous year, and represented 55% of the eligible voters. No paper ballots were returned.

Newly elected:
* Sheri H. Lewis, Vice President / President Elect
* Deborah Ginsberg, Secretary
* Julie Pabarja, Director

The official report was made at the CALL meeting on March 22th. No motion was needed to destroy paper ballots since none had been received.

Two feedback questions were prepared by the Board to include with the ballot. Responses were optional. Fifty-eight members responded electronically, plus a few submitted their responses to the CALL President directly via e-mail, having forgotten to do so while signed on to vote. One question asked about eliminating the CALL Directory in paper format. The other asked for demographic information about those voting. That information, and the eleven specific comments made, were turned over to the CALL President for the Board’s consideration.

As an added publicity bonus that will highlight CALL’s use of the AALL Online Election System, the Committee Chair was asked on May 7th for comments about the System. The comments appeared in the May 11th, 2007 edition of AALL President Sally Holterhoff’s “From the Desk of”:

Go Electronic with Your Chapter and SIS Elections
Starting in 2005 AALL offered all its chapters and SISs the option to use the AALL Online Election System. The system is a customizable application that allows chapters and SISs to easily set up and run their own elections. This year six chapters and 10 SISs used the system.

“As administrator for the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) 2006 and 2007 elections, I found the entire set-up process very straightforward and flexible,” said Susan Siebers, director of library and information services at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP. “We included our Chicago skyline logo and candidate photos, so what the members saw looked terrific. Feedback has been extremely positive. We consider it a success since 55 percent of our eligible voters voted this year, but we will try to get even more voting next year as we continue to use the system.”

Submitted by Susan Siebers

Grants and Chapter Awards

Members:
Co-Chairs: Therese A. Clarke Arado (Grants) and Naomi Goodman (Awards)
Kathryn Hensiak Amato, John Austin, Sally Baker, Denise Glynn, and John Klaus
Liaison: Naomi Goodman

Grants Summary:
A total of six grants/awards were given, and three student membership fees were covered this year.

Grants Awarded:
The CALL Grants Committee awarded four grants for the AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans, as well as one earlier in the year for a program in Africa. Additionally, we had the AALL full registration award this year. Announcements were made that grants of up to $500 were available for AALL and other continuing education activities.

The grant recipients were:

**$500.00 Grants:**
- John Fox from the law firm of Bell, Boyd & Lloyd
- Halle Mikyska from the Kane County Law Library
- Jim Wilson from the law firm of Schiff Hardin
- Julie Melvin from the law firm of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal

**$110.00 Grant:**
- Valerie Kropf from DLA Piper

**AALL Full Registration Award:**
- Susan Sloma from Chicago-Kent College of Law

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**Student Membership Fee Applications:**

Through the generous support of Wolters Kluwer, we were also able to offer to pay student membership fees in AALL and CALL for current or new student members. We received three applications and were able to cover membership expenses for all three. Each applicant requested both CALL and AALL membership coverage. The three applicants were:

- **Randy A. Smith**, Dominican University
- **Catherine Dunn**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- **Nanette M. Norton**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Looking Ahead:**

If CALL is still able to provide student membership via the Wolters Kluwer funds, a name clarification on the application is necessary. There was some confusion on the part of members as to the exact purpose of the form. One member thought it was a separate student grant form, covering travel not membership fees. Another mistook it for the regular student member application. These were minor issues that can be avoided by a simple rewording of the title on the form, and possibly expanding the description as well.

I will be passing on the Co-Chair title for next year to Denise Glynn and will be happy to assist Denise in any way with the transition. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity for so many years.

Submitted by Therese Clarke Arado

**Awards Summary:**

One nomination was submitted for the Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship. Sarah G. Holterhoff, Valparaiso University Law Library, and President of the American Association of Law Libraries for 2006/07, received the Reid Award for her career-long service to law librarianship as both a CALL and AALL member and officer.

The Outstanding In-House Publication Award was presented to Margaret A. Schilt, University of Chicago D’Angelo Law Library, for the Faculty Services Card she created to provide information about the Library’s services available to faculty.

No nominations were received for the Award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement, and the Committee could not identify a suitable candidate, based on the organization’s criteria.

The only expense for awards was $171.37, for plaques presented to the two recipients.

Submitted by Naomi Goodman

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**Meetings**

**Members:**

**Co-Chairs:** Denise Glynn and JoAnn Hounshell

Eugene Giudice, Holly Lakatos, Betty Roeske, Shelly Saindon, Miranda Wagoner and Maria Willmer

**Liaison:** Deborah Rusin

The Meetings Committee organized four business meetings this year. The fifth meeting was a joint meeting with SLA/Illinois. The Vice President/President Elect is responsible for obtaining speakers and securing sponsorships.

The September meeting was held at the Union League Club of Chicago. One hundred twenty members attended the first meeting of the year. The guest speaker was the Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Law Bulletin Information Network sponsored the meeting.

The November meeting is traditionally a breakfast meeting. This year, we tried the Elephant & Castle on Adams Street for their breakfast buffet. Sixty-five members attended to hear guest speaker Marcia Kramer, Director of Legal/Legislative Programs for the National Anti-Vivisection Society. GSI (Global Securities Information) sponsored the meeting.

The January meeting, a joint meeting with SLA/Illinois, was held at the Union League Club of Chicago. One hundred twelve CALL and SLA members (73 people registered as CALL members) attended to hear guest speaker Frances Roehm of the Skokie Public Library talk about Illinois CLICKS! (http://www.illinoisclicks.org). 10K Wizard was CALL’s sponsor for the meeting.

The March meeting was held at Petterino’s. The guest speaker was Cornell Winston, Law Librarian at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Los Angeles, CA, and AALL Executive Board member. For this meeting, the CALL Board invited library school students from Dominican University and the University of Illinois. Eighty-eight CALL members and twelve library school students attended the meeting, which BNA sponsored.

The May meeting was held at Harry Caray’s, and the speakers were William T. Hart, Senior District Judge, and Jeffrey N. Cole, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois. CCH sponsored the meeting.

For the final meeting of the year, the Committee used SurveyMonkey for online registration. We have had many positive comments about the online registration process. We also changed the format of the nametags, putting the first name in larger type. We received many positive comments about the new format.

Submitted by Denise Glynn and JoAnn Hounshell

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Membership

Members:
Co-Chairs: Megan Butman and Kathleen Bruner
Valerie Kropf, Mary Ann Lenzen, Maribel Nash, Scott Onak, Shelley Saindon, and Jamie Stewart
Liaison: Anne Abramson

As of April 20, 2007, CALL had 321 members. This is an increase of one over the number of members at the end of 2005-2006. These members fall into the following categories:

- Regular members: 282
- Associate members: 25
- Student members: 8
- Retired members: 6

The Committee mailed renewal packets to members in mid-May. The Committee met on May 4th to assemble the mailings.

The CALL Membership Directory is updated four times a year on the CALL website (September, November, February and May). Once the correction/updates are edited by the Membership Committee, the update is sent to the Internet Committee to upload to the CALL website.

The Board decided to discontinue the print version of the CALL Directory based on the Membership Committee’s recommendation, and the general membership’s approval, of the proposition. Below is the March 28, 2007 e-mail from CALL President Mary Lu Linanne to the membership that discusses this decision:

On this year’s election ballot there was a feedback question about the CALL Directory. The Membership Committee proposed terminating the distribution of print copies. The Committee and the Board wanted to give the membership an opportunity to voice their opinions on the topic.

Of the 160 members who voted, 64 responded to the question (40% of those voting). 12 of the respondents indicated “no” to terminating the printed directory. 45 people indicated “yes” to terminating the printed directory and 7 gave no preference.

Based on these responses and discussions held this year, the CALL Directory will no longer be printed and distributed, effective as of the 2007/08 membership year. It will be available on the Members Only page of the CALL website and updated 4 times per year. CALL Members can print the most recent edition whenever they choose. Arrangements will be made for those few members without Internet access, as is done for the CALL Bulletin and distribution of ballots.

Of the members answering the questions, the largest group who responded was from law firms: 35 (or 55%) of the

Placement & Recruitment

Members:
Co-Chairs: John Klasey and Katie Leonard
Annalisa Anderson, Fred Barnhart, Charles Fisher, JoAnn Hounshell, Joan Ogden, Lorna Tang, Gretchen Van Dam, and Maureen Burns (through March 2007)
Liaison: Maureen Burns (through March 2007) and Fred Barnhart (March 2007 - June 2007)

The Committee received board approval to post our recruitment brochure on the CALL website. The brochure is available in multiple formats with instructions, on both the Publications page and the “Members Only” section of the site. In addition, copies of the brochure were printed so that they could be made available at CALL meetings, other library or legal association meetings, or be sent to potential employers.

New positions are now posted on the “Careers” section of the CALL website as received, and an e-mail announcing any new positions is sent out to the CALL listserv once the position is officially posted. The e-mail’s subject line notes, “New position(s) posted on the CALL website,” followed by the position’s title(s). Links to any new positions are contained within the e-mail for ease of access by interested job seekers.
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The Board also approved the posting of job descriptions drafted by Committee members for a variety of positions that are found in law libraries (academic, corporate, governmental, and law firm). The purpose of the job descriptions is to provide those interested in law librarianship with an idea of what types of responsibilities and duties might be expected of them in different positions and in different settings. Those descriptions are now available on the CALL website.

CALL’s “Job Placement Hotline Terms & Conditions” have also been posted on the website. This document provides guidelines and information regarding the posting and removing of positions, the Committee’s e-mail address, and CALL’s “Non-Discrimination Policy,” which was adopted from the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) and Special Libraries Association (SLA).

CALL was represented at Dominican University’s annual Library School Student Association event on March 28, 2007, and received visits and questions from a number of students regarding the benefits of Association membership.

We’d also like to extend a special thank you to Annette Cade for helping the Committee with all of the position and information postings throughout the year.

Submitted by John Klasey and Katie Leonard

Public Affairs

Members:

Co-Chairs: Margaret A. Schilt and Kevin McClure

Keith Ann Stiverson, Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, Raizel Liebler, Frank Lima, and Therese A. Clarke Arado

Liaison: Naomi Goodman

Meetings Held:

The Public Affairs Committee met at Chicago-Kent School of Law Library (courtesy of Keith Ann Stiverson) on the following dates:

August 17, 2006
January 9, 2007
March 8, 2007
May 3, 2007

In addition, the Co-Chairs attended the CALL Executive Board meeting on June 13, 2006.

Activities:

Programs:

Legislative Advocacy Workshop: On November 3, 2006, the Committee, in association with CALL’s Continuing Education Committee, presented a half-day legislative advocacy workshop: Understanding and Influencing the Illinois Legislative Process. The speakers were Illinois State Senator John J. Cullerton and lobbyist, Kip Kolkmeier. Each brought a unique perspective on the legislative process, making for an enjoyable and educational program. The workshop was well-attended (50 attendees) and well-received by the membership. The Committee contributed an article on the program that was published in the Winter 2007 CALL Bulletin.

Sunshine Week: The American Association of Law Libraries sponsored Sunshine Week 2007, OpenTheGovernment.org’s program on issues of secrecy and government. The event was held on Monday, March 12, 2007, from 12:00 to 1:30 P.M. CST and webcast to sites around the country. CALL’s Public Affairs Committee was a host site, offering the webcast at Chicago-Kent College of Law. The program focused on access to government information, including the impact of government suppression and manipulation of scientific information on public health, safety, and accountability. Unfortunately, there were again technical difficulties – the video transmission was flawed, and the audio often garbled. Keith Ann Stiverson arranged to have the fee CALL had paid for the webcast refunded. A DVD was made of the program, however, and is available for loan to members who wish to see the program.

Updates for Business Meetings:

The Committee produced and distributed a Public Affairs Committee update at each CALL business meeting during the course of the year that covered legislative and legal topics of interest to the Chicago law librarian community. The topics included net neutrality issues, GPO and FDLP issues, permanent public access issues, the Orphan Works copyright legislation and the Section 108 Study Group.

Submitted by Margaret Schilt

Relations with Information Vendors (CRIV)

Members:

Chair: Julienne Grant

Therese Clarke Arado, Eugene Giudice, Kathryn Hough, Tom Keeffe, Katie Leonard, Frank Lima, Eric Parker, and Patricia Scott

Liaison: Julia Jackson.

The Committee officially met twice during the past year—October 6, 2006 at the Loyola University School of Law Library, and January 18, 2007 at the Biro Law Library at John Marshall. Other discussions were conducted via e-mail.

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This year’s CRIV Committee, which again consisted of a group of talented writers, had a very productive and successful year. Articles that CRIV members wrote for the Spring and Summer 2006 issues of the CALL Bulletin were introduced to a wider audience. The 2006 “Special Section” articles were recommended in the June 15, 2006 edition of The Law Librarian’s Bulletin Board as a “good collection of reading” (p. 2). In February 2007, all of CRIV’s 2006 articles were reprinted in The CRIV Sheet, the newsletter of AALL’s CRIV Committee. Specifically, CRIV’s articles from the 2006 “Special Section” were republished, along with the “reverse site” articles from the Summer 2006 Bulletin. The February 2007 CRIV Sheet, which appeared as an insert in the February edition of AALL Spectrum, is available at http://www.aallnet.org/products/pub_sp0702/pub_sp0702_Criv.pdf.

Based on the success of the 2006 “Special Section,” CRIV again contributed a collection of articles to the Spring 2007 CALL Bulletin. This “Special Section” included six articles that six CRIV members authored, or co-authored. The articles were: “Hein-Online: It’s Not Your Father’s Hein-Online” by Therese Clarke Arado; “Some Thoughts on the New SmartBooks Interface” by Patricia Scott; “Cost Recovery Tools” by Eugene Giudice; “Good Old Fashioned Legal Research” by Katie Leonard; “Email Alert: Trends in Current Awareness Services” by Frank Lima; and, “Another Update on LLMC-Digital,” which Eugene Giudice and Julienne Grant co-authored.

In March, CRIV contributed a handout to the CALL Continuing Education Committee’s program on e-discovery. Tom Keefe and Kathryn Hough prepared and produced the handout that listed local vendors that provide services related to e-discovery. The handout was a great addition to the March 13th program, which was held at DLA Piper.

Along with the aforementioned activities, Lorna Tang forwarded various messages to Julienne from ACQNET for possible posting on the CALL listserv. Julienne forwarded these messages on to CRIV members to determine whether any of them would be appropriate for distribution to the general CALL membership. None of these messages were eventually forwarded to the CALL listserv this past year.

Possible CRIV activities for next year include a joint program with the Continuing Education Committee, as well as a site visit to CCH.

Chair’s Note: I am stepping down as CRIV Chair after two years, and want to thank the Committee members for all of their enthusiasm and help. It was a great experience, and I am pleased that my Loyola colleague, Patricia Scott, will be taking over as Chair.

Submitted by Julienne Grant
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LEGAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUMS


Watson, Reference and E-Technology Librarian at Hamline Law Library, wrote this excellent review of the second Future of Legal Research Symposium, held May 18th at Chicago-Kent. The article, which appears in the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries’ newsletter, details the contents of the two plenary panels, and describes the symposium as retaining “an honest and tough-minded focus on the practicalities of teaching legal research in challenging times.” CALL members who did not attend the symposium (like me), will find this article invaluable, and Chicago-Kent librarians in particular might enjoy reading such a positive review of the event that they hosted.

PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIES


This piece, authored by librarians at the European Parliament (EP), discusses the challenges faced by parliamentary libraries in general, and the European Parliament library specifically. These challenges include adaptation to a new online environment, competition for direct client use, and the development of client information literacy. The EP library also faces additional challenges with respect to multilingualism and multinational perceptions of the function of libraries. The article describes how the EP library has met these challenges with a program entitled “Raising the Game,” which has included the hiring of additional staff members to cover each of the EU’s twenty official languages.

REFERENCE LIBRARIANS (ETHICS OF)


Olson, a firm librarian in Florida, presents a general overview of professional ethics in the library field, and then details some of the specific liability issues associated with assisting pro bono patrons at the reference desk. According to her, no “real cases” have ever been brought against a librarian for malpractice, and this could be a strong argument that legal reference librarians are not crossing into an area of malfeasance. Olson also contends that law librarians can continue to adhere to ethical standards while volunteering outside their jobs to assist with pro bono activities in their local communities.

VIOLENCE IN LIBRARIES


This piece, which appeared in the newsletter of AALL’s Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section, addresses the topic of library security, an issue that has been of great concern recently in the aftermath of the Virginia Tech shootings. Moorman, a reference librarian at the USC Law Library, lists five recommendations for making libraries safer—all of which are derived from the book, Library Security and Safety Handbook, by Bruce Shuman. The recommendations include establishing clear rules of behavior, and drafting a security manual for staff.

WEB 2.0


In this article, a reference librarian at Nova Southeastern University in Florida, explores the world of Web 2.0, a general term used to describe web-based communication sites, such as blogs, wikis, and social networking sites. Kribble explains some of the technical terms often used in conjunction with Web 2.0, and summarizes some of the 2.0 projects that may interest law librarians. According to Kribble, many librarians have embraced Web 2.0, and have created a new buzzword, “Library 2.0,” which has a social network of sorts hosted at http://library20.ning.com/.

Check out the CALL website for the latest and greatest news, job postings, meeting announcements...

http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/
Julie: “Mom! You’ll never believe it! I got a grant from the Chicago Association of Law Libraries to go to the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting and Conference!! Isn’t that great??”

Mom: “Oh sweetheart! I’m so proud of you! Now … um … where are you going?”

Julie: “Okay. Mom. It’s this really cool conference thing and a bunch of law librarians get together and teach each other and talk about stuff that law librarians do! Cool, huh??”

Mom: “That’s wonderful honey. Where is it?”

Julie: “New Orleans!”

Mom: “In July! In New Orleans?? Is that safe Dear?”

Julie: “MAAHHM! Listen, listen, here are some of the workshops I can go to when I’m there:

“Blogging and Beyond!”

“Finding and Preserving Federal Judicial Information on PACER!”

“Meeting the Challenges of E-life Cycle Management!”

“The Intersection of Web 2.0 and Libraries!”

Mom: “Well … Sweetheart … that’s just wonderful. I don’t understand a thing you just said, but one thing I DO know is that you law librarians are definitely smart!”

While I know Mom’s statement that “law librarians are definitely smart” is true, that belief was more than reinforced by my experiences in New Orleans at the 2007 American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting and Conference. I have never in my life encountered a gathering of more enthusiastic, innovative, dedicated and nurturing professionals. From the plane ride to New Orleans, through the cab ride back to the airport, I received useful information, guidance, tips, tricks, leads and contacts until my pen ran out of ink, and my ears leaked brain fluid. What a helpful bunch law librarians are!

During my time in New Orleans, I was lucky enough to be able to attend CONELL (the Conference on Newer Law Librarians). I would not be surprised to learn that law librarianship is the only profession that has a mini pre-conference about how to do your best, and get the most out of, the “Big” conference. I strongly encourage future AALL “first-timers” to attend CONELL. You do not have to be a brand new law librarian to attend CONELL. One of the attendees I met has been a law librarian for nearly five years. Another attendee was a librarian for eighteen years, but only a law librarian for eleven months. Heidi Letzmann, AALL Program Manager, suggests that CONELL does not really have a limit based on how long you have been a law librarian (although five years is suggested), but it is intended for people who are newer to the Association to educate them about the workings of AALL. Attending CONELL significantly reduced the intimidation factor of having to come to a new city and meet mostly new people and learn new things all at the same time. The organizers used several techniques, including “speed networking,” to gently force us into interacting with each other so that when we attended the opening of the “Main Event” the next day, we would have a large group of people we had already met. Not only was this clever, but also kind.

As my experience with CONELL suggests, what I learned at AALL went far beyond the subject matter of the 66 formal workshop offerings and innumerable Chapter, Special Interest Section (SIS) and Caucus meetings and luncheons. Certainly, one of the first learning experiences for me was gaining a greater understanding of the complex organization that is AALL. That, in itself, opened up a whole world of information about who to go to with what type of question. While in New Orleans, I attended several business meetings, two Special Interest Section luncheons and volunteered to write for Perspectives, the Private Law Libraries - SIS publication. I would not have fully understood the meaning of these many offerings, or program listings, if I had not first attended CONELL and learned that a majority of these opportunities are open to anyone who is interested, no matter the type of law library in which you work. Previously, I had been under the mistaken impression that we must all stick with “our kind.” Learning that I could take advantage of all of the broad range of learning opportunities presented was an exciting prospect.

Another revelation was the way in which the Exhibit Hall can be used to our advantage. I have long been of the opinion that many of our vendors, especially the larger ones (you know who they are), are out to fleece our employers out of all the money they can get their hands on, like the talented entrepreneurs they are. While I still believe this to be partially true, there is no question in my mind now that a mutual benefit may be derived from a certain amount of candid interaction with our vendors. Of course, I like a can of Café du Monde coffee as well as the next law librarian (thanks BNA). But, it occurs to me, that one of the ways BNA knew to add the four new publications it was advertising at
the Exhibit Hall was by listening to the feedback received from lawyers and law librarians about how to further satisfy the needs of their firms’ practice groups. Nor would the 10K Wizard CEO, after meeting with my colleague, know that sometimes librarians need to print multiple SEC filings at one time, and they should give us the option to do so immediately rather than adding torturous steps to the large print request process. At the Exhibit Hall, we also had very useful discussions with Lexis representatives about some possible topics for their newly developed 50-State law survey product.

The opening speaker, Joan Biskupic, is the Supreme Court Correspondent for USA Today, commentator on the PBS show Washington Week, and author of Sandra Day O’Connor: How the First Woman on the Supreme Court Became its Most Influential Justice. Ms. Biskupic was a fascinating speaker who gave interesting apolitical insights into the mysterious workings of the United States Supreme Court. While I was, of course, very pleased that a woman was finally nominated and confirmed as a Supreme Court Justice, over the years Justice O’Connor’s role in the Court has not always been clear to me. But, Ms. Biskupic’s presentation was a persuasive argument that Justice O’Connor’s role was pivotal in numerous important respects. Ms. Biskupic went on to suggest that the rapid changes in law being made by the Roberts Court indicates just how moderating an influence Justice O’Connor was. However, I found the post-speech question and answer session equally informative. Hearing discussions about Ms. Biskupic’s interviews with other Justices on the Court, including the friendliness and informality of Justice Thomas, and Justice Scalia’s sense of humor, made “the Nine” seem a more human group. Needless to say, I bought the book.

The benefits of attending the actual AALL Conference formal educational workshops cannot be overlooked. While the above references were really offerings at the Conference, I actually attended sessions on public services, technology tools for teaching, newsletters, budget creation, situational leadership, and government resources made available online through non-government providers. All of these presentations were extremely well thought out and many were shown in unique ways. The situational leadership session was presented by staff members from the University of Virginia Law Library who enacted a series of vignettes using characters from The Andy Griffith Show, and then presented actual television footage to answer the supervisory conundrum “What would Andy of Mayberry do?” This approach was not only entertaining, but it communicated many good ideas about supervision and gave me a new and deeper appreciation of The Andy Griffith Show. I strongly encourage all of you new and somewhat more experienced supervisors to watch a bit of Andy in action and pick up some useful management tips. The session on government resources available for free on the web was creatively presented by Cheryl Nyberg, who charmingly added musical accompaniment to a PowerPoint show. For example, when discussing websites she did not approve of, the background music was “You’re No Good,” performed by Linda Ronstadt. Our own chapter’s Deborah Ginsberg gave an interesting and engaging presentation on technological tools that can help you “step away from the podium!” and enliven a presentation or training session.

I could easily fill the entire CALL Bulletin with what I learned at the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in New Orleans. Many of you have heard or read the ringing endorsements of past attendees, and while this may not be new information, I can only reiterate that attendance at least once every few years is well worth your time and effort. Just being in the presence of so many people who are so excited and enthusiastic about what we do raises one’s own level of enthusiasm and pride in our profession. I would like to sincerely thank the CALL Leadership and the CALL Grants Committee for their generosity in helping to support my attendance at this educational, inspirational and enjoyable conference.

*Note: The author wishes to clarify that her mother is MUCH more intelligent than this conversational re-enactment would suggest. The exchange was significantly modified for humorous effect, but she really does think law librarians are smart. ■
Rise to the Challenge

AALL Annual Conference Report on RDA and Cataloging
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It was an exciting year in which to attend my first AALL Conference, with all that is happening in the world of cataloging and technical services; specifically, RDA, the meetings and anticipated report of the Library of Congress’ Working Group on Bibliographic Control, and the myriad of new OPAC features developed and being developed. Thanks to the generosity of CALL, I was able to come up to speed in a wonderfully enjoyable way.

The most thought-provoking program I attended was the TS-SIS program, Resource Description and Access Roundtable, at which Kathy Winzer of Stanford brought us up-to-date on what’s new in RDA since last year’s meeting. Many of the provisions discussed elicited some concern from the attendees, but the fact that the current draft makes access points for persons and corporate bodies associated with legal works optional resulted in much consternation. Also, despite AALL’s continuing opposition, the Joint Steering Committee has adopted the Library of Congress plan to enter treaties under title proper or preferred title, and access points for nations signatory are optional. Michael Gorman, who attended the Roundtable, commented that RDA should not even attempt to cover specialized areas, such as legal materials, but that separate manuals should be developed.

It appears that a reason for many of the differences between AACR2 and RDA is the desire to make RDA more understandable by, and more likely to be used by, non-librarian communities. The program Does Cataloging Have a Future? An Update from the Library of Congress Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control reported that the second public Working Group meeting found that we need to streamline our standards, move to standards interoperability, and have a commercially viable RDA which caters to a broader community. The program also reported on the other two public meetings, but most interesting to me was an attendee’s comment that there is some fear in the library community that the Working Group and its hearings are political cover for the Library of Congress to make decisions that are not necessarily in our best interests. We were assured that the Library of Congress is not attempting to control the Working Group. I look forward to the draft report, due to be issued for public comment in October, and the final report, scheduled to be delivered to the Library of Congress in November.

RDA, in its quest to be more universal, has made it much more optional than is required in AACR2, yet the new OPAC products that I heard about and had demonstrated for me at the conference rely on careful, consistent and complete cataloging to work at their best. For example, it’s hard to see how faceted searching could work with a “streamlined” bibliographic record; better would be the level of cataloging championed by Michael Gorman, who spoke at The Future of Cataloging. He was critical of the direction the Library of Congress is taking, and highly critical of RDA. It was clear that almost everyone who attended his presentation agreed with him, and it was good to hear appreciation of good cataloging expressed.

I also attended the TS-SIS program LC’s Classification Web: An Electronic Gateway to Indigenous Government and Law in the Americas. After an overview of tribal sovereignty given by David Selden, Director of the National Indian Law Library in Boulder, Richard Amelung of Saint Louis University spoke about tribal material cataloging issues. Both speakers were quite informative, but what was particularly exciting was the presentation by Jolande Goldberg of the Library of Congress on the new Class KI being developed to cover indigenous law and government in the Americas. The new Class, which will be available early next year, will be based on regions, and Classification Web will have a map function allowing the user to click on a section of the map to go to the corresponding Class section. KI also specifically deals with e-resources, and will have links to some resources. Eventually, the rest of the LC Classification will be revised to incorporate the same approach. A free HTML version of Class KI, without the clickable map feature, will be available for comment in October.

The following are highlights of some of the other presentations I attended:

- Bringing the Library to the User: The Theory. James Michalko from OCLC spoke entertainingly about Web 2.0 and the googlization of library catalogs.
- Vendor Showcase on Federated Searching. Representatives from Innovative and Serials Solutions discussed their federated searching products. There was also a presentation on LibraryFind, an open source product developed and used by Oregon State University. The presentations were useful for information on what is and what will be available, and it was especially interesting to have an open source product presented side-by-side with the commercial ones.
- Legal Information: Globalization, Conglomerates and Competition – Monopoly or Free Market? Ken Svengalis of Rhode Island Law Press presented statistics showing how the market share and profit margin of, and prices cont. on p.35
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NEW ORLEANS – AN INSPIRATION

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I was very proud to be one of the members of this year’s AALL Convention in New Orleans. This was a great meeting - giving us great programs, great new ideas and wonderful networking opportunities. Having the meeting in New Orleans, I felt, was the major highlight. The wonderful charm and multicultural experience of New Orleans are alive and well. I felt very inspired to visit this city and help celebrate a New Orleans on the mend.

The Convention itself seemed to run like clockwork. What an inspiration to be able to meet at a location where, less than two years ago, this type of meeting would not have been possible. Our programs, the exhibits, and the SIS and chapter meetings all took place within a few blocks radius of where there had once been major national turmoil. Although New Orleans still has a long way to go, it sure has come a long way.

The meetings aside, wonderful opportunities to network abounded. Business and pleasure co-mingled at the Café du Monde, the Gumbo Shop, the House of Blues, and in all areas in and around the French Quarter. Who doesn’t love a walk through the French Quarter? The beads, the fleur-de-lis, the music streaming out of the neighborhood bars and cafes; how can one not have fun when the people of New Orleans exude such a wonderful spirit of living and life?

We know that New Orleans is not just the surroundings of the Convention Center. How wonderful that many of our members contributed to the city through Habitat for Humanity, Second Harvest, and all of the other volunteer opportunities available to assist in New Orleans’ recovery. To learn that you can just show up at Musician’s Village, and be handed a hammer and nails and told to get to work shows the city’s continued drive to improve.

Our meeting in New Orleans was a very, very good experience for me this year. Everyone who contributed to making this meeting a reality deserves our whole-hearted appreciation. I am again so proud to have been a librarian knowing that ALA hosted their convention in New Orleans last year and AALL hosted its meeting there this year. The people of New Orleans notice, as was mentioned to me by a cab driver upon my leaving the city. The cab driver named every convention that had been in town since Katrina. Our meeting was great! Our experience there was great! The annual meeting always helps us work smarter but to have the meeting in New Orleans adds inspiration to our work. The Spirit of New Orleans as our own spirits lives on!

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charged by, the largest legal publishers are growing. The numbers are astounding, and gave me a new perspective on the Thomson/West House of Blues party (which I quite enjoyed, by the way). As an example of how we might fight back, David Szwak, a practicing attorney, discussed Casemaker, a collection of state online resources developed by state bar associations in 28 states, available for free to law students and for a minimal fee to public law libraries and government offices.

• Electronic Preservation: Does Losing the Past Challenge the Future? These highly informative presentations clearly explained the risks facing digital libraries, and offered specific solutions currently being implemented. Jerry DuPont of LLMC talked about LLMC’s preservation program, and Victoria Reich of Stanford spoke about the LOCKSS program – “lots of copies keep stuff saved” – an open-source, peer-to-peer, redundant, decentralized, heterogeneous preservation system that fails slowly, is difficult to censor, and is tamper-evident. Mark Evans of Tessella Inc. also spoke about the active preservation strategies of format migration and emulation.

Finally, I also attended OCLC’s WorldCat: Our Collections at the World’s Fingertips, at which Mindy Pozenel of OCLC spoke about WorldCat and WorldCat Local, and Casting a Wider Net: The Challenges and Rewards of Making Your Online Catalog a Useful Tool Beyond the Law Library. The latter was a presentation by librarians at Suffolk University Law School on how they made the resources of the Career Development Office available through the law library’s OPAC.

All in all, it was an invariably entertaining and consistently informative conference, with the added bonuses of a lovely city with friendly and helpful residents, surprisingly good weather, delicious food, and seeing old friends and making new ones. Thank you, CALL!
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NO-HOST DINNER

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On Saturday, July 14th, about 17 CALL members met at K-Paul’s on Chartres Street in New Orleans’ French Quarter for a memorable evening of good food and good company. For me, as a new member of CALL, this was a very enjoyable way to be introduced to the organization, and to meet other members.

K-Paul lived up to its legendary reputation for wonderful food and service. The food was memorable from beginning to end -- the footed basket of breads, delectable appetizers, salads, and main courses. A number of us sampled all of the bread choices – including corn and dark molasses muffins, and jalapeño and pecan rolls.

I had some regrets about this later, being too full to finish the main course! My appetizer, the turtle soup, was magnificent. Others praised the fried green tomatoes. My main course, beef tenders with debris sauce, was “to die for!” Other members enjoyed drum with crab, or pork chops. The wait staff was quite attentive with fresh water refills and service.

Although we arrived in the rain, we had a pleasant walk back through the French Quarter and by the River Walk, stopping along the way to take some pictures of the group. I found the CALL members to be friendly and welcoming. This was one of two elegant restaurants I visited during the conference. A thanks to the organizers of this event for making K-Paul’s the choice. It will be one of my fond memories of New Orleans and my first AALL conference. ■
CALL Meeting Schedule 2007-2008

Business Meetings

- Sept. 20, 2007 (Thurs.)
- Nov. 16, 2007 (Fri.)
- Jan. 18, 2008 (Fri.)
- Mar. 27, 2008 (Thurs.)
- May 22, 2008 (Thurs.)

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

Executive Board Meetings

- June 5, 2007 (Tues.)
- Aug. 7, 2007 (Tues.)
- Sept. 11, 2007 (Tues.)
- Oct. 9, 2007 (Tues.)
- Nov. 13, 2007 (Tues.)
- Dec. 11, 2007 (Tues.)
- Jan. 8, 2008 (Tues.)
- Feb. 12, 2008 (Tues.)
- Mar. 11, 2008 (Tues.)
- Apr. 8, 2008 (Tues.)
- May 13, 2008 (Tues.)

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 e-mail 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

Eugene Giudice is the CALL Discussion Forum administrator. You may send him a message at eugenegiudice@sbcglobal.net.

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