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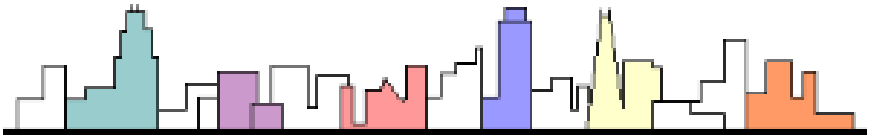

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FROM THE EDITORS

Everyone seems to be getting busy and the holidays will be here before we know it. It is also the time of year for the announcement of candidates for the 2008/2009 CALL Board. You can find the slate of candidates from the CALL Nominating Committee in this issue.

Also in this issue, we feature a special section of articles on technology and software applications used in presentations for speeches, training sessions and teaching classes. The articles' authors discuss new technological gadgets for better presentations and offer presentation tips based on their experiences. In addition, Roberta Fox adds to this topic by sharing her experience with "Toastmasters" and public speaking. Along these lines, the "TechBuzz" column provides tips for keeping up with new and emerging technologies, including a helpful and resourceful list of current awareness materials. In reference to another emerging technology, information on screencasting can be found in this issue's "Off the Beaten Path" column.

In this *Bulletin*, we also introduce a new column that focuses on CALL Committees. Read and discover the work and accomplishments of the Public Relations Committee, a valuable resource for promoting CALL and its members. Also, check out the photos of CALL's 60th Anniversary celebration at the September CALL Business Meeting.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue. As we head into the holiday season, the editors wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2008.

Julie and Gail

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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As we head into the holiday season and reflect on another year gone by, I realize that it is still early in the CALL year. Nonetheless, many new and exciting things have already occurred this year for CALL. With our September business meeting, CALL celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a celebratory cake, compliments of Professionals Library Service, Inc., and the distribution of a 60th Anniversary memento. Our guest speaker was Gary T. Johnson, President of the Chicago History Museum. Mr. Johnson's presentation, entitled "What Law and History Librarians Have Taught Me," could not have been a more appropriate discussion to coincide with CALL's 60th Anniversary Celebration. The Community Service Committee continued with its tradition of helping the community and did an astounding job collecting school supplies for the Chicago Public School's Homeless Education Program.

This year, as CALL heads into its 61st year, the foundation is being laid for many new initiatives. The Membership Committee is no longer distributing the *CALL Directory* in print. Instead, the *Directory* is available to download from the "Members Only" section of the CALL website. The CALL Board, along with the Membership Committee and the Internet Committee, are working on ways to try to update the *Directory* on a more regular basis. Along these same lines, the Internet Committee is working to give the Public Affairs Committee its own page on the CALL website so that the Committee may have a venue to post and track its initiatives. This is to occur in conjunction with the distribution of the Committee's handouts at the business meetings. This will allow for a larger percentage of the membership to have ready access to the work of the Public Affairs Committee.

The Continuing Education Committee will be hosting an Institute Day in the spring. The tentative topic of the Institute Day is "Using Emerging Technology Resources Effectively," and it will be presented by a host of speakers.

The Grants & Chapter Awards Committee has awarded its first grant of the year to Julienne Grant, Foreign and International Research Specialist at Loyola University Law Library. Julienne won a grant from the International Association of Law Libraries to attend its annual course this December 1-5 in Mumbai, India. This is a huge honor as only three individuals are awarded the grant each year by the International Association of Law Libraries. Julienne is the first American to ever receive this grant. CALL's grant to Julienne will help offset the costs not covered by the International Association of Law Libraries grant. The next time you run into Julienne, please take a moment to congratulate her on this achievement.

Never afraid to try new things, this year CALL arranged for its first informal no-host social gathering. Katie Leonard, Placement & Recruitment Committee Co-Chair, graciously offered to make the arrangements and send out the announcement. The informal no-host social gathering was held on October 24, 2007 at Midtown Kitchen + Bar. The event was a success and enjoyed by all who attended. A second no-host social gathering is planned for the spring.

The slate of candidates for the CALL Board was originally announced in October and has since been revised and announced again via the CALL discussion forum. The slate also appears in this issue of the *Bulletin*. Photographs, biographies and statements for each candidate will be published in the Spring issue and will be posted on the CALL website. The election will begin in February 2008 by electronic ballot. I would like to ask all members of CALL to please take a few minutes to read the nominees' statements and then cast your vote. Voting has never been easier and should make a 100% return a reality.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Debbie

CALL would like to thank Professionals Library Service, Inc. for sponsoring door prizes at the September 20, 2007 business meeting.

CALL Executive Board Minutes

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2007/08 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD
AALL Headquarters, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 940
June 5, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Present: Anne Abramson, Deborah Ginsberg, Sheri Lewis, Mary Lu Linnane, Julie Pabarja, Deborah Rusin
Absent: Fred Barnhart (resigning)

I. Meeting called to order

9:07 a.m.

II. Approve Agenda

The agenda is approved.

III. Approve Secretary's Minutes (May)

The minutes are approved pending minor corrections.

IV. Treasurer's Report

a. Report

The statement has not yet arrived, so a complete bank balance is not yet available. CALL has received income from its May continuing education program, the May Business Meeting, and renewal forms. Expenses included the May Business Meeting, grants, and the deposit for the no-host dinner. Income was greater than expenses. CALL has stopped payment on a Community Services check for $150. The amount was credited to CALL's account. The bank waived the service fee.

The Marriott Hotel in St. Louis gave CALL a service credit for A/V equipment used in a presentation at the 2006 annual meeting. CALL received an unclaimed check notice, so CALL will deposit the check.

CALL's 2006-2007 net-to-date is $370.61 (Later amended to (minus) -$218.61). The current balance is $33,687.93.

b. Membership to date

The membership count was reset on May 31, 2007. As of May, 31, 2007, CALL had 47 members. This includes renewals, new members, and students. Dues are due June 30, 2007.

c. Payment of Illinois Sales Tax

According to CALL's accountant, CALL is required to pay Illinois sales tax because it is a 501(c)(6) organization. CALL is a not-for-profit organization, not a charity.

d. Indiana Department of Revenue Sales Tax Exemption

A business CALL once worked with sent CALL an inquiry asking whether CALL was exempt from Indiana sales tax. CALL's accountant did not know the answer to that question, but the Board will defer the question for now because CALL does not currently do business in Indiana.

e. Northern Trust Certificate of Deposit

Because it had no activity for over 5 years, the bank reported CALL's CD as unclaimed property to the state. Anne Abramson has reactivated our CD and changed the signatories to include herself. CALL did not lose interest during the time the CD was inactive. The Board will consider adding additional signatories a year from now.

The CD is next up for renewal on May 4, 2008. In January 2008, the Board will investigate other banks to see which have the best interest rates.

Current CD Balance: $4,307.92.

V. Old Business

a. No-host dinner

CALL needs 10 people to attend to cover the deposit. Eleven have signed up. Mary Lu Linnane will send additional notices to the CALL listserv.

b. CALL display at AALL

Because Fred Barnhart is not going to the annual meeting, CALL needs to change the name of who is setting up its display. CALL will send a notice to the listserv looking for volunteers. The display will include photos, *Bulletins*, and extra lanyards. Time permitting, CALL will also include candy. The Board considered a raffle, and even though CALL did not do one last year, the Board decided to do a raffle this year.

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c. 60th Anniversary Plans

The party and the ad book have been cancelled, but the Committee remains active. The Committee is considering having a cake at the September meeting and is considering a gift to CALL members.

Professionals Library Service paid CALL $250 for a spot in the ad book. Susan Seibert of PLS has told CALL it does not have to return the check. The $250 will go towards the cake and the gift. The Committee will use the funds already budgeted by CALL towards the cake and gift. The Board will suggest that the Committee look at epromos.com and similar sites for ideas for gifts. The Committee needs to make sure there will be enough gifts for everyone to have one, as well as have a few extras on hand.

The *CALL Bulletin* chairs asked the Board if CALL should hold up the *CALL Bulletin* for the 60th Anniversary Committee's extra trivia questions. Originally, the trivia questions were to end the week of June 13, 2007. The *CALL Bulletin* then planned to publish all of the questions and answers at that time. However, the 60th Anniversary Committee has added two additional questions and will now end the week of June 25, 2007. The Board recommends that the *Bulletin* maintain its original publishing schedule, publishing the questions and answers it has now, and adding the new ones later. Debbie Rusin will contact the *CALL Bulletin* and 60th Anniversary Committee about this.

The Board will request that the 60th Anniversary Committee provide it with complete information about its plans for the September meeting by the August Board Meeting (August 7, 2007).

d. PAGI Award

Illinois CLICKS did not win this award.

e. Suggestion Log

Nothing further at this time.

f. *Handbook* Suggestions

Suggestions are due on June 8, 2007. They will be incorporated into the *Handbook* at that time.

VI. New Business

a. Appointment to fill Director position

In March 2007, Fred Barnhart was appointed Director to replace Maureen Burns. However, Fred has now taken a position as Associate Dean for Library Services and Collections at the Rogers Park Loyola University of Chicago campus. As of the June Board Meeting, Fred has not officially resigned, though he has indicated he will leave the Board. The Board will contact Fred to confirm his resignation. Pursuant to Section 10.4 of the CALL Bylaws, the Board moved and voted to appoint Therese Clarke Arado Director after Fred's resignation.

The Board believes the Bylaws do not clearly state whether associate and student members may be appointed to the Board.

From Article IV, Membership

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

Section 4.2 Members – Active and Retired.
(a) Active: Any person who is interested in the objectives of the Association and works with legal information in a library or information center or provides library services on an independent contract basis.
[….]

(c) Rights and Privileges. Active and Retired members shall have the right to vote, to hold an elective office or an appointive position, to serve on committees, and to receive the *CALL Bulletin*.

Section 4.3 Members – Associate, Student, and Honorary
(a) Associate: A person who is not eligible under any other category, including non-library members of the information industry and members of library governing boards.
(b) Student: A person enrolled in a degree program related to law librarianship. Membership in this category is limited to five consecutive years.
[….]

(d) Rights and privileges:
(1) Associate members shall have the right to hold an appointive position, to serve on committees, and to receive the *CALL Bulletin*.
(2) Student members shall have the right to vote, to hold an appointive position, to serve on committees, and to

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receive the *CALL Bulletin*.

From Article VII, Board of Directors:

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

According to CALL's Bylaws, Associate and Student members can hold "appointive positions," but the Bylaws do not clearly define "appointive position." The Board is unsure whether Associate and Student members can be appointed to Board positions. The Board recommends that the Bylaws Committee consider and clarify which member types can be appointed to the Board.

Addendum: On June 7, 2007, Fred Barnhart officially resigned. Therese Clarke Arado accepted the Board position.

b. Nominations Committee

Immediate Past President Naomi Goodman will chair the Nominations Committee. The Committee of 5 members is appointed by the Board (Bylaw Section 9.1). Based on recommendations from Naomi and others, the Board will ask four other CALL members to serve on the Committee.

Addendum: On June 7, 2007, Christina Wagner, John Klaus, Lucy Moss, and Jamie Stewart accepted positions on the Nominations Committee.

c. CALL Leadership Workshop

The CALL Leadership Workshop will be held from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on August 1, 2007, at DLA Piper. The Board does not know if Kathryn Deiss, the facilitator, will charge CALL for this Workshop, but MLS did not charge CALL last year. CALL will provide a continental breakfast for attendees (budget: $250).

Addendum: This year, Kathryn Deiss is charging $750 (she is no longer with MLS).
The Internet Committee has set up the new committee chairs and Board members on the CALL-EBCC listserv.

d. ReCovering New Orleans: One Book at a Time

The Board moved and voted to give ReCovering New Orleans $500 to rebuild libraries on behalf of the CALL membership.

e. Grant for Students – Reimbursement from Wolters-Kluwer has provided CALL $500 to reimburse student membership fees. CALL will need to receive reimbursement forms from the students if they wish to take advantage of this program. CALL needs to set out a procedure for this reimbursement. Mary Lu will contact Therese Clarke Arado for more information.

f. Meeting / Program no-shows and collecting of payment

The Board is aware of incidents of participants and no-shows not paying for business meetings and continuing education programs. The Board reaffirms that collecting payment from no-shows is official CALL policy. All who register for business meetings or continuing education programs are expected to pay.

g. Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Association

CALL would like to help the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois Historical Association (the organization discussed by Judge Jeffrey N. Cole and Judge William Hart at the May business meeting). First, however, CALL will need a better sense from the Association of what CALL as an organization can do for it. Debbie Rusin will meet with Judge Jeffrey N. Cole soon to discuss this matter. Perhaps firms would be willing to donate materials they are discarding?

h. Advisory Board for Vendors (agenda item added at the meeting)

Sheri Lewis, current Vice President, sits on the Thomson West Legal Research and Writing Board for which she receives nominal compensation. The Board does not see this as a conflict of interest.

i. Lost check (agenda item added at the meeting)

Anne Abramson has misplaced a check from the Community Services Committee. The Community Services Committee will send a new check to her.

VII. Committee Reports

Liaisons.
The Board liaisons have been assigned.

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Vice President 2007-06: The Meetings Committee is the only committee the Vice President is liaison to.

Meetings 2007-06: CALL will post all meetings and all programs to the AALL online calendar.

Internet Committee
The Board approves the following policy log changes suggested by the Internet Committee:

Internet Committee 2007-06: CALL will not pay for the chilawlib.org domain.

Internet Committee 2007-06: The Internet Committee will not be renamed the Website Committee. The liaison will be appointed by the current President.

Remove the policy that reads:

Internet Committee 1999-11: The Board recommended that the Internet Committee should review other chapters' guidelines concerning commercial advertising on list-servs, and make recommendations to the Board. At this time, the CALL listserv does ran on the Washburn server, which does not allow advertising. [sic]

This is a mandate, not a policy.

Internet Committee 2007-06: CALL cannot enforce who links to its website.

Placement Committee
The new job descriptions are on the web, but need an announcement. The job descriptions are on the public area of the website and are available to everyone. The Committee will work on marketing these descriptions beyond CALL.

Awards Committee
One of the plaques presented at the May business meeting needs to be redone; the one for the University of Chicago included a misspelling and a large scratch. The vendor has told CALL it will redo the plaque. Anne has the invoice, but the Board wants to make sure that the plaque is fixed before it is paid.

Membership
Anne dropped off renewal forms to Kathy Bruner.

Relations with Vendors
The Committee has submitted its report. It is transitioning to a new chair. It will give material to archives.

Continuing Education
The tour of the Newberry Library has been moved from June 2007 to Fall 2007.

Meetings
The Meetings Committee would like to see the dates of next year's meetings. Sheri Lewis will send these to the Internet Committee to post on the website and will resend them to the Meetings Committee.

Sheri Lewis will contact the current VP of the Illinois SLA chapter to determine interest in a joint meeting in January 2008.

Anne will give the Meetings chair the prepayments.

The Meetings Committee would like a liaison to the Community Services Committee. This will likely be Stephanie Crawford.

General
The Board noticed a typo in the letterhead. Debbie Ginsberg will check the website files and recommend that Annette fix any affected files.

Addendum: The typo was found in one file, and it was corrected.

Debbie Rusin will ask the committee chairs if they need more members.

VIII. Adjournment
11:51 p.m.

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2007/08 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
AALL Headquarters, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 940
August 7, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Present: Therese Clarke Arado, Debbie Ginsberg, Sheri Lewis, Mary Lu Linnane, Julie Pabarja, Debbie Rusin
Non-Board Members Present: JoAnn Hounshell & Betty Roeske

Absent: Anne Abramson

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Minutes:

I. Meeting called to order
The meeting started at 9:02 a.m.

II. Approve Agenda
Minor modifications were made to the proposed agenda because Carolyn Hayes, the chair of the 60th Anniversary Committee, was unable to attend.

III. Approve Minutes
The minutes were approved as amended.

IV. 60th Anniversary Committee
a. Celebratory Cake
The Board will request that the Meetings Committee create a small sign to acknowledge that Professionals Library Service sponsored the celebratory cake. The sign should read, "60th Anniversary Cake compliments of Professionals Library Service."

Because the Public Relations Committee still has no chair, the Board will ask other CALL members to bring cameras to the September 20th meeting.

b. Memento
The Board recommends purchasing 60th Anniversary gifts from Epromo.com, a company CALL has worked with in the past and which offers more options than competitors. Specifically, the Board recommends purchasing 500 two-color (blue ink, white paper), 280-sheet Post-It cubes, 2.75" x 2.75" x 1.375," for $1505.

60th Anniversary Committee should track who picks up 60th Anniversary gifts at the September meeting. CALL will mail gifts to members who were unable to attend. Any extra Post-It cubes can be given to speakers at CALL events and handed out at the 2008 AALL Annual Meeting.

V. Treasurer's Report
a. Report
b. Membership to date
After the meeting, Anne Abramson sent us a report with the following information:
Harris Bank Balance as of July 31, 2007: $42,116.76
CALL Balance as of July 31, 2007: $40,719.64
CD Balance as of July 31, 2007: $4,323.28
July 2007 Revenue: $4,305.00
July 2007 Expenses: $307.12
July 2007 Net income: $3,997.88

This month's statement includes a leadership training expense of $750 which will be voided and charged in August because the check was made out to the wrong payee. Anne will adjust the year-end statement. CALL has $1,397.12 in uncleared checks.

CALL is expecting additional renewals. The membership count should be final by the end of August.

VI. Meetings Committee Co-Chairs, JoAnn Hounshell & Betty Roeske
The September 20th meeting will be held at Maggiano's in Chicago. The Committee will post information about this meeting on the calendar on the AALL website. Notice will go out 4 weeks before the meeting, around the end of August. After the first notice, two more notices will be sent to the CALL listserv.

The meeting will cost under $30. Law Bulletin Publishing will sponsor the meeting for $1500.

The Meetings Committee will make a sign saying that the cake is compliments of Professionals Library Service.

The November 16th meeting will be a breakfast meeting. The location is yet to be determined, but the Committee is considering the Gleacher Center, the Elephant & Castle, or the Union League Club.

The January 18th meeting may be another breakfast meeting. Sheri Lewis will contact Laura Ikens, current president of SLA (now at Sonnenschein), to see if SLA is interested in co-hosting a breakfast meeting.

The Committee is considering Wildfire, Smith & Wollensky, and Lalo's for the March 27th meeting. CALL will likely invite library students to this meeting.

The May meeting will be held at Petterino's. This restaurant provided great service last year.

About 48 hours before all business meetings, the Committee would like Anne to send the co-chairs a list of who has sent checks. The co-chairs will use the list to reconcile payments with no-shows.

The Board will check the *Handbook*, previous minutes, and policy log to determine who should first contact no-

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shows, the Treasurer or the committee hosting the event.

VII. Old Business

a. Wrap up from AALL Meeting

i. No-Host Dinner

The dinner was a huge success. One person still needs to pay.

ii. "Chicago" Basket Drawing at AALL Exhibit Hall

Maxine Young Asmah, from Houston, Texas, won the CALL raffle at the 2007 AALL Annual meeting. The prize featured a Chicago basket which included a baseball cap, 2 coffee mugs, cards, a key chain, candy, and the basket itself. CALL used a picture of the basket rather than bring all of these items to the meeting. The candy and lanyards given away at the CALL table were popular.

b. Formalize Nominations Committee

Naomi Goodman, Christina Wagner, John Klaus, Jamie Stewart, and Lucy Moss have accepted appointments to the Nominations Committee.

c. Follow-up on Leadership Program

i. Usefulness of Facilitator

While Kathryn Deiss' fees are expensive, she is a strong speaker who is familiar with CALL. Cost alone will not preclude CALL from using her next year.

d. Filling Remainder of Committee Positions

The Board has a lead for a possible chair for the PR Committee. Once a chair is in place, Therese Clarke Arado will contact the Committee to see if it is interested in changing its name to the PR/Media Committee.

The Placement Committee and the Public Affairs Committee need members.

VIII. New business

a. September Business Meeting

i. Inviting Kate Hagen

Kate Hagan, the new Executive Director of AALL, has been invited to the September business meeting.

ii. Ribbons for name tags

The Board will order 150 4" x 1.65" ribbons which read, "I SERVED, DID YOU?". The ribbons will be given to attendees of the September business meeting who currently serve or have served on CALL committees or on the Board.

iii. Computer & Projection Equipment for Speakers

CALL would like speakers to be able to use computer presentations when they wish, but the cost of equipment can be high. While the cost of equipment may be factored into the price of the meeting, CALL should avoid paying too much.

b. Budget Reviewed (Debbie R., Sheri & Anne)

i. Category changes

ii. Allocation of Funds

iii. Review of Sponsorship Amount

Skipped because Anne was unable to attend.

c. Archives

i. Letters from Board to members

Whether particular letters will be archived depends on content. Important chapter business will be archived; routine matters may not be.

d. Filing annual report

Debbie Ginsberg will file this report by September 1st.

e. Pay Chapter Liability Insurance by Oct. 20th

This will be paid.

f. *Handbook* Revisions – Board Approval

These revisions were tentatively approved at a prior meeting. The Board passed resolutions approving the following changes:

i. Resolution Creating a Chapter Award

The Board will not appoint the committee members and the committee size will not be limited to 3 members. The original section and the new version are attached in Appendix A.

ii. Notification and Distribution Procedures

The original section and the new version are attached in Appendix B.

The Membership Committee may distribute the annual membership renewal forms in person or mail copies, whichever is easier for the Committee.

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iii. Membership Form – Category Changes
The Board modified the categories on the membership form to reflect the language in CALL's Bylaws. See Appendix C for the new membership form and relevant Bylaws.

g. Institute Day
i. Committee Subgroup of Continuing Ed Committee
The Board recommends that the Continuing Education Committee create an Institute Day Subcommittee. Julie Pabarja is the liaison to the Continuing Education Committee and will work with the Committee on this project.
Several CALL members have already indicated interest in assisting with this project. CALL is looking into sponsors, locations, and speakers.
The Institute Day will likely focus on technology. It will be held in the spring of 2008. The price is expected to be $25-30.
Board members have talked to COALL (Colorado), who hosted a similar program.

ii. Survey to Membership
The Board will not conduct a survey of membership deciding whether the Institute Day should be a full day or half day. It will let the Committee decide.

iii. Action plan
The Board and the Continuing Education Committee will follow up on the leads they already have generated.

h. Posting of vendor WebEx seminars
The Board will treat solicitations from unknown vendors as spam. Known vendors are welcome to sponsor meetings, but may not post to our website or listserv.

i. Possible Bylaw Changes

ii. Membership status and offices various membership statuses can hold
Under CALL's current bylaws, it is not clear if Associate and Student members may be appointed to the Board. According to AALL's Bylaws, only Active members may serve on the Board.
The Board recommends that CALL's Bylaws better align with AALL's Bylaws, and therefore proposes the following changes to CALL's Bylaws:

Change Associate membership rights from:
Section 4.3 Members – Associate, Student, and Honorary
(d)(1) Associate members shall have the right to hold an appointive position, to serve on committees, and to receive the *CALL Bulletin*.

to:
Section 4.3 Members – Associate, Student, and Honorary
(d)(1) Associate members shall have the right to vote, to serve on and chair committees, and to receive the *CALL Bulletin*. They may not serve on the Board.

Change student membership rights from:
Section 4.3 Members – Associate, Student, and Honorary
(d)(2) Student members shall have the right to vote, to hold an appointive position, to serve on committees, and to receive the *CALL Bulletin*.

to:
Section 4.3 Members – Associate, Student, and Honorary
(d)(2) Student members shall have the right to vote, to serve on and chair committees, and to receive the *CALL Bulletin*. They may not serve on the Board.

See Appendix D for comparable AALL Bylaws.

The Board recommends that any librarian who works in a position where a law library is under his or her jurisdiction should be considered a librarian who "works with legal information in a library or information center." A librarian who oversees other libraries which do not include a law library is not a librarian who "works with legal information in a library or information center."

IX. Committee Reports

Julie will attend the upcoming Community Services and Continuing Education Committee meetings.

Mary Lu Linnane, with the approval of the Placement Committee, will send a message to the AALL chapter presidents informing them of the library job descriptions now available on the CALL website.

The Bulletin Committee is worried that, without a PR Committee, they will not have pictures for the *Bulletin*. Some pictures have been sent to the *Bulletin* for the Fall issue, so this is not an immediate problem. Mary Lu recommends that once CALL's PR Committee is ready,

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CALL should invest in a basic digital camera for the organization.

The Internet Committee is training a new co-chair.

The Archives Committee would like to know what should be done with photographs in which the subjects are not identified. The Board recommends that these photographs not be digitized, but they can be sent to Mary Lu who will pass them on to the PR Committee. Meetings can be a good place to find members to identify people in pictures.

Frank Drake from the Bylaws Committee will attend the next meeting.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was called to a close at 11:57 a.m.

Appendix A – Changes in the Resolution Creating a Chapter Award

Original Document:
Resolution Creating a Chapter Award
of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries [1982]
The Board of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries passes this resolution to create an award which will be presented annually for outstanding service to the chapter, or for contribution to law librarianship. The award is created with the following guidelines in mind:
1) Selection by Committee. The recipient of the award will be chosen by a standing committee of three. The chair of this committee shall be the immediate Past President of CALL. The other two members of the committee shall be selected by the Board.
Current Version:

Resolution Creating a Chapter Award
of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries [1982]
The Board of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries passes this resolution to create an award which will be presented annually for outstanding service to the chapter, or for contribution to law librarianship. The award is created with the following guidelines in mind:
1) Selection by Committee. The recipient of the award will be chosen by a standing committee. The chair of this committee shall be the immediate Past President of CALL.
Approved: August 7, 2007

Appendix B – Changes in the Notification and Distribution Procedures

Original Document:

Notification and Distribution Procedures

The Association contracts with AALL to maintain our membership list and mailing list. We also contract with them to conduct our election electronically, and through them for the printing of our *Membership Directory*.

Distribution of notices is now conducted primarily through our website and discussion forum, for timeliness, and cost and labor savings. The following procedures should be followed by the Board and committees to notify members:
1) Post the information on the CALL discussion forum, call@aallnet.org.

2) Post information, including reservation forms, on the website, by emailing it to the webmaster. Also send a notice to the membership via the discussion forum to alert them that the information has been posted. (All notices should first be sent to the committee liaison for proofing.)

3) Printed *Membership Directories* should be distributed at the September business meeting by the Membership Committee, combining all directories for members at the same library in one package. Packages not picked up are mailed by the Membership Committee, and postage is reimbursed to the member doing the mailing.

4) Membership renewal forms and volunteer forms should be distributed at the annual business meeting in May by the Membership Committee, combining all forms for members at the same library in one package. Packages not picked up are mailed by the Membership Committee, and postage is reimbursed to the member doing the mailing. Printing costs are reimbursed to the member responsible for printing.

5) Voting on proposed Bylaws changes can be conducted either electronically or by mail. The Secretary should consult the Board for the preferred method.

6) Printing by individual committees should be approved through the Board liaison. Costs are reimbursed to the member responsible for printing.

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Current Version:

Notification and Distribution Procedures

The Association contracts with AALL to maintain the membership list and mailing list as well as to conduct the annual election electronically.

Distribution of notices is now conducted primarily through the CALL website and discussion forum, for timeliness, and cost and labor savings. The following procedures should be followed by the Board and committees to notify members:

1) Post the information on the CALL discussion forum, call@aallnet.org.

2) Post information, including reservation forms, on the website, by emailing it to the webmaster. Also send a notice to the membership via the discussion forum to alert them that the information has been posted. (All notices should first be sent to the committee liaison for proofing.)

3) As of September 2007, the *Membership Directory* is no longer printed. However, the Membership Committee will send out announcements quarterly indicating when the *Directory* has been updated online.

4) Membership renewal forms and volunteer forms should be distributed around the time of the May meeting, either at the meeting or via mail by the Membership Committee, combining all forms for members at the same library in one package. Printing and mailing costs are reimbursed to the member responsible for printing and mailing.

5) Voting on proposed Bylaws changes can be conducted either electronically or by mail. The Secretary should consult the Board for the preferred method.

6) Printing by individual committees should be approved through the Board liaison. Costs are reimbursed to the member responsible for printing.

Approved: August 7, 2007

Appendix C – Language in the current version of the Membership form and relevant CALL Bylaws

____ACTIVE Works with legal information in a library or information center, $35.00

or provides library services on an independent contract basis.

____ASSOCIATE Not eligible for Active member status, includes non-library worker $70.00
in the information industry or a member of a library governing board.

____STUDENT Enrolled in a degree program related to law librarianship. $10.00
Limited to five consecutive years.

____RETIRED Retired from library work and was an active member of CALL for at least $10.00
ten consecutive years.

Relevant CALL Bylaws:

Section 4.2 Members – Active and Retired.
(a) Active: Any person who is interested in the objectives of the Association and works with legal information in a library or information center or provides library services on an independent contract basis.
(b) Retired: Any person who is (1) retired from library work and (2) was an active member of the Association for at least 10 consecutive years.

Section 4.3 Members – Associate, Student, and Honorary
(a) Associate: A person who is not eligible under any other category, including non-library members of the information industry and members of library governing boards.
(b) Student: A person enrolled in a degree program related to law librarianship. Membership in this category is limited to five consecutive years.

Appendix D: Comparable AALL Bylaws on Membership

IV. Membership […]
2. Rights of Members.

a. Members in all categories have the right to receive the *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum*, to belong to Special Interest Sections, to serve on and chair AALL committees, and to vote in elections. Special Interest Sections may adopt policies governing the rights of their members.

b. Active and retired members also have the right to hold elective office on the Executive Board.

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2007/08 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
AALL Headquarters, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 940
September 11, 2007
9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Anne Abramson , Therese Clarke Arado (by phone), Debbie Ginsberg, Sheri Lewis, Mary Lu Linnane, Julie Pabarja, Debbie Rusin

Non-Board Members Present: Stephanie Crawford, Raizel Liebler, Frank Lima

Minutes:

I. Meeting called to order
Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. Approve Agenda
The Board approved the agenda.

III. Approve Secretary Minutes (August)
The August minutes were approved with revisions.

IV. Treasurer's Report
a. Report
Harris Bank Balance as of August 31, 2007: $38,189.54
CALL Balance as of August 31, 2007: $38,369.54
CD Balance as of August 31, 2007: $4,323.28
Revenue, August 2007: $475.00
Expenses, August 2007: $3,575.10
Net Income, August 2007: -$3,100.10
Revenue, Fiscal Year 2006-2007: $33,382.94
Expenses, Fiscal Year 2006-2007: $27,726.94
Net Income, Fiscal Year 2006-2007: $5,656.00

Anne Abramson's goal for the 2006-2007 fiscal year was to have CALL's Harris Bank account balance at the beginning of the year, plus any net gain or loss equal the balance at year end. At the beginning of this past fiscal year, September 1st, 2006, CALL's bank balance was $32,968.54. At the end of this fiscal year, CALL's bank balance was $38,369.54.

CALL had a much higher net income this year. CALL also had fewer expenses because some services have been modified; for example, CALL no longer prints its *Directory*.

The Treasurer will make an announcement about association finances at the first and last business meetings of the year. The *Handbook* will be revised.

Anne is prepared to send documents to CALL's accountant to prepare association taxes. She will send these within the next three months.

As of August 31, 2007, some of CALL's deposits had not cleared. CALL had no uncleared checks.

b. Membership to date
Membership as of August 31, 2007: 308

Membership is 311 as of the Board meeting. Last year at this time, membership was 313. CALL's insurance is based on the number of members on October 1, 2007.

c. Anne Abramson's Committee Reports
Anne needed to leave early, so she delivered her committee reports at this time.

i. Membership Committee:
The Membership Committee has sent the PDF of the *Membership Directory* to the Internet Committee. The Internet Committee will post the *Directory* and will see if it can create a searchable version. Anne will contact the Membership Committee to see when it wants to announce the new *Directory* on the listserv. This should be completed by next week.

ii. Vendor Relations Committee
The Committee has not yet met.

V. Old Business
a. Filing of Annual Report.
Debbie Ginsberg has filed this. She has contacted the Secretary of State to verify that it was processed.

VI. Outstanding Business
a. Liability Insurance Due October 20th.
Just a reminder.

b. 60th Anniversary Committee/September 20, 2007 Business Meeting

i. Kate Hagan
The Executive Director of AALL has been invited. Debbie Rusin will confirm she is coming.

ii. Ribbons for name tags

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The ribbons have arrived and they look great. Julie Pabarja suggested the Board members pass them out at the September business meeting (but not Debbie Rusin or Sheri Lewis, who will have other duties at that time).

iii. Celebratory cake
Eugene Giudice ordered two cakes. One is a sheet cake with CALL's logo. The other is a half-sheet with a message. The bakery will deliver the cakes and Maggiano's will cut and serve them. The Board will arrange for pictures to be taken.

iv. Memento
While an order with white Post-it notes with blue writing was placed, CALL received blue Post-it notes with black writing. CALL has received one case out of eleven ordered. The Board will check to determine if CALL paid for two colors.

CALL will distribute the cubes by placing one at each table setting at the business meeting. Members will be invited to bring back extras for CALL members who did not attend. A message will be posted on the listserv so that members might contact Mary Lu Linnane to obtain their memento. Mary Lu will store the extras in the meantime. CALL will not mail extras to members who did not attend because the logistics are too impractical. CALL will pay for any expenses incurred by shipping boxes of cubes to Mary Lu.

VII. New Business

a. Nominations Committee

i. The Committee has a question: Can a member run for the Board when another member of their institution is already on the Board?

Neither CALL's Bylaws nor *Handbook* forbid this. The Board acknowledges that there may be perception issues. There has been an "unwritten rule" to avoid having more than one person from an institution on the Board at the same time. However, this is not a written policy. The Board recommends that the following policy be added to the *Handbook* and the policy log: No more than two members from the same institution can serve on the Board concurrently.

b. Membership dues

i. Consider not charging for membership dues when a CALL member is between jobs, especially if his/her job was eliminated?

The Board recommends that the current policy remain unchanged. CALL will not refund employers when employees leave jobs. If a member leaves a job, CALL will keep that person on the CALL roster for the rest of the year and will update the contact information.

c. Attendance fees

i. Consider waiving of attendance fees for CALL members who host an event at their institution.

The Board recommends that the current policy remain unchanged. The Board is concerned that changing the policy would be unfair to those who do not host events, but devote significant time to CALL activities. That said, the Board will investigate the policies of AALL and other chapters to see how this matter is handled.

d. Consider paying of speakers at CALL events

i. CALL members as speakers
The Board recommends the current policy remain unchanged. CALL does not pay CALL members to speak, including transportation costs.

ii. Non-CALL members as speakers
The Board recommends the policy remain unchanged. Speakers at CALL business meetings receive a free meal, but no other compensation. Speakers for other events may be compensated as determined on a case-by-case basis.

e. Sponsorship amounts

i. Review of sponsorship amounts
The Board has not increased the cost of lunch sponsorship in 10 years, and the breakfast sponsorship in 7 years. Increasing sponsorship fees should help reduce the cost of meetings, which now approaches $30.

The Board will ask the Meetings Committee to calculate what the expenses for the 2007-2008 meetings would have been if sponsors had been charged higher fees. The Board would like to know what the expenses would have been if the lunch sponsor had paid $1750 and if the sponsor had paid $2000. The Board would like to see the expense breakdown of the breakfast meetings if the sponsors were charged $1100 and $1200.

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The Board will revisit this issue in December or January, once the Board has the cost projections from the Meetings Committee. Sheri Lewis will follow up with the Meetings Committee. She also will attempt to determine if vendors might resist a price increase. Generally, though, sponsors have been very supportive of CALL.

VIII. Continuing Education Committee Co-Chairs Raizel Liebler & Frank Lima – 10:00 a.m.

Raizel Liebler and Frank Lima, Co-Chairs of the Continuing Education Committee, described the Continuing Education Committee's plans for the year.

In October or November, the Continuing Education Committee is planning a tour of the Newberry Library. Julie Pabarja made contact with the Newberry last year. Frank will be the contact person for this tour.

In the past, CALL has not charged for tours. The Committee would not like to charge for this tour, but it has been told to charge for events. This event would incur no expenses. After a brief discussion, the Board recommended not charging if a library does not charge for a tour. If the Committee reports problems because of this policy, the Board will revisit the question.

In February, the Committee is planning a session on international law research. The Committee is considering contacting Jean Wenger from Cook County Library, Paul Mikulik at Cook County Law Library, Lyonette Louis-Jacques from University of Chicago, and perhaps Prof. Ed Harris and Tom Gaylord from Chicago-Kent. This may be a half-day program or a brown bag, depending on speakers and space. This event would require a space with Internet access that can accommodate 20-50 people.

The Committee is considering seminars on interlibrary loan, IP or patent searching, foreign person searches, and medical law research. Or, it may explore more than one of these ideas if international law research is not a viable topic.

The Committee would like to do an event in May with CRIV, if possible. In total, it is planning for four events (two brown bags, the tour, and the Institute Day).

The Committee is planning the Institute Day for March or April. Julie Pabarja has found a location at MLS during the first week of April. MLS has one room available for 80 people, or 2 rooms for 20 people each. The Committee will decide between one track of programming or two (such as a basic program and an advanced program). The Committee is likely to offer a single program in one room.

The Institute Day will not be held on a Monday or Friday. It will likely be on a Tuesday or Wednesday. The Institute Day will focus on emerging technologies such as blogs, RSS, and Facebook. The Committee is working on speakers.

LexisNexis and Westlaw will underwrite the meals for Institute Day. One will sponsor breakfast, the other will sponsor lunch. MLS will provide all equipment.

The Committee would like to podcast the sessions. The Committee learned that AALL can host these audio files on its own server (not CALL's server), and allow access to AALL members only. This would mean that CALL members who have not joined AALL would not have access.

The Committee will contact CALI and MLS about recording equipment. It has not decided whether to make audio or video recordings.

The Committee is looking for space for other events. It would like to find free space that would allow organizers to record presentations.

The Board recommends that CALL pay a facility fee as long as it is manageable. Fees should be approved by the Board first. $200-$300 for a day is reasonable, and can be added to the cost of registration. $450 for a half-day rental is not reasonable.

The Committee reported that some institutions would waive facility fees if their librarians and faculty could attend for free. The Board recommends CALL not change the current policy. CALL will charge those who attend CALL events, even members of a host institution. CALL members pay the member fee and non-members pay the non-member fee. The Board prefers to incur the expense of renting space. This policy is most fair to all members and simplifies logistics.

IX. Community Service Committee Chair Stephanie Crawford – 10:30 a.m.

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Stephanie Crawford spoke about the Community Service Committee's plans for the year.

The Committee met recently to plan all of the events for the 2007-2008 CALL year. The Committee will request the following donations at upcoming CALL business meetings:

September: School supplies for the Chicago Public Schools
November: Toys for Christopher House
January: New and used children's books for Bookworm Angels
March: Pet food and toys for PAWS
May: Gently used clothing for Dressed for Success
All meetings: Collect funds for the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center

The Committee is planning an event for Earth Day, perhaps working with local organizations. Committee members have decided which members will write columns for future *CALL Bulletins*. The Committee will work with the Public Relations Committee to send information about its activities to the *AALL Spectrum* and obtain more photos of Committee projects. Stephanie will make an announcement about the Committee's plans at the September Business Meeting; the Committee will post announcements on the CALL website.

The Board does not recommend allowing members of the benefiting organization to make announcements at business meetings. The Committee can speak on the organization's behalf. Space permitting, the organization may have a table at business meeting registration to distribute brochures or provide information.

X. Bylaws change

a. Approve language change

Frank Drake was unable to attend today's meeting.

Debbie Rusin distributed proposed Bylaw changes to the Board [will be included in the Appendix]. She will modify these changes to match the language used in the August Board Meeting minutes. The Board has the approval of the CALL Bylaws Committee to submit the changes to the AALL Bylaws Committee for review. Once the AALL Bylaws Committee approves the changes, the Board will submit the proposed changes to membership.

XI. Committee Reports

Therese Clarke Arado will participate in a conference call with the Public Relations Committee. Holly Lakatos is now the chair of the Committee.

The Public Affairs Committee met last week. The Committee will provide handouts at the September Business Meeting. This year, the Committee will focus on authentication of state legal materials. CALL should be involved in this initiative. The Committee will send AALL committee alerts of interest to CALL members. Because the Committee consists of academic librarians only, it would like feedback from Debbie Rusin about whether it is addressing firm librarian interests.

The *CALL Bulletin* is now in production. The editors now edit before layout, which should make the process smoother.

The Grants Committee has updated its website documentation. It also has received a request from Julienne Grant. She will be attending a conference on intensive legal research in Mumbai in December. She is the first American to have been sponsored for this conference. The sponsorship covers her airfare and registration, and she has asked CALL for a grant of $500-600 to cover other costs. The Grants Committee is currently waiting for a letter of recommendation.

However, the Committee has a question: What is the appropriate amount range for a grant? CALL has not budgeted specific amounts for grants, and there is no cap. Over the past couple of years, CALL has awarded a total of $1500 to $2000 per year. Some years, many members apply; in other years there are fewer applications. CALL has advertised AALL grants of up to $500. The Board will ask the Committee to consider adding this statement to its website:

Grants have been given from $100 to $750 for [examples inserted].

Mary Lu Linnane will find out the uses of previously-awarded grants.

The Board also expects that grant recipients write an article for the *CALL Bulletin* and serve on a committee for a year. Mary Lu will discuss this expectation with the Committee.

The Meetings Committee has made a deposit for the

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November Business Meeting, to be held at the Elephant & Castle. Dan Freehling will be the speaker.

Sheri Lewis has spoken to Laura Ikens of SLA about the January meeting. SLA is still early in its planning process. Sheri will inform SLA of the day and place CALL has chosen for its January meeting, asking SLA to let CALL know if it wishes to participate by November.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

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2007/08 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
AALL Headquarters, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 940
October 9, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Anne Abramson, Therese Clarke Arado, Debbie Ginsberg, Sheri Lewis, Mary Lu Linnane, Julie Pabarja, Debbie Rusin

Non-Board Members Present: Kathy Bruner, Heidi Frostestad-Kuehl, Kevin McClure, Sue Retzer

I. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

II. Approve agenda

The agenda approved with sections IV and V interchanged.

III. Approve Secretary's minutes for September meeting.

The minutes approved with revisions.

IV. Membership Committee (9:30) Kathy Bruner, Sue Retzer

Kathy and Sue reported that academic libraries were having problems processing checks in May and June, when the CALL renewals are due. The Co-Chairs suggested that perhaps the Committee could send renewals in April.

Because the invoice is dated June 1st, it is possible the academic libraries may still have problems processing checks. The Committee will experiment with sending the renewals the first week in April 2008.

The Committee would like to be able to send the renewals electronically. This would have to be coordinated with AALL. The Board recommends the Committee investigate.

CALL is one of two chapters that use AALL to create its *Directory*. The other is LLAGNY, the Law Library Association of Greater New York, which is considering pursuing an alternative means of production. Because CALL'S *Directory* is produced by AALL, it cannot be changed as frequently as members' contact information changes.

Since the *Directory* was updated and made searchable in September, no one has sent the Committee comments about it. The *Directory* will be updated in November.

The Board informed the Committee of the membership policies decided during the September 2007 Board Meeting. CALL will not issue refunds when members leave employment. However, members who leave jobs will remain in CALL for the duration of the membership year.

V. Treasurer's Report

a. Report

Harris Bank Balance as of September 30, 2007: $40,306.84
CALL Balance as of September 30, 2007: $38,369.54
CD Balance as of September 30, 2007: $4,369.21
Revenue, September 2007: $5,651.00
Expenses, September 2007: $4,633.70
Net Income, September 2007: $1,017.30

CALL's September income was generated mostly by the September business meeting. CALL collected $125 for the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center. These funds have been given to the Center. CALL currently has 6 uncleared checks.

b. Membership to date

The current membership is 312. CALL used this number to pay its insurance in October.

c. 2006 Taxes

Now that the final quarterly statement form Northern Trust has arrived, Anne Abramson will send the taxes to CALL's accountant.

VI. Bylaws Committee (10:00) Frank Drake

Committee Chair Frank Drake was unable to attend.

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CALL is waiting to hear from the AALL Bylaws Committee whether the proposed changes redefining membership have been approved. Kate Hagan, Executive Director of AALL, will speak with the chair of the Bylaws Committee to see when CALL will receive approval. There are differences in language between the changes as approved and those sent to the Committee, but the differences are slight. See Appendix A for both versions. This issue was tabled because Frank was not present. The Board agreed the proposed changes may be discussed with the CALL Bylaws Committee via e-mail.

VII. Public Affairs Committee (10:30) Kevin McClure & Heidi Frostestad-Kuehl

The Committee plans to add all of this year's handouts to the CALL website as well as any remaining from last year. The Committee plans on providing timely information to CALL members. If CALL moves to a new server, the Committee may create a blog. For now, the Committee should post any relevant news to the listserv.

The Committee would like its own page on CALL's website. Debbie Ginsberg will request that the Internet Committee create a page.

The Committee will continue to track net neutrality, FIOA, FDLP, and open government. In addition, the Committee plans to focus on authentication and permanent access. The Committee hopes it can encourage greater legislative interest in these matters. It would like to see a local response to the two recent AALL reports on these issues. The Committee will consider applying for an AALL research grant (the deadline is November 27th).

The Committee will summarize the Section 108 Copyright Report due out in early November. It also will write articles for the *Bulletin*.

In the past, the Committee has participated in the webcast held by OpenGovernment.org during Sunshine Week. Because the broadcasters have experienced so many technical problems in the past, the Committee is not planning on participating this year. It may instead obtain the DVDs later and invite others to watch them at a brown bag lunch. It will investigate other possible Sunshine Week activities.

In the past, the Committee has named a Legislator of the Year. It did not name one last year. It plans to try to find one this year, perhaps not from Illinois.

VIII. Outstanding Business (11:00)

The Board moved to this section earlier than planned because it completed the other sections before the Public Affairs Committee Co-Chairs arrived.

a. Payment of liability insurance to AALL based on Oct. 1st membership

This has been sent.

b. Proposed Bylaws change

This was handled in part VI of the meeting. It has been tabled until Frank Drake is available.

c. Staffing CALL committees

All committees now have a chair and are staffed. The Public Relations Committee is understaffed, but has four good members. Helen King-Desai took pictures at the September CALL business meeting.

CALL gained three new volunteers at the September business meeting. Two have joined the Placement & Recruitment Committee.

d. Use of CALL funds to offset cost of Business Meetings

The CALL November breakfast business meeting will be more expensive than originally anticipated. In order to break even, CALL would need to charge $20.00 per attendee. The Meetings Committee would like to charge a smaller fee and use part of the profits from the September meeting to offset the November meeting loss. The Committee has requested $380 from the September meeting and $120 from CALL, a total of $500. The Committee expects 80 people to attend the November meeting.

The Board will not advance funds to offset the costs of the meeting, but is comfortable with the Committee charging below estimated costs, perhaps $17 or $18 per person. Using funds to offset losses ahead of time would be setting a precedent that the Board does not want to set. Instead, the Board recommends that CALL make up the loss later in the year. The Board notes that the cost of the November meeting provides additional justification to increase CALL's sponsorship fees.

The Meetings Committee reports that it will co-sponsor the January breakfast meeting with SLA. The Committee

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plans to charge $15 per person. The January meeting is expected to be profitable. CALL has paid a deposit to the Union Club for this meeting.

IX. New Business

a. Slate for CALL Board

i. Announcement procedures in *Handbook*

Item 8 of the Nominating Committee Section of the *Handbook* will now include language consistent with Item 17 of the Presidential duties: The President will announce the candidates on the listserv after the Board approves the slate. The repetitive language in Item 13 will be removed.

A candidate inquired about the software the Treasurer uses. If possible, the Board recommends making the QuickBooks software portable and creating distributed backups. The Internet Committee will investigate whether QuickBooks can be a portable application on USB flash drives.

b. AALL matters

i. Executive Board visitor

If desired, CALL may request an AALL Executive Board member speak at a future meeting. Because a President has recently spoken at a CALL meeting, another Board member will speak this year.

Traditionally, AALL Board members have spoken at the March CALL business meetings. The Board members were already in Chicago at this time for the Executive Board's meeting, so CALL did not have to pay for the speaker's travel expenses. As of July 2007, however, AALL has agreed to pay Board speaker expenses. Another speaker is already scheduled for March, so CALL may choose another month. CALL is considering inviting a local Board member, perhaps Lyonette Louis-Jacques or Jean Wenger.

ii. Program at Portland meeting

Debbie Rusin will not attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Portland in 2008. CALL did not schedule its own program at the 2007 New Orleans conference. Debbie will contact the Public Affairs Committee to see if the Committee would be interested in creating a program for the Portland meeting. In the meantime, CALL will reserve a slot for the 2008 meeting (the reservation is due in November). If CALL later decides not to sponsor a program, it will cancel.

X. Committee Reports

Meetings Committee:
Dan Freehling is unable to speak at the November Meeting. Sheri will locate a new speaker. LexisNexis will sponsor the meeting.

The incoming Vice President of SLA, Katrina Perez, is very interested in co-sponsoring the January meeting. SLA will find a speaker. When the announcements are sent to the membership, CALL wants to ensure that CALL's sponsor is mentioned (last year, CALL's sponsor was not mentioned in the announcement).

Sheri Lewis will follow up with the no-shows from the September meeting.

Public Relations Committee:
The Committee will meet soon. Mary Lu Linnane will send the Committee materials she has.

Grants Committee:
The Committee does not want committee service to be mandatory for grant recipients. The Board agrees. Julienne Grant has been awarded $600 to attend the legal research conference in India.

60th Anniversary Committee:
The Board agreed to disband the 60th Anniversary Committee because it has completed its work. CALL received all 11 boxes of cubes it ordered. Because e-promos did not include two ink colors on the Post-It cube, it will refund CALL $222.00. Mary Lu will keep the remaining Post-It cubes at DePaul.

Bulletin Committee:
The Committee has not yet received the Fall issue's final draft. The Committee is considering alternatives to the current contractor who handles the *Bulletin's* layout.

Community Service:
The Service Committee collected 12 boxes of supplies for the Chicago Public Schools. It raised $125.00 for Chicago Children's Advocacy Center.

Continuing Education:
The Education Committee will reschedule the Newberry tour for the spring of 2008 because no openings were

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available in the fall. CALL's Institute Day is planned for April 2, 2008, to be held at MLS. CALL's Institute Day will be one full-day track with no break-out sessions. LexisNexis and Westlaw will sponsor breakfast and lunch.

Internet Committee:
The Committee will meet October 16th. Debbie Ginsberg will call in to the meeting.

Archives Committee:
The Committee has lost a member due to illness, but can complete its work with its remaining members.

XI. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Appendix A
From the August 2007 CALL Board Minutes

Change Associate membership rights from:
Section 4.3 Members – Associate, Student, and Honorary
(d)(1) Associate members shall have the right to hold an appointive position, to serve on committees, and to receive the *CALL Bulletin*.

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(d)(1) Associate members shall have the right to vote, to serve on and chair committees, and to receive the *CALL Bulletin*. They may not serve on the Board.

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CALL would like to thank Law Bulletin Information Network for sponsoring the September 20, 2007 business meeting and for providing commemorative coffee mugs and bookmarks for members in attendance.

BUSINESS MEETING ROUNDUP

By Debbie Ginsberg, Chicago-Kent College of Law Library
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President Debbie Rusin opened the meeting on September 20, 2007 at Maggiano's Little Italy, thanking the 60th Anniversary Committee for all of its hard work. She welcomed seven new members to CALL. She then thanked the Law Bulletin Information Network for generously sponsoring the meeting and giving members 60th Anniversary bookmarks, mugs, and catalogs.

The delicious cakes were compliments of Professionals Library Service.

Presentation:

President Rusin introduced Gary T. Johnson, President of the Chicago History Museum. An attorney for 28 years with Mayer Brown and Jones Day, Johnson was named President in 2005. He received his J.D. from Harvard and bachelor's from Yale. He is a Rhodes Scholar and a life-long Chicagoan. He has served as Co-Chair for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and currently serves on the Board of WFMT. In the last 16 years, Johnson has presented Museum artifacts to over 70 public school classrooms.

Johnson spoke of what history librarians and law librarians have taught him throughout his career. Librarians taught him the importance of quality of service. The Chicago History Museum houses the largest collection of any city history museum--currently over 22 million items. It features a large American history collection and one of the top Lincoln collections. It is even bigger than the Smithsonian.

Johnson organized his lecture into a series of lessons. The first lesson: find a place to fit it in. Librarians always find a place for material in their libraries. Using this principle, the Museum was able to solve a difficult problem: moving an El car to the second story of its building. The Museum accomplished this by knocking a hole in its outer wall – sometimes the solution is a bit painful.

Sheri Lewis, Debbie Rusin, & Gary T. Johnson

The second lesson: you never know when something missing will turn up. A famous Rockwell painting of the Marshall Field's clock disappeared when Target bought Marshall Field's. For years, Target was unable to locate the painting. However, shortly after the store was sold to Macy's, the painting was once again found. It is now on display at the Museum.

The third lesson: always look to the future. The Museum has been working with the Chicago Olympic Committee to plan possible sites. One intriguing location is the former Meigs field, the site of the 1933 World's Fair.

The fourth lesson: read to the end. Those who read the complete inscription on Chicago's Balbo monument will discover that it was a gift from Mussolini.

The fifth lesson: the power of the book. While Eric Larson's book about the 1893 World's Fair, *The Devil in the White City*, has increased interest in Chicago history and in the Museum, another book, more obscure in America, has also had quite a lasting effect. A Bulgarian named Aleko Konstantinov visited the 1893 Fair, even though

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Bulgaria itself erected only a small cultural building. Nevertheless, the Fair inspired him to write *To Chicago and Back*, a book which has greatly influenced Bulgarian culture (prompting many to move to Chicago). A translation of the book is still used as an English textbook in Bulgaria.

The sixth lesson: when bad things happen to great treasures. Sometimes, the essence of the treasure can be preserved even if the artifact itself is destroyed. The Chicago Fire destroyed the original Emancipation Proclamation, donated by Lincoln. However, pictures taken in Washington DC of the Proclamation before it was sent to Chicago preserved the text.

The seventh, final lesson: digitization is not the whole story. While the Museum features online exhibits, including the *Encyclopedia of Chicago* (Al Capone is the most popular entry), most of the museum remains in print only, and will for the foreseeable future. Moreover, much of Chicago history is not preserved in the Museum, but is instead in various attics, basements, and oral histories.

Committee Reports:

Helen King-Desai, Internet Committee: The *CALL Directory* is online and is now searchable.

Archives Committee: Archival materials should be sent to Loyola.

Public Affairs Committee: The Committee provided its September 2007 update, with news about copyright, FIOA, Opengovernment.org, electronic surveillance, online authentication, GPO & FDLP, and network neutrality.

Carolyn Hayes, 60th Anniversary Committee: CALL has many more Post-It note cubes. Members attending the meeting were invited to take extras back to CALL members who did not attend.

Katie Leonard, Placement Committee: This year, the Committee will focus on new initiatives, such as internships. The Committee has received several requests asking how to obtain or place interns. The Committee will post a request for feedback on the listserv. The Committee would like firms to volunteer to take interns.

Gail Hartzell, CALL Bulletin Committee: The *Bulletin* will be published soon. It has been delayed due to problems in layout and formatting.

Stephanie Crawford, Community Services Committee:

At this business meeting, CALL collected 12 boxes of school supplies. The canisters in the center of the tables were for funds for the Chicago Child Advocacy Center. At the next CALL business meeting in November, the Committee will collect toys for the Christopher House.

Announcements:

On October 24th, at 5 pm, CALL members are invited to a no-host gathering at Midtown Kitchen + Bar. More information will be posted to the listserv.

The next CALL meeting will be a breakfast meeting on Friday, November 16th, at the Elephant & Castle.

Sean Rebstock of DLA Piper, and Renee Nicholus of Bell, Boyd & Lloyd, won the door prizes donated by Professionals Library Service. •

CALL thanks Professionals Library Service, Inc. for the 60th anniversary cake served at the September 20, 2007 business meeting.

Photos courtesy of Helen King-Desai

Dorothy Li Granted "Friendship Award"

By Tze-chung Li

In-lan Wang Li, CALL life member, was granted a 2007 "Friendship Award" on September 28th in Beijing. The "Friendship Award," initiated in 1991, is the supreme award the Chinese government confers annually to foreign experts for their outstanding contributions to China's economic and social progress. Since 1991, 899 experts have earned the award. Dorothy Li attended the national banquet and received the award from Premier Wen Jiapao on September 30, 2007.

Dorothy also received a State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) of the People's Republic of China Award for International Cooperation on September 28th. At the award ceremony, Xing Shengcai, head of the discipline inspection team of the CPC Central Committee for Discipline Inspection stationed in the SIPO, stated that Ms. Li, as a Chinese American law professor and a former Associate Dean of the John Marshall Law School, was granted the award for her great contribution to IPR, such as the joint training of IP personnel with SIPO. He further extended his gratitude to Ms. Li for her winning of the "Friendship Award" presented by the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs.

Since the 1990s, Ms. Dorothy Li has devoted herself to promoting the exchange and cooperation between USA and China in such fields as the IPR law and IP personnel training. Her effort has contributed greatly to China's IPR development and the construction of the IP talent team of SIPO. Ms. Li has also been invited to serve as a part-time professor by the training center of SIPO.

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

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

COULD THIS COMMITTEE BE FOR YOU?

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Do you enjoy photography or designing displays? Then consider volunteering for the Public Relations Committee.

The Committee's goal is to promote CALL and its members to the legal and library communities. Some of its specific activities include taking pictures at CALL functions, placing photographs and announcements in the *Bulletin* and various publications, and setting up the Exhibit Hall display at AALL Annual Meetings.

Committee members regularly shoot photos at CALL functions and distribute them, along with photo capture sheets and press releases, to the *CALL Bulletin*, *AALL Spectrum* and the Internet Committee. The Public Relations Committee also maintains a CALL photo album with labeled pictures taken at CALL events.

For each AALL Annual Meeting, the Committee plans and sets up the CALL table at the Exhibit Hall. The display includes CALL photos and awards, candy from Chicago companies, CALL brochures, the CALL photo album and a basket of Chicago memorabilia that is raffled at the conference.

In addition to the specific aforementioned activities, the Committee was responsible for developing the CALL *Style Guide*. The *Guide* includes approved logos, taglines, fonts, and colors for CALL publications, along with samples of stationery and brochures. The Committee has also sponsored several give-aways in the past few years, including CALL bookmarks and lanyards.

The Public Relations Committee has also partnered with the Internet Committee to establish a section on the CALL website for bibliographies of members' published articles. The "So You Want to Publish an Article" FAQ, along with an additional suggested list of publications where articles can be submitted, and links to submission requirements, are a further aid to motivate CALL members to write articles.

These are some examples of the Public Relations Committee's activities and accomplishments. If you are enthusiastic, energetic, and want to promote CALL, contact Holly Lakatos, Chair for 2007-2008, at hlakatos@kentlaw.edu or (312) 906-5690. Or, contact CALL President, Deborah Rusin, at deborah.rusin@lw.com or (312) 993-2686. •

Lexis Call for Papers

Have you been thinking about writing an article of interest to law librarians? The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories for active and retired members (Open Division), recent graduates (New Member Division), and students in library, information management, or law school (Student Division).

The winner in each division receives $750 generously donated by LexisNexis plus the opportunity to make a presentation about his or her research and writing process at a program during the AALL Annual Meeting in Portland. Winning papers are also considered for publication in *Law Library Journal*.

Articles in the Open and New Members Division must be submitted by March 1, 2008. Articles in the Student Division must be submitted by April 15, 2008. Visit AALLNET for additional information and the application form.

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DON'T SAY, "AH!"

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Does the mere idea of getting up in front of an audience set your knees a-knocking? Does the thought of speaking or reading in front of your congregation on Saturday or Sunday cause you to break into a cold sweat? Do you want to advance in your career to a position of more responsibility, but fear your public speaking skills are not sufficient for the new job? All these—and more—are reasons to learn more about an organization developed solely to help people gain experience and confidence with public speaking. This organization is Toastmasters International.

so . . . . . .

I first became acquainted with Toastmasters a few years ago while working at an investment firm in Oak Brook, Illinois. My former company had its own chapter, and we were encouraged by our Human Resources Department to become involved. As a professional pianist, one might think I am comfortable in front of a crowd, but actually this is not the case at all when that 88-key crutch is taken away from me. If music is not involved, I am shaking in my heels every time. So, with very little encouragement from my boss, I joined. What I experienced was immediate support and encouragement from my fellow Toastmasters—all people like myself—who were just trying to become more comfortable in front of an audience.

Toastmasters International began in 1924 when the Santa Ana YMCA Director of Education, Dr. Ralph C. Smedley, noticed a need for training and practice in the areas of speaking publicly and presiding over meetings. So, he began holding meetings in the basement of his California YMCA. In an informal, supportive atmosphere, members could practice giving toasts or introductions away from the pressures of their jobs, professors, bosses or other nerve-wracking situations. Something happened. The young men began to make progress almost immediately. Confidence, poise and vocal clarity improved markedly as members practiced and fostered one another in this safe environment. In a short time, the club grew and expanded into other communities, and even states, as word spread of its successes. Today, there are over 220,000 members in 90 countries.

A typical meeting consists of a leader, or Toastmaster, who runs the meeting, and two to three formal speakers presenting speeches of varying lengths depending on their personal level of club experience. The Toastmaster introduces each club participant in a given day, and will present club news and other important announcements. He or she will then introduce all of the speeches. A new member does not need to jump right in and start giving six-minute speeches. There are many lesser roles one can sign up for in any given meeting to test the water. Not all clubs are the same, but my Oak Brook club began each meeting with a joke—helping to ease the nerves of the speakers that day. Imagine in this day and age trying to memorize and tell a one-to two-minute joke! With the ease of the e-mail "forward," this is fast becoming a lost skill. Other key roles include the Timer, Speech Evaluators and a Grammarian—whose role is to help improve everyone's vocabulary by introducing a "word of the day." Every speaker is encouraged to utilize this new word during his or her speech.

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Impromptu, or off-the-cuff, speaking is another skill addressed in every Toastmasters meeting. One designated member, the Topicsmaster, will prepare topics or questions in advance for members to speak on for a period of up to two minutes. Speakers either volunteer or are called upon by the Topicsmaster. This is an excellent way to learn how to organize your thoughts quickly, think on your feet, and possibly even improvise on a subject about which you may know very little. The ability to answer impromptu questions is an important skill that may prove invaluable during job interviews.

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But, perhaps my all-time favorite role is that of the Ah-Counter. This person counts and makes notes of all the filler words, such as ah, um, er, and, well, but, so, and you know. Now for some reason, with my musical ear, or perhaps that "attention to detail" characteristic of a librarian, I am fairly good at this role. In the three clubs I've been involved with, I have gained a bit of a reputation as being, well, ruthless when it comes to tallying up these interjections. Speakers who seek improvement are glad I am in attendance the day of their speeches, while others cringe when I pick up my pencil. Call me the Anne Robinson of Ah-Counters, I just don't miss a trick. The downside of counting ahs is that it is virtually impossible to turn this off. From presidents and pastors to mayors and managing partners, you notice immediately who needs Toastmasters. You almost want to zip them an e-mail, "I'm very sorry to inform you of this, but I counted 5 ahs and 9 ums in your speech last night. Have you ever considered joining….."

you know . . . . . .

Finding a Toastmasters club near you is easy. Simply go to www.toastmasters.org, look for "Meeting Locations," and type in your zip code. Some prefer to find a club near their home, but I find it more convenient to attend lunchtime meetings during my workday downtown. Even before becoming a member, you are welcome to attend any club's meeting as a guest. Not all clubs are open to new members, but this restriction is usually posted along with their contact information. Should you decide to join, the cost is minimal, and some companies or firms pick up the cost of your yearly dues as a professional development expense.

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Good communication skills are vital if you wish to be successful and grow professionally. Clear and confident speaking abilities and strong leadership skills are as much personal as professional assets. Stop by a nearby Toastmasters meeting and see how you, too, can become a self-assured, clear, and fabulous speaker!

Toastmasters Home Page, http://www.toastmasters.org. (last visited October 15, 2007).

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Presentation Techniques and Technology: Tips from the Trenches

As law librarians, we are often called upon to give presentations—to students, lawyers, and sometimes other law librarians. For many of us, PowerPoint is the extent of our use of presentation software. The following series of articles is designed to energize our presentations, in terms of how we use (and don't use) technology, and how we present our material. Many thanks to Susan Boland, Tom Keefe, Therese Clarke Arado, and Debbie Ginsberg for sharing their experiences, insights, and knowledge with the rest of us!

GADGET TIME: PRESENTATION TECHNOLOGIES

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We all give speeches from time to time. Some teach law students legal research, others train lawyers on the latest electronic resource, others discuss critical issues with our legislators. While a computer and projector provide a great foundation for many presentations, I have found a few small, (relatively) inexpensive, and easy-to-use gadgets to be of great help.

A Little Gadget: *Presentation Mice*
At 5' 1" tall, I almost completely disappear behind a PC on top of a podium. I'm pretty sure audiences want to see me, not the back of a computer screen.

AALL offers presentation mice for Annual Meeting speakers. I always ask for them. Using presentation mice, I can step away from the podium but still control my PowerPoint presentations. The mice AALL uses are usually pretty basic, but some models can adjust media settings, control web browsers, and feature laser pointers. Most presentation mice cost less than $100.

Kensington: http://us.kensington.com
Microsoft: http://www.microsoft.com/hardware/mouseandkeyboard/ProductDetails.aspx?pid=085
Targus: http://www.targus.com/us/accessories_mice.asp

A Littler Gadget: *Wireless Microphone*
Presentation mice alone are terrific for smaller rooms. In larger spaces, however, microphones still tethered me to the podium. I use gestures, which are hard to do with microphones. Also, they look like giant eyes, and who wants to be stared at the entire speech? Wireless, lavaliere microphones are the perfect solution. They are small and easily clip to a jacket or shirt. Wireless microphone systems generally cost between $200 and $1000.

Sennheiser: http://www.sennheiserusa.com/
Shure: http://www.shure.com/index.htm

A Bigger Gadget: *Document Camera*
Even though I'm an Electronic Resources Librarian, I still regularly teach print resources. When instructing a class of five or so, I love to hand out the books and analyze them individually. Rarely are classes that small. In larger classes, if I hold up the books, only those with superhuman eyesight can read them. If I hand out the books, only one student at a time can see the text (and that student stops paying attention). I've often created PDFs of particular pages, but then I cannot spontaneously change the lecture.

Recently, our library purchased a document camera. This gadget has solved all of these problems. I now easily demonstrate print materials. An A/B switch connects both the camera and the computer to the projector, making comparing print and online resources a snap. Students themselves can even use the camera to demonstrate what they've learned. Current model cameras are inexpensive and portable. Many can be directly connected to computers and used to create multimedia presentations. While some are expensive, other models are under $1,000.

AverMedia: http://aver.com/presentation.html
Toshiba: http://www.toshiba.com/tai/

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While these gadgets can enhance presentations -- not to mention make speeches a little more fun – keep some pointers in mind when using any presentation technology:

1. Allow plenty of time to set up.
Give yourself at least 15 or 20 minutes. I recently had to give back-to-back presentations and only had 10 minutes to set up the second presentation. It was quite a struggle (see below). Use the time to test all equipment, analyze the layout of the room, and make any needed visual or audio adjustments (this is one situation where "Can you hear me now?" is completely appropriate).

2. Have a backup plan.
While setting up for that second presentation, the Mac which worked perfectly in the first room failed to work in the second. "No problem," I thought, "I'll just load my presentation on this XP machine." I then discovered several of my slides wouldn't work in XP. Yikes!

To handle problems like these, ask another person to help you with setting up the technology – that person may find a solution you didn't think of. If you plan to show a live database, copy screenshots on a portable flash drive (databases are routinely down for maintenance at exactly the time you want to demonstrate them). If all else fails, be prepared to wing it (which is what I had to do). My audience forgave me; they all had the same problem at some point.

3. Bring extra batteries.
If you don't need them, someone else is sure to.

4. Practice, practice, practice.
Then practice some more. Preferably in front of others, but in a pinch, the mirror will do. Practice for when it all works perfectly, and then practice for power outages, too. No presentation should be so completely dependant on technology that without the gadgets, it fails completely.

WHEN TECHNOLOGY GOES BAD

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I enjoy using technology when I teach. In fact, I almost feel lost without my PowerPoints. Technology is great ... when it works. Here's the thing -- I have just finished my worst technology week ever. It seemed like every time I touched a computer, it stopped working. Despite this, I still managed to successfully teach all of my classes. How did I do it? Prepare to hear the secret tips to surviving when ... TECHNOLOGY GOES BAD!

Tip 1: Use the technology, don't be used by the technology.
This one may be obvious, but I have seen plenty of people left flustered and helpless in the wake of a technology teaching disaster. Never become so dependent on your PowerPoints, document camera, overheads, or clickers, etc. that you are unable to talk ad nauseum about the subject and still be clear and focused on your topic. It is very easy to start using technology as a crutch when giving a presentation or teaching. Who needs notes or an outline when you have PowerPoint? You do! If PowerPoint fails, you may not have access to notes in the PowerPoint. Who needs a handout when you can use the document camera for a live 3D demonstration? You do! When that document camera fails, your audience will still have something besides you to look at. Who needs students to bring a pen and paper to class? You do! When those clickers fail, you still need to be able to give that quiz and get answers in return.

Furthermore, the last thing you want to do is bore your audience with a PowerPoint containing everything you've said in your presentation. Technology should be supplementing what you are saying, not saying it all for you. I have increasingly noticed that the more information I put on my PowerPoint, the less my audience hears what I am saying. While I have not completely jettisoned bullet points, I have begun incorporating concept maps into my presentations. There are several good open source or freeware software packages for creating concept maps that you can export for your presentations, such as FreeMind,[1] CMap,[2] ThingGraph,[3] and Mind42.[4]

Tip 2: Be flexible in your use of technology.
Yes, I have relied on a live Internet connection to teach about a particular online database or Internet legal resources. When the connection doesn't work, drops, or is slow enough that you can watch the corn grow (I'm in DeKalb, there's lots of corn growing here), I always

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have my backup screen shots. The canned shots may not be as dynamic as a live connection would be, but I can still carry on my presentation. Although there are many programs out there to help you capture screen shots, such as Fullshot[5], Hypersnap[6], Madcap Capture [7], SnagIt[8], etc., I find that Print Screen for Windows works just fine for a basic presentation.

When the computer in our smart classroom failed, the document camera worked just fine. My class did our in-class exercise using a pen, paper, and the document camera. In the reverse, when the document camera wasn't working, I was able to use the computer and projector to show scanned images and the word processor to go through the in-class exercise. When the computer, document camera, and projectors refused to talk to each other, I did show-and-tell with the books and used the whiteboard for the in-class exercise.

Tip 3: Prepare your material in multiple formats and practice, practice, practice.
This tip is closely intertwined with the previous tip. In order to be flexible in your use of technology, you may need to prepare your material in multiple formats. Thus, I will have a PowerPoint with screen shots, handouts, prepared scanned images, a live Internet session planned, and some show-and-tell materials. This way, when one type of technology fails, there is something else to back it up. While at first you may feel this is a lot of work, it all pays off, because even if something doesn't go wrong, you can use several of these multiple formats in the same presentation to make it more engaging. Believe it or not, people do get tired of PowerPoints.

Also, if you have an opportunity to practice with the equipment you will be using, do so. Even though smart classrooms, remotes, or projectors and laptops may be similar, they are often different in subtle ways. Those subtle differences can wreak havoc on your ability to use the equipment if you are not familiar with it. If you cannot practice with the equipment ahead of time, that's okay. When the technology goes bad, you're prepared because you've already followed the previously stated tips!

Tip 4: Back up your presentation in multiple formats.
When I teach or give a presentation, I not only present my materials using multiple types of technology but I back it up using multiple types of technology. Thus, my materials might be on a USB drive, my network drive, in an e-mail, and on a CD-ROM. Paranoia? Perhaps, but I have learned through experience and Murphy's Law to be prepared for the absolute worst to happen. If the USB drive is corrupted, I can go to my network drive if I'm using a networked computer, or my e-mail if I'm connected to the Internet. When it comes to handouts, when possible, I post them on a website (course website or other) so that my audience can download them before or after the presentation. All of this means that I can travel lightly, and yet be confident that my materials will be accessible.

Tip 5: When technology goes bad, stay calm and keep rolling.
Without fail, technology will fail. When this happens, take a deep breath, exhale, and go on. If you've followed Tips 1-4, your presentation can continue forward without missing a beat. The worst possible thing to do is to get flustered and upset. Remember that your audience did not come to see the technology. Your audience came to see you.

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Over $100 in grocery store gift cards and 4 bags of toiletry items were collected for Christopher House at CALL's November 20th business meeting!

PRESENTATION SOFTWARE, COMPUTERS and PROJECTORS, Oh My!

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I have to admit, I am a regular PowerPoint user. I know there are other presentation software products out there, but this is what is readily available at my university. When I first began teaching, I did not use PowerPoint when covering the use of print materials. Oh how that has changed! As my audience gets younger (I have not aged), I have noticed that a visual component in class presentations is very helpful. We are fortunate that many of our classrooms are equipped with computers, document cameras, VCR and DVD capabilities, and built-in projectors. This makes using technology in presentations and teaching much easier. They are referred to everywhere as smart classrooms, but don't let that fool you. You still need to know how to work all of the equipment. You need to know how to make quick fixes since inevitably it is the IT person's day off when the equipment has a nervous breakdown. Anyway, I digress, back to the audience and visual aids.

The new students and workforce entrants each year process information in what I consider a radically different fashion than when I was in school and new to the workforce. These people are part of Gen X/Gen Y and the Net Generation. They have grown up in an electronic world that is very focused on visual imagery rather than audio or written materials. Connecting with the audience or students in a presentation now requires more than speaking at a podium. Using technology to varying degrees can help make better connections and lead to more effective presentations. The variety of options in our "smart classrooms" provides a lot of flexibility, even if you use no presentation software. You can display three-dimensional objects or do a live Internet demonstration (only recommended for the very brave). When introducing students to print materials, I use PowerPoint slides to highlight some of the useful features of the materials. Using PowerPoint also allows me to preserve notes for the students. I have a no laptop policy in my classroom, but I post the slides a few days before lecture so that they may print them out and bring them to class. This gives the students a basic overview of the topic and a place to take additional notes. The slides act as a starting point for my discussion of the topic at hand, but also give the students a visual outline. As time progresses, I find that many students have a hard time in a pure audio learning setting, and this approach tries to cover more people's learning styles.

I then like to use the document camera to show them the book or other item being discussed. Good old-fashioned show-and-tell can work wonders when they need to find the materials on the shelf later. Being able to display a resource via the document camera allows the students to actually see the book. When I just hold the book up in front of the class, only the front row can see it.

I spend an entire semester on print materials and a second semester on using online services of various types. In the online semester, presentation software is very useful as well. It allows me to capture images from the services being taught so that the students have an idea of what they will see once they use the service on their own. You cannot show them everything they will encounter, but just making a book or an online service not so foreign can make the student (or audience member) much more comfortable using the material.

Has technology made my teaching job easier? I'm not sure, but students are used to it, and if nothing else, it provides an alternative outlet for information. It is not difficult to use the presentation software or equipment. Don't let it scare you. After you use it once or twice you will be an old pro. Also, you get very used to rolling with the glitches of technology in the classroom the same way you have adapted in the rest of your life. Here are a few tips if you are a novice to using technology in presentations:

- Okay, this is obvious, but practice before you go on live. This takes away some of the unknown factors.
- Arrive early to set up. You will quickly figure out if things are not working and will have time to find the right person to help.
- Know where the batteries are kept. If you use remotes this is very important.
- Bring sock puppets, a completely non-technology backup never hurts.
- If things don't go as smoothly as you hoped, don't stress out; the audience is usually very understanding. Many have been in your shoes before.

PRESENTATION TIPS FROM THE TRENCHES: PRESENTING TO MILLENNIALS

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This article focuses on presenting to the Internet generation. I don't think what I have to say is revolutionary. In fact, my advice goes very much against "the grain." But, I think that's part of the problem. The people who have been giving us advice on how to present have not been presenting to millennials.

Every semester for the past few years, I have given a presentation on using the Internet for legal research to our second semester lawyering skills students. As I have now given this presentation, modified over time, more than 100 times, I feel qualified to offer observations on giving presentations to today's students and young people in general. The vast majority of the students I present to would be considered "millennials," as they are part of the Internet generation. They grew up with laptops, cell phones, instant messaging, PowerPoint, and the like. In short, they are much more technologically sophisticated than we are (generally speaking).

This presents us non-millennials, i.e., dinosaurs, with a fundamental problem: the advice that we have been given about using technology to enhance our presentations does not apply to teaching the Internet generation. It's not like we are preaching to the choir, we are preaching to a choir full of preachers. Anyone who has ever had to enlist the help of a student to salvage an electronic presentation knows exactly what I am talking about. What makes it worse is that we are normally talking about library stuff, and like, they so don't need that, dude.

I consider myself guilty of having been a willing participant in what I now refer to as "laptop ping-pong." Here's how it works: I come into a room and hook my laptop into a projector. The students come in and fight for the back row or the next best place they can plug in their security blanket—I mean laptop. I dive into my PowerPoint presentation, and they dive into a fine round of instant messaging or Internet surfing. I generally only see the tops of their heads unless I turn away, in which case, some will, having instinctively recognized some sign of motion, sneak a furtive glance. After a couple of years, I grew tired of this little dance and decided to try getting in my students' faces. They were going to listen to me whether they liked it or not. I don't recommend these tips and techniques for all occasions, but if you have grown tired of speaking while students surf, you may take some of these observations to heart.

One of the things I learned early on is that when I use my laptop to hide behind as much as students do, this leads to the back and forth problem I describe as "ping-pong." One of the lessons I learned over time is that the best technology tool we have for communicating our message is eye contact. Solid eye contact relates two fundamental aspects of a good presentation: passion and understanding. I don't profess to know what students think is important, but my experience has led me to believe that students recognize when someone cares about a subject, and that alone, more than anything else accounts for a successful presentation. Intensity captures attention. So, the next time you have to give a lecture on state regulatory schemes, try a red bull or two.

One of the other lessons that I have learned is not to hide behind handouts. One of the mantras I recall learning is that "there must be handouts." The flipside of this as a student was, of course, "make sure you get the handouts." I don't think the mandatory handout rule applies to those of us who deal with a "captive" audience like students at a school, or lawyers at a law firm. I would posit that, in this day and age, the vast majority of our handouts consist of PowerPoint slides. Copies of these are handed out in advance so that the audience can take notes during the presentation. But, our PowerPoint slides really end up serving two purposes. On the one hand, they act as an outline or an organizing tool for the presenter. At the same time, they serve as a handout or recap for the audience. What ends up happening is that the handouts become the presentation. As a result, we tend to put too much information on the slides and then, usually out of nervousness, we tend to read from them. This is especially troublesome for an audience member when a presenter puts so much information on a slide that it becomes unreadable, and we are forced to listen to someone reading from slides that we can't even read.

So, I think the mantra that there must be handouts is overrated, especially in an era when almost all of us have a website on which we can post handouts and other material for viewing later.

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And, there is a corollary problem that occurs as well. I recommend to those who have not viewed it, Doug Zongker's "Chicken Chicken Chicken" PowerPoint presentation on YouTube (http://www.youtube.com). This is a humorous piece in which the presenter leads an audience through a sophisticated PowerPoint presentation while muttering variations on "chicken, chicken, chicken" throughout the whole thing. One of the central messages I gained from this humorous piece is that sometimes a sophisticated slide show presentation can actually obscure our message; all the captivated audience hears is "chicken, chicken, chicken." As educators, who we all are when we are called upon to give presentations, I would encourage you to force yourself not to use technology as a crutch. That is one of my central messages here. My effort to incorporate these lessons has led me to try some unorthodox techniques that may be worth considering. I think some are particularly apt for the educational environment, but I am sure that we have all dealt with hostile audiences.

- First, as relates to PowerPoint presentations, I have occasionally begun with a PowerPoint slide that provides an outline of my presentation and then turned off the projector. This generally shocks the crowd enough that I can count on at least 30 minutes of attention.
- On a somewhat related note, my experience has led me to believe that no presentation should ever go more than 45 minutes. That's my attention time span cut off, and, if it's too much for me, it's also too much for anyone else.
- Another point that relates directly to students is that I never take attendance, and I let the students know that I am not taking attendance. In fact, I have gone as far as telling the students that I am not taking attendance and, that before I get going, I will be stepping out to get a drink, so if anyone wants to leave, they are welcome to do so. I have actually found that using this technique results in unusually good attention. Students know that I am serious.
- I routinely pick on the students who sit in the back row staring at their laptops. This technique may slow the presentation down, but it boosts my credibility as a presenter to students who are paying attention, and provides them with a bit of comic relief. We all know who is not paying attention.
- I try not to stand behind a podium. I walk from side to side and walk to the front (I tend to be a walker anyways) so that the audience is aware there is some motion occurring. Again, this motion seems to increase the level of attention of the group as a whole.
- Finally, I try as much as possible to be cognizant of verbal clues the audience is giving me. If I am aware that I am talking to myself, I will stop talking. The pregnant pause can be an effective attention getter. Also, because I usually give these presentations toward the end of the semester, I occasionally get a group with obvious signs of group exhaustion. I have occasionally stopped my presentation entirely. If I know that what I am saying is not getting through, then I am wasting everyone's time. That is a responsibility I take seriously. A modicum of understanding and compassion goes a long way towards building trust. And, quite frankly, if it isn't gettin' through, it isn't gettin' through. Live to present another day.

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WORKING SMARTER -- HERO

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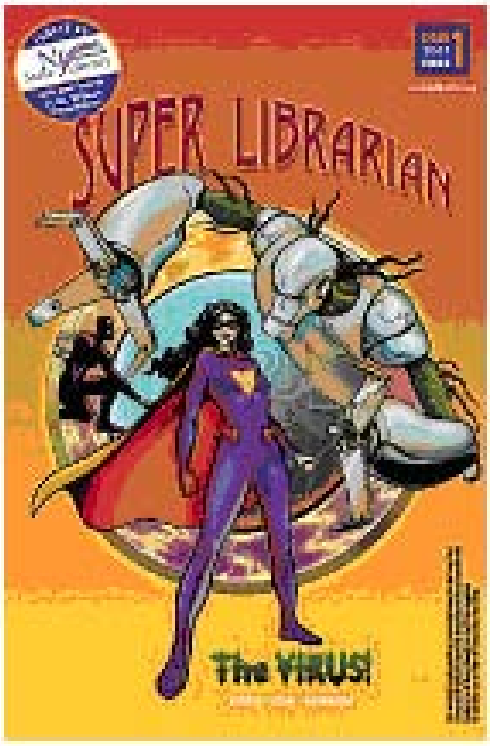
With the recent filming of "The Dark Knight" (the new Batman movie) right here in the Loop near the Harold Washington Library (the green gargoyles are the perfect ambiance for a villain's lair if you ask me…), and the recent Law Librarian Blog posting that discussed how Batgirl was a Librarian by Day…I thought that heroes (famous or not) would be a good topic for this column. Who are your favorite heroes: Joan of Arc? Helen Keller? Ghandi? Oprah? Bono? Zorro? Connecting or reconnecting with our favorite heroes (or superheros) can add drive and inspiration to our daily work lives.

Heroes certainly aren't always of the very well known variety. Maybe one of your heroes is a parent, grandparent, neighbor or friend. Maybe your hero is an exceptional co-worker or mentor or supervisor from one of your past or present positions. I know I have worked with some incredible librarians; librarians who have exceptional work ethics, or have incredible work/life balances; librarians who are masters at delegating and foster unparalleled growth under their leadership, or librarians who are just plain brilliant.

A great example of one of AALL's heroes is Bob Oakley (who passed away suddenly this fall). Quoting Roger Jacobs of Notre Dame's Law School, "…in Bob Oakley, Georgetown was blessed with one of the nation's most talented, thoughtful, and well-respected law librarians…Bob was a giant among us. While his all too early death is a stinging blow, he left a legacy that can inspire all those who follow in his footsteps." Bob Oakley was a true, real-life law library hero who will be greatly missed.

"Super" Librarian



"Super Librarian, created by New Jersey State Library"

Heroes, whether real-life or from fantasy, can and often do bring out the very best in us. Maybe we would wish to emulate them, or incorporate part of their work style, or their work habits into our own. Maybe once we've worked with them, we feel the need to push the envelope on our own potential. Maybe they've opened up a new world of work or life that we didn't envision in the past.

Heroes, if we let them, can make us better, stronger, faster (not necessarily bionic), but they can help us aspire to be more than we are. Who is/are your hero/es? If you are faced with a challenge this upcoming year, who knows, reacquainting yourself with one of your heroes might take you to the next level and help you indeed rise to that challenge.

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The election will begin in February 2008 via an electronic ballot.

NEW FACES, NEW SHOES

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We have a great group of new members profiled in this issue of the *Bulletin*. There is a conflicts analyst, a manager of research services, a public law librarian and an attorney who is getting her library degree. These profiles truly illustrate the different types of work out there for law librarians, and demonstrate that this is indeed an exciting time to be a law librarian.

Name: Andrea A. Szabo

What is your current position?
Library Assistant/Conflicts Analyst at Bodman LLP, Detroit, Michigan.

What led you to come to work in librarianship / legal information?
I saw a job posting for a library assistant at a local law firm and realized all of the tasks involved were things I enjoyed and wanted in a career. Once I began working in the field, I decided to pursue my M.L.I.S.

Who or what were large influences on your career?
Colleagues and the professional literature have been large influences.

How do you think legal information will be delivered in 20 years?
I think legal information will continue to become more reliant on digital formats and advances in technology will enable delivery that is more streamlined to the client's personal preferences.

What is the most rewarding part of your work?
Providing access to information, especially information that may not be utilized otherwise.

What was the most challenging research question you have had in either your school or professional career?
Recently, I had a legislative intent question for a Michigan Public Act in the 1930s. Due to inconstancies of record keeping and a fire at the state archives in the 1960s, such information may not exist. It is an important reminder of the vital importance of record keeping policies.

What are some of your hobbies and/or interests?
I enjoy reading short stories, writing, hiking, and doing volunteer work.

Did you grow up in the Chicago area? If not, where did you grow up?
I grew up outside of Cleveland before moving to Detroit in 1993. Chicago is where my heart is, and I am looking forward to becoming an Illinois resident upon graduation in 2008.

And finally, one fun question….If you had to describe yourself as any type of shoe, what would it be and why?
I would be a Nine West pump because they are classic, yet comfortable.

Name: John J. DiGilio

What is your current position?
Manager of Research Services (USA) for Reed Smith LLP.

What led you to come to work in librarianship / legal information?
Well, I have been working in libraries since I was a teenager. While in law school, and again while working in a library, it suddenly dawned on me that I was not cut out to be one of those fancy, hired guns like we see on television. I was a behind-the-scenes kind of guy. I was happiest among the books, doing research, and on the information hunt. So it only seemed natural that I should go with what I knew and loved best – the library world.

Who or what were large influences on your career?
I have been fortunate to have some amazing mentors to support me along my educational and career paths: Mona Stahl, former librarian at Pepperdine Law School; Gwen Vargas, Library Director at K&L Gates; Fr. Stephen Almagno, Professor Emeritus of Information Ethics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Information Sciences;

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and Ronda Fisch, Director of Knowledge Management at Reed Smith.

How do you think legal information will be delivered in 20 years?
I am a sci-fi fan, so I would like to say that it will happen via a very specialized form of osmosis that is controlled by a special librarian. But in reality, I do not see it being much different than it is today. I expect the same types of sources, just many more of them. I expect that info will need to be delivered faster than ever and that librarians will be on the forefront of weeding out the good stuff and getting it to their attorneys at light speed.

What is the most rewarding part of your work?
Seeing a case, to which I have contributed research, reaching a conclusion that is good for the firm and the client. I must also admit that I love networking with other law librarians almost as much!

What was the most challenging research question you have had in either your school or professional career?
I once spent a significant amount of time creating a survey of emerging intellectual property laws in developing nations. Between language issues and the lack of legislative records, I somehow managed to put together something that made the solicitors (UK) for whom I was working very happy. As for me, I was seeing IP law in my sleep!

What are some of your hobbies and/or interests?
I love to travel and have done so extensively. I am also an avid reader, enjoy writing (especially on topics of interest to our profession), and have been known to meditate on occasion.

Did you grow up in the Chicago area? If not, where did you grow up?
No. I grew up in a small town in the mountains of Northeast Pennsylvania. However, I have managed to live in California and London, UK, as well as now here in Chicago.

And finally, one fun question….If you had to describe yourself as any time of shoe, what would it be and why?
I would probably be a loafer: versatile, comfortable, simple, and never out-of-style!

Name: Cerrelda M. Jones

What is your current position?
Chief of Branch Services at Cook County Law Library.

What led you to come to work in librarianship / legal information?
Librarianship – Love of helping people and doing research.
Legal information – After working in the areas of school, academic and special (medical librarianship), the legal area was a new adventure.

Who or what were large influences on your career?
Librarians throughout school—elementary, high school and college—especially college. Dr. Frances Pollard, Dean of the Library Science Department, convinced me to take all Library Science classes as a minor for my Elementary Education major. Librarianship has been a part of my career since that time.

How do you think legal information will be delivered in 20 years?
Mostly, but hopefully, not fully electronic. I will always be a huge fan of books.

What is the most rewarding part of your work?
Although as an administrator I don't get to do much anymore, I love doing research—finding the right information for the right person/purpose is very rewarding for me.

What are some of your hobbies and/or interests?
Reading, dancing, working out and spa vacations.

Did you grow up in the Chicago area? If not, where did you grow up?
Yes, the Southeast side (Kenwood/Oakland community) in the 1960s and 1970s.

And finally, one fun question….If you had to describe yourself as any time of shoe, what would it be and why?
Sandals – low and comfortable, open and airy—relaxed.

Name: Barbara Smith

What is your current position?
I am an attorney and head of the Chicago Transit Authority Law Department Library Committee. I am also a part-time MLIS student at Dominican University.

What led you to come to work in librarianship / legal information?
Librarianship was always an interest of mine, but the need to professionalize the services at CTA moved me in the

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direction of law librarianship.

Who or what were large influences on your career?
Gretchen Van Dam significantly changed my direction in librarianship. Her influence extended to my overall management style (as if I had a discernible one to begin with) and efficiency.

How do you think legal information will be delivered in 20 years?
No one doubts that it will be electronic, but we will need better methods than we currently have for search and retrieval. Frustration with spotty research is bound to lead to a backlash.

What is the most rewarding part of your work?
Pushing new information to the other attorneys and trying to get them excited about looking into developments.

What was the most challenging research question you have had in either your school or professional career?
Statutory and ordinance research on 1920s laws related to pension and employment. Scott Burgh at the City of Chicago Department of Law Library was a tremendous help for the dusty part of that work.

What are some of your hobbies and/or interests?
Playing around with research in public interest and political issues.

Did you grow up in the Chicago area? If not, where did you grow up?
I was born in Freedom, Wisconsin, which is a very small town near Appleton.

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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.

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- June 05, 2007 (Tues.)
- Aug. 07, 2007 (Tues.)
- Sept.11, 2007 (Tues.)
- Oct. 09, 2007 (Tues.)
- Nov. 13, 2007 (Tues.)
- Dec. 11, 2007 (Tues.)
- Jan. 08, 2008 (Tues.)
- Feb. 12, 2008 (Tues.)
- Mar. 11, 2008 (Tues.)
- Apr. 08, 2008 (Tues.)
- May 13, 2008 (Tues.)

THE ROADS TRAVELED

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In contemplating which of the phenomenal AALL 2007 Annual Conference experiences I wanted to focus on in this article, a particular phrase kept rising to the forefront of my thoughts – "Building Pathways and Bridges." This was actually the title of the segment I was asked to speak on during the New Orleans Legislative Advocacy Leadership Training: Advocacy Rocks in the Bayou / "County Law Libraries: Building Pathways and Bridges." Additionally, it is one of the overarching themes with which I left New Orleans--the constant pathways and bridges we as law librarians build for each other and our communities.

As with most county law libraries across the country, my budget is horribly strained. Gratefully, a few years ago, the Illinois legislature passed a bill allowing for greater funding opportunities. My county board saw the wisdom of having informed legal consumers and increased the law library funding to the new statutory maximum. One of the direct results of this funding increases is that, after a hiatus of more years than I care to count, I am able to travel for professional advancement and learning opportunities.

Knowing that I would be in Seattle for the American Library Association Midwinter Conference in January, and having heard so many positive things about the King County Law Library, I contacted the director, Marcus Hochstetler, to ask if I could stop by for a visit. Marcus kindly agreed, and the first of many paths was forged. I had a fabulous visit, and Marcus caught me up on a lot of what was happening in AALL, particularly in the State, Court, & County Law Libraries Section.

My next trailblazer was Mary Alice Baish. While in Seattle, I attended various ALA committee meetings, including one that Mary Alice happened to be attending as a member. Knowing her name from professional literature, I introduced myself at a break, and she in turn introduced me to then AALL President Sally Holterhoff. Mary Alice and Sally graciously extended a dinner invitation to me, which I quickly accepted. Though I had been keeping up with my membership and professional reading, it was nice to re-establish personal connections to the larger arena of the law library community.

Through my developing friendship with Marcus, not only was a bridge spanned between Chicago and Seattle, but also between AALL and me. Several months later, Marcus went out on a limb and asked me to speak at the AALL "Rise to the Challenge" Annual Conference in New Orleans. Eager to become active again in AALL, I willingly accepted this generous offer.

Having met Sally and Marcus in Seattle turned into a greater blessing for me (read as more work for them!) when I applied for AALL Annual Conference travel grants to attend "Rise to the Challenge." Both Marcus and Sally graciously took time out of their schedules to write grant application recommendation letters for me. I was ecstatic when I was awarded one of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries travel grants. Another bridge had been built, thanks to the support of CALL--a bridge from Chicago to the AALL Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Upon arriving in New Orleans, one thing weighed on my mind more heavily than my impending speech. Specifically, of the river of people flooding into New Orleans for the conference, I only knew three faces--Marcus, Sally and Mary Alice. My fears were quickly assuaged, however, as Marcus once again acted as a bridge and introduced me to everyone he knew (which did seem to be everyone!). Librarians I had never met were so gracious and kind, welcoming me into conversations and dinner groups. I found it ironic that I traveled all the way to New Orleans (via the bridges built by the law librarians I met in Seattle

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OFF THE BEATEN PATH

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Most of the chapter and SIS newsletter articles that I combed through the past few months fell into the genre of "What I Did at AALL . . . " After reading multiple accounts of various events at AALL, I started to suffer a bit from AALL conference overkill, and decided to primarily focus on other types of articles for the column.

Accordingly, the articles listed in this issue's column cover a variety of subjects, ranging from doomsday predictions for the library catalog, to the benefits of sponsoring internships. If you don't have time to read them all, there are two items that I would particularly recommend. First, is Kip Kolkmeier's piece on the recent amendment to the Illinois Library Records Confidentiality Act. The article explains the contents of the amendment, which is effective January 1, 2008, and discusses the Illinois Library Association's role in completing the final draft of the bill.

The other article of particular interest is Georgetown librarian Sara Kelley's piece on screencasting software. I had never heard of this type of technology prior to reading this article, and Kelley's piece really intrigued me. In addition to reviewing several different screencasting products, Kelley also provides links to tutorials that her library developed using this technology.

I do hope you find some buried treasure in this list. Please feel free to e-mail me if you ever run across an article you think might be a candidate for inclusion in the column.

CATALOGS AND CATALOGERS

Zhou, Don, and Anne Poulter. "Limited Future and Unlimited Prospect: What the Future Holds for Library Catalogs and Catalogers." ***MALL Newsletter*** **vol. 34 no. 2 (September/October 2007): 5-6. Available at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/news342.pdf**

The Head of Technical Services and Interim Associate Director at William Mitchell College of Law (St. Paul, Minnesota) authored this opinion piece for the newsletter of the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries. Here, the two librarians opine that the library catalog's future is limited for three reasons: 1) the catalog is limited in its contents; 2) the catalog structure hampers its own growth; and, 3) cataloging in MARC is expensive. They add, however, that their gloomy prediction about the catalog can be dissipated if catalogers reinvent themselves in the library.

ILLINOIS LIBRARY RECORDS CONFIDENTIALITY ACT

Kolkmeier, Kiplund. "Emergency Exception to the Illinois Library Records Confidentiality Act." ***ILA Reporter*** **vol. 25 issue 5 (October 2007): 9-12. Available at http://www.ila.org/pub/reporter/current.pdf**

Kolkmeier, a Legislative Consultant for the Illinois Library Association, penned this article for the Association's bimonthly newsletter. The article discusses Public Act 95-0040, the first amendment to the Illinois Library Records Confidentiality Act in more than two decades. The Amendment, which is effective on January 1st, creates a narrow emergency exception that allows law enforcement officials to request information from a library without a court order. A model "Request Form" is included, which the ILA urges the library community to use when police make such a demand. Note: Some CALL members might remember the author who spoke at the November 2006 CALL-sponsored program on the Illinois legislative process.

LAW STUDENTS (UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATION)

Brown, Kathleen. "Working Outside the Box of Your Job can Sometimes Resolve Issues Inside the Box." ***Southeastern Law Librarian*** **vol. 32 issue 3 (Summer 2007): 6-8. Available at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/newsletter_archives/seaallv32n3.pdf**

Brown, the Faculty & Student Services Librarian at St. Thomas University Law Library in Miami, discusses her

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experience "outside the box"—teaching legal research to an undergraduate class. This experience, she reveals, led her to think generally about the educational process prior to law school. She concludes that most new law students have had little, if any, prior academic exposure to U.S. law or legal history, and that this information gap needs to be filled. To help fill this void, Brown plans to create a display in her law library that focuses on basic legal resources, and to provide accompanying handouts that are based on the materials she originally created for the undergraduate class.

LEGAL EDUCATION (INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS)

Kelley, Sara. "Developments in Legal Education: Integrating Transnational Perspectives into U.S. Legal Education." *The ALL-SIS Newsletter* vol. 27 issue 1 (Fall 2007): 24-25, 34. Available at http://www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/newsletter/27_1/27_1.pdf

In this article, which appeared in the newsletter of AALL's Academic Law Libraries SIS, the author explains how U.S. law schools are responding to the need to produce more internationally aware graduates. According to Kelley, the Electronic Resources Librarian at Georgetown, there are two major approaches: 1) the "integration model," and 2) the "separation model." Kelley provides examples of each, as well as a description of Georgetown's hybrid approach that combines both models.

LEGAL RESEARCH (TEACHING OF)

Callinan, Ellen. "Teaching Law Firm Research at Georgetown Law." *Law Library Lights* vol. 51 no. 1 (Fall 2007): 1, 3-6. Available at http://www.llsdc.org/attachments/wysiwyg/207/LLLF07.pdf

Ellen Callinan, a.k.a. Callinan the Librarian, and an adjunct professor at Georgetown, contributed this interesting piece to the most recent issue of the newsletter of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, DC. Here, Callinan describes a course she co-teaches at Georgetown that is structured around the "life cycle of a client matter in a law firm." The course, which contains three units (planning, implementation, and evaluation), is so popular with third year students that there are always lengthy waiting lists.

LIBRARIANSHIP PROFESSION

Carlson, Scott. "Young Librarians Talkin' Bout Their Generation." *The Chronicle of Higher Education* vol. 54 issue 8 (October 19, 2007): A28. Available at http://chronicle.com/weekly/v54/i08/08a02801.htm

I read this short piece in *The Chronicle*, and decided CALL members in all types of law libraries might be interested in its contents. For the article, the publication contacted eight academic librarians under 40 and questioned them about the future of their profession. The questions included: What will happen to the book? How well did your library science education prepare you? and Should the relationship between libraries and publishers change?. Respondents represented different institutions, including Williams College, University of Rochester, and the Georgia Institute of Technology. These young librarians' insights are worth a read, including the recommendations of one Vermont librarian who advises members of his profession to tell publishers "to stuff it, and tell them to come back with a better contract."

PUBLIC RECORDS RESEARCH

Hudson, Rob. "Researching People on the Internet to Build a 'Profile.'" *SFALL Newsletter* vol. 31 issue 1 (Fall 2007): 6-8. Available at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sfall/newsletters/fall07.pdf

This contribution, which appeared in the newsletter of the Southern Florida Association of Law Libraries, presents tips and strategies for locating people, and building personal profiles. As Hudson explains, people searches are generally challenging, as federal and state statutes provide legal limits on retrieving certain types of personal information. The author offers advice on conducting research on individuals by using such online tools as real and personal property records, social networking sites, criminal records, and professional license look-ups, but concurrently warns researchers to have realistic expectations.

SCREENCASTING SOFTWARE

Kelley, Sara. "Creating Multimedia Research and Software Tutorials with Screencasting Software." *Law Library Lights* vol. 51 no. 1 (Fall 2007): 17-18. Available at http://www.llsdc.org/attachments/wysiwyg/207/LLLF07.pdf

In this article, Kelley describes how library staff at Georgetown utilized screencasting software to create legal research and software tutorials. Screencasting, she explains, is "the process of recording a movie of your computer desktop as you demonstrate a program or database." The article reviews available screencasting software, including Adobe Captivate, which the Georgetown librarians used to create their tutorials. The case law tutorial

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that Kelley and her co-workers developed is available at http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/tutorials/cases/index.cfm.

STUDENT INTERNSHIPS (LAW FIRMS)
Eaton, Amy. "Student Internships: A Law Firm Library Perspective."
***LLOPSCited* vol. 18 issue 1 (Fall 2007): 8-9. Available at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llops/committees/newsletter/fall07.pdf**

In this article, a librarian at the Seattle law firm of Perkins Coie, describes her library's first experience with a student intern. Eaton details the experience, from the initial drafting and posting of the internship description, to the intern's daily schedule and accomplishments. The article is accompanied by a segment that the intern (a library student at Syracuse University), wrote about his time at Perkins Coie.

TITLE CONCERNS (THOMSON WEST)
Lemann, Catherine. "SCCLL Leaders Meet with Thomson West at AALL." *SCCLL News* vol. 33 issue 3 (Fall 2007): 7-8. Available at http://www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll/pdfs/07fall.pdf

This informative article appeared in the newsletter of AALL's State, Court & County Law Libraries SIS. Here, Lemann describes a pre-arranged meeting at the 2007 AALL conference between Thomson West representatives and SCCLL leadership. The meeting agenda included questions about pricing for print titles, West rep and account manager turnover, and frequency of replacement volumes. On page nine in the same issue, there is a companion article that contains almost verbatim responses from West about specific title concerns, including those related to the *Federal Practice Digest*, and *Words and Phrases*. An interesting read for all law librarians who purchase, teach, and use West products.

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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TechBuzz

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Top Five Tips for Keeping Up with New and Emerging Technologies

By Lyonette Louis-Jacques

How do you get the most current "**TechBuzz**"(besides reading this column)? We polled each other and asked you for your thoughts...and... here are some tips. Enjoy!

Tip #1

Become BFFs with IT folks. Get to know tech gurus and computing services staff! Join tech groups. Tech pros will share new info with you, answer your questions, and help you trouble shoot in a pinch. And, some of their tech-knowledge may just rub off on you. It can't hurt!

Tip #2

Hang out with Gen X, Gen Y, Next Gen, and Net Gen'ers. Talk (and listen) to your student workers and new employees. Net Gen'ers have grown up connected and have a very different view of technology and its useful applications. Prepare in advance by checking out Beloit College's Mindset List[1] (for example, the Class of 2011, "Avatars have nothing to do with Hindu deities"). Befriend the Net Generation because...see Tip #1!

Tip #3

Try new technologies when you hear about them -- even new versions of old standbys. Beta-test. Experiment. Explore. Innovate. Be tech-curious. Be playful. And upgrade, upgrade, upgrade!

Tip #4

Adapt technology to practical, everyday uses. Don't treat technology as something outside your work and play. If a friend or colleague tells you about some new technology, try it -- you can share your experiences (much nicer than experimenting solo). Use technology with friends and colleagues in your social networks. Be creative. If you use technology personally, you can better apply it to your workplace. The iPod is an example of technology you can use personally and apply at work.

Tip #5

Be tech-prepared! Seek out new technology info. Read blogs and e-mail lists populated by tech-savvy folks and tech columns in newspapers, newsletters, magazines; attend seminars, workshops, training sessions, and conferences that feature how to use technology in law and library settings; network with folks monitoring tech trends because…see Tip #1!

Finally, ask yourself: Am I an "Early Adopter"? Am I a "Shifted Librarian"? Am I "Connected"? Am I like the "lo-fi librarian," always trying out new things right away? Or, am I like the "Technological Tortoise" slowly, but steadily conquering Web 2.0? If you are tech-savvy - even a little bit - share your tech knowledge and enthusiasm! If you're not, become one or become BFFs with one...:-) You can start today!

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1. Beloit College Mindset List: http://www.beloit.edu/~pubaff/mindset/

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Current Awareness Resources

By Heidi Kuehl

The following is a great list of current awareness materials for keeping up with the ever-changing technologies in our lives. To help organize and keep track of current awareness materials, use an RSS feed, such as Bloglines (http://www.bloglines.com/), Google Reader (http://www.google.com/ then select the more link) & MyYahoo (http://cm.my.yahoo.com/?rd=nux).

Blogs & Websites

Berkman Center for Internet and Society (http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/home/) – A premier website from Harvard's Berkman Center, which provides recent news, a blog, and research publications related to Internet and technology.

DennisKennedy.blog (http://www.denniskennedy.com/blog/) - Legal technology blog by 2001 TechnoLawyer of the Year and ABA TechShow board member, Dennis Kennedy. This blogger has great respect for law librarians, and "the ability to move among the cutting-edge 'geeks' as well as the rest of us and to make the technologies understandable." The blog includes product reviews from a practicing attorney's viewpoint and is highly recommended for firm librarians or others who want to know what's going on in the field of technology and the practice of law.

Free Range Librarian (http://freerangelibrarian.com/) - A blog by writer and librarian, K.G. Schneider, which covers Internet technologies for libraries.

The Gadgeteer (http://the-gadgeteer.com/) - A blog edited by Julie Strietelmeier. It contains reviews of new gadgets, geeky crafts, and cool tools!

Google Blog (http://googleblog.blogspot.com/) / Googlization of Everything Blog – (http://www.googlizationofeverything.com/) - As the official blog of Google, the "Google Blog" provides updates on new features of the search engine, new products, technologies, and general discussion of web-related issues. The "Googlization of Everything Blog," published by Siva Vaidhyanathan, gives a balanced critique of Google's features and a discussion forum for new issues, such as the Google Book Search.

Law Librarian Blog (http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law_librarian_blog/) - A premier blog, which is published by law librarians, for the dissemination of current information for issues of relevance for law librarians (e.g., collection development, new articles, and features resources).

LawLibTech (http://www.lawlibtech.com/) - "A Conversation on Law Library Technology and Knowledge Management" blog by Cindy Chick, former LLRX.com editor. This is a relevant and valuable resource for information professionals working with intranets, KM projects, and electronic delivery of content.

Lessig Blog (http://www.lessig.org/blog/) - A blog published by Stanford's Larry Lessig that focuses on copyright, cyberspace, Web 2.0, and other technology-related legal issues.

Library Stuff (http://www.librarystuff.net/) - A library blog by New York librarian, Steven Cohen, which provides useful information about Web 2.0, technology, and postings for general current awareness.

LibraryLaw Blog (http://blog.librarylaw.com/) – A blog, published by Mary Minow, which is devoted to current issues and discussions of the intersection of law and libraries.

Search Engine Watch (http://searchenginewatch.com/showPage.html?page=reports) – A comprehensive website of search engine ratings and statistics, including periodic reports and articles for search engine comparisons.

The Shifted Librarian (http://www.theshiftedlibrarian.com/) - A blog by local "information maven," Jenny Levine, on how librarians can transform the information flow to deliver library information to users instead of having users come to libraries for information. Read "The Shifted Librarian" for thoughtful and creative commentary on using technology to change the world of libraries and their users.

News Sources

beSpacific (http://www.bespacific.com/) - AALL award-winning blog by *Library Journal* "mover and shaker" and LLRX.com editor, Sabrina Pacifici. This blog covers "daily law and technology news with links to reliable primary and secondary sources on topics including e-government, privacy, government documents, cybercrime and

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ID theft, the Patriot Act, freedom of information, federal legislation, legal research, KM, blogs, RSS and wikis." An essential current awareness tool.

Convergence: The International Journal of Research into New Media Technologies (http://con.sagepub.com/archive/) - This website provides an archive of *Convergence*, which is a journal devoted to articles about new media technologies and helpful explanations about how to best use them.

Information Today (http://www.infotoday.com/) - A premier website for information, technology, and multimedia news for librarians.

Law.com (Law Librarians section for LLF) (http://www.law.com/jsp/llf/law_librarians.jsp) - With a focus on large firm law librarians, these online law librarian updates are related to the intersection of law, technology, and librarianship.

Law.com - Legal Technology (http://www.law.com/jsp/legaltechnology/index.jsp) - This website focuses on general types of technology trends and news articles that can be delivered in RSS.

Law Practice Today (Technology Articles Section, ABA) (http://www.abanet.org/lpm/lpt/archives/technology.html) - Provided by the ABA Section on Law Practice Management, this site provides recent articles and summaries of developments in technology related to the practice of law.

NY Times Technology News (http://www.nytimes.com/pages/technology/index.html) – A premier online news source, which focuses on articles about technology, and also provides detailed information and reviews for technological gadgets.

Slashdot (http://slashdot.org/) – A site of "News for Nerds, Stuff that Matters" for technology enthusiasts.

Times Online Technology (http://technology.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/tech_and_web/) – A British news service with a section focused on the latest technology and web news.

Wall Street Journal Technology News (http://online.wsj.com/public/page/technology.html?mod=1_0013) - Another top online news source that includes a technology section that is devoted to articles about national and international technological developments.

Wired Magazine (http://www.wired.com/) - Essential reading on the newest technologies and how they are changing our world in obvious, and insidious, ways. It includes hardware, software, device and game reviews, as well as a reflection on the interactions between technology and our daily lives.

Law Journals & Working Papers

BEPress (http://law.bepress.com/repository/announcements.html) - A legal repository of articles and working papers provided by Berkeley that allows an RSS by subject area for new publications, such as "Law and Technology" or "Intellectual Property."

Legal Scholarship Network (SSRN/LSN) (http://www.ssrn.com/lsn/index.html) – An online repository for working papers, research articles, and law journal articles that is searchable by title, author, or keywords.

Selected Technology Law Journals

(Note: Links to HeinOnline are password protected.)

Berkeley Technology Law Journal (http://www.btlj.boalt.org/)

Boston University Journal of Science and Technology Law (http://www.bu.edu/law/central/jd/organizations/journals/scitech/index.html)

Duke Law & Technology Review (http://www.law.duke.edu/journals/dltr/)

Harvard Journal of Law and Technology (http://jolt.law.harvard.edu/articles/)

I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society (http://www.is-journal.org/articles.php)

International Journal of Law and Information Technology (http://ijlit.oxfordjournals.org/)

Journal of High Technology (http://www.jhtl.org/)

Journal of Information, Law, and Technology (http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/elj/jilt/)

Journal of Law, Technology, and Policy (http://www.

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heinonline.org/HOL/Index?index=journals/jltp&collection=journals)

Journal on Telecommunications & High Technology Law (http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?index=journals/jtelhtel&collection=journals) / (http://www.colorado.edu/law/jthtl/)

Loyola Law and Technology Annual (http://law.loyno.edu/law_tech/subscriptions.htm) / (http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?index=journals/loyiphtj&collection=journals)

Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology (http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?index=journals/mipr&collection=journals) / (http://mjlst.umn.edu/)

North Carolina Journal of Law and Technology (http://www.ncjolt.org/)

Northwestern Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property: NJTIP (http://www.law.northwestern.edu/journals/njtip/issues.htm)

Richmond Journal of Law and Technology (http://law.richmond.edu/jolt/index.asp)

Shidler Journal of Law, Commerce & Technology (http://www.lctjournal.washington.edu/)

Stanford Technology Law Review (http://stlr.stanford.edu/)

Tulane Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property (http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?index=journals/tuljtip&collection=journals)

University of Ottawa Law & Technology Journal (http://www.uoltj.ca/articles.php)

Virginia Journal of Law and Technology (http://www.vjolt.net/)

Yale Journal of Law and Technology (http://www.yjolt.org/)

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and CALL), to meet several Chicago area law librarians, such as Scott Burgh, whom I knew only from listserv postings. And, as it turns out, I knew a fourth friendly face, Jean Wenger from the Cook County Law Library, whom I ran into at the LexisNexis Dessert Reception.

This feeling of acceptance and camaraderie still overwhelms me. The paths that were opened, and the bridges that were built for me (a perfect stranger) through the kindness and warmth of other law librarians, deeply enforces why I am so proud to be a part of this profession. Law librarians from all across the nation rose to the challenge in New Orleans and exhibited the compassion, commitment and dedication to clearing paths, building bridges and creating a strong unified community that helps make the profession so dear. I am deeply grateful for the learning opportunities that were opened to me thanks to the dedication of individual law librarians and the Chicago Association of Law Libraries to clear paths and span bridges for others in the law library community. I hope that I too, one day, will be in a position to act as a trailblazer for others.

Law Library Job Descriptions are posted on our website at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/ under "Careers" in the "Position Descriptions in Law Libraries" section. The descriptions outline typical job responsibilities of various types of library positions along with current salary trends for each of the positions listed. Also listed under "Careers" are library internship opportunities. Be sure to visit the CALL website to learn more.