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Welcome to fall and a new year for CALL. We have a new co-editor of the Bulletin, Margaret Schilt. Margaret is the Faculty Services Librarian at the University of Chicago’s D’Angelo Law Library. We also welcome Gretchen Van Dam as the 2009-2010 CALL President, as well as all incoming officers and board members.

This issue includes the CALL Committee Annual Reports, with an accompanying introduction that highlights the Committees’ accomplishments during the past year. Be sure to check out the activities and contributions of the various committees. CALL certainly has a lot to be proud of! Please contact Gretchen Van Dam if you’d like to volunteer for any of the CALL Committees for the 2009-2010 year.

We also welcome back the Bulletin’s regular columnists and thank these talented CALL members for their continued willingness to contribute. Bob Winger is back with “Whatever Happened To...?” This time around, Bob reports on Judy Gaskell, who is now the Librarian of the U.S. Supreme Court. Maria Willmer returns with “Working Smarter,” and the “TechBuzz” column is back with Therese Clarke Arado’s helpful article on organizing technology. “People & Places,” Valerie Kropf’s list of new members and positions, has also returned.

In addition, be sure to check out Jamie Sommer’s article on the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting in D.C. Jamie received one of CALL’s AALL Annual Meeting grants. Margaret Schilt also contributed a short article on the CALL Brown Bag event at AALL. There is also a brief piece on the Professional Options Fair at ALA, which Gretchen Van Dam and Sheri Lewis attended on behalf of CALL this past July.

We hope you enjoy this first issue of the 2009-2010 year!

– Julienne Grant and Margaret Schilt
PRESIDENT’S LETTER

By Gretchen Van Dam

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CALL Members:

It’s difficult to believe that summer is almost over – and that we are at the beginning of what promises to be another successful year for CALL. My deepest appreciation to all of you who have volunteered to serve on CALL Committees for 2009-2010. Our association’s work is driven by its members, and we couldn’t accomplish what we do without the generous efforts of so many of you. If you haven’t yet volunteered for a committee and would still like to do so, the “Committee Volunteer Sign-Up” form is located on the main page of CALL’s website.

CALL and its members were major presences at this year’s annual AALL meeting in Washington, D.C. During the course of the meeting, CALL members served as moderators and presenters at educational sessions, served on AALL Committees, participated in SIS programs and events, and attended leadership training events for chapters. Of particular note was the brown bag program sponsored by CALL, and organized and facilitated by CALL Treasurer Ruth Bridges, “Rebalancing Your Collection: Print or Electronic or Both?” Over 50 attendees discussed balancing print and electronic titles in law library collections and shared best practices. It was a great success!

On September 10th, CALL Committee Chairs and Board Members will meet at MLS to discuss the work of our association in 2009-2010. This half-day meeting enables our chapter leaders to work through committee duties and responsibilities, committee initiatives for the upcoming year, and ways to collaborate with one another. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to discuss the continuation of CALL’s process of strategic planning. I have reappointed the members of the Special Committee for Strategic Planning to continue the work that began in 2008-2009 with the adoption of a mission statement for CALL. You can find our new mission statement on the main page of the CALL website: “The Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) connects a vibrant and diverse network of members by supporting the development of professional expertise; encouraging leadership, collaboration, and advocacy in the legal information community; and promoting and enhancing the field of law librarianship.” It is time for our association to strategically plan for the future using our new mission statement as the foundation. More on this in the months ahead.

The last year has been a difficult one for many of our colleagues as our organizations struggle to bear the burden of these tough economic times. One of my favorite federal judges has a story he likes to tell when he fondly recollects his first days as a district court judge and his first law clerk. Their first group of cases was up on appeal, and they were eagerly awaiting the court of appeals’ decisions. The judge tells of how the law clerk came running into chambers with the first bit of news, “Judge, the Court of Appeals decision in Walker v. Smith has just been released – we were affirmed!” After a great deal of back-patting, all returned to work. The afternoon brought this news, “Judge, the Court of Appeals decision in Jones v. Campbell has just been released – you were reversed.” As the judge then noted, good times or bad, we are all in this together. I would say it’s the same for law librarians; academic, firm, court, county, or corporate, we are all in this together, and our association serves as a great place for us to learn from one another and support one another as we forge into the future. Let’s have a productive, educational, and fun association year!

Gretchen Van Dam
2008-2009 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
AALL Headquarters, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 940  
April 14, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Ruth Bridges, Debbie Ginsberg, Sheri Lewis, Christine Morong, Julie Pabarja, Debbie Rusin and Gretchen Van Dam

New Board Members Present: Gail Hartzell, Heidi Kuehl, and Julie Melvin

Summary:

Treasurer’s Report (Section IV):
1. CALL Balance as of March 31, 2009: $32,354.99
2. Net Income, March 31, 2009: ($2,503.77)
3. Membership as of March 31, 2009: 325

Significant Actions:

Archives: At the end of the CALL year, committee chairs should review the list of documents provided by the Archives Committee and submit the requested materials. (Section VII(d))

CALL Board: The thumb drives should contain those electronic documents useful to incoming Board members. Board members who are changing positions, such as from Vice President to President, should provide relevant documents to the Board member assuming the duty of their former office. Documents should be submitted in universal formats like PDFs. (Section VII(f))

Continuing Education: Institute Day was a success.

The evaluation forms all included positive comments. Kudos especially go to June Liebert who volunteered to fill in for a speaker who cancelled. (Section V)

Directory: The Board recommends adding ILL information to the Directory. The Membership Committee will determine when and how to collect ILL-related information from CALL members. (Section VI(a))

CALL Event at AALL Annual Meeting 2009: One vendor has expressed interest in attending the event. The Board does not object as long as vendors are treated as attendees, not event sponsors. CALL will moderate the discussion and will set ground rules. Vendors will be asked not to use the session as a marketing opportunity, and to limit the number of representatives per company to ensure sufficient space for all who wish to attend. (Section VI(b))

Grants: The Board recommends that the Committee reach out to the administration of local library schools to find students interested in completing applications for the Wolters Kluwer student membership grant. The Board also recommends that the Grants Committee promote the grant on the listserv. The student members who receive grants should be mentioned in the Bulletin. (Section VII(a))

Membership: A person admitted to library school asked if she should pay the membership rate or the student rate for the 2009-2010 CALL year. The member was allowed to pay the student rate. The Board recommends that future inquiries be handled in the same manner because CALL does not verify membership status type. (Section VII(a))

CALL would like to thank Wolters Kluwer Law & Business for sponsoring the May 21, 2009 Business Meeting.
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Strategic Planning: The Board recommends that CALL continue the strategic planning process next year. (Section VII(e))

2008-2009 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
AALL Headquarters, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 940 May 12, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Debbie Ginsberg, Sheri Lewis, Christine Morong, Julie Pabarja, Debbie Rusin and Gretchen Van Dam

Board Members Absent: Ruth Bridges

New Board Members Present: Gail Hartzell, Heidi Kuehl, and Julie Melvin

Summary:
Treasurer’s Report (Section IV):
1. CALL Balance as of April 30, 2009: $33,904.35
2. Net Income, April 30, 2009: $1,549.36

Significant Actions:
Grants and Awards Committee: The award winners have been announced. The 2009 Agnes and Harvey T. Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship will be presented to Betty Roeske. The 2009 Award for Outstanding In-House Publication will be presented to Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library for its publication, Guide to Library Services.

The Committee awarded two grants of $500 each to attend AALL. They will be given to Thomas Keefe and Jamie Sommer, both from John Marshall.

Archives Committee: The Archives Committee’s retention document will be added to the 2009-2010 Handbook.

Strategic Planning: The Strategic Planning Committee has drafted and proposed a new mission statement for CALL:

The Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) connects a vibrant and diverse network of members by supporting the development of professional expertise; encouraging leadership, collaboration, and advocacy in the legal information community; and promoting and enhancing the field of law librarianship.

The Board approved the mission statement.

A special committee will be appointed by Gretchen Van Dam to continue strategic planning during the next CALL year. The committee should be in place by the June Board Meeting. The Board will develop a charge for the new committee at the June meeting.

2008-2009 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
7th Circuit Court Library, 219 South Dearborn, 16th Floor June 9, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Ruth Bridges, Heidi Kuehl, Sheri Lewis, Gail Hartzell, Julie Melvin and Christine Morong (by telephone)

Board Members Absent: Gretchen Van Dam

Summary:
Treasurer’s Report (Section IV):
1. CALL Balance as of May 31, 2009: $30,952.68
3. Membership as of May 31, 2009: For 2008-2009, there are 327 members (31 new members and 296 renewals). For 2009-2010, there are 23 members (2 new members and 21 renewals).

Significant Actions:
The contract with Bulletin layout designer Mary Chase should take effect in August 2009, with an end date of July 2010. The contract is ready for execution, but Gretchen needs to sign the contract and then send it to Mary for her signature. Gail does not anticipate Mary having any issues with the contract.

CALL would like to thank Professionals Library Service, Inc. for sponsoring the door prizes at the May 21, 2009 Business Meeting.
May Business Meeting
May 21, 2009

The May Business Meeting was held at Lawry’s The Prime Rib. Outgoing President Sheri Lewis opened the meeting by welcoming the 139 people who had registered for the event. In addition, she welcomed new members Dino Agudo of East View Information Services, Laurie Chartoff of McDermott Will & Emery, and Jill Matulionis of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione.

Stephan Bosworth from Lawry’s told the history of the restaurant’s building. Originally built as the McCormick mansion in the late 19th century, it later housed the Kungsholm light opera theatre. In 1974, Lawry’s opened its Chicago restaurant there, where it has been ever since.

Lawry’s itself began as The Prime Rib restaurant in Beverly Hills in 1938. The salt Lawry’s now sells was at first available exclusively in this restaurant. The restaurant was the first to serve salad before the entrée, first to use valet parking, one of the first to use a doggie bag, and the first with an all-female wait staff.

Lawry’s now has restaurants in several locations, including Chicago and Dallas. The grandson of one of the founders still runs the corporation. The Chicago restaurant alone will serve 200K guests and 300K lbs. of prime rib this year. Lawry’s is the single largest purchaser of prime rib in the nation.

Incoming President Gretchen Van Dam thanked the meeting’s sponsor, Wolters Kluwer. She asked the representatives attending to stand and be recognized.

Gretchen next introduced the meeting speaker, James Duggan, President of AALL. James Duggan is Law Library Director and Associate Professor of Law at Tulane University Law School. He is formerly of the Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, where he served for 20 years. James is an experienced professor of research and lawyering skills. He received his bachelor’s degree from Virginia Tech, his J.D. from the University of Mississippi, and his library science degree from LSU.

James recognized the many CALL members who are involved with AALL. Gretchen will serve on next year’s Scholarships Committee. Past and current Board members include Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Mary Lu Linnane, Katie Leonard, Susan Seibers, and Sally Holterhoff. Margaret Schilt, Therese Arado, Keith Ann Stiverson, JoAnn Hounshell, Julie Pabarja, and June Liebert are all currently serving on AALL Committees.

Kate Hagen, AALL Executive Director, also attended this business meeting.

AALL is now doing more to communicate with members. Its monthly newsletter was sent out today. In light of the economy, AALL is working to do as much as it has done in the past, but is looking at expenses and working to maintain members’ core experience.

AALL has created a wiki for its website to help members in the current economy. The wiki includes career, financial management, and public relations tools.

The website will also soon feature AALL2go. This new service will house all of AALL’s educational opportunities

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in one place. Upcoming webinars include “Preparing for the Next Step in Your Career,” which will be held on June 26th, as well as one on licensing agreements to be held on June 9th.

AALL has created a new grant category. These grants will be targeted towards members who have been in the profession longer than five years. AALL will also offer scholarships for educational activities.

As AALL President, James has been working on several initiatives. These include renovating the AALL website to better facilitate finding current information and preserving archival content. The site will also incorporate new Web 2.0 tools. June Liebert is on the Strategic Planning Committee for AALLNET. Currently, a launch is being planned for late fall.

In addition, AALL is exploring new avenues of member recognition. Currently, the Association grants the yearly “Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award,” among other awards. AALL plans to expand these to recognize other work by members on behalf of the Association.

Hein has now scanned many years of AALL minutes and Board books. They will be available online to AALL members.

In response to questions, James discussed the theme for this year’s meeting, “Innovate.” He noted that our profession is changing, and that to continue, librarians will need to innovate. The Annual Meeting promises to be a good one. Jonathan Zittrain will be the keynote speaker.

AALL’s five-year strategic plan will end next year. The next plan will likely be shorter, perhaps a three-year plan. Jean Wenger will be involved in creating the new plan. Members will have opportunities for input and comment.

New Orleans would like AALL to return for a future meeting.

AALL is not yet sure if the economy has affected the numbers for the Annual Meeting registrations. The Early Early Bird program was successful, and the numbers are currently ahead of Portland’s numbers. However, AALL does not yet have the final numbers.

AALL’s renewal numbers are good, but still behind where the Association was at this point last year.

AALL is moving its headquarters on June 12th. The new offices will be at 105 W. Adams in Chicago. There will be less space, but it will be better configured and AALL will save on its lease. AALL will still use the same phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

After James Duggan’s presentation, Sheri welcomed Debbie Rusin to the podium to present CALL’s annual awards. The Outstanding In-House Publication was awarded to Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library for its Guide to Library Services. This internal guide is simple and straightforward and has proved to be a valuable resource. The award was accepted by Julia Wentz.

Betty Roeske was awarded the Agnes and Harvey T. Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship. Betty served on the Board from 2002 to 2005 as incoming, current, and past president. She has led many CALL Committees, most recently, the Meetings Committee. She currently serves on the Board of the TS-SIS and is the 2008-2009 chair of AALL’s Price Index Committee. She has received the Presidential Award for her work on the Price Index Committee.

Betty thanked everyone for the award and noted that her work took group effort. She thanked her fellow committee and Board members.

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Denise Glynn presented two awards for $500 to attend the AALL Annual Meeting to Tom Keefe and Jamie Sommer, both from John Marshall Law School.

Treasurer Ruth Bridges presented the annual financial report. CALL’s current balance is $35,199.35. CALL’s CD is now worth $10,244.70.

Therese Clarke Arado, Pam Cipkowski, and Frank Drake discussed the work of the Strategic Planning Committee. This year, the Committee was charged with drafting a mission statement. The Committee reviewed documents from earlier strategic plans. They also surveyed CALL members throughout the year to determine the content of the new statement. The new statement reads:

The Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) connects a vibrant and diverse network of members by supporting the development of professional expertise; encouraging leadership, collaboration, and advocacy in the legal information community; and promoting and enhancing the field of law librarianship.

Sheri Lewis announced that CALL has created a new brochure. Copies are now available.

Ruth Bridges described CALL’s special event at this year’s AALL meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, July 28th at noon. The topic for the roundtable discussion will be “Rebalancing Your Collection: Electronic vs. Print.”

John Austin of the Elections Committee gave a report on this year’s election. The election was held from February 17, 2009 through March 15, 2009. CALL used AALL’s electronic platform; only three paper ballots were sent out. Forty-eight percent of CALL members voted. The results were verified on March 16th. They were:

Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, Vice President/President-Elect
Julie Melvin, Secretary
Gail Hartzell, Director

John moved to have the ballots destroyed. The motion was seconded, and the measure passed. The new officers were enrolled.

Carol Klink announced that CALL’s archives were moving next week from Loyola to Northern Illinois University. Archival materials should now be sent to Therese Arado.

Susan Sloma, speaking for the Community Service Committee, thanked the attendees for their contributions to Orphans of the Storm, for the donations in the canisters for Hands of Hope, for the pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House project, and for the cell phones donated to Call to Protect.

Julienne Grant, Co-Editor of the CALL Bulletin, thanked Gail Hartzell for her help as Co-Editor. Gail is now moving to the Board. Julienne announced that the Bulletin was working on a style manual and would be recruiting CALL members for assistance with this project.

Gretchen encouraged CALL members to complete the volunteer form for the 2009-2010 CALL year.

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Sheri thanked the committee chairs for their hard work during the last year, recognizing each by name.

Retiring board members Deborah Rusin, Julie Pabarja, and Debbie Ginsberg were thanked for their work. New and continuing Board members Chris Morong, Ruth Bridges, Julie Melvin, Gail Hartzell, and Heidi Froestead Kuehl were recognized as well.

Sheri passed the presidential gavel to Gretchen Van Dam. Sheri was presented with a gift on behalf of the CALL membership.

Professionals Library Service, Inc. provided three door prizes. The winners were: Jamie Sommer, Walk Bowman, and Eunice Choi. Juli Jackson won a special prize from Lawry’s.

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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All Photos Courtesy of Alina Kelly and Julienne Grant
On July 9, 2009, CALL Past President Sheri Lewis and President Gretchen Van Dam represented CALL at the American Library Association’s Professional Options Fair for the 2008 ALA Spectrum Scholars during their Chicago Leadership Institute. The Spectrum Scholarship Program is ALA’s national diversity and recruitment effort designed to address the specific issue of underrepresentation of critically needed ethnic librarians within the profession. All Spectrum Scholars attend a leadership institute that precedes the ALA Annual Conference, of which the Professional Options Fair is a critical component. The Professional Options Fair brings together representatives from a wide range of library environments and organizations. This event provides Spectrum Scholars with the opportunity to network and to learn more about librarianship. Furthermore, it provides representatives with an excellent opportunity to recruit this diverse group of new library leaders to their specialties and organizations.

Sheri and Gretchen joined over 60 library professionals from a variety of professional organizations. It was great to see how many of the Spectrum Scholars stopped by CALL’s table to learn more about law librarianship and CALL.

Photos courtesy of Gretchen Van Dam

Open for Business

AALL is proud to announce that AALL2go, AALL’s new online learning center, is open for business! The new site offers you specialized continuing education programs designed specifically for law librarians. The convenient online format allows you to expand your knowledge base and gain new skills right from your desktop—no travel is required, and it’s open 24/7. Also, AALL2go is fully searchable, so you can quickly find material targeted to your areas of interest.

The site now includes:

- audio recordings from the 2009, 2008 and 2007 AALL Annual Meeting and Conferences
- 14 free videos from the 2008 and 2009 AALL Annual Meeting and Conferences for AALL members only
- coming soon: archived webinars and more recorded continuing education programs from 2006 to present, including more than 50 free programs for AALL members
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Judy Gaskell talked about her life and career since leaving DePaul for the United States Supreme Court in 2003. She had time to talk after the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., as she had served as the Co-Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee.

Judy comes from northern Minnesota, but by the time she was in high school, her family had moved to Milwaukee. She went to college back in Minnesota at Carleton College in Northfield. After college, she moved to the Chicago area—at this time her parents were living in Evanston—and worked as a full-time substitute teacher for the Chicago Public Schools. She later moved to Winnetka, and then to Chicago’s Hyde Park in 1970, and was looking for a job.

Through the University of Chicago placement office, Judy found an opening in the University’s law library. On a hot August day, she interviewed with Dick Bowler for the position of Circulation Desk Assistant and recalls being told that it was a stressful job. On her second interview, she was told not to worry, as she had been the only person to apply for the position!

So, in August of 1970, Judy began her career in law libraries at the University of Chicago Law Library. She remembers that one of her duties was to write up the overdue notices, which she hand-wrote, saying that while her handwriting was good, her typing was not.

Judy says that Leon Liddell, then librarian of the University of Chicago Law Library, encouraged her to attend library school and law school (along with Judith Wright). She followed his advice, and she entered the University of Chicago’s Graduate Library School, initially going part-time, but finishing as a full-time student and working part-time at the law library. As an aside, she says that her M.L.S. thesis on the legislative history of the Depository Library Act has to rank as one of the most boring theses of all time!

After completing her course requirements, but before finishing her thesis, Judy took a job as a law firm librarian, becoming the first librarian at Sonnenschein in the summer of 1974. She completed her degree requirements and graduated from GLS in the spring of 1975. She continued at Sonnenschein through the end of 1976, and in early 1977, she returned to the University of Chicago Law Library, this time as the Documents Librarian. At the same time, Judy had begun taking evening classes in the DePaul College of Law’s four-year program, having come to the realization that in order to progress in the academic sector, she would need the law degree. She points out that both Judith Wright and Donna Tuke were her classmates at the DePaul College of Law. By this time, she had moved to a reference position at the University of Chicago Law Library, but departed that library once again to finish her J.D.
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Judy graduated from DePaul in 1980, and returned to the U of C Law Library as the Head of Public Services, at the same time that Judith Wright began her tenure there as the Director of the Law Library. She remained at that position for the next three years before assuming the directorship of the DePaul University Rinn Law Library, where she remained for the next 20 years.

In 1986, Judy moved to northwest Indiana, where she could more fully indulge in her interests of birding (in the Dunes area) and gardening--an activity she had begun years before in Evanston. Out in the country, she would take a short drive to the Dune Park stop on the South Shore commuter line and ride to her job at DePaul.

After 20 years, Judy was ready for a change. She had been thinking of relocating to Washington, D.C., to be with her boyfriend Jim Morrell, but she was not going to move for just any job. It was at this time that the position of Librarian for the United States Supreme Court became available. Among the criteria for the incoming librarian were an academic background, as well as experience with renovation projects. Judy applied for the position and went to D.C. for an interview. She—one of two final candidates—was invited back for a second interview with the proviso that, if the position was offered, she would be required to accept it. She says that, before returning to D.C., she did some serious soul-searching, and ultimately decided to take the leap.

Judy’s interview this time was with Associate Justices Ginsburg and Scalia, which consisted of a 20-minute talk about Chicago, research, and the work that the position entailed. After about an hour, the administrative assistant called her back for an interview with then Chief Justice William Rehnquist. She says she discovered that Justice Rehnquist was born in the hospital across the street from where she had gone to grade school in Milwaukee. At the conclusion of this interview, Judy was offered (and she accepted) the position. This was in the summer of 2003. She had six weeks to prepare, move, and start at her new job.

On July 1, 2003, Judy retired from her position as Director of the DePaul University Rinn Law Library and spent the next few weeks packing and moving to D.C. She kept her home in Indiana for almost a year before selling it, so certain aspects of the move were a bit more gradual in nature.

Judy says that it’s difficult to describe a regular day in her position. Her duties have removed her from research for the most part; she has a huge staff of 28 employees, including seven research librarians and one research assistant. Her primary duties—besides overseeing her staff—comprise of planning the staff and material moves caused by the Modernization Project, managing the budget, collection development and other duties, such as running the Combined Federal Campaign (in the Fall of 2004), and participating in the orientations of the incoming law clerks during the summer months. The fiscal and work year begins on October 1st, with an increase in activity until it peaks in June as the Supreme Court session draws to a close. At that point, Judy says that she sometimes helps out with research as needed.

Judy and Jim live in their home in the Adams Morgan neighborhood of the city, and she commutes to work via the subway. She recalls that she broke her leg during the first winter in D.C., but points out that since it was her left leg, she was able to drive to work as she healed. She also drives to the United States Botanic Garden where she volunteers on weekends, and she is able to continue gardening—though at a reduced capacity—on their tiny lot. Judy took a course in creative non-fiction writing at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School and continues to meet regularly with writers she met through this class. She has also been taking French courses at the Alliance Française—an interest that was rekindled while serving as an observer for the 2006 elections in Haiti.

Judy’s family resides in the Milwaukee area, and she returns on frequent visits to see her mother who is in her late eighties and living in a nursing home. She remains a CALL member and is still listed in the Association’s Directory. Those wishing to get in touch with Judy may contact her by e-mail at jgaskell@supremecourt.gov.

Photo of Judy Gaskell courtesy of William S. Hein & Co.
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—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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BNA's Economic Stimulus InfoDash launched
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SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

BNA's Employment Discrimination Report launched
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1991

BNA's Toxics Law Reporter launched
SUPERFUND AMENDMENT & REAUTHORIZATION ACT

BNA's Pension & Benefits Reporter launched
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT

BNA's Occupational Safety & Health Reporter launched
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT

BNA's Environment Reporter launched
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1993

BNA's Union Labor Report and Bulletin to Management launched
TAFT-HARTLEY LABOR ACT

BNA's Labor Relations Reporter launched
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CALL COMMITTEE 2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORTS

CALL Committee annual reports for 2008-2009 detail impressive accomplishments of our hard-working membership. Examples abound. The Placement & Recruitment Committee Alternative Spring Break Program demonstrated CALL’s commitment to the continual renewal of our profession through new entrants. The Continuing Education Committee provided programs on healthcare research, new cataloging standards and law library marketing, in order to equip our membership for the ongoing challenges of law librarianship. The Community Service Committee translated CALL’s dedication to public service into concrete assistance for several community initiatives. Other committees amply fulfilled their charges as well, as demonstrated by their annual reports. And, the annual report for CALL itself reports that a strategic planning process is now in place to refine and implement CALL’s goals for the future. It was, indeed, a productive year.

If you’d like to make your own contribution to these efforts, but haven’t yet signed up for a committee, it’s not too late. E-mail CALL President Gretchen Van Dam at Gretchen_Van_Dam@lb7.uscourts.gov and let her know the committee you’d like to join.

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Archives

Members:

Co-Chairs: Carol Klink and Therese Clarke Arado

Lenore Glanz, Juli Jackson

Board Liaison: Deborah Ginsberg

The members of the Archives Committee have continued to file all additional materials that have been received this year. The materials are arranged in chronological order by committee name or office. At the request of the CALL Board, Carol compiled a list of items that all committee chairs should send to Archives for filing.

We did not meet as a group this year. We kept in touch via e-mail and telephone. At this time, we are preparing to transfer the Archives to Northern Illinois University. Carol will submit the expenditures from this move to the Board in June 2009.

Submitted by Carol Klink

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Bulletin

Members:

Co-Chairs: Gail Hartzell and Julienne Grant

Advertising Manager: Christina Wagner

Roberta Fox, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Margaret Schilt, Maria Willmer, Robert Winger

Board Liaison: Deborah Rusin

Fall 2008 No. 209

We started the 2008-2009 CALL year with Sheri Lewis as CALL’s new president and added a photograph of her with the President’s Letter. This issue included the 2007-2008 Annual Reports of CALL Committees. New this year was the inclusion of CALL’s Annual Report.

The Bulletin contained 43 pages and was published on September 8, 2008. There were four ads: two full-page continued on p. 17
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– BNA and GSI – and two 1/4 page – EOS and Research Solutions.

Many photos accompanied this issue. We had photos from the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in Portland. There were the usual photos from the CALL Business Meeting. There were also photos of CALL Board members, CALL members on the AALL Executive Board, and CALL members attending the Joint Study Institute 2008.


Several guest writers added variety to the Fall issue. Roberta Fox wrote about outdoor theater productions at the Morton Arboretum. Several CALL members described their experiences at the AALL Annual Meeting in Portland, including Denise Glynn who wrote about an AALL service project in “Diggin’ in the Dirt,” and Beverly Bumrister who reported on the CALL No-Host Dinner at Kincaid’s. In addition, Julienne Grant described the visit by nine librarians from Southeast Asia to the Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library.

Winter 2009 No. 210

The Winter 2009 issue was published on December 22, 2008 and contained 32 pages. Three ads were included: two full-page – BNA and GSI – and one 1/4 page – EOS.

There was a special section on “Business Resources for Law Libraries” that contained five articles. The articles were: “Law over the Horizon: When Businesses Go Abroad” by Jean M. Wenger; “Business Databases in Academic Law Libraries” by Maribel Nash; “Business Research and the Use of Business Resources in Law Firm Libraries” by Maria Willmer; “In Your Own Front Yard: The Chicago Public Library and Its Resources” by Mark E. Andersen and Liane Luckman; and, “Teaching Business Resources at the University of Chicago Law School” by Margaret A. Schilt. The CPL article stemmed from Mary Dempsey’s presentation on the Chicago Public Library at the September 21st CALL Business Meeting.

This special section was very beneficial to our readers as the need to search business resources has greatly increased.

Our regular columnists were: Maria Willmer – “Working Smarter”; Susan Retzer and Valerie Kropf - “People & Places”; and Therese A. Clarke Arado – “TechBuzz.” Debbie Ginsberg also submitted summaries of minutes from board meetings, as well as the “Business Meeting Roundup.”

We had additional articles written by Todd Ito, a CALL grant recipient, on his experience at AALL in Portland, Julienne Grant on the “Universidad Alberto Hurtado Collection” at the Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library, and Julie Melvin’s thoughts on connecting to, and participating in, Second Life.

The slate of officers for 2009-2010 was also introduced. Helen King-Desai contributed photos from the CALL Business Meeting and the Community Service project.

Spring 2009 No. 211

The Spring issue was published on March 25, 2009. There were 38 pages and four ads. FactSet, BNA and Westlaw Business were full-page ads and EOS was a ¼-page ad. Christina Wagner does an excellent job acquiring ads for the Bulletin as Advertising Manager.

The regular columns in this issue were: “People & Places” by Susan Retzer and Valerie Kropf; “Whatever Happened to Jenny Zook?” by Bob Winger; “Could This Committee Be For You?” by Janice Collins; “Working Smarter – New Technologies & New Expectations” by Maria Willmer; and “TechBuzz – LibraryThing” by guest editor, Linda L. Nelson. Debbie Ginsberg again provided summaries of Executive Board Minutes, along with the “Business Meeting Roundup.”

Several special articles were included in this issue. Lorna Tang offered helpful information on how to successfully handle disputes with legal information providers in “Problem Solving with Publishers/Vendors.” In another invaluable piece, Pam Cipkowski reported on her attendance at the December 15, 2008 CALL program “RDA and the Future of Cataloging,” sponsored by the Continuing Ed Committee. Pam’s article expertly provided explanations of terms and the new standard cataloging code – RDA.

As in the past, the Spring issue included bios and personal statements of the CALL General Election candidates for continued on p. 18
the offices of Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary, and Director. Additionally, two articles by CALL grant recipients were published. Anne Abramson described the various programs and useful information gleaned from the 2008 Joint Study Institute in “Harmonization & Confrontation.” Debbie Rusin described CALL grants available for the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference and how she benefited from her 2008 grant.

The CALL listserv was experiencing problems when the Bulletin was ready for publication, so the transmission of the splash page was delayed for several days.

Summer 2009 No. 212
The CALL Bulletin Summer issue was published on July 3, 2009 and contained 37 pages. There were five ads: three full-page -- Westlaw Business, BNA, and Factset -- and two ¼ page -- Research Solutions and EOS.

The special topic for this issue was “Marketing the Library,” which was the theme for the second annual CALL Institute Day. Presenters and an attendee at Institute Day 2009 contributed articles. Sheri Lewis and Susane Yesnicket wrote an overview of “Marketing the Library: How to Create Awareness of, and Demand for, Library Services.” Monice Kaczorowski, Christine Bodine, Gwen Gregory, and Bridget MacMillan each wrote articles based on their presentations. Photos taken by Julie Melvin and Alina Kelly during Institute Day accompanied the special section.


The recipients of CALL awards and grants were listed, along with photos of the 2009-2010 CALL Board election winners. Gwen Gregory also described how to write book reviews for various types of publications in “Book Reviewing: Is It for You?”

Other News
Julienne Grant will stay on as Co-Editor of the Bulletin for the 2009-2010 year, while Margaret Schilt will replace Gail Hartzell. Mary Chase will remain as the layout/designer for the Bulletin.

During the 2008-2009 year, the Board agreed to increase payment to Mary Chase for layout/design of the Bulletin to $925.00 per issue. The Board expressed interest in having a contract with Mary, and she sent a sample contract she uses with another organization for the Board to review.

Maria Willmer’s “Working Smarter…A Day off the Desk” column from the Spring 2008 issue of the CALL Bulletin was recognized in the Law Librarian’s Bulletin Board, v. 20, no. 1, August 1, 2008. This was a nice honor for both Maria, and the Bulletin.

Advertising Report Submitted by Christina Wagner:
In 2008-2009, Bulletin advertising revenue totaled $2300. Advertising revenue was running approximately $450 to $700 billed per issue. This is an increase from last year when per issue revenue fluctuated between $200 and $650. BNA and Westlaw Business have been very supportive of CALL with their regular ads. EOSi and Research Solutions, Inc. have also been great with their support by consistently running 1/4 page ads. FactSet is our newest advertiser. They have run full page ads in the last two issues.

Submitted by Gail Hartzell and Julienne Grant

Bylaws

Members:
Chair: Frank Drake
Board Liaison: Sheri Lewis

The Bylaws Committee was rather quiet this year with the only activities being answering a few questions on interpretation of the Bylaws. While the Committee does review the Bylaws regularly on an informal basis, the next thorough review is not due until at least 2011.

Submitted by Frank Drake

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Community Service

Members:

Co-Chairs: Maribel Nash and Stephanie Crawford

Janice Collins, Gwen Gregory, Todd Ito, Kevin McClure, Susan Sloma

Board Liaison: Julie Pabarja

General Matters

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

During the 2009-2010 year, Maribel Nash and Susan Sloma will be Co-Chairs for the Community Service Committee.

Projects

Ongoing:

At each chapter meeting, the Committee accepted donations by CALL members on behalf of the following organizations:

- Soda/pop tabs on behalf of the Ronald McDonald House Charities;
- Cell phones on behalf of Call to Protect;
- Money donations at the September and November meetings for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates of Cook County);
- Money donations at the May meeting were for Hands of Hope.

We collected a total of $170 for CASA, a total of $200 for Hands of Hope, four pounds of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities, and 15 cell phones plus accessories for Call to Protect.

Special “Outside Meeting” Project:

This year no outside meeting project was arranged due to a lack of interest in these projects in the past.

September Meeting:

The Committee sponsored a school supply drive at our first business meeting on September 18th to benefit the Chicago Public Schools’ Homeless Education Program. At the meeting, we collected 20 shopping bags full of pencils, folders, notebooks and notebook paper, glue (bottles and sticks), backpacks, crayons, calculators, scissors, and tissues, etc. In addition, the staff at DLA Piper donated 29 boxes of crayons, 111 packages of pens, 168 packs of pencils, 25 rulers, 15 packages of glue, 15 pairs of scissors, 145 folders, four binders and much, much more. We also collected $50.00 in cash donations for the CPS Homeless Education Program. The supplies collected will provide students with age-and grade-appropriate materials needed to complete their schoolwork. This project was organized by Janice Collins.

November Meeting:

At the November 20th meeting, the Committee collected ten boxes of food and $160 in cash donations for the GCFD (Greater Chicago Food Depository). The donations will help provide meals to hungry adults and children. This project was organized by Maribel Nash and Julie Pabarja.

February/SLA Joint Meeting:

A book drive was organized for the February 27th joint meeting with SLA. Books for adults were collected for the Newberry Library, and books for children were donated to Hull House. We collected 14 boxes of books for the Newberry Library and Hull House. Several CALL members also donated money to the Newberry Library. The project was organized by Stephanie Crawford and Gwen Gregory.

May Meeting:

During the May 21st meeting, we collected pet supply items for Orphans of the Storm. A total of two bags and 34 cans of cat food, one bag and two cans of dog food, one jar of cat treats, seven boxes of dog treats, 14 jars of baby food, four packs of dog toys, two packs of cat toys, two towels, a blanket, and dish detergent, as well as $280 in cash, checks and gift cards, were donated to Orphans of the Storm. The project was organized by Susan Sloma and Kevin McClure.

Submitted by Maribel Nash and Stephanie Crawford

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Continuing Education

Members:

Co-Chairs: Frank Lima and Julie Melvin

Tom Gaylord, Laura Hazy, Alina Kelly, Diana Koppang, Mary Ann Lenzen, Doris Nuding

Board Liaison: Julie Pabarja

Institute Day Sub-Committee:

Chair: Alina Kelly

Members: Tom Gaylord, Mary Ann Lenzen, Julie Melvin

Board Liaison: Julie Pabarja

Our thanks also go to Internet Committee members Helen King-Desai and Eugene Giudice who were of particular assistance with Institute Day registration and announcements.

Summary

The Continuing Education Committee put on three programs this year: 1) a tour of the American Hospital Association Resource Center that included an extensive presentation on healthcare research by the Director of the AHA Resource Center, Jeanette M. Harlow, and her colleague, Information Specialist Kim M. Garber. Many healthcare resources were discussed and various strategies suggested. AHA also provided drinks and desserts for attendees. After the presentation, Ms. Harlow conducted a tour of the AHA Resource Center facilities. The Center’s collection includes over 60,000 volumes of current and historical materials related to healthcare administration. This well-attended tour was a unique and informative event for anyone interested in healthcare industry research and resources.

On December 15, 2008, the Committee presented a brown bag entitled “RDA and the Future of Cataloging.” In 2010, Resource Description and Access (RDA) will replace AACR2 as the Cataloging Standard. Attendees were invited to come learn about this exciting revolution in Cataloging from the Project Manager for the Development of RDA, Marjorie Bloss. Professor Bloss teaches at the Dominican University Graduate School of Library & Information Science in River Forest, Illinois. The event was held at the downtown Chicago offices of the Metropolitan Library System. The program drew attendees from both academic and firm libraries and was a financial success.

On April 7, 2009, the Committee held Institute Day 2009 at the offices of Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP. The host firm graciously provided impressive facilities and signage for the event. The theme and topic of the day was “Marketing the Library: How to Create Awareness of, and Demand for, Library Services.” The day featured sessions on marketing strategies and tools for academic, firm and other law libraries. One of the two morning sessions included a panel of law firm librarians and firm marketing department personnel sharing insights on how best to collaborate and reinforce each other’s value to the larger organization. The other morning session included speakers from academic and association institutions with a focus on ways to market the library for those organizations, such as law schools, that do not have a marketing department, or that prefer a library-only marketing strategy. Finally, the joint afternoon session speakers, from a variety of organizations, addressed successful strategies, tools and examples that libraries have implemented to market their services, and suggested ways that librarians can market themselves. The Committee wishes to thank LexisNexis once again for its generous donation for the second year in a row. Lexis’ support defrayed lunch costs and helped keep overall expenses for this event low.

Podcasting was introduced as a new means for the Continuing Education Committee to share event proceedings with all CALL members. The two shorter programs were recorded for podcasting and will be placed on the CALL website when the website is technologically able to host podcasts.

Program Details

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**Plans for Next Year**
In order to provide educational materials and opportunities to the broadest possible range of the CALL membership, the Committee hopes to continue to advance the use of technology through presentation of podcasts and webinars. The Committee also wishes to work closely with the Internet Committee to explore ways to expand the use of these tools, including the possible purchase of digital recording equipment.

In the past, the Committee has successfully conducted programs in conjunction with other CALL committees. A secondary goal of the Committee will be to re-establish contact with other committees for the purpose of conducting these jointly presented programs. One initiative in the works is the possibility of collaboration with the Placement & Recruitment Committee to present a workshop on résumés and interviews, and a survey of what employers might be looking for in the current job market.

*Submitted by Julie Melvin*

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**Corporate Memory**

**Members:**

**Chair:** Susan Siebers

Frank Drake, John Klaus

**Board Liaison:** Deborah Ginsberg (also a participating member of the Committee)

The Committee Chair participated in the CALL Leadership Workshop on July 29, 2008, distributing copies of the *Policy Log* and explaining how to use it throughout the year.

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

* Policy Log  
* Suggestion List  
* Handbook Suggestion List

The CALL Board considers the *Suggestion List* at its meetings. Once suggestions are either acted upon, or the Executive Board makes other decisions related to the suggestions, they are removed from the list. *Handbook Suggestions* are considered as the new *CALL Handbook for Officers & Committee Chairs* is prepared.

The CALL Executive Board reviewed the suggested additions and changes to the current *Policy Log*. Changes and comments are reviewed and incorporated into the document by the Committee, and new copies are distributed to the Board. The updated version is made available in the “Members Only” section of the CALL website.

Having such a good, cooperative working relationship with the Board continues to be instrumental in making this process run smoothly.

*Submitted by Susan Siebers*

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**Elections**

**Members:**

**Chair:** John R. Austin

Eugene M. Giudice, Lenore Glanz, Sharon L. Nelson

**Board Liaison:** Sheri Lewis

**Summary of Year’s Activities**

The 2008/2009 Elections Committee conducted the election of members of the Board of Directors.

**Detailed Report**

The Board of Directors authorized the Committee to conduct the Board election using the American Association of Law Libraries’ electronic elections...
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platform and to send paper ballots to those who did not have e-mail addresses on file with the CALL Membership Committee. The Board authorized the election to begin on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, and end at midnight on Sunday, March 15th.

John Austin contacted the CALL Membership Committee to obtain a list of CALL members eligible to vote. People eligible to vote were members in good standing who were either active, retired, or student members of CALL.

There were 301 members of CALL who were eligible to vote. All had e-mail addresses on file with the Membership Committee except three, who were sent paper ballots. When the polls closed on March 15th, 144 ballots had been returned (143 electronic ballots and one paper ballot). This represents a return of 47.8%.

The candidates and results were:

Vice-President/President-Elect: Heidi Frostestad Kuehl
   Ms. Kuehl was elected.

Secretary: Julie D. Melvin and Maribel Nash
   Ms. Melvin was elected.

Director: Gwen Gregory and Gail Hartzell
   Ms. Hartzell was elected.

The election results were certified on March 16, 2009, Eugene M. Giudice and Lenore Glanz met at the Illinois Center complex in Chicago to view the electronic election results at the election administration website. They also viewed a faxed copy of the one paper ballot received. At Northern Illinois University Law Library, John Austin and Sharon L. Nelson viewed the electronic election results at the election administration website. They also viewed the original of the paper ballot received. John Austin, Sharon L. Nelson, Eugene M. Giudice and Lenore Glanz spoke via conference call and agreed on the vote counts and on the results as listed above.

The election results were announced at the CALL Business Meeting on May 21, 2009. On behalf of the Committee, John Austin moved that the ballots be destroyed. The motion carried.

John Austin destroyed the one paper ballot received and asked Chris Siwa of the AALL staff to destroy the file containing the electronic ballots.

The Committee thanks Chris Siwa for all of his technical support.

Submitted by John Austin

Grants and Chapter Awards

Members:

Co-Chairs: Denise Glynn (Grants) and Deborah Rusin (Awards)

Megan Butman, Janice Collins, Roberta Fox, Gwen Gregory, Gail Hartzell, Valerie Kropf

Board Liaison: Deborah Rusin

Grants Awarded

The CALL Grants Committee awarded two $500.00 grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The grant recipients were:

Thomas Keefe, John Marshall Law School
Jamie Sommer, John Marshall Law School

The CALL Board had designated $2,500.00 this year for grants. The unused portion will revert back to the CALL Treasury.

The CALL Board charged the Grants Committee with creating a list of procedures, creating a new grants rating form, and reporting on how other chapters award grants to its members. Denise Glynn drafted a list of procedures and submitted it to the Committee for review. The Committee created a new grants rating form, which it used to review this year’s grant applications. Committee members reported the form worked well. Denise Glynn contacted the D.C. Chapter, SEALL, and the AALL Grants Committee. The D.C. Chapter and SEALL had no formal procedures in place, but were interested in our form. AALL was in the process of reevaluating its form, but never responded to further follow-up e-mail messages.

There are still funds available from Wolters Kluwer to pay for student memberships in both CALL and AALL.

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The application form is available on the CALL website. The next chair will have to make contact with the library schools at Dominican University and the University of Illinois to let students know this is available to them. Also, the next chair should let the Placement & Recruitment Committee know these funds are available.

Submitted by Denise Glynn

Awards Presented
Two awards were presented at the May 21, 2009 CALL Business Meeting. The Agnes and Harvey T. Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship was presented to Betty Roeske, Technical Services Librarian, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP. The In-House Publication Award for Outstanding In-House Publication was presented to Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library for its publication, Guide to Library Services. Accepting the award on behalf of Loyola University was Julia Wentz, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law.

In 2008, the CALL Board approved a new policy to cover the lunch of award recipients who attend the May meeting. Betty Roeske, as well as one member of the Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library, received complimentary lunches at the May 21st meeting. This policy originally went into effect last year at the May 22, 2008 Business Meeting and should continue into the future.

Submitted by Deborah Rusin

Meetings

Members:

Co-Chairs: Eugene Giudice and Betty Roeske
Juli Jackson, Maribel Nash, Joan Ogden, Maria Willmer

Liaison: Gretchen Van Dam

The Meetings Committee organized four meetings this year. There was no breakfast meeting this year. One meeting was a joint meeting with SLA/Illinois. The Vice President/President-Elect was responsible for obtaining speakers and securing sponsorships.

The September meeting was held at Maggiano’s. One hundred fourteen members attended the first meeting of the year. The guest speaker was Mary Dempsey, Commissioner of the Chicago Public Library. The Community Service Committee sponsored a school supplies drive to benefit the Chicago Public Schools’ Homeless Education Program. The meeting’s sponsor was Law Bulletin Information Network. Two $25 door prizes were awarded courtesy of Professionals Library Service, Inc.

The November meeting was held at the Union League Club of Chicago. One hundred four members attended the second meeting of the year. The guest speaker was

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David E. Van Zandt, Dean of Northwestern School of Law, speaking on the topic of “Innovations in Legal Education.” The Community Service Committee sponsored a food drive for the Greater Chicago Food Depository. The meeting’s sponsor was Bloomberg Law. Two $25 door prizes were awarded courtesy of Professionals Library Service, Inc.

The February meeting was held at the Union League Club of Chicago. This was a joint meeting with SLA/Illinois. One hundred thirty-four people attended the third meeting of the year. The guest speaker was Susan Roman, Dean of Dominican University’s Graduate School of Library & Information Science. The Community Service Committee sponsored book drives; children’s books were donated to Hull House, and adult books were donated to the Newberry Library. The meeting’s sponsor was BNA. No door prizes were awarded as this was a joint meeting.

The May meeting was held at Lawry’s The Prime Rib. One hundred thirty-four people attended the fourth meeting of the year. The guest speaker was James Duggan, President of AALL. The Community Service Committee collected items and money for Orphans of the Storm. The meeting’s sponsor was Wolters Kluwer Law & Business. Lawry’s donated a dinner for two gift certificate. Four $25 door prizes were awarded courtesy of Professionals Library Service, Inc.

Submitted by Eugene Giudice and Betty Roeske

Membership

Members:

Co-Chairs: Susan Retzer and Valerie Kropf

Therese Clarke Arado, Kathleen Brunner, Megan Butman, Annette Cade, Mary Ann Lenzen, Liping Quin, Judson Strain, Darci Tanner

Board Liaison: Ruth Bridges

As of May 1, 2009, CALL had 327 members. This is an increase of five over the number of members at the end of 2007-2008.

Nominations

Members:

Chair: Mary Lu Linnane

Janice Collins, Eugene Giudice, Sally Holterhoff, JoAnn Hounshell

Liaison: Sheri Lewis

The Nominations Committee solicited suggestions for

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candidates from the general CALL membership in late August 2008. All suggestions were shared with the full committee via e-mail as they were received. The Committee met in mid-September to discuss a possible slate.

Members of the Committee contacted prospective candidates by phone. Two candidates were secured for Secretary and Director. However, the Committee was unable to secure two candidates for the office of Vice President/President-Elect. Section 9.2 of the CALL Bylaws requires that the name of at least one candidate be placed in nomination for each Board position. Because there was a strong single candidate, the Committee, with the agreement of the current CALL Board, decided to submit only one name for the 2009-2010 slate. The following slate was sent to the membership:

For Vice President/President-Elect:
Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, Northwestern University School of Law, Pritzker Legal Research Center

For Secretary:
Julie Melvin, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP
Maribel Nash, Chicago-Kent College of Law Library, Illinois Institute of Technology

For Director:
Gwen Gregory, John Marshall Law School
Gail Hartzell, Valparaiso University School of Law Library

Signed letters of acceptance from the candidates were sent to the Board Secretary.

A new form, to be used for the purpose of accepting the nomination and granting permission for publication of photographs, biographies and statements for restricted use by CALL members, was created and approved by the Board.

The candidates submitted their biographies, statements and photographs to the Committee Chair and these were published in the CALL Bulletin, on the CALL website, and linked to the ballot for the election.

In March 2009, Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, Julie Melvin and Gail Hartzell were elected to the Board.

Submitted by Mary Lu Linanne

Placement & Recruitment

Members:

Co-Chairs: John Klasey and Katie Leonard

Alice Loan, Sarah Lin, Doris Nuding, Joan Ogden, Sean Rebstock

Liaison: Ruth Bridges

During the 2008-2009 year, the CALL Placement & Recruitment Committee met with several library students and professionals contemplating a career change to law librarianship. The students and professionals met with members of the Placement & Recruitment Committee, other CALL law librarians, and did site visits to various law firm, academic and government libraries. The Placement & Recruitment Committee recently began keeping track of these individuals and forwarding these names to the Membership Committee.

Another project our committee initiated was “Alternative Spring Break,” led by Sarah Lin. Sarah coordinated with the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois and various law libraries in Chicago for students to spend their spring breaks meeting and visiting law librarians and law libraries in the Chicago area.

The Committee also continues to check the job placement e-mail and forwards those requests on to the CALL Internet Committee for posting to our website. John Klasey sends out messages to the CALL listserv announcing any new postings.

The Committee also updates the job description and salary information content on our website as new AALL Biennial Salary Surveys are published.

Submitted by John Klasey and Katie Leonard

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Public Affairs

Members:

Co-Chairs: Todd Ito and Heidi Frostestad Kuehl

Kevin McClure, Beverly Burmeister, Lucy Moss, Julia Wentz, Valerie Weingart

Liaison: Deborah Rusin

Meetings Held
The Public Affairs Committee met at Northwestern University School of Law’s Pritzker Legal Research Center on the following dates:

- September 3, 2008
- November 11, 2008
- February 19, 2009
- May 14, 2009

Activities
The Committee produced and distributed at each CALL business meeting, a Public Affairs Committee update covering issues of interest to the Chicago law library community. Topics included net neutrality, Government Printing Office and Federal Depository Library Program issues, copyright, open government issues, authentication of online state legal resources, Freedom of Information Act issues, and Illinois and Indiana government issues affecting libraries.

Submitted by Heidi Frostestad Kuehl

Board Liaison: Christine Morong

The Public Relations Committee worked on two major projects this year--the new CALL brochure and the CALL table at the AALL 2009 Annual Meeting in late July. The new CALL brochure debuted at the May 25, 2009 Business Meeting. It was written by the PR Committee and designed by Amy Holst of the Marketing Department at Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP. Feedback has been enthusiastic, and many thanks to Amy for a fantastic design job!

Pat Sayre-McCoy is coordinating the CALL table at the AALL Annual Meeting this year, and has a new board design planned for the exhibit booth. Many thanks to Betty Roeske and Beth Lodal for assisting with table set up.

In addition to the two major projects, the PR Committee has taken photographs at CALL events and submitted them to the CALL Bulletin and solicited announcements of CALL members’ achievements.

The PR Committee would like to thank Chris Morong for her hard work this year as our Liaison. Thank you for answering all of our questions and dealing with last-minute requests!

Submitted by Alina Kelly

Relations with Information Vendors

Members:

Chair: Lorna Tang

Ed Edmonds, Eugene Giudice, Barry Herbert, Frank Lima

Board Liaison: Christine Morong

Since the committee members were dispersed from Notre Dame (IN) to DeKalb (IL), we conducted our business mostly by e-mail. We had one conference call on March 3, 2009.

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Projects
Several projects were explored this year, and we finished two. One article, “Problem Solving with Publishers/Vendors” by Lorna Tang, was published in the CALL Bulletin No. 211 (Spring 2009). Several CALL members found the article helpful in working with vendors.

At the suggestion of the Executive Board, we will post a list of library liaisons for legal information providers on the CALL web page. Hopefully, CALL members will find the information useful. Future committee members, we hope, will keep this list up-to-date as vendors change their staffs and organizational structures.

We had planned to set up a site visit with the Law Bulletin Publishing Company, but our request was declined. We did not have enough time to pursue a site visit or a reverse site visit with other publishers or vendors. The suggestion was made to conduct a survey of the CALL members on vendor relations, but it was eventually rejected. Educational programs or focus group meetings on working with vendors may be possible future projects.

Activities

Submitted by Lorna Tang

Chicago Association of Law Libraries

The Chicago Association of Law Libraries began a strategic planning process in 2008-2009 and plans to continue this effort in the future. This year’s process culminated in the adoption of a CALL mission statement in May 2009:

The Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) connects a vibrant and diverse network of members by supporting the development of professional expertise; encouraging leadership, collaboration, and advocacy in the legal information community; and promoting and enhancing the field of law librarianship.

This past year, CALL continued its long tradition of professional development and networking opportunities for its members. CALL held four business meetings with presentations from the following speakers: Mary Dempsey, Commissioner of the Chicago Public Library; David E. Van Zandt, Dean of Northwestern University Law School; Susan Roman, Dean of Dominican University Graduate School of Library & Information Science; and James Duggan, President of AALL.

Following on its success in 2008, CALL’s Continuing Education Committee held a second Institute Day in April 2009 on the topic “Marketing the Library: How to Create Awareness of, and Demand for, Library Services.” The day featured sessions on marketing strategies and tools for academic, firm and other law libraries. CALL offered two additional professional educational opportunities in 2008-2009:

1. a tour of the American Hospital Association Resource Center along with a presentation on healthcare research;
2. a brown bag on “RDA and the Future of Cataloging,” presented by the project manager for RDA development.

Through the organizational efforts of the Community Service Committee, CALL members supported the following charities with various donations: school supplies for the Chicago Public Schools’ Homeless Education Program; soda/pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities; cell phones for Call to Protect; food items for the Greater Chicago Food Depository; adult books for the Newberry Library and children’s books for Hull House; and cash donations for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate Association) and Hands for Hope.

The CALL Bulletin (published quarterly) featured two special issues this year. The Winter 2009 issue focused on “Business Resources for Law Libraries.” The Summer 2009 issue contained various articles on “Marketing the Library.” Additionally, the CALL Public Affairs Committee published member updates on special topics of interest, including net neutrality, Government Printing Office and Federal Depository Library Program issues, copyright, open government issues, authentication of online state legal resources, Freedom of Information Act issues, and Illinois and Indiana government issues affecting libraries.

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At its annual business meeting in May 2009, CALL presented its year-end awards. Betty Roeske, Technical Services Librarian at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, was presented with the Agnes and Harvey T. Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship. The Award for Outstanding In-House Publication was awarded to Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library for its publication, Guide to Library Services.

Members of the CALL Board for 2008-2009 were: Sheri Lewis, President; Gretchen Van Dam, Vice President/President-Elect; Deborah Rusin, Past President; Deborah Ginsberg, Secretary; Ruth Bridges, Treasurer; and Julie Pabarja and Christine Morong, Directors.

Submitted by Sheri Lewis, CALL President 2008-2009

AALL Opens New Online Career Center

AALL recently launched a new and improved interactive job board, the AALL Career Center. Designed specifically for law libraries and legal information professionals, the AALL Career Center offers members and the profession at large a highly-targeted resource for online recruitment.

For job seekers:
- Post your resume for free—post confidentially or search anonymously by creating a Job Agent
- Browse jobs based on criteria that best match your career goals
- Set up a Job Agent to notify you via e-mail when jobs matching your criteria are posted

For employers:
- Post your jobs online; reporting provides job activity statistics to track each posting’s return on investment
- Search for qualified candidates based on specific job criteria
- Create an online resume agent, which e-mails qualified candidates daily
When I was a kid, I was a bit (a very little bit) of an activist. One summer, I roped my brothers and a few neighborhood friends into forming the “Litter Club.” We would get up in the morning, go out to our garage, say the Pledge of Allegiance, and go around the neighborhood picking up litter. Can’t say it was all that nice for my parents--filling their garage with other people’s waste--nor can I say it lasted long, since playing baseball and enjoying summertime fun made the Club quickly disband. However, it gave us a chance to try to help our community. After viewing portions of the movie Holly at the AALL Annual Meeting and hearing Somaly Mam (one of Time’s 2009 “Most Influential People” for her role in exposing and fighting human trafficking, after actually being trafficked herself), I was brought back to those days of working for a higher purpose. I know many people who do exceptional work for their communities. Do you have a cause (raising your family is certainly an exceptionally important cause) outside your normal work life that helps you work smarter? I thought I would write a few comments here on how causes can help us work smarter.

I would imagine everyone in librarianship already believes in and works toward the cause of serving others, be they their clientele or members of the general public who need to find and share accurate information. After Jonathan Zittrain (Internet cyberlaw scholar, author, and our opening speaker at AALL) spoke to us about the many challenges and perils of information dissemination via the Internet, he ended his talk by giving an example of hope. The example he discussed was a situation where completely unrelated parties worked together to correct erroneous information that had circulated on the Internet. These parties made these corrections with no other agenda in mind than to help Internet users gain accurate information. Jonathan also mentioned that “sharing is good just for good” and many people do just that, giving examples such as: Cornell LII, Google Books, the Wayback Machine, Project Gutenberg, etc. While there are many tricksters and scammers, much cynicism, and many doomsayers in cyberworld, there is so much good that can be accomplished at the same time.

For me, one of the highlights of the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting (although exceedingly somber) was hearing the story of Somaly Mam (see http://www.time.com/time/specials/packages/article0,28804,1894410_1894289_1894268,00.html). During a LexisNexis-sponsored reception to honor her, Somaly told her story and signed her book, The Road of Lost Innocence: The True Story of a Cambodian Heroine (which was provided free along with a copy of the movie Holly). She also shared with everyone, the work she is doing to save children (www.somaly.org) from this horrible fate. I remember compiling a bibliography on sex trafficking in 2002 for our Human Rights Institute that helped in the writing of two books. I plan to donate Somaly’s book and the movie Holly to our Human Rights Institute in the hopes of furthering more research to this end. Trafficking in persons (for sex, labor…etc.) is certainly not limited to Somaly Mam’s home country of Cambodia. Recently, the State Department posted its 2009 Trafficking in Persons Report (www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt/2009) and a recent special on Oprah discussed how these abominable crimes come very close to home – that special focused on sex trafficking in Florida.

This is Somaly Mam’s cause, what is yours? Looking to a cause that we really believe in -- working for that cause, as well as for our own interests -- motivates us to overlook the daily grind and focus on a higher goal. To think that law librarians can help, even in small ways such as creating bibliographies, donating valuable time or money, or by just making students, attorneys, and judges more aware of these causes, can most certainly help us to all work smarter.
Having just returned from the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington D.C., I wanted to start writing this article as soon as possible, before the excitement faded from my memory. I had an amazing time at the meeting, and I think my non-librarian family and friends were growing tired of feigning interest in my stories, so I am grateful for the opportunity to share my experience with CALL members.

In preparing for the Annual Meeting, I was especially looking forward to attending the Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) and the workshop ended up being the perfect way to kick things off. When we broke into small discussion groups, I was lucky to be placed in a group with Cornell Winston of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Central District of California. His enthusiasm for the profession, and for AALL, was contagious. Soon everyone was excitedly talking about how they found their way to law librarianship. For the first time in my professional career, I felt like I had found “my people.” It felt great to be surrounded by others who had also chosen this career because they wanted to research, to teach, and to explore new technologies.

Cornell later spoke to the larger CONELL group about how to get the most out of the conference experience, including tips like meet at least five new people every day. When I saw him at the end of the conference, I was happy to report that it would have been impossible to not meet five people every day. Everyone I sat next to in a session, stood behind in line for coffee, or met while waiting for the elevator, stopped to introduce themselves, especially after noticing the CONELL ribbon on my badge. I felt as if everyone in the profession was looking out for new librarians like me to make sure that our careers were off to a great start.
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Someone had advised me that volunteering at the conference was a great way to get involved. I took their advice and volunteered for the opening event on Saturday evening. I was thrilled when I learned that it would be held at the Library of Congress. I imagined that this would be the most spectacular volunteer assignment possible, as I would be helping guests find their way to Thomas Jefferson’s private library or taking tickets while standing next to the Gutenberg Bible. Alas, my actual assignment of making sure that everyone had their tickets before boarding the buses in front of the conference hotel - not the grand staircase of the Library of Congress - was just a tad less glamorous than I envisioned, but I still had a great time. It gave me the opportunity to say a quick hello to hundreds of attendees, many of whom approached me later in the weekend to introduce themselves again. I was glad that I had time to dart over to the reception after my assignment ended because the Library of Congress was a truly remarkable location and everyone appeared to be having a wonderful time.

The conference really kicked off on Sunday morning with the keynote address by Jonathan Zittrain, author of The Future of the Internet and How to Stop It, in which he adapted the title of his book and discussed “The Future of the Library -- And How to Stop It.” He began by frankly admitting that his knowledge of libraries was limited, so he started by trying to define what a library is. He offered several alternatives including the library as a fortress or a place to protect books. He commented that this idea of a library as an archive doesn’t reflect the fact that, for many people, the library is a place to connect to the Internet. Zittrain also proposed a definition of library that centered around the idea of service. The reference desk is no longer the only point of contact for patrons requesting assistance, but instead the library is finding new ways and places to provide service. His talk moved on to discuss the fragility of information in the digital era, beyond the scope of libraries. It was a varied and fascinating talk that left me wanting to further explore how our democratic ideals are affected by both the freedoms and limitations of information created by the Internet.

After the keynote ended, the tough decision making began. With so many interesting sessions offered simultaneously, it was difficult to decide which to attend. One of the speakers at CONELL advised us to take advantage of sessions outside our areas of expertise. I knew I was doing a good job of branching out beyond my academic reference comfort zone when a librarian I met during an earlier workshop asked me if I was a glutton for punishment after seeing me in so many technical services sessions. Our library is evaluating options for a new integrated library system, so I was particularly interested in the talks on “Making your ILS Web 2.0 Happy” and “Trends in Library Automation.” It was exciting to see how other libraries are incorporating new technologies. I came back with several ideas on how we can update our own OPAC.

A few days before leaving for the conference I was given the opportunity to assume responsibility for our library’s government documents collection. The timing could not have been better because the conference gave me the chance to talk with other government documents librarians and to attend sessions on the “Brave New Frontier of Government Documents Librarianship” and “Law Libraries & the Federal Depository Library Program.” There were many sessions that I wanted to attend, but missed because of scheduling conflicts, so I am glad that recordings of these sessions will soon be made available on AALL2go.

Two of the other highlights of my conference experience were attending ALL-NEW, a meeting for new members of the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section, and the Gen X Gen Y Caucus meeting. One of my goals in attending the conference was to learn how I can become
more involved in AALL. As a new librarian, it can be overwhelming trying to decipher the alphabet soup of special interest sections and committees. At the ALL-NEW meeting, members of ALL-SIS spoke about how we can personally benefit from joining these groups, but also emphasized what we can contribute to them. This idea was echoed at the Gen X Gen Y Caucus meeting where everyone in attendance was encouraged to get involved and to take a more active role in shaping the future of AALL and law librarianship generally. I am thrilled to report that, since returning from the conference, I have already attended my first CALL committee meeting and am looking forward to many more in the future. Overall, the Annual Meeting was a great educational experience for me. It also reaffirmed that I made the right decision in becoming a law librarian. I feel lucky to belong to such an amazing profession. Thank you to the CALL Grants Committee for making this trip possible!
CALL Treasurer Ruth Bridges, and AALL members Kerry Skinner and Joan Axelroth, coordinated a well-attended brown bag lunch on July 28, 2009—the last day of the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The topic—one close to the heart of the agenda for most law libraries—was “Rebalancing Your Collection: Print or Electronic or Both?” More than 50 law librarians enthusiastically addressed four topics: user preferences, format choice, collaboration, and the paperless library. Many commented that user preferences often conflict with budget priorities. Some find themselves encouraging electronic resource use because of restricted space and budget to purchase and maintain a print collection. Format choice is also often dictated by budget concerns.

There was general agreement that case law is electronic, and print digest use is declining. Interlibrary loan is the main collaborative resource; few firm librarians reported cooperative collection development initiatives. There was general agreement that the paperless library is not here yet; even when resource discovery is electronic, attorneys and faculty retain a fondness for printing out materials they need to read.

Those who attended took full advantage of this wonderful opportunity to share opinions and expertise. Kudos to Ruth, Kerry and Joan for facilitating such a valuable experience!

**Website Guidelines**

- The CALL website is an official publication of the Chicago Association of Law Librarians. The purpose of the site is to provide CALL members with current and historical information on the chapter’s policies, activities, publications and organization and is maintained by the CALL Internet Committee. The material on the CALL site is for informational purposes only and should not be interpreted as legal advice.

- All the material on the website is intended to be as accurate and up-to-date as possible. CALL makes no guarantee regarding the accuracy or authenticity of material on the CALL site or at any of the linking sites.

- All information that is to be posted to the CALL site is reviewed by the Internet Committee and should be submitted to that committee in final electronic format. All information is subject to formatting changes in order to maintain uniformity.

- Information on the CALL website will be updated or removed at the request of the Board members and Committee Chairs or if the material is out-of-date.

*November 2003*
As I write this column, I am looking around the office seeing the MP3 player that needs a battery charge, the PDA used for solitaire, the empty e-calendar, the jump drives that need labeling, the full print calendar written on with different colors for emphasis, and I realize that I am experiencing a personal brownout. I think I have reached a temporary information technology overload. This realization may also be a by-product of a website I was looking at recently of the Information Overload Research Group (http://iorgforum.org/). According to the organization’s blog “…[w]e’ve been focused primarily on IO as it affects business productivity and quality of life for knowledge workers. But the effects in other segments of life also are profound…” (June 25, 2009 posting by Bill Boyd http://iorgforum.org/blog/). I’m inclined to agree with the last sentence. I think the amount of technology and “gadgets” to which we are exposed significantly affects quality of life and productivity and often in a negative way. That being said, I believe effective organization of technology can reduce information overload, yet we also need to recognize that the electronic way may not always be the best way. Sometimes the phone book is faster to use than an online search when all you need is a phone number.

How can managing the technology in our lives help reduce information overload and make us more efficient? If I had the perfect answer for that, I would be making an infomercial right now. I do not, but I will try to provide some different things to help you start organizing. I will not try to identify all available downloads, software etc; that would be information overload. I will only identify a few (and I make no endorsements of any tools or services identified here). There are many more available that I know little or nothing about. A quick browser search will reveal the many various tools available. Further, a search of the additional features on your favorite browser will identify those that work well with your browser.

**News Readers and Feed Aggregators**

For the news junkies, and anyone else interested in the news, these will allow you to view your favorite news sources/headlines in one place. You need not go from site to site; all the information is pulled into one location. Examples of such readers are:

**RSS Ticker:** Firefox “Feeds, News & Blogging” Add-Ons (https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/browse/type:1/cat:1): This add-on provides a scroll feature on your web browser pulling from any RSS feeds you have set up. Therefore, you can get news from a variety of sources at once without leaving the site(s) you may be using for other tasks. Icons preceding the headline indicate the source, and you can read the whole article simply by clicking on the headline. For me, the constant scroll takes some getting used to, but that is the case with me and anything new. On the plus side, it is a nice slow scroll, and it can be moved forward or backward with the drag of a mouse.

**Google Reader** (www.google.com): This is located in the “more” drop down box on the Google opening page. If scrolling is not your preference, or you want more information up front, using a reader such as Google Reader will pull information to one location for easy access. The reader can stay open “behind the scenes” and provide reference to needed information easily.

**Bloglines** (http://www.bloglines.com): According to the “About Us” page (http://www.bloglines.com/about), “Bloglines shields you from the confusion of news feed standards -- RSS, Atom, and others. Bloglines allows you to search for, read, and share any updates from your favorite news feed or blog regardless of its authoring technology.” Bloglines does not require downloading any software. Registration is required, and the service is free.

**Password Management**

Each time we register for something new, a new login and continued on p. 35
password is required. I have actually let out an audible (though quiet) scream on occasion when faced with the “create your username and password” screen. I cannot keep them all straight and thank goodness for the “forgot your password?” button. It is my friend. However, there is help out there. It has been a long time since I have tried a password manager, but I have a friend who uses one and loves it. Here are a couple of possibilities – as always, there are more:

KeePass Password Safe (http://keepass.info/): According to its website, the service is free and open source. The service uses a master database for your passwords and single password access to the master. The site is based in Germany. A discussion board related to KeePass is posted at http://sourceforge.net/forum/forum.php?forum_id=329220.

For a review of various fee-based password management software, see http://password-management-software-review.toptenreviews.com/. This is a review of several different products from TopTenReviews (http://www.toptenreviews.com/). Some of the products listed as fee-based may have a free personal-use component (e.g., RoboForm http://www.roboform.com/).

Tracking Tweets
I am on Twitter; I admit I do not tweet. I have colleagues who are excellent tweeters and have provided me with some useful resources on organizing tweets – thanks Lyo! I may try to get into tweeting a bit more as long as I start in an organized fashion.

TweetDeck (http://tweetdeck.com/beta/): TweetDeck is a download intended to help manage your Tweeter and Facebook activities among others. Fitting in nicely with the information overload topic, in describing its Groups feature, TweetDeck states “[a]void information over-
load on Twitter with TweetDeck groups. Groups allow you to group your followers, making it easier to follow what’s going on in all areas of your online life.” (http://tweetdeck.com/beta/features/create-groups-and-stay-organised/). “Groups” is just one of the features TweetDeck offers to help you get organized. See the “Features” page for complete information at http://tweetdeck.com/beta/features/.

TwitterFox (http://twitterfox.net/): This is another Firefox extension; for a complete list of available add-ons see https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/. The TwitterFox add-on allows the user to check the status of the Twitter account and see recent tweets of those being followed. I recently installed this add-on and am able to use it quite easily. I do not follow many people, and it seems to work for me. In this same vein, there is also TwitterBar that allows you to add a Twitter messaging line to your tool bar.

Digests
I am not referring to the books compiling case annotations. One very simple way to manage your e-mail information overload is through the use of the digest. Many listservs (e.g., Law-Lib) will provide a daily digest format for receiving messages. This can reduce the e-mail clutter and capacity issues many of us face. Another simple way to manage e-mail discussions is to log into the discussion forum (where available) rather than having each message sent directly to you.

I appreciate the technology available, and I really do want to get a better handle on what I keep where, and the most efficient means of accessing the information, application, tool etc. While I am tired of information overload, I am not yet willing to just turn it all off. There is lots of good information out there that is beneficial to my work (and life). I just need to do a better job weeding. Finding small features that can help in this endeavor can be educational, fun, and in the end, help organize your technology. If only there was a download to weed the garden too!

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2009 AALL Salary Survey Available this Fall

The AALL 2009 Biennial Salary Survey and Organizational Characteristics will be available to AALL members in October.

This new edition is the only source for up-to-date information about salaries for law librarians and other law library employees who work in academic libraries; private firms and corporate libraries; and state, court, and county law libraries. The survey was carried out this summer in complete confidentiality by Association Research, Inc., a professional research firm in Rockville, Maryland, that works exclusively with nonprofit organizations.

Printed copies of the survey will be available for purchase and shipment in October; $110 for AALL members and $175 for nonmembers (contact orders@aall.org). An online version of the survey results will be available to AALL members for free on the Members Only Section of AALLNET.
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CALL Meeting Schedule 2009-2010

Business Meetings
• September 24, 2009 (Thurs.)
• November 19, 2009 (Thurs.)
• February 26, 2010 (Fri.)
• May 19, 2010 (Wed.)

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

Executive Board Meetings
• August 11, 2009 (Tues.)
• September 15, 2009 (Tues.)
• October 20, 2009 (Tues.)
• November 10, 2009 (Tues.)
• December 8, 2009 (Tues.)
• January 12, 2010 (Tues.)
• February 9, 2010 (Tues.)
• March 9, 2010 (Tues.)
• April 13, 2010 (Tues.)
• May 11, 2010 (Tues.)