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From the President...

Summer is flying by, and I'm looking forward to the cooler days of fall. It was good to have a break and now we're back in session. Networking is the key to our success. We do a great job of supporting one another.

We will honor Barbara Szalkowski at the August meeting for her 15 1/2 years of service as our publications chair/newsletter editor. Barbara has spent countless hours gathering, writing and editing articles and announcements for our group. Thank you, Barbara!

The HALL Board and committees are working on planning meetings, workshops and volunteer events for the coming year. We hope you will join us



HALL President Elise McCutchen

as often as possible. I appreciate everyone who has agreed to serve as a committee chair for 2008-2009.

The first meeting of the new Board was full of excitement and we had plenty of business to discuss. The treasury is healthy. Our spring service event was a success. A new opportunity has presented itself, and we hope to have two service events this year. Stay tuned.

You'll notice the new look of the newsletter, thanks to Mary Ann Wacker. We're also planning to spruce up the web site and we'd love your help. The directory is due for its annual update. Feel free to jump in and support your HALL committees by volunteering your time and talents!

You're always welcome to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

HALL members rock!

-Elise

Continuing Education...

This newsletter signals the beginning of our new HALL year. With so much wonderful help from everyone, I am certain that we will have exciting and informative programs all year long. Chris Dykes from the University of Houston Law Center has graciously volunteered to help me with the Continuing Education Committee which assists in planning our meeting programs. If anyone else is interested in being a member of the committee, please do not hesitate to contact me or

Chris.

Our first meeting will be the annual AALL Recap. Several of our HALL members will share with us their AALL Portland experiences by presenting a short report on their workshop of interest and/or overall experience. We can look forward to hearing about several very interesting programs. If you saw a workshop listed at AALL and want copies of the handouts, I may be able to get them for you.

Chris and I will be planning our half-day fall workshop and all-day spring workshop very shortly. We already have

been given several topical suggestions by members, but if you have any more, please let us know. We are very interested in everyone's ideas.

This is my first time on the board and I want to express my thanks to those who have been so helpful in my transition. Our meetings would not be as successful without the extraordinary assistance of Barbara Szalkowski and Eddie Yarbrough of the South Texas College of Law. And I especially appreciate South Texas providing us with such a superb location for our meetings. Thank you so very much!

-Ann Patterson

HALL/DALL/SWALL Reception



Helen Boyce and
Mary Lippold

The HALL/DALL/SWALL reception at AALL was a great success! There were about 50 attendees. The reception was generously underwritten by Jones McClure Publishing and we were thrilled to have Judge Michol O'Connor as our special guest. Also spotted in the crowd were Kay Schleuter and Sally Harlow from Librarians on

Demand in Austin; Former HALL member Peter Egler, now at Drexel; Katherine Greene of the University of Kansas; Jennifer Stephens, Kevin Miles, Marty Sheppard, Bill Combest and Teri Diamond of DALL; Elise Keller, Sharon Blackburn, and Susan Caterall. Thanks so much to all who attended! It was a festive and fun get-together.

*Photos to right,
clockwise: Leslie
Haas, Judge Michol
O'Connor and
Greg Lambert;
Dina Dreifuerst
and Paula Howe;
Lauren Schroeder
and Peter Egler;
Jane Holland, Joan
Englander, Mike
Beaird and his wife
(photos by Mary
Ann Wacker)*



Book Review - Supreme Conflict

Supreme Conflict. The Inside Story of the Struggle for Control of the United States Supreme Court. By Jan Crawford Greenburg. 354 pages.

Having a deep interest in constitutional law, I have always enjoyed reading Supreme Court decisions. Therefore, when Jan Crawford Greenburg's "Supreme Conflict" was finally out in paperback, I had to read it. And it sure is a page turner! Greenburg manages to cover nearly 40 years of SCOTUS history, and she never loses steam.

I really enjoyed her rec-

ollection of how Justice O'Connor, Souter, and Kennedy were nominated and I wish she would have given others equal space.

Ginsburg acutely dissects the swing vote role played by Kennedy in the new court, but the records and judicial philosophies of Roberts and Alito — along with their likely impact on cases coming before the court — are not analyzed in depth. But to her defense, the main emphasis of the book seems to be on the Rehnquist Court and the move to the Roberts Court.

I do not however agree with the positive picture she

paints of Justice Thomas. For one, I still have the entire Anita Hill controversy in front of me, and two, I still believe that a Supreme Court Judge should participate in discussions and show interest. Honestly, I do not care if he is an independent and intellectual thinker, a judge has to ask questions and not simmer his own brew.

Overall, I read the book in a couple of days, and I recommend it to anyone even slightly interested in the recent history of the Supreme Court.

- Saskia Melhorn

"Greenburg manages to cover nearly 40 years of SCOTUS history, and she never loses steam."

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2008 HALL Dues

Be sure and send in your membership form and dues if you have not done so! The HALL year runs from June-July. Membership forms may be found here:

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/dues.pdf>

Members who do not renew will not be listed in the HALL Directory—Thanks!

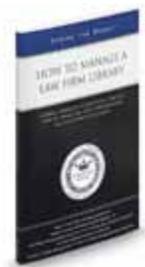
-Laurie Gaas

Author! Author!

Our very own Mariann Sears wrote a chapter in the book *How to Manage a Law Firm Library*. The book was published by Aspatore and is available to purchase from Thomson West. Mariann's chapter is entitled "Promoting the Value of

the Law Firm Library". Other chapters include "Aligning Library Service Lines with Business Strategy," "Establishing and Maintaining a Law Firm Library," "An Overview of Law Library Services and Management Best Practices," "Convergence: Infor-

mation, Technology, and Training in Today's Law Firm Library," "Successful Law Library Services: Managing the Balance," and "Challenges Faced in the Law Firm Library in the Digital Age."



How to Manage a Law Firm Library

HALL Board Meeting Minutes

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HALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2008

Thompson & Knight LLP

Elise McCutchen called the meeting to order at 12:00. Those in attendance were: Elise McCutchen, Ann Patterson, Mariann Sears, Gwendolyn Johnson, Patti Curtis, Lauren Schroeder, Mary Ann Wacker, and Colleen Pincumbe.

AALL Review: There was discussion of sessions attended at AALL. Ann Patterson attended the Leadership Training. Mariann Sears spoke about the Treasurers' Training. Her discussion included mention of the 990 N IRS Form we have to fill out and signatures on the HALL bank account. (New officers must be added to account, and old ones taken off.) Mariann also brought up the idea of having 2 year terms for the treasurer and secretary. The Board decided to look into the necessary steps to get the bylaws changed to allow for this. Marian also mentioned the idea of putting some of HALL's money into an interest-earning CD or money market account. Mariann is going to investigate this and report back to the board at the next meeting. She also mentioned chapter liability insurance. HALL currently has it and will renew our policy this year.

August and September Meetings: The program for the August meeting will be an AALL update. Elise and Ann mentioned possibilities for other upcoming meetings. Monique Gonzalez with the Texas Legal Services Center contacted the group with a desire to give a presentation to promote access to legal aid. The Houston Association of Legal Professionals also contacted the group to see about giving a presentation. There was also discussion of whether we should start sending out postcards to invite members and non-members to our events. The board decided to stick with email reminders.

Vendor Forum Guidelines: There was discussion of a recent vendor forum with Lexis. There had been some problems, and as a result, the board made a motion for Colleen to draft guidelines to lay out the responsibilities that vendors have if they are to present to the group.

Treasurer's Report: Mariann let us know we currently have \$17, 309 in our account.

Newsletter and Web Site Update: Mary Ann showed us the new newsletter that she's been working on. There was discussion of whether we still need to run ads in it. Mariann reported that we brought in \$600 last year by allowing vendors to run ads. The board decided that we will continue to run ads to generate the extra income. Elise has also talked to the web master, Richard Guajardo, about revamping the HALL website.

Committees: Elise mentioned that the membership committee chair will update the member directory and print out the name tags for the general meetings.

Old Business—There was no old business

New Business—Elise mentioned that we are going to recognize Barbara Szalkowski at the August meeting for her many years of service as editor of the newsletter. The board voted to use chapter funds to purchase a framed certificate and flowers for Barbara. Another item of new business was to be thinking about ideas for the October HALL Half Day Seminar. Ann mentioned the idea of having a speaker come in to talk about negotiating contracts with vendors.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.

-Gwendolyn Johnson, HALL Secretary

AALL Reports



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES



The 2008 Annual Meeting of AALL was held in Portland Oregon July 12-15. The theme was *Energize, Explore, and Evolve*. HALL was very well-represented at the meeting. The Exhibit Hall was enormous, with many vendors

showing their wares. Thomson-Reuters and Lexis-Nexis had huge booths, along with BNA, Bloomberg, and Wolters-Kluwer. The conference hotels were in the downtown area, while the convention center was on the other side of the river—a

short train ride away. It was a little warmer than we expected, but still pretty bearable for the heat-tolerant Texans. Here are a few reports from conference attendees! Hope you enjoy these recaps.

-Mary Ann Wacker



Fighting Library Burnout

Gail Warren and Jean Holcomb delivered a presentation on Library Burnout. They described the problem itself: malaise of spirit, emotional exhaustion, dissatisfaction, and frustration. Jean and Gail claim it's a result of non-challenging work, an off-kilter work-life balance, and lack of clear career advancement. To fight this phenomenon, they suggest rewarding people for their per-

formance (but make sure the rewarder is recognized appropriately) and making sure people know that what they do contributes to the institution as a whole. Vacations are essential and must be taken without the Blackberry. Employees need to be recognized and rewarded for individual thinking and for taking risks. Managers were urged to make time for the people you supervise and to get out of your chair and talk to people, and also to develop networks of

your peers. Coach all employees to set goals. Managers are also encouraged to share credit with their staff and to also demonstrate high ethical standards—the manager “owns the emotional climate of the workplace.” The speakers also described what they called “stopping the worry loop” - when you feel yourself worrying unnecessarily, imagine yourself reading a book in a hammock on the beach!

- Mary Ann Wacker

An Exploration of the Role of Presidential Signing Statements in Legislative Histories

As usual, my favorite AALL session was one whose substance has very little to do with my actual present job duties. As a matter of fact, I wasn't absolutely sure what a "presidential signing statement" was, it had been so long since I needed to look one up. This program addressed the issue of what significance, if any, should be given by the courts to presidential comments added when signing (or vetoing) an Act of Congress. The reason that these signing statements have become a factor in legislative analysis is that in recent years, presidents have become a little fond of issuing comments instructing the Executive branch how officials are to enforce or ignore portions of the Act. Following is a quote from one of the web site links furnished at this AALL session <http://www.coherentbabble.com>:

In a "constitutional" signing statement, a president will object to a provision of law by directly citing a provision of the Constitution, or by citing a Supreme Court ruling interpreting the Constitution, or by bare assertion (without citation to authority) that the law offends the Constitution or invades the power of the Executive. A president may announce his intent to disregard the law due to claimed Constitutional infirmity, or he may announce that he will interpret the law to avoid the Constitutional difficulties that he perceives. By contrast, a "rhetorical" signing statement is ceremonial in nature, and usually praises the wisdom of the law or the lawmakers, or notes the importance of the issue addressed by the law. Or a rhetorical statement may criticize Congress or the enactment without challenging Congress's authority to act. For an example of a "rhetorical" signing statement, see President's Statement on S. 686, Allowing Federal Courts to Hear Claim of Terri Schiavo.

(<http://www.coherentbabble.com/signingstatements/SSann2005.htm#5-01>)

For an example of a constitutional signing statement, see President's Statement on Energy Policy Act of 2005. (<http://www.coherentbabble.com/signingstatements/SSann2005.htm#5-04>)

In CRS Report RL33667, (<http://www.coherentbabble.com/signingstatements/CRS/RL33667-9172007.pdf>) the Congressional Research Service compared the current administration's use of signing statements to the three prior administrations, reporting that:

34% of President Reagan's signing statements raised constitutional objections
47% of President George H. W. Bush's signing statements raised constitutional objections
18% of President Clinton's signing statements raised constitutional objections
78% of President George W. Bush's signing statements raised constitutional objections

We were furnished many scholarly articles and statistical reports on this subject, and they are available at the AALLNET.ORG web page, or I will be happy to forward a PDF of the bibliographic references to anyone interested. Prepare to be surprised.

And since we are in the heat of a presidential election campaign, here are a couple of quotes from presidential candidates regarding presidential signing statements:

By Charlie Savage and James W. Pindell
Globe Correspondent / November 20, 2007
NASHUA - Republican presidential candidate John McCain denounced yesterday President Bush's use of "signing statements" to reserve the right to violate certain laws, and he vowed to abandon the practice if he becomes president. "I would never issue a signing statement," the Arizona senator said at a Rotary Club meeting in Nashua, adding that he "would only sign it or veto" any legislation that reached his desk as president.

Hours later in Manchester, N.H., Democratic presidential candidate Bill Richardson agreed with McCain's stance, saying "I will eliminate them. I won't have one." Presidents have used signing statements to declare that certain provisions of bills are unconstitutional and do not need to be enforced or obeyed, even as they sign them into law. Bush has used signing statements to challenge more such laws than all previous presidents combined.

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Charlie Savage, Boston Globe:
Barack Obama's Q&A

Under what circumstances, if any, would you sign a bill into law but also issue a signing statement reserving a constitutional right to bypass the law?

Signing statements have been used by presidents of both parties, dating back to Andrew Jackson. While it is legitimate for a president to issue a signing statement to clarify his understanding of ambiguous provisions of statutes and to explain his view of how he intends to faithfully execute the law, it is a clear abuse of power to use such statements as a license to evade laws that the president does not like or as an end-run around provisions designed to foster accountability.

I will not use signing statements to nullify or undermine congressional instructions as enacted into law. The problem with this administration is that it has attached signing statements to legislation in an effort to change the meaning of the legislation, to avoid enforcing certain provisions of the legislation that the President does not like, and to raise implausible or dubious constitutional objections to the legislation. The fact that President Bush has issued signing statements to challenge over 1100 laws – more than any president in history – is a clear abuse of this prerogative. No one doubts that it is appropriate to use signing statements to protect a president's constitutional prerogatives; unfortunately, the Bush Administration has gone much further than that.

-Caralinn Cole

Library Haiku
Experience, yes
Willingness, yes. Skills, you bet.
Telepathy, no.

<http://www.uoregon.edu/~lnessel/haiku.html>



Photo from Portland's
International Rose Test
Garden

Portland - City of Roses

I woke up the morning after the conference at the crack of dawn and walked 30 minutes (uphill!) to Portland's International Rose Test Garden. Portland has the perfect climate to grow roses, so new varieties and hybrids are tested there. It was about 50 degrees, so beautiful and cool. I was greeted by 7,000 rosebushes—

heaven on earth for this gardener. There were climbing roses, tea roses, miniature roses, shrub roses, and floribunda rose varieties. And they were, of course, incredibly fragrant, and in every color you can imagine. My visit to the Garden is a memory I will always treasure.

-Mary Ann Wacker

AALL Joint Study Institute

My experience at the AALL Joint Study Institute was one I will never forget! The Joint Study Institute (JSI) is a program that takes place every two years and is aimed at providing a forum for international law researchers from around the world to discuss research and issues concerning international law today. This year the JSI was held at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. I met so many wonderful people from California, Louisiana, London, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland and Canada. The total delegate number was 62. Half of the delegates were from academic institutions, 17% from law libraries affiliated with courts, 16% from law firm libraries and 17% from other institutions with law libraries (legislative libraries, government agencies, etc.). The geographical breakdown was 2 delegates from the ALLA, 5 from BIALL, 8 from CALL, 3 from NZLLA and 44 from AALL. I was the only delegate from Texas in attendance.

The theme for the 2008 JSI was “Harmonization and Confrontation: Integrating Foreign and International Law in American Systems.” The speakers were absolutely phenomenal. There were many times throughout the program that I wished that the sessions would not end. At times the discussions extended into our break times because everyone was just so engaged in the sessions! The material was so interesting not only because of my experience in international research, but also because the question of whether foreign law should be consulted by U.S. courts has been a source of great controversy among legal scholars and commentators in recent years. This is particularly true of the use of foreign law by the Supreme Court in interpreting the U.S. Constitution.

Recent decisions by the Supreme Court have drawn sharp criticism for references to non-U.S. laws and customs. To this end, a few legislators have even introduced congressional resolutions reflecting such criticism of the use or consideration of non-U.S. sources in Supreme Court decisions. One legislator even went so far as to suggest that Justices should be impeached for such practices!

There was a fantastic presentation by Professor David Fontana of George Washington University Law School titled “Toward a Global Constitution? U.S. Constitutional Interpretation and the Role of Foreign Law” that addressed these criticisms. It was interesting to find that many of our early constitutional interpretation cases also looked to foreign law in rendering decisions. Professor Fontana provided an outstanding survey of past Supreme Court jurisprudence and explained how these decisions could provide clues that may foreshadow future constitutional law practice. My thoughts - the more we participate in foreign and international comparative law, the more we are able to influence it.

Another outstanding presentation was delivered by Seth P. Waxman, Partner at WilmerHale in Washington, D.C., and former Solicitor General for the United States. Mr. Waxman was the attorney who presented the case for Mr. Roper in *Roper v. Simmons* before the Supreme Court. In *Roper v. Simmons*, the U.S. Supreme Court basically held that the American standards of decency regarding the use of the death penalty in juvenile offender cases have evolved, based partially on an awareness of how other countries and the international community have responded to these types of issues. Mr. Waxman described the process of preparing for the oral argument before the Supreme Court, highlighted some of his arguments that use of the death penalty in this case under the 8th Amendment was unusual, cruel, counter to the “evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society” and international practice. He also had several entertaining anecdotes about presenting the oral argument before Justice Scalia - especially the relevance of foreign and international law in his case. He ended by reading aloud relevant sections of the transcript of the oral argument. A written transcript of this hearing can be found at http://www.supremecourtus.gov/oral_arguments/argument_transcripts/03-633.pdf.

We received several presentations on online legal research tools available and as well as information on “up and coming” technology. I quickly found that there was so much information on the internet that I had no clue ever existed. For example, it appears that professors and scholars have started to deliver lectures and discussions on international law in Second Life. I never knew that there was an entire group of international researchers on Second Life! (Okay, to be completely honest, I had no clue what Second Life was and had to sheepishly ask someone!) For those that are as lost as I was, Second Life is a virtual world where you can create yourself and network or socialize with other “Residents.” I was surprised to find that even Judge Richard A. Posner is a “Resident” of this virtual world and it is said that he sometimes participates in interviews. A transcript of an interview with Judge Posner’s avatar can be found at http://nwn.blogs.com/nwn/2006/12/the_second_life.html.

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Claire Germain, Edward Cornell Law Librarian and Professor of Law, presented on the Global Legal Information Network project of the Law Library of Congress (GLIN). GLIN is a public database that provides official texts of laws, regulations and judicial decisions of foreign countries. Kate Anthony, Librarian of the Parliamentary Counsel Office of New Zealand provided a very entertaining explanation of their on-going project of authenticating their online source for legislation in New Zealand and Vanessa Blackmore, Manager of Information Services for the Law Courts Library in Sydney presented on their process for authenticating laws and regulations in Australia.

On the last day of the conference, I attended the Closing Gala at the National Press Club where great food and dessert were served! After the Gala, the group was then escorted on a night tour of the D.C. monuments which was simply beautiful! This was my very first visit to D.C. so I ventured out one day after the conference and really took in the sights! I visited the Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, the White House, the Smithsonian, Iwo Jima Memorial, the Library of Congress (where I met Dr. Reubens Medina - Director of the Law Library of Congress) and the Supreme Court. I can tell you that I'm almost certain that my heart stopped when I stood at the steps of the Supreme Court. We were fortunate enough to have lunch in one of the conference rooms at the Supreme Court and the architecture was just exquisite. In my tour of the Supreme Court, I visited their law library and also visited their gym which was fully equipped with free weights and a basketball court (also known as the "Highest Court of the Land" - since it is located on the highest floor of the Supreme Court building).

I met so many people and learned so much at this conference. I encourage anyone who has an interest in international law to attend the next JSI. This conference was so amazing and an experience I will never forget. I am truly grateful to HALL and King & Spalding for giving me the opportunity to attend the 2008 JSI. THANK YOU!

- Natalie Lira

AALL Conference Experience

First of all I want to say thank you to the HALL Scholarship Committee for helping with the travel expenses for the Portland Meeting

This year's meeting was based on the theme "Energize, Explore, Evolve." The 1st thing I did on Saturday morning was to Energize by being a part of the AALL volunteer project at the Oregon Food Bank. This facility is one of the largest in the country and handles requests from food banks all over Oregon. On this particular day, they were 40+ volunteers (14 from AALL) packaging oranges to be distributed by the Food Bank. We had a great deal of fun working on this and the 3 hours flew by quickly! We ended up packaging enough oranges to feed over 340 families per volunteer!

One of the main reasons to go to a national conference is to network with your peers from all over the country. A lot of this is done through attending receptions and other social activities put on during the conference. I attended my share of these and re-connected with some and made new acquaintances as well. My greatest advantage in this area was to volunteer as a ticket taker at the opening. Not only did I get to meet the others with whom I was working, but also got to see everyone as they were walking through to get to all the goodies LexisNexis had waiting up the escalators.

Another part of networking is done through the Exhibit Hall. I like to take advantage of the face to face contacts with people who normally are voices over a phone line. This is where the 2nd facet of this year's theme Explore comes through. Going through the exhibits gives you a taste of all the products that are out there and to check out the changes in your existing products. If you pick up a few trinkets along the way, so be it! (My great-niece loves the stuffed black dog Westlaw Tax was giving away!)

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Business meetings, users groups and roundtables are another way of networking. This is where the meat of the theme comes into place! Energize yourself with the enthusiasm of people like Lucy Curci-Gonzalez and Tina Dumas outgoing and incoming chairs of Private Law Libraries SIS. Explore the workings of the organization by attending the business meeting and find out what the SIS is doing in the way of projects and see how the SIS is evolving to fit into the 21st century via the Internet and technology based activities.

I attended the Sydney Plus users group meeting and heard what new things Sydney is offering to their clients. Dropped in at the HALL/DALL/SWALL reception and got to see people I do not usually see in Houston and got to re-acquaint myself with some Dallas librarians. It was very well attended and I was sorry to have to leave early but had to move on to the BNA Reception at the Portland City Grill! This was held at a venue with an incredible view and I have pictures of the sunset to prove it! Another chance to network!

I was lucky enough to be asked to be a part of the Washington Affairs Office focus group and a West Focus Group on their Web 2.0 site. It will be interesting to see how both these issues evolve over the next few years. With the passing of Bob Oakley, AALL is trying to see which direction to take the WAO. Should it still be called that? Should it still be based in DC? Should the focus be geared more towards individual states' issues and less on national issues? These are some of the questions they were trying to resolve and you will see the results over the next months and years. The West Web 2.0 was something that I had never seen before and was not sure how to take, but the consensus seems to be that except for some streamlining in the searching, you could do just as well on your own!

You may be asking at this point, "So did she go to any of the educational programs?!" As educating as all the other experiences were, yes, I did attend some of the educational programs. My favorite was put on by the PLL-SIS Technical Services Group. This was entitled "Who Moved My Pencils? Managing Change in the Technical Services Department." Talk about an energizing session! Joni Cassidy brought in stress management expert, Renee Arcement, who also spoke to this group in San Antonio and in New Orleans. She spoke of how to deal with the stress of change and used audience participation exercises to demonstrate how change affects us.

Another interesting session was put on by our own Dina Dreifuert called "Tales from the Dark Side, or If I knew Then What I Know Now!" Dina, along with Catherine Whitney and Susan Skyzinski talked about their experiences as both firm librarians and vendor representatives. A lively discussion which spilled over past the 30 minutes scheduled for it.

I also attended the "CRIV Tools: Useful Resources for Working with Information Vendors." Going in with the expectation of getting useful information that would be an extension of the preceding program about vendors, I got nothing! This program ended up being a call for help from the coordinators of the online tools currently on the CRIV website. They are looking to update the information on the site and need people to help them achieve this goal. Good goal, but I went in with the expectation of getting an education and walked out of an infomercial!

I missed some programs I would have liked to attend because of other meetings, but overall, I did have a great experience and brought back information that can be used in my day to day work.

-Joan Englander

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