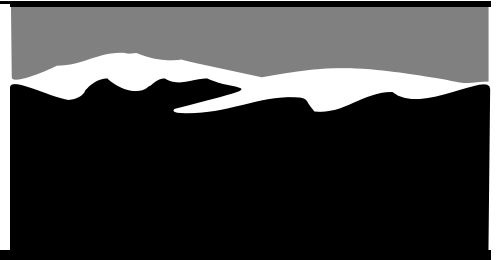


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Feng Shui , Law Libraries and the New Millennium

Lillian Too, author of *THE COMPLETE ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO FENG SHUI FOR GARDENS* (Boston,MA:Element Books, 1999) defines Feng Shui as:

“...the science of carefully contrived spatial equilibrium with one’s environment; it involves a subtle manipulation of the energies that surround our living space to create balance and harmony.”

About a month ago, my firm changed from Word6 and Outlook97,Windows 95 to Word7, Outlook98 and NT. Although I had time to examine all of the library programs we used and time to consider what to map and re-install, these latest changes gave me pause. I set about reviewing all programs and checked my disk garage looking for back-up CD-ROMs and floppy disks and documentation. In the midst of this review, I came across a sheet detailing instructions for dialing into the EPA Online Library System via modem; highest modem speed allowable was 9600 baud.

How do Feng Shui, transition from Windows95 to NT and dialing into a database via modem, the millennium and law libraries relate?

Law librarians have faced tremendous changes with regards to material formats (print, CD-ROM, dial-up and WEB databases), downsizing of physical space and staff, licensing, mergers and acquisitions of publishers, the upward spiral of publication costs, not to mention the variety of skill and expectation levels of our attorneys and other legal support workers. If you have been successful at handling any two of these items, I would guess that you were practicing Feng Shui..and did not even
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AALL Annual Meeting Report

by Brendon E. Starkey

As one of the recipients of a LLOPS grant to attend AALL in Washington, D.C. last summer, and as a relative newbie to the whole convention-going experience, I am only too happy to recount my experiences for LLOPScited.

Despite the lure of the surrounding city, to which I had never been before, I actually spent the better part of the first few days holed up in the convention center. The whiz-bang dazzle of the exhibit hall is always a draw, and I was excited to learn of new improvements on the horizon from BNA and Westlaw, among others. But most of my time was spent attending some of the great educational programs that were offered this year. There were so many, I found myself having to make hard choices from among programs that were offered at the same time. Nothing like an embarrassment of riches to make one appreciate our national association.

Some programs and speakers that stand out in my memory (and my notes):

- The Hon. Thomas Zlaket of the Arizona Supreme Court, discussing the results of the National Conference on Public Trust and Confidence in the Justice System, made the point that despite waning public confidence, the third branch of government has historically “held its own” against the other two branches because Americans rely on the judiciary for impartiality. After studying the planks of the National Action Plan to Improve Public Trust and Confidence in the Justice System, the program participants divided up into smaller brainstorming groups, then reconvened to present ideas for ways that law librarians can be involved in improving access to justice. I think everyone came away energized with ideas for how they can make a difference by being participants rather than spectators.
- Roberta Katz, author of *Justice matters: rescuing the legal system for the twenty-first century*, outlined her plan for creating a more affordable civil justice system by making it more flexible and less rule-bound. Her point that excess of information has made the legal process protracted, rule-bound, and process-heavy, ergo, expensive, highlights the reason why so many people are attempting the process themselves with the aid of their friendly neighborhood law library. When Ms. Katz suggested that the legal role of adversary be changed to that of problem solver, it occurred to me that librarians are already there. Whether or not this can realistically happen elsewhere is open to debate.
- At the presentation of the AALL Universal Citation Guide before a panel representing users potentially affected by the change, some of the “jurors,” including a Ninth Circuit Judge, sparked a lively debate when they admitted that they don’t know exactly what it is we do. Personally, I am amazed that people with advanced degrees from American institutions of higher education can graduate without knowing what librarians do, but that comment did get people going, with many of our colleagues eloquently jumping to the challenge.
- An ALL-SIS roundtable discussion on constructing user surveys left me brimming with ideas, including my favorite, the use of food to encourage participation.
- Ray Suarez of NPR gave a spirited talk on the current state of broadcasting ethics (an oxymoron,

it would seem, in his mind), and provided some food for thought on an issue that impacts us all personally. He provided some especially timely commentary on the then-breaking coverage of the Kennedy disappearance, a major topic of non-library related conversation at the convention.

Add to all that some sightseeing, a chance to connect with old friends from within and without the profession, an encounter with Dick Clark, who does look alarmingly ageless, and the chance to experience the kind of crushing humidity that reminds me why I live on the West Coast, and you can see why this was an exciting experience for me. Can Philly live up? We'll see . . .

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Minutes of 6/15/99 Executive Board Meeting

Attending: Mort Brinchmann, Connelly Johnson, Linda Kawaguchi, Brenna Louzin, Barbara Rothwell
Guest: Jill Allyn

Meeting was called to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 4/30/99 meeting were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Mort Brinchmann reported a balance of \$7839.24. He will do an annual report before transferring everything to Claudia Jalowka.

3. Lexis Reimbursement for LLOPSCited

Connelly Johnson has been working on this. If we don't hear anything about it by August then Jill Allyn will pursue it further.

4. Membership Renewal Form

The membership renewal form has not gone out yet. Jill Allyn will contact Mary Hotchkiss to see if we can still print it in the next LLOPSCited. Connelly will make up a form and send it in paper and email. We will also have some forms available at the June 30 business meeting.

5. LLOPS Reception in DC

Brenna Louzin reported that the librarian at the Heller Ehrman office in DC will reserve a room for Tues. July 20 from approx. 4:30-6:00. They will provide beverages and appetizers. Brenna will do a flyer and send an email announcement. She will ask for RSVPs by July 9.

6. Bylaws Update

Mort Brinchmann talked to Dan Friedberg and will try to have something to send out before the June meeting so that we can approve at the August meeting.

7. AALL Roundtable Assignments
Curt Robbins -- Newsletter Editors
Brenna Louzin -- Membership
Claudia Jalowka -- Website management (maybe)
Claudia Jalowka -- Treasurer Training
Connelly Johnson -- Public Relations
Deborah Norwood -- Government Relations

Minutes of 6/30/99 Business Meeting

Meeting was called to order.

Introductions

1. Announcements

-- Brenna passed out a flyer with details of the LLOPS Reception in DC. It will be on Tuesday July 20, 4:30-6:30 at the DC office of Heller Ehrman. Please RSVP to Brenna by July 8.
-- Membership forms have been distributed.
-- Volunteers were thanked. We still need more people, especially for the program chair and marketing chair.

2. Landers Scholarship Recipients

Penny Hazelton announced and introduced the 2 recipients of the Melissa Landers Scholarship. Shar Smith and Michelle Bann. Details are in the June issue of LLOPSCited.

3. Committee Reports

Grants Committee -- Jean Holcomb

Awarded 2 \$300 grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting to Barbara Rothwell and Brendan Starkey. Awarded one grant to the Copyright Workshop to Liz Doyle.

Membership Committee -- Katherine Foster

LLOPS had 7% growth this year, for a total of 117 members.

UW Liaison -- Penny Hazelton

Mary Whisner, Fred Hanson and Barbara Rothwell participated in the SLA Resume Night at the UW Library School, which was co-sponsored by LLOPS. Mike Eisenberg is the new Dean of SILS and the size of the faculty has doubled since his arrival. SILS will be moving to a new building soon.

Program Committee -- Amy Eaton

Organized 8 monthly meetings and 1 holiday party. Had speakers from a variety of groups this year.

Employment Committee -- Susan Ball

There were lots of jobs open this year. Everything is working fine.

Nominations Committee -- Mary Hotchkiss

Put together a great slate: Claudia Jalowka for Treasurer and Katherine Foster for Vice President/President Elect. Over 50% of LLOPS members returned ballots even though it was uncontested.

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Minutes of 6/30/99 Business Meeting

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Internet SIG -- Claudia Jalowka

Held 8 meetings this year of a variety of topics, including federal courts, intellectual property, comparing search engines. Will not have any sessions in the summer months and resume in the fall. There are plans for a LLOPS website to be hosted by AALLNET.

Newsletter -- Jill Allyn

Put out 4 issues on time. Mary Hotchkiss filled in as layout editor for the June issue. Curt Robbins will be layout editor beginning with the next issue.

4. Connelly Johnson thanked Jan Lawrence for chairing the Incorporation Committee. We are now incorporated. Connelly also thanked the Board Members for the past year.

5. Connelly presented the 1999 LLOPS President's Award for Excellence to Penny Hazelton of the Gallagher Law Library.

6. Transfer of the Gavel and Tiara from Connelly Johnson to Brenna Louzin.

7. Brenna Louzin thanked the outgoing LLOPS Board Members.

The meeting was concluded with cake.

Minutes of 8/12/99 Executive Board Meeting

Attending: Katherine Foster, Claudia Jalowka, Connelly Johnson, Linda Kawaguchi, Brenna Louzin
Guests: Jill Allyn, Mort Brinchmann, Peggy Jarrett

Meeting was called to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 6/15/99 Executive Board Meeting and the 6/30/99 Business Meeting were approved.

2. Outgoing Treasurer's Report

Mort Brinchmann reviewed the 1998-1999 Treasurer's Report. Jill Allyn will contact Jenny Kanji regarding reimbursement for LLOPSCited. Katherine Foster will contact Kinko's about access to Lexis account for future LLOPSCited printing.

3. Bylaws Draft/Incorporation Update

Mort will give Dan Friedberg a rough draft based on our old bylaws. He will coordinate with Nancy McMurrer, chair of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. Brenna, Mort and Dan Friedberg will work on the application for exempt status.

4. Incoming Treasurer's Report

Claudia Jalowka reported a balance of \$7870.77. She went over new spreadsheets that she created using AALL recommendations.

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LLOPS DIRECTORY CHANGES

The former Crystal Robinson is now **Crystal Sherman**. Effective January 1, 2000 the firm she is employed by will have a new name: Riddell Williams P.S.

Her new directory information is:

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Librarian

Riddell Williams P.S.

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Katie Drake should be listed as the new librarian at Graham & Dunn all the other info. is the same. Amy Padfield left and went back to Ernst & Young in California.

Jean Pasche's address should read US. Courts Library, 1018 US Courthouse, 1010 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

The following should be added under Private Law Firms:

Reed McClure

Two Union Square

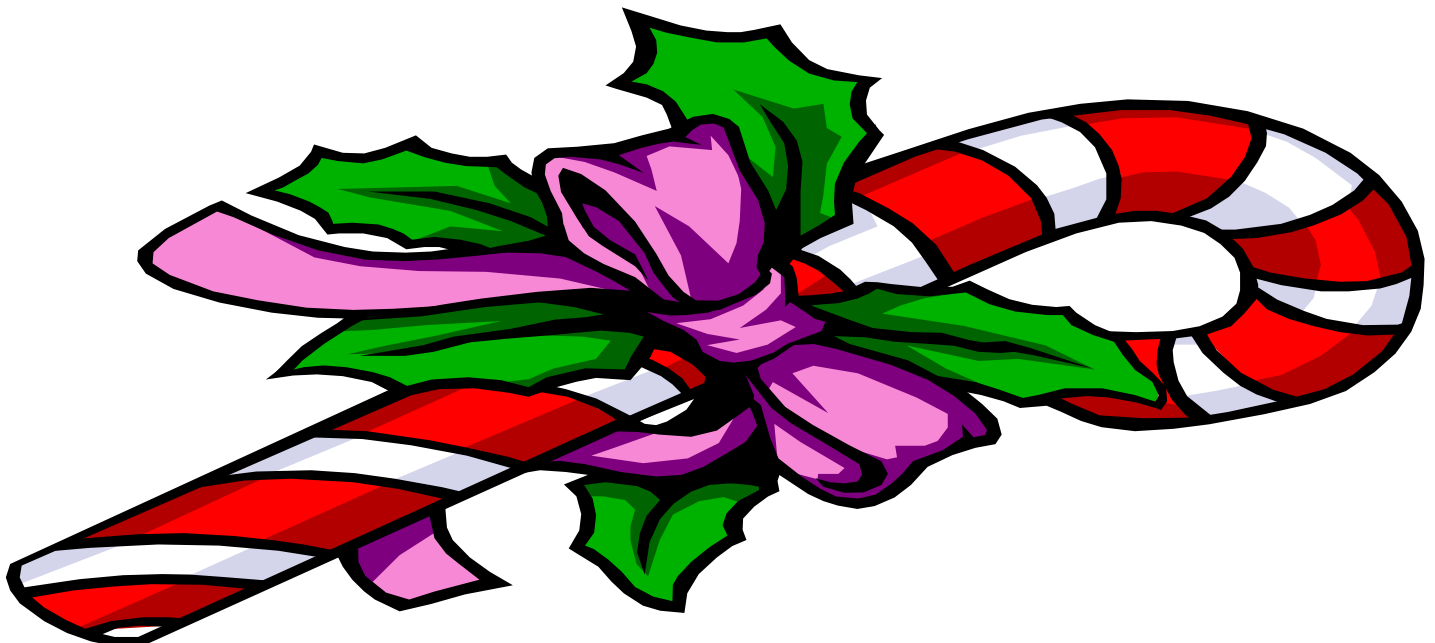
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5. Update on Chapter Handbook

Peggy Jarrett is creating a draft of a LLOPS Chapter Handbook. She handed out a Table of Contents and had some questions for the board. Who will be responsible for revising it? The immediate past president will revise it by the end of the LLOPS year (end of June) to pass on to new board

members. We will also consider placing it on our forthcoming website. Peggy will give a draft of office and committee descriptions to the appropriate executive board officer and committee chairperson to revise. Connelly volunteered to help with this project.

6. New Membership Procedures

We need some type of communication to welcome new LLOPS members and give them information on things like the LLOPS listserv, LLOPSCited, monthly meetings, etc. Katherine will draft a welcome letter. Brenna will also call new members.

7. AALL Executive Board Chapter Visit

Brenna sent in our request for a chapter visit from Janis Johnston in March. LLOPS will kick in \$300 towards expenses.

8. AALL Action Alert re. H.R. 1858

Brenna faxed a letter in support of H.R. 1858 to Hon. Thomas Billey, Chair of the House Committee on Commerce.

9. Program Committee

Katherine Foster reported on a couple of ideas for upcoming programs: OCLC Survival Tips and Mediation & Arbitration.

10. LLOPS DC Reception

Brenna received positive feedback on the reception in DC.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of 9/22/99 Executive Board Meeting

Noon at Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe.

Attending: Brenna Louzin, Connelly Johnson, Claudia Jalowka, Katherine Foster.

Guests: Jill Allyn, Vivian Burke, Liz Doyle and Ellen Bowman.

1. Connelly moved that the 8/12/99 Board minutes be approved; Claudia seconded and motion carried.

2. Treasurer's report: Claudia reported no expenses and a \$90 addition.

3. LLOPSCited issues: Lexis required our reimbursement request to be on official LLOPS letterhead, which Brenna supplied.

4. Vivian Burke spoke about the possible alliance of SLA, MLA and LLOPS for a professional newsletter circulating and lending library. Vivian has been collecting professional library publications and is interested in seeing whether LLOPS wishes to join the library, help formulate collection and

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circulation policies, etc. Connelly moved to pursue the idea, and the Board passed the motion.

5. Liz Doyle showed the Board the planned layout of the new LLOPS web site (to be hosted by AALL). Claudia will be the first webmaster. Discussed the LLOPS logo - where it is and how to make it digital. Board authorized the purchase of "Front Page" software package for the project. Concerns included maintenance of links, marketing opportunities, and selection of educational and public links. Board liked the preliminary work of the committee and moved for the project to proceed.

6. Katherine discussed the LLOPS member directory. She has added firm web site addresses when available. Fall publication date is probable - she is waiting for student memberships.

7. Open discussion: Dan Friedberg is completing our new bylaws. They will need to be circulated among the membership. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday October 19th at Heller Ehrman.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Allyn

Minutes of 10/19/99 Executive Board Meeting

Attending: Katherine Foster, Claudia Jalowka, Linda Kawaguchi, Brenna Louzin, Linda Tobiska.

1. Change of Secretaries

Brenna Louzin announced that Linda Kawaguchi has resigned her duties as the current LLOPS Secretary due to plans to leave the area. Linda Tobiska, law librarian at Schwabe Williamson, has accepted this board position.

2. Treasurer's Report

Claudia Jalowka reported a balance of \$9580.92.

3. LLOPS Directory

Katherine Foster said that the directory is done and she is taking it to Kinkos and it will be ready to hand out at the regular meeting 10/27.

4. AALL Call for 2000 Meeting

If anyone wants to have a meeting on behalf of LLOPS at the next Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Brenna received forms from AALL. The deadline is Nov. 1. We have been having informal social gatherings in the past.

5. Bylaws News

Brenna talked to Dan Friedberg about the Bylaws and he will get back to her. Connelly Johnson and Nancy McMurrer are also working on this. If there are any changes to be made they need to be presented at the January meeting.

6. Holiday Meeting

It will be held at Heller Ehrman on Dec. 8. The theme is Y2K. Katherine is going to talk to someone at West about sponsorship.

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Subject Compilations of State Laws on the Web: Recent Discoveries

by Cheryl Rae Nyberg
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The World Wide Web has quickly become a fertile source of state law comparisons. The following websites will appear in the next volume in the *Subject Compilations of State Laws* bibliography series, the 1998-99 volume, which will be published next spring. These titles were selected because they contain statutory citations. The URL's published here were active and accurate as of November 16 28, 1999.

Have you found a good state law compilation on the web recently? Please send me the URL (cnyberg@u.washington.edu) and I'll include it in the next *Subject Compilations* bibliography.

Adoption

"A Summary of State Laws on Access to Identifying Information." *Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute*. URL: [www.adoptioninstitute.org/policy/polreg.html]

Tables. Cites to codes. Covers passive registries, search and consent procedures, birth parent registries, release by court order only, and access to original birth certificates.

"State Adoption Statute Summaries." *National Adoption Information Clearinghouse*. URL: [www.calib.com/naic/laws/index.htm]

Summaries. Cites to codes. Covers parties who may adoption, who may be adopted, consent to adoption, confidentiality, permissible fees, place of adoption hearing, authority to place a child, relative adoption, and advertising. Includes Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Current through 1998.

Aged

American Bar Association, Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly. "Elder Abuse Laws: Information about Laws Related to Elder Abuse." *Welcome to the National Center on Elder Abuse*. URL: [www.gwjapan.com/NCEA/laws/index.html]

"State Statutory Citations." Citations only. Cites to codes. Covers laws on adult protective services for elder abuse, institutional abuse, and long-term care ombudsman programs.

Campbell, Adria Price. "Annotated Bibliography: Estate Recovery." *Kansas Elder Law Network*. URL: [www.ink.org/public/keln/bibs/campbell2.html]

"State Statutes." Citations only. Cites to codes. Covers the thirty-two states that have laws on estate recovery, "the vehicle by which states attempt to recoup funds expended on the Medicaid system."

Child Support

Morgan, Laura Wish. "Child Support Guidelines on the Web." *Support Guidelines.com*. URL: [www.supportguidelines.com/links.html]

Citations only. Cites to codes, court rules, administrative orders, and guidelines.

Commercial Law

"American State Laws and Agencies on LAWDOG." *LAWDOG Credit and Collection Center*. URL: [www.lawdog.com/state/laws.htm]

Summaries. Cites to codes. Covers laws on vehicle certificates of title, security interests, title registration, license plates, consumer credit, motor vehicle dealer licensing, lemon laws, bad

checks, court jurisdiction for collections, secured transactions, Uniform Commercial Code, collection agencies license and bond requirements, debt collection, and related laws. Includes Puerto Rico.

Divorce

“State Divorce Laws, Statutes & Guidelines.” *DivorceSource.com*. URL: [www.divorcesource.com/info/divorcelaws/states.shtml]

Summaries. Cites to codes. Covers residency requirements, grounds, name of court in which to file, separation, simplified divorce procedures, mediation or counseling, property distribution, alimony, restoration of maiden name, child custody, child support, and premarital agreements.

Electronic Surveillance

“State and Federal Wiretapping Provisions.” *Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press*. URL: [www.rcfp.org/taping/taping.html]

Summaries. Cites to codes. Covers civil and criminal penalties for illegal taping or surveillance.

Environmental Audits

“Voluntary State Environmental Audit Privilege and Immunity Legislation Table.” *National Conference of State Legislatures*. URL: [www.ncsl.org/programs/esnr/audittab.htm]

Table. Cites to session laws and codes. Covers civil, administrative, and criminal proceedings; prenotification; immunity; and sunset provisions. Includes twenty-five states.

Food

“State Organic Food Statutes.” *National Conference of State Legislatures*. URL: [www.ncsl.org/programs/esnr/foodstat.htm]

Summaries. Cites to codes and regulations. Covers the eighteen states that have laws on organic food certification and standards.

“Food Disparagement Laws: State Civil & Criminal Statutes.” *Food Speak*. URL: [www.cspinet.org/foodspeak/laws/existlaw.htm]

Citations only. Cites to codes. Covers the thirteen states that have food disparagement laws.

Gay Men and Lesbians

“Summary of States Which Prohibit Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation.” *Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund*. URL: [www.lambdalegal.org/cgi-bin/pages/documents/record?record=185]

Table. Cites to bills, session laws, codes, and executive orders. Covers the eighteen states that have laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment (public and private) public accommodations, education, housing, credit, and union practices.

Inventors and Inventions

“State Laws Against Inventor Fraud.” *National Inventor Fraud Center*. URL: [www.inventorfraud.com/statelaws.htm]

Full text. Cites to codes. Includes eleven states.

Land Use

“State Incentive-Based Growth Management Laws.” *National Conference of State Legislatures*. URL: [www.ncsl.org/programs/esnr/growthdata.htm]

Summaries. Cites to bills, session laws, and codes. Covers agricultural land, bonds,

conservation easements, funding, growth management, impact fees, income taxes, inheritance taxes, land trusts, land use planning, local government, open space land, purchase of development rights, real estate transfer taxes, rural land, sales taxes, and tax incentives. Note: Published in cooperation with the Trust for Public Land.

Militia

"Militia—History and Law FAQ." *The Militia Watchdog*. URL: [www.militia-watchdog.org/faq5.htm]
"5.2, Which States Have Laws Regulating or Prohibiting Unauthorized Paramilitary Organizations." Citations only. Cites to codes. Covers the seven states that have laws on anti-militia and paramilitary training, the seventeen states that have anti-militia laws, and the seventeen states that have anti-paramilitary training laws.

Minors

"Laws of the Fifty States, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico Governing the Emancipation of Minors." *Legal Information Institute*. URL: [www.law.cornell.edu/topics/Table_Emanicipation.htm]
"ANN Table. Cites to codes. Covers laws on the emancipation of minors, termination of parental rights, and age of majority. Note: Does not include Puerto Rico.

Women

"State Laws Affecting Breast Cancer as of 3/99." *National Conference of State Legislatures*. URL: [www.ncsl.org/programs/health/cancer.htm]
Chart and citations. Cites to codes. Covers breast cancer screening and education, insurance coverage for mammogram and/or breast reconstruction, accreditation of facilities, alternative therapies, insurance coverage of chemotherapy and/or bone-marrow transplants, income tax checkoffs, and insurance coverage for inpatient care.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Reference Librarian, University of Washington, Gallagher Law Library, Seattle, WA

Join this reference team to provide research instruction and in-depth legal research for faculty. Many opportunities for creativity and professional development. MLS and excellent legal research and communications skills required. Teaching experience preferred. Salary minimum \$40,000. Deadline is January 21, 2000. For full description, see <http://lib.law.washington.edu/announce/reflibrn.htm>.

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LLOPS Grant Committee 1998-1999 Annual Report

The Grants Committee offered grants to the membership for four separate learning opportunities. Barbara Rothwell from Foster Pepper & Shefelman and Brendan Starkey from Seattle University Law Library received \$300.00 grants to attend the 1999 AALL Annual meeting. Liz Doyle received a \$164.00 grant to attend the AALL Copyright Workshop. No applications were received from LLOPS members for the \$40.00 grant to attend the Chapter's Spring Professional Development workshop or for the \$70.00 grant to attend the CONELL Workshop at AALL.

The 1997-1998 Grants Committee had asked the LLOPS Board to review the grants selection criteria and the annual amount given. That review took place at the January 11, 1999 Executive Board meeting. The Board authorized the awarding of five grants during the 1998-1999 year. The Board affirmed the following criteria: only LLOPS members may apply for LLOPS grants, LLOPS grants may be awarded only for LLOPS and AALL sponsored professional development opportunities, all applicants must submit a personal statement indicating how attending the professional development opportunity will benefit the applicant, and service to the chapter and financial need continue to be factors which will be considered in awarding grants.

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New Law School Building

No longer a pipe dream, the new UW law school building will be completed and occupied in 2003 (the year of the next AALL meeting in Seattle). We have secured state funding and raised most of the private funds to build a 196,000 sq. ft. building at a cost of approximately \$70 million. A plan for the building awaits various UW approvals. Once approved, the construction drawings will be started and we are off! We hope ground-breaking will be in 2000 or early 2001. The new law school building will put all law school functions back under one roof, including the clinics, CLE offices, and development and alumni relations. About 49% of the new building will be devoted to law library spaces. Though the net square footage of the law library space will definitely increase from our present location in Condon Hall, much of the increase will be devoted to ADA compliant aisles and added user space. The new building will be located on a parking lot that is just south and west of the Burke Museum on 15th at 43rd. It is a great main campus location. One possible snag is that the Regional Transit Authority underground rail has entrances and exits along the 15th Street corridor south of 45th - we're not sure where those 200 ft. high speed elevator shafts actually break ground! Stay tuned!

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Each change to your budgets, each new library orientation, each new migration from CD-ROM to the Web, each new wrinkle in database pricing and licensing, each title revision in your serials collections, the ways you do reference virtually, each choice you make affects your library's Feng Shui.. Even if you are not billed as a manager, you are affecting the total harmony and balance of your department and really, the management of knowledge in your organization. But, how can we know if we are handling these energies in the most positive way?

The answer is in staying professionally connected. It is only through exchanges with other librarians, either at a meeting, on the phone, via an electronic list or e-mail that we can retain balance and keep up with growth. I believe this is what futurist John Naisbitt defined as "high tech high touch " in his 1982 book, MEGATRENDS.

In your personal and professional efforts to greet the year 2000, set aside some time to practice Feng Shui or at least think about balancing your life.. Take time to join a committee. Sign up to be a member of our electronic list and post your triumphs or questions, concerns. Attend a brown bag lunch meeting and learn something new, meet someone new. Plan to attend our Professional Development seminar in April. Any of these new connections can't help but assure increased energy and harmony in your law library.

Happy New Year!

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The Four W's and One H of the AALL Grant Program

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The AALL Grants program is one of the most misunderstood endeavors that AALL sponsors. People do not understand where the money comes from, what the money is for, who is entitled to the money, or how to apply. To clear up some of the confusion, we are using an old journalism model.

First, WHO may obtain a grant? Many members think that you must be a brand new librarian in order to qualify for a grant. That is not true. While preference is given to newer (in the profession 5 years or less) librarians, consideration is given to the contributions made by veterans

Second, for WHAT purpose may the money be used? This is the most common misconception. Many members think the Grants and Scholarship Committees are interchangeable. The Grants program is not related to the Scholarship program. The Scholarship program gives tuition money to those pursuing a formal educational program. The Grants program is more focused, providing funding for members to attend either the AALL Annual Meeting or an AALL Institute or Workshop

Third, let's look at from WHERE the money comes. This is one of the most surprising things about the AALL Grants program because the money comes from us! AALL, as an organization, budgets no money for Grants. This money is accumulated through donations by vendors, who have generously underwritten this program, and by AALL members. This program counts on individual AALL members to donate money to help their colleagues who otherwise would not be able to participate in educational and professional development activities.

Finally, WHEN and HOW does one apply for an AALL Grant? As for when, the Grants application is available right now. The Grants application can be found either on AALLNET (www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp); through the AALL fax-on-demand service (732-544-5901); by calling AALL Headquarters (312-939-4764); or by e-mailing them (aallhq@aall.org). The deadline for the grant application is April 1, 2000. The how is equally easy. The current application and application procedures are clearly outlined on the Grants Committee page on AALLNET (www.aallnet.org/services/grants.asp)

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Holly Mohler, Grants Committee

AALL Research Committee Seeks Comments on Research Agenda

The Research Committee is charged with several duties, including that of periodically reviewing AALL's Research Agenda. The Agenda is scheduled for review this year.

The Research Agenda highlights the Association's research priorities and was first approved by the Executive Board at its April, 1993, meeting. The purpose of the Agenda is "to identify researchable questions and issues for law librarians to explore with practical impact on the improvement of law libraries and their services, the job performance and professional development of law librarians, and the contributions of law libraries to the legal profession."

AALL's members are encouraged to read the Research Agenda and send suggestions and recommendations to the Research Committee. The Agenda can be found on AALLNet at <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/research/>. Hardcopy is available at 25 *AALL Newsletter* 92 (no. 2, October 1993). Comments on the Research Agenda and suggestions for updating its contents can be addressed the Committee Chair, Barbara Bintliff, or to any member of the Research Committee (see the Committee's web page for contact information).

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