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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Susan Goldner, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Despite my best efforts, I was unable to get my creative juices flowing so that I could write an insightful and inspiring column for you. Fortunately, our committees are busy working on their assigned tasks, so I will update you on some of their activities.

At the back of this issue you will find the minutes of our business meeting last November and a grant application for a full registration to the AALL July meeting in Seattle. Please note that the deadline for the grant is April 10, 2003. The Grant Committee would like nothing better than to have several applicants from which to choose, so please consider applying.

If you are planning to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, July 15, 2003. We will have our Luncheon and Business Meeting that day from 12:00 - 1:15. Details will be announced later this Spring. I hope to see you there!

The Board asked the Bylaws Committee to look into two issues. First, whether the

bylaws should be revised so that we do not end up with an unelected President again. (If you don't know what this is about, read the minutes in this issue.) The second question is whether MAALL should consider increasing the size of its Board. Many organizations have Members-at-Large elected to their Board. These members are able to relieve the officers of some duties and carry out special projects. Filling one of these positions can be a good training ground for running for one of the other offices. Among other things, this helps to provide some continuity for MAALL. The Committee will be looking at the bylaws of other chapters and making recommendations to us. If you have suggestions to make, please contact Gary Vander Meer, Bylaws Committee Chair.

The Archives Committee has drafted an archives policy for MAALL and they are now working on the details relating to the Web page. Hopefully before our next annual meeting, we will have a new policy and procedures in place.

The membership drive for this year is complete and the updated directory has been loaded on our Web site <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/>. Access to the directory is password protected and restricted to members. If you do not have the password, please contact Barb Ginzburg, Webmaster, or Janet McKinney, Treasurer. If you have not yet joined for this year, please do so by filling

out the membership form linked to our site. Janet McKinney was pleased to report that we already have 16 new members this year.

Our newly formed Government Relations Committee could use more members. We would like to have all nine states in MAALL represented on the committee. So far, only Arkansas and Oklahoma have members. Please contact Susan Tulis, Chair, or me if you are interested.

Of course, our biggest activity for the year is our Annual Meeting. I hope that you have already noted Oct. 2- 4 on your calendars. Nicky Singleton and Marilyn Nicely, Local Arrangement Co-Chairs, are hard at work getting everything lined up for you in Norman, Oklahoma. (Norman is just south of Oklahoma City.) The Education Committee, under Kay Andrus, has begun to formulate a program for us. If you have ideas for programs, please let him know. If you are asked to participate in a session, please say "yes" if you possibly can. Last year's offerings were wonderful, and I know that Kay and his committee want this year's to be just as good. You can help to make it worthwhile for everyone who attends.

Since I do not have an elegant conclusion to this batch of news, I will leave you with a quote taken from the *Thus Said* column of *American Libraries* (Oct. 2002):

"The FBI is archivally challenged." An unnamed FBI official, in a June 10 Time article that claims Director Robert Mueller uses the CIA's well-organized library when he can't find a document in the FBI's "impenetrable archives."

THE PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

My thanks to each and every one of the 209 members who submitted renewal forms and dues for 2003! You and your institutions helped increase our revenue by \$2,150. More important, your membership contributes to the richness of MAALL.

We have a number of new members, whom Susan Goldner will contact. If you see a name or face you don't recognize, please tell that person that you're glad she or he is a MAALL member. A list of those that haven't yet renewed has been forwarded to the Membership Committee for follow-up. Barbara Ginzburg, our Webmaster, has posted the membership database on the MAALL website for your use

President Goldner has likely mentioned that the MAALL/CALL Annual Meeting netted a profit for both associations. The money will be apportioned according to attendance proportions. A part of the money we receive will be sent to AALL's George A. Strait Memorial Scholarship Endowment.



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MAALL Committees / 2003

Listed below are the current assignments for MAALL committees

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Compiled by Resa Kerns

Membership News

Iowa

University of Iowa Law Library

Mary Sexton has joined the University of Iowa Law Library staff as our new Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Librarian. Mary has worked as a reference librarian at the University of Maine School of Law and most recently at the University of San Diego Legal Research Center. At both law libraries she was the person who specialized in the foreign, international and comparative materials. Mary was also a CCH Tax editor for seven years.

Kansas

University of Kansas Law Library

Law Library Director Joyce Pearson led a workshop, "College Admissions and Diversity," during the 7th Annual Thurmond Marshall Law Day activity on February 27. Associate Director Joe Custer presented "Advanced Legal Research" at a CL for government attorneys on January 31 in Topeka. Lynne Fothergilla, Evening Reference Librarian, has created wonderful library displays in recent months, and now our Friends group has funded lighting for the display cases. Rob Mead, Head of Public and Faculty Services, is co-author of an article, "Preservation Concerns for Law Libraries: Results from the Condition Survey of the University of Kansas Law Library," in the most recent Law Library Journal. Two Brown Bag seminars are scheduled in April (dates TBA); one will cover the new Legal Information Management program being offered by

Emporia State and KU Law, and the other will be on Surviving Your Summer Clerkship. Joyce and Rob will be presenting programs at the SWALL Annual Meeting being held in Kansas City on April 3-5, and we're excited to have attendees come to Lawrence on that Saturday for a program and a tour of our library.

Missouri

Jackson County Law Library

Debbie Steele, Technical Services Librarian, was voted KCALL Treasurer for a second term. Also, **Steele** is currently enrolled at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Information Science and Learning Technologies taking a course entitled "Public Libraries."

Linda B. Roser, Reference Librarian, is currently enrolled at the Bloch Business School at the University of Missouri-Kansas City earning an MPA in Non-Profit Management.

Tranne Pearce, Supply Librarian, continues to minister at both JCLL and JoCo Law Libraries in all capacities. Also, she enjoys her extensive travels, most recently to Los Vegas and Chicago.

Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP

Janet McKinney, Computer Services Librarian, at SHB accepted appointments on two AALL committees: The Cataloging and Intranet Access to Electronic Resources Special Committee and the 2004 Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee to be held in Boston, MA.

U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Library

Jim Voelker, Deputy Circuit Librarian, announced the promotion of **Deborah Showalter-Johnson** to Librarian of the Kansas City, Missouri Branch Library. Prior to her present position, **Showalter-Johnson** worked for the Kansas City Public Library as a Reference Librarian, History Specialist and Government Documents Specialist. **Tranne Pearce**, her predecessor, retired from the federal government last year to travel and pursue other interests.



CLOSET WRITERS, ARISE!

To the Readers of *MAALL Markings*: Think about writing a 1000-1500 word article for *MAALL Markings*. This is your chance to posit your views and generate discussion among your colleagues about recent and perennial issues in law librarianship. The guidelines are simple: Concise, Brief, and Substantive.

This column is a space for opinion pieces, descriptions of innovations in service and technologies, and ideas for future growth in professionalism. It is also the perfect place to set out a small case study analysis that you may wish to develop into something larger some time down the road.

I firmly believe that there are librarians in MAALL-land who enjoy creative, analytical writing, like formulating opinions on substantive topics, but don't have either the time, desire, or support system for writing lengthy, scholarly research articles. This writing opportunity provides a space and support structure for creativity and engagement with other librarians in the public sphere. Heavily footnoted articles are not required. Think about what you would like to read and then write it!

There are some caveats: we aren't looking for library marketing articles, "what we did at the conference" stories, or brief bibliographies. These are all fine, but this column is designed for substantial, creative works for the busy law librarian.

Take a chance on writing the article you always dreamed about!

**Adria P. Olmi, Reference Librarian, SIU
School of Law Library, and Articles
Editor**

NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

*compiled by
Mike McReynolds*

California Law Librarians Share Research Skills with Public and Academic Colleagues

Several California law librarians shared their legal information skills with a group of public and academic librarians during the annual meeting of the California Library Association. The article discussing the program includes links to sources recommended by these librarians. Willis, Jean, "Building Essential Legal Research Skills @ CLA," NoCALL News, Jan./February, 2003.
<http://www.nocall.org//0301.html>

Considering the Future of Law Libraries

"Meeting the Future: Dynamic Law Librarianship in the 21st Century," is the theme of another meeting of California Law Librarians to be held March 14-15, 2003 in San Luis Obispo. Topics to be considered will include the U.S. Patriot Act, privacy rights, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Native American Law, virtual reference and recent changes to AACR2. SANDALL News, Vol. 5, no. 3, Jan. 2003.
<http://www2.cwsl.edu/library/01-03/page5.html>

Best Databases for Medical Information

Just as law librarians can share our skills with other library colleagues, we can learn from our colleagues. Included in the latest newsletter from the San Diego Association of Law Libraries is a list of databases that contain useful medical and health information. "Penny's Top Medical Databases,"

<http://www2.cwsl.edu/library/01-03/page7.html>

Most Useful Web Sites for Medical and Health Information

The SANDALL News also included a list provided by the Medical Library Association of their recommendations for Most Useful Web Sites.

<http://www2.cwsl.edu/library/01-03/page8.html>

Primary United Kingdom Materials on the Web

Those Southern California law librarians provided yet another list of sites, this one for information on United Kingdom materials.
<http://www2.cwsl.edu/library/01-03/page12.html>

Teaching and Learning for Law Librarians

Several programs at the Fall meeting of the Law Librarians of New England meeting emphasized perspectives on teaching and learning. LLNE News, Vol. 22, no. 4 2002/2003.

Barmakian, Deanna, "Librarians as Trainers." This summary of one LLNE program discusses the many training roles that librarians perform in the scope of their jobs.
<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/LLNENews/v22n4/trainers.html>

Engsberg, Rebecca, "Training as Performance," describes a program that emphasizes the similarities of good teaching to the interaction of actors and their audiences.

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/LLNENews/v22n4/style.html>

D'Angelo, Diane, "Learning with Style." This article discusses a program by a law

librarian and an expert in effective teaching.
<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/lne/LLNENews/v22n4/style.html>

The Fate of Public Domain

The Arizona Association of Law Libraries provided a grant for one of their members to attend the oral arguments in *Eldred v. Ashcroft*, the case that decided the constitutionality of the Copyright Term Extension Act of 1998. The librarian reported his observations to the association in this article. Reddy, Michael, "The Fate of Public Domain," AZALL News, Fall 2002, p.1 & 3.
<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/azll/Fa02news.pdf>

Internet Resources for Florida and U.S. Information

The South Florida Association of Law Libraries prepared a list of useful Web sites and contact information for Florida government information and officials. They also included information for Florida Federal offices. SFALL Newsletter, Vol. 26, no. 3, Spring 2003.
<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sfall/>
(Proceed to screen 3 in the PDF document.)

Kansas City Association of Law Librarians (KCALL)

The KCALL Executive Board for 2003 is:

President: Sharon Hom, Librarian, and U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
Vice-President/President Elect: open
Secretary: Marcia Gonzalez, Spencer, Fane, Britt & Brown
Treasurer: Debbie Steele; Technical Services Librarian, JCLL, Inc.
Immediate Past President: Susan Duede, Bryan Cave (resigned 12/2002)

Board Members:

Joan Thomas, Polsinelli Shalton & Welte, (2002-2003 term)
Thomas Marsh, Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, (2003-2004 term)

Gonzalez and Deanna Long, Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne, will assume administration of the KCALL Listserv from Mike McReynolds, Shook, Hardy & Bacon.

Janet McKinney, Shook, Hardy & Bacon, will continue as KCALL's webmaster, assisted by Nancy Stancel, University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Library.

The executive board voted to hold two informal social gatherings and two business meetings with programs in 2003.

For copies of any of the above articles, please contact the compiler at: mmcreynolds@falconfight.com



VOLUNTEER IN SEATTLE

We need you! Join the group of interesting and dedicated people volunteering their time to help make the 2003 Annual Meeting a great success!

How can you help? There are a variety of activities available -- pick the ones that interest you most! For example:

**Meet new people and see old friends while working at the Registration Desk*

**Write articles for the daily newspaper, "Coffee Talk"*

**Help "stuff" conference tote bags (Friday July 11)*

**Take tickets and seat individuals at the Association luncheon and closing banquet*

Volunteers really help the conference run smoothly, and it's a lot of fun! Thanks in advance!

Please complete the Volunteer Opportunities Form available on the AALL website (<http://www.aallnet.org/committee/local03/>) and in the Preliminary Program by June 1, 2003, and fax/send/email it to:

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Gallagher Law Library
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FAX: (206) 685-2165
PHONE (206) 543-7672

hemmens@u.washington.edu

2003 AALL ANNUAL MEETING/WORKSHOP GRANTS

DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2003

The AALL Grants Committee is now accepting applications for grants for the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshops. The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to newer law librarians or graduate school students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession.

Funds are provided by vendors, AALL and AALL individual members. Grants cover registration costs at either the Annual Meeting or Workshops. Preference is given to newer members of AALL or its chapters who are active participants in the association or one of its chapters.

For additional information, including the application form, see http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2003.

AALL/MAALL ANNUAL MEETING GRANT

DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2003

AALL has granted MAALL one of 10 Free Full Registration awards - intended for newer members of AALL- to attend AALL in Seattle this summer.

Barb Ginzburg, webmaster, has placed the application form that the Grants committee created for this award on the web page at:

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall> and it is reproduced below in this newsletter.

You must be a member of both AALL and MAALL to apply and the application deadline is April 10, 2003.

You have the option of mailing, faxing or e-mailing me your application. The Grants committee will then determine who will be awarded this free full registration and notify the winner prior to May 1st (which is AALL's deadline).

Sharon Kern
Chair, Grants Committee, MAALL



AALL ANNUAL MEETING, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
FREE FULL REGISTRATION AWARD/MAALL CHAPTER
APPLICATION

Each Annual Meeting, AALL underwrites one free full registration (a \$465.00 value) for each of ten chapters with the intent that it be granted to newer members of AALL. This year MAALL has received one of the free registrations. You must be a member of both MAALL and AALL to be eligible for the award. Please complete this form and mail or fax or e-mail to:

Sharon Kern
Chair, MAALL Grants Committee
Davis Brown Law Firm
666 Walnut, Suite 2500
Des Moines, IA 50309
Fax: 515-243-0654
Sharon.Kern@lawiowa.com

Deadline for Submission: All applications must be received by **April 10, 2003**. The winner will be notified prior to May 1, 2003.

Name _____

Position _____

Employer _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Year you joined MAALL: _____ Year you joined AALL: _____

Have you ever received an AALL/Chapter Registration Award? Yes -- Year: _____
 No

List your educational background (schools, degrees, dates): _____

List previous law library positions:

Employer/Position/Length of Service

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List MAALL positions, activities and contributions (offices held, committee work, newsletter articles, presentations at MAALL meetings, attendance at MAALL meetings, etc.):

What experiences and benefits do you hope to gain by attending the AALL Annual Meeting?

Please read this statement and sign below:

I am currently a member of both AALL and MAALL. If I cannot attend the entire 2003 AALL Annual Meeting, July 12-16, in Seattle, Washington, I will notify the chair of the MAALL Grants Committee immediately.

(Applicant's signature)

(Date)

Minutes of the MAALL Business Meeting
Friday, Nov. 8, 2002
Joint Meeting with CALL
Urbana, Illinois

MAALL President Susan Goldner called the meeting to order.

Introduction of New Members: Susan Goldner asked that new members introduce themselves. They were:

Bonnie Kanter from the Johnson County Law Library in Olathe, KS
Deborah Sulzbach from Drake University Law Library in Des Moines, IA
Tove Klovning from Washington University Law Library in St. Louis, MO

Welcome and Opening Announcements:

Susan Goldner discussed the rather unusual series of events that placed her at the helm of our organization. There had been a lot of turnover in the MAALL Board positions. Last summer, Barbara Fullerton (then VP/Pres Elect) moved out of our region. Susan agreed to take that open position. Needra Jackson resigned as treasurer because of an illness in her family. Janet McKinney agreed to take that open position. In late August our President, Tranne Pearce retired from law librarianship, so according to our Bylaws, Susan became president. This has resulted in MAALL having a president that was never elected. The Bylaws committee is going to review procedures related to vacancies of office to see that this doesn't happen in the future.

Approval of the July, 2002 Orlando Meeting Minutes:

The minutes were approved by the membership.

Treasurers Report:

Due to the change in treasurer, Janet McKinney submitted two reports: one from Needra that is current through August 30th 2002 and the other begins with Janet's term as treasurer. Janet opened a Kansas City checking account a few days ago. The balance is currently \$6535.36. In addition, there is a check from Needra for \$162 that has yet to be deposited. We have 220 members, and three more yet to be processed.

Committee Reports

Local Arrangements:

There is no one present to report. Thanks were given for the work of the committee for the Urbana meeting.

Program Committee:

Susan Goldner thanked the program committee. She especially thanked John Klaus from CALL, committee co-chair, who kept the committee going while MAALL offices changed hands; and Paul Callister from U of I who made contacts at the U of I Library School and arranged for several faculty members to speak at our meeting.

There will be a name change for this committee in the coming year. It will be the Education Committee and will expand its scope of responsibility to include the investigation of other continuing education opportunities outside of the Annual Meeting.

Archives Committee:

Cindy Shearrer said that the archives committee met yesterday afternoon and worked on guidelines for our archives. They discussed:

What to retain. This was based on the AALL Guidelines and includes officers' files, committee files and publications

How to make sure that items are archived every year. This responsibility is being made part of the secretary's role.

There will be a lot of work done in the next year on the topic of electronic archives. Once the guidelines are in place, the committee will not need to continue. The physical location for the archives is the University of Illinois Law Library.

Internet Committee:

Barb Ginzburg announced that the MAALL Website was moved from SIU to AALL. It was redesigned and a passworded directory was created. The passworded portion of the site will include the membership directory and information about subscribing to the MAALL Listserv. The evaluation form for this meeting is also on the Web. The program committee would appreciate it if everybody would fill it out. Links to the evaluation will be made from both the MALL and CALL web sites.

Pro Bono Committee:

Susan Goldner reported for Judith Clarke, chair. The committee was inactive last year. Judith plans to compile a listing of MALL member libraries that are open to the public including access policies, and what level of service is offered to public patrons. This doesn't quite fit under the definition of "Pro Bono," so the name of the committee is being changed to *Service to the Public Committee*

Newsletter Committee:

Steve Lambson said that the Board decided that since the electronic format gives us a lot of flexibility, we want to make the newsletter more substantive. So the Newsletter Committee is seeking authors for regular columns, irregular columns, or "one-shot deals" (one article). Creativity is welcome.

Public Relations Committee:

Crata Castleberry reported for Suzanne Morrison. The Committee had a display in Orlando. The theme was mystery writers from MAALL states, and prizes (books donated by the authors) were awarded. In addition, they had pencils, candy and a map highlighting the MAALL States.

Local Arrangements for 2003:

Nikki Singleton and Marilyn Nicely reported on plans for next year's meeting in Norman, Oklahoma, at the U of OK. Highlights will include tours of the new library facility, dinners, a visit to the Museum of Natural History and a program in the new courtroom.

Grants Committee:

Sue Lerdal thanked the committee members. The Committee was pleased with the interest in the grants. The Board allocated funds for four grants which were awarded to: Janet McKinney, Joe Katrosh, Deborah Sulzbach, and Steve Lambson.

Nomination and Election of Officers:

Susan Boland announced the slate of officers:

VP/President Elect: Kay Andrus

Secretary: Charles Condon

There were no additional nominations. The election was conducted by secret ballot as required by the Bylaws. The ballots were counted as the meeting continued.

Mid-America Consortium of Law School Libraries:

Mary Ann Nelson announced that the Consortium will meet today in Salon B at 4:45.

President's Remarks:

Thursday morning we had a Board Meeting that was very productive. The Board eliminated some non-productive committees. We are going to try to reinvigorate some existing MAALL programs (e.g. the mentoring program). Programs that do not generate interest will be eliminated.

Susan thanked:

outgoing officers: Mary Ann Nelson (Past President) and Dorie Bertram (Secretary);

Ann Fessenden who stepped in and provided institutional memory when Tranne stepped down just as the meeting budget needed to be finalized;

Janet McKinney who took on the role of Treasurer

Result of the Election:

There were 52 ballots cast and all voted for Kay and Charlie.

New Business:

This year MAALL will do a survey of the membership to see if there are things that we want to do, that MAALL is not currently doing. Please contribute thoughts about what we could and should be doing.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Dorie Bertram
MAALL Secretary