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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Kay L. Andrus, Creighton University School of Law

By now you should have received registration materials for *The Future is Now*, our joint meeting with the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries to be held in Des Moines on October 14-16. If not, it isn't too late to register. Complete program and registration information is available on the conference web site: <http://www.law.drake.edu/library/maall/>.

Our Local Arrangements Committee, under the leadership of co-chairs Sue Lerdal and Karen Wallace, has done a wonderful job of planning. Similarly, the Education Committee, under the direction of Janet McKinney, has developed one of the strongest chapter programs we have ever offered. Our Minnesota friends have been very active in the planning as well. We can travel to Des Moines knowing that we will be well housed, well fed, and well educated – all at a bargain price. These joint chapter meetings are small enough to allow real networking, visiting, and informal learning.

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Speaking of traveling to Des Moines, getting there is manageable. You can arrive by car from most MAALL cities without great inconvenience. For example, only four of the eighteen cities in which MAALL Law Schools are located are more than 500 miles from Des Moines. Remember Des Moines is also home to an international airport. I feel particularly fortunate this year, since Omaha is merely 135 miles from Des Moines.

About 50 of us met for lunch in Boston. Like our Seattle experience, the room was small, but the food was good and the company terrific.

I have terrific news regarding *MAALL Markings*. Beginning with our next issue, Stefanie Pearlman, Reference Librarian at the University of Nebraska, will become our new editor. Steve Lambson has served long and well as our editor. Having been a newsletter editor a couple of decades ago, I know that this job is challenging, but important and rewarding. Steve found a way to smile through all the obstacles.

Finally, MAALL is a superb chapter and association because it is comprised of terrific people who willingly volunteer their time, talent, and treasure for the greater good of Law Libraries in our region and beyond. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve this past year and am very confident that our incoming MAALL president, Janet McKinney, will supply excellent leadership for us next year. Leadership begins with an attitude of enjoying what you are doing. I have never seen or felt Janet's attitude to be anything but positive. She seems to enjoy working hard and thrives on challenges.

Thanks again. I truly hope to see many of you soon in Des Moines. Keep Smiling!

# ***FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:***

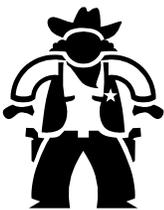
## **A Few Words from the Veep**

What a good time I had at AALL in Boston! The weather was great (even wet and 60s is better than 98 degrees with equivalent humidity), the programs were educational and well-done, the attendance was the highest in several years, and the exhibit hall had more vendors than I've seen in some time. We had our usual high turnout at the chapter luncheon. We missed those of you that couldn't attend.

I'm very grateful to the chapter for providing a travel grant to AALL so that I could attend the Chapter Professional Development activities. The program on Saturday morning focused on program planning. The MAALL Education Committee is deep into the program planning process, but I picked up helpful information. We also had the opportunity for brief roundtable discussions on various aspects of chapter activities. I attended discussions on Board member visits and the VIP program, finances and budgeting, and policies and procedures. In the afternoon, we had presentations from various representatives in AALL and the Chapter Council business meeting. Our own Susan Goldner closed out a successful year as the Chapter Council Chair. Later in the week, I attended a program on conducting meetings and one on government relations. I'm pleased the Board took this action to support the Vice-President/President-Elect's attendance at these activities, because they are valuable.

The future is now! Well, almost -- it will be in October. "The Future is Now" is the theme of our joint meeting with the Minnesota chapter, October 14-16 in Des Moines. We're near finalizing the program planning. There will be approximately 15 programs, and I think there will be "something for everyone". We're also finalizing the arrangements for a nationally-known keynote speaker. Put the dates in your handheld PC and watch for the preliminary program and registration information in the mail. I look forward to seeing YOU there!

Janet McKinney  
Vice-President/President-Elect



### **WANTED: MAALL Committee Members for 2004-05**

Dedicated individuals willing to make a contribution to a professional association. Must be of good cheer and able to work harmoniously with others.

Specific experience not required.  
Good sense of humor a plus.

If interested, contact Janet McKinney, 816-474-6550,  
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See list of committees and charges at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/commoff.htm>  
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# ***ELECTION TIME!***

## **Nominee for Vice-President/President Elect: BRIAN STRIMAN**

Currently: Since 1982, Head of Technical Services and Catalog Librarian at the Marvin & Virginia Schmid Law Library, University of Nebraska College of Law. Member of AALL since 1986. Editor-in-Chief Technical Services Law Librarian.

Education: B.A. University of Nebraska, 1974; MALS University of Missouri-Columbia 1978.

Past Experience: Catalog Librarian, Creighton University Klutznick Law Library, 1978-1982. TS SIS Secretary/Treasurer, 1986; OBS SIS Chair, 1999-2000; AALL AMPC member, 2002-2003; Presenter-Coordinator-Moderator for numerous AALL education programs since 1986; Helped establish the OBS/TS Joint Research Grant Committee, 1997; Chair, Innovative Interfaces Law Users Group, 1992-1993; Member AALL Committee on Research, 1993-1994; Member AALL Statistics Committee, 1995-1997; MAALL logo design winner, (year?)

Personal statement: I say, "MAALL for one and one for MAALL!" Isn't a MAALL a place where people go looking for things they want? There are many things about MAALL that are noteworthy. With our membership so stable, many of us share years of working together and cooperating. These local "connections" are very special. I am honored to be nominated for this position. My "vision" is to support and provide leadership where I can, to further our cooperation and our communication together. With help from the North Dakota MAALL members and others, I'm looking forward to developing a great program for the 2005 MAALL meeting. As Vice-President, I will have the pleasure of working with Janet McKinney and will also enjoy following her lead. She will be a valuable resource for me. Janet and I worked together as officers in OBS and TS several years ago.

## **Nominee for Secretary (2 year term): Lorraine Lorne**

Lorraine has been Assistant Director and Head of Technical Services at the Young Law Library University of Arkansas-Fayetteville since November 1992. A native Michigander, Lorraine first worked for the Maryland Department of Legislative Reference then returned home to work as Head of Technical Services at Detroit College of Law when it really was in Detroit, not at MSU in Lansing. Lorraine has been active in MichALL, MAALL, SWALL and, of course, AALL. She received her MLS from University of Denver and her JD from University of Detroit-Mercy.



# ***MEMBER NEWS***

**JUNE**

## ***Illinois***

Southern Illinois University

Susan Tulis, Associate Dean for Information Services of Southern Illinois University's Morris Library, has been appointed to a three-year term (2004-2007) on the Depository Library Council by Public Printer of the United States Bruce James. The Council is an advisory body that provides advice to the Public Printer on topics related to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). The Council is made up of 15 representatives from the government information community who each serve 3-year terms. Susan is a former chair of the American Library Association's Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT) and is no newcomer to the Council. She served two previous terms, 1990-1993 and 1984-1987.

James Duggan, Director of Information Services and Professor at Southern Illinois University School of Law, has been elected president of the SIU-Carbondale Faculty Senate for academic year 2004-05. James also currently serves as president of the Board of Directors of the Shawnee Library System, a regional library system (including school districts, public libraries, special libraries, and academic libraries) covering 32 counties in southern Illinois with a population base of 645,365, and president of the Board of Trustees of the Carbondale Public Library.

## ***Iowa***

Drake University:

Information Technology/Reference Librarian David Hanson has been awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor of Librarianship. Dave came to Drake in October 1998.

Karen Wallace, Circulation/Reference Librarian, was also promoted to Associate Professor of Librarianship. She has been at Drake since July 2000.

Mary (Meg) Ebersole has joined the library in the

newly created position of Stack/Circulation Administration Assistant. Meg hails from Lansing, Michigan. While earning her B.S. in psychology from Michigan State University, Meg worked at the Thomas M. Cooley Law Library. She moved to Des Moines last summer to work as a site director for The Boys and Girls Club of Central Iowa, where she discovered that she missed library work. Meg will help extend full-time library service hours and streamline stack operations.

## ***Kansas***

Johnson County Law Library

Robin Westphal joined the Johnson County Law Library staff in December 2003, as an Information specialist. Robin will complete her Masters in Library Science degree at Emporia State University in December 2004. Previously, Robin worked as a library associate at the Olathe Public Library.

## ***Missouri***

Jackson County Law Library, Inc.

Jan Medved, Director of JCLL, organized a team of seven walkers to participate in the 4th Annual Lupus 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, June 05, 2004 at Longview Lake. Team "Jan's Jazz" walked away with the 1st place trophy for raising \$1,200. The walk supports the local Lupus Foundation of American in its goals to educate, fund research for a cure and provide drugs for those patients who cannot afford them. Walkers were Diane Boonstra, Kate Byrne, Connie Davis, Kathy Moble, Linda Roser, Debbie Steele and Jan Medved.

Eric Brust began as an intern at JCLL on June 01, 2003. Eric has completed his second year at the UMKC School of Law and plans to attend library school at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign after graduation next spring. Eric will gain a broad range of library skills. Also, he will be visiting several area law libraries during his internship. He is a member of AALL and KCALL. Please welcome Eric at the August meeting.

## Saint Louis University Law Library

Richard Amelung, Head of Technical Services, reports that on July 01, 2004 Mark Bernstein will become director of the Saint Louis University Law Library. He is leaving the position of Deputy Director at the Duke Law Library to join SLU as Director and Assistant Professor of Law. Prior to his work at Duke, Mark was Head of Reference at the Columbia University Law Library.

**UPDATE!** Richard Amelung has been appointed Interim University Librarian as of September 20, 2004. He will still have some duties at the law library but will respond to email!

## University of Missouri-Kansas City

On April 02, 2004, the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Library was awarded a \$21,400 grant to set up a unique interlibrary loan partnership between the UMKC law Library and several Metropolitan court libraries. The funding is part of the vision of UMKC's Chancellor to provide funding to ideas and initiatives that accelerate the fulfillment of UMKC's visions and goals. The principal author of the grant was Nancy D. Stancel, Director of Bibliographic Management. UMKC Law Library Director, Paul Callister, was involved in sponsoring the grant application.

The project will implement a digital interlibrary loan program called the Kansas City Legal Information Network (KCLIN). It emphasizes sharing print resources and legal information within the Kansas City area using digital Ariel scanning workstations. The program will permit rapid scanning of library materials for delivery to member libraries without use of courier services or requiring items to leave the library.

Following implementation the initial year of operation, KCLIN will function on a cost recovery basis through fees and credits for services provided.

The KCLIN membership initially will include the UMKC Leon E. Bloch Law Library, the Jackson County Law Library, Inc., the Missouri Court of Appeals Western District Library, the U. S. Court of Appeals Eighth Circuit Branch Library (K.C., MO) and the U. S. Court of Appeals Tenth Circuit Branch Library (K.C., KS).

Paul Callister, UMKC Law Library Director, published an article "Beyond Training: Law Librarianship's Quest for the Pedagogy of Legal Research Education", 95 Law Libr.J, 4-45 (2003). It was selected by the Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) of the American Library Association for the "Top 20" list for 2003. The Round Table annually chooses from more than 100 articles that it considers to be in the top 20 articles of the year about information literacy and library instruction. The UMKC Law Library staff congratulates Paul on this high achievement and important acknowledgment for Law Library Journal.

## *Nebraska*

### U.S. Courts—Eighth Circuit Library

The U.S. Courts 8th Circuit Library is pleased to announce that Jeri Kay Hopkins has been hired as the new librarian for our Omaha branch. Jeri holds a B.S. in sociology from Wayne State College, a J.D from the University of Nebraska, and is currently pursuing an M.L.S. from the University of Missouri. She has experience practicing and teaching law, and working in law and public libraries. She began work April 26.

## **JULY**

## *Arkansas*

The UALR/Pulaski County Law Library announces an exhibit, "The Electoral College," which will run through November, 2004.

## *Illinois*

### Southern Illinois University

The Southern Illinois University School of Law Library faculty has created a blawg as a way to share research tips, library announcements, news, and links to interesting articles, web sites, and blawgs with members of the SIU Law School community. It is also designed to be of interest to members of the library and legal communities. Everyone is invited to visit Law Dawg Blawg at <http://lawdawglib.blogspot.com/>. (For an explanation of our name, see "About Law Dawg Blawg" at <http://lawdawglib.blogspot>.)

Viruses and Scams; Legal & Library Miscellany; and Library Announcements. It has ATOM and XML feeds for those wishing to subscribe using a blog aggregator or reader such as Bloglines.

***Kansas  
Missouri***

U.S. Courts Library 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit in St. Louis

**Ann Fessenden**, the U.S. Courts 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit in St. Louis, is delighted to announce the marriage of two staff members – to each other! **Jim Voelker**, Deputy Circuit Librarian, and **Joan Stevens**, Archives Librarian, were married June 26, 2004. Both will continue to work in the library. **Joan** has changed her name to **Joan Voelker**.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

**Phill Johnson** from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is joining UMKC's Law Library as the Director of Electronic Services and Communications.

UMKC Law Library was awarded \$21,400 from the Chancellor's Funding for Innovation to develop a digital interlibrary loan consortium with the local federal and county law libraries. **Nancy Stancel** is coordinating the consortium.

UMKC Law Library, in collaboration with the regional center National Archives, recently displayed the original complaint from *Brown vs. Board of Education*. This was done in conjunction with the Law School's commemoration of this famous decision.

UMKC Law Library recently began an annual tradition of hosting a "Legal Research Boot Camp." Librarians from UMKC, local law firms, courts participated. Lexis, Westlaw and RIA supported and led various workshops throughout the day's events. The program was a success with fifty law students participating, each of whom received UMKC's Legal Research Boot Camp t-shirt.

***Oklahoma***

University of Tulsa

University of Tulsa Law Librarian Completes M.L.I.S.

Courtney Selby, Collection Development and Instructional Services Librarian at the University of Tulsa's Mabee Legal Information Center (MLIC), completed her Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies this July. After earning her J.D. in 2001, Courtney began the Master's program at the University of Oklahoma, where she focused her studies on law librarianship. With the support and encouragement of the MLIC staff and administration, Courtney graduated summa cum laude from OU's program. She plans to continue in her current position at the University of Tulsa and is enthusiastic about pursuing the work of law librarianship.

# ***NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS***

Missouri

Kansas City Association of Law Librarians (KCALL)

The next KCALL meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 04, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. at the law firm of Shook Hardy & Bacon at 2555 Grand Boulevard. The program is entitled *Generational Differences*.

## ***NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LAW CENTER***

Greetings,

This is to introduce you to the National Agricultural Law Center and its Web site at <http://www.NationalAgLawCenter.org>, an extensive resource for agricultural and food law.

Our Web site features:

Subject-Based Reading Rooms contain comprehensive lists of current electronic resources for agricultural or food law topics. Examples are Animal Feeding Operations, Clean Water Act, Biotechnology, Food Safety, Farm Programs, Farm Labor, Administrative Law, and International Ag Trade.

Links are provided to major statutes, regulations, case law, Center-published research articles and bibliographies, government publications, Congressional publications, and numerous other research resources. Also contained in each room is an overview article that provides a thumbnail sketch of the history and development of that subject. Twenty-six rooms have been posted to date, with ten others under construction.

The National AgLaw Reporter publishes summaries of recent judicial developments written by the Center's staff attorneys and research fellows from the

Graduate Program in Agricultural Law of the University of Arkansas; reports rules and notices from the Federal Register of particular interest to the agricultural and food law communities; and publishes decisions rendered by the USDA Judicial Officer.

Research Publications offer objective research articles and bibliographies prepared by leading agricultural and food law scholars and attorneys throughout the country.

Other Features include a comprehensive Glossary of Agricultural Production, Programs, and Policy; Congressional Resources with links to agricultural and food law activities on the Hill; United States Farm Bills with text, history, analysis, and background on the nation's farm bills from 1938 to the present; and a Reference Desk with links to many more resources.

Created by Congress in 1987, the National Agricultural Law Center's mission is to prepare and disseminate objective and authoritative agricultural and food law research and information. The Center is housed at the University of Arkansas School of Law which offers the only graduate program in agricultural law in the country.

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# ***IN MEMORIUM***

## ***Pat Gillgannon Remembered***

Library Co-Worker and Friend  
John Pickett

Pat, an Information Specialist with the Johnson County Law Library, Olathe, KS, passed away on May 07, 2004 after a long bout with cancer.

Before coming to the law library, Pat spent seven years as a nun with the order of St. Benedict, received a Masters in English from the University of Kansas and managed several Kansas City area book stores.

She started work at the Law Library in 1993 when it was still located on the eighth floor of the Courthouse. Pat knew our collection so well that she could walk to where any book was shelved without ever consulting the catalog. She usually knew which books were checked out or on the shelf.

Pat was an expert in finding forms for the many pro se litigants who use our law library. She excelled at juggling many tasks without losing her composure or sense of humor. Pat offered great assistance to the many attorneys who sought information and research help.

I think Pat will be best remembered by the local bar for her wit, sense of humor and light hearted personality. Pat made friends easily with the attorneys who use our law library but would not hesitate to scold those who returned their books late. Also, I will remember Pat's fondness for cats, her interest in Lance Armstrong's bicycle racing and her tales of trips to Ireland.



# CRATA & STEPHANIE BRING OUT THE BEST IN MAAL... AALL 2004

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