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President's Message by Lee Peoples

It was great to see so many MAALL members for our luncheon at the AALL Meeting in Portland Oregon. A lot has happened since we returned from the Pacific Northwest. Registration for the 33rd Annual MAALL Annual Meeting – MAALL In The Mountains – is now open. All the information you need about the conference is available from the Annual Meeting webpage: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/Annmtg2008.htm>.



Norma Lee Beasley Entrance Hall—University of Arkansas School of Law

Please keep two important dates in mind when making your plans for the 2008 meeting. September 15 is the last day you can make a reservation at the conference hotel. They only have a limited number of rooms available for the confer-

ence this year and are only holding them until September 15. I encourage you to call the hotel now at 1.866.384.4087 and mention “Mid-America Association of Law Libraries annual meeting” to reserve your room and receive the discounted rate. The hotel will release any unreserved rooms after this date. Once the conference hotel fills or after September 15th (whichever comes first) a block of rooms will be available at the Holiday Inn Express located four miles from the conference hotel.

The other date to keep in mind is September 25. You must register by this date to receive the early registration discount. You can register by printing off the PDF “Registration Form and Hotel Information” from the conference webpage and mailing the completed form with your check to the address listed on the form.

The Education Committee has put together a strong slate of well rounded programs for

the meeting. Check out Joe's article in this newsletter and the preliminary program at the conference webpage for details.



University of Arkansas School of Law Courtroom

I am pleased to announce the results of the recent MAALL Election. Darla Jackson of the Oklahoma City University Law Library will take over as Vice President / President Elect. Pamela Tull of the University of Kansas Wheat Law Library will take over as Secretary. Jeri Kay Hopkins of the Eight Circuit Court of Appeals Law Library will take over as Member at Large. I want to thank all the candidates who agreed to run this year and Randy Diamond, Darin Fox, and Stefanie Pearlman for their fabulous job as the

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nominations committee.

It is hard to believe this is my last Presidential Column. My term as President has gone by very quickly and I want to thank the other members of the Executive Board for their service. They have been a delight to work with and have devoted countless hours to MAALL. All the committee chairs and committee members also deserve thanks for their efforts on behalf of our organization.

Please join me in Fayetteville for what is shaping up to be an outstanding annual meeting.

From the Vice-President by Joe Custer

I want to thank the members of the Education committee; Crata Castleberry, Catherine Chick, Jessie Burchfield Wallace, and Stefanie Pearlman who helped me put together what we feel to be a strong program for Fayetteville. Early in the process we laid out some areas we wanted to cover and we did well to meet them.

I would also like anyone who wants to be on a committee for this upcoming MAALL year, which officially starts at the Fayetteville annual meeting, to please contact me. There are many posts to fill. Your service is greatly appreciated.

Member News

Arkansas

A project to digitize historical farm legislation and legislative history was completed by the National Agricultural Law Center. The legislation and congressional committee reports were added to the historical farm bills digitized in an earlier project and are available at <http://www.nationalaglawcenter.org/farmbills/>. Funding was through a cooperative agreement with the National Agricultural Library to provide content for the AgNIC Alliance cooperative reference service. Sally Kelley was the project manager.

Sally Kelley was appointed Chair of the Legislative and Government Relations Committee for the United States Agricultural Information Network.

Illinois

Frank G. Houdek (Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Southern Illinois University School of Law) is the author of *The First Century: One Hundred Years of AALL History, 1906-2005*, recently published by the William S. Hein & Co. as number 75 in the AALL Publication Series.

Iowa

At the invitation of the State Librarian of Iowa, Susan Lerdal (Reference Librarian, Drake University Law Library) is serving on the Iowa Shared Automation System Advisory Group. This group is advising the State Librarian on its initiative to develop a voluntary statewide shared automation system, which would be open to Iowa libraries of all types.

Oklahoma

Darin Fox (Director, Donald E. Pray Law Library, University of Oklahoma College of Law) was elected to the LLMC Advisory Council. He also spoke at AALL in Portland for the *CS-SIS Hot Topic I: Keeping Up with Technology: Advice for Librarians*.

Courtney Selby (Collection Development/Instructional Services Law Librarian, Mabee Legal Information Center, University of Tulsa College of Law) is the new the chair of the AALL Social Responsibilities SIS as well as the chair of the ALL-SIS Collection Development Committee.

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Publication Schedule

MAALL Markings is published in electronic format in January, April and August by the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries.

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News From Other Chapters

CALL (Chicago Association of Law Libraries)

CALL Bulletin http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/publications/callbull207_revised.pdf

Spring 2008 Number 207

Filled with reflections by CALL members about their international experiences, this issue presented global perspectives about libraries and librarians. First, John Fox summarized his recent adventure as a library consultant in Kenya. He helped establish a convent library by selecting and organizing materials, and toured an existing community library. Next, Julienne Grant described her trip to Mumbai, India to participate in the IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) conference. While there she took part in educational sessions, visited various Indian libraries, and met librarians from all over the world. The bulletin also featured an interview with a former CALL member and a conversation with a current CALL member. Rounding out the issue was the TechBuzz column detailing faceted browsing, a “Google-like” function for the library catalog.

HALL (Houston Area Law Librarians)

Houston Area Law Librarians Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/Newsletter/MayJun08.pdf>

May/June 2008 Volume 25 Number 3

Heather Waltman penned an uplifting article about the Houston librarians’ first volunteer event. For their inaugural experience, the librarians worked at the Houston Food Bank, sorting and bagging food. According to Mary Ann Wacker, HALL’s spring seminar included a trip to Austin where the participants toured the Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum as well as the Texas Legislative and Reference Library. Monica Ortale and Susan Spillman included descriptions and photographs of the SWALL cruise. Along with the educational sessions, attendees enjoyed excellent dining and camaraderie.

LLAM (Law Library Association of Maryland)

LLAM News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llam/publications/llamnewsletter/Llamnews200803.pdf>

March 2008 Volume 27 Issue 3

This issue includes several short pieces pointing to other good reading or sources. Mary Rice describes a Web seminar presented by Gary Price, a former academic law librarian who is now with ask.com. Sara Witman discusses three Web sites she finds useful for recurring ready reference questions and, in a separate piece, points to recent online items of possible interest covering such topics as presentation tips, Web 2.0, and legal research.

LLNE (Law Librarians of New England)

LLNE News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/LLNENews/index.htm>

Volume 27 Issue 2

In the spring, LLNE Executive Board members met for a daylong retreat to do strategic planning for the future of LLNE for the next five years. The process they followed and their results are outlined. The newsletter humor column, *Dear Miss Nomer*, offers innovative definitions to law terms, such as: “WAIVER OF TORT: on a diet.”

LLOPS (Law Librarians of Puget Sound)

LLOPSCited <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llops/committees/newsletter/summer08.pdf>

Summer 2008 Volume 18 Issue 4

An article about negotiating in the workplace and how librarians can improve their negotiation skills provided readers with practical, hands-on advice. Other articles included an interview with current LLOPS member, La-Jean Humpries and a summary of the Annual Spring Development Workshop. The 2008 workshop included sessions about statistics, negotiation, and marketing.

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LLSDC (Law Librarians Society of Washington D.C., Inc.)

Law Library Lights <http://www.llsdc.org/attachments/wysiwyg/207/LLLSU08.pdf>

Summer 2008 Volume 51 Number 4

Entitled "Life Cycle of a Law Librarian," this issue presents seven personal narratives about becoming and being a law librarian.

MALL (Minnesota Association of Law Libraries)

MALL Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/mnews.htm>

March/April 2008 Early Spring Edition Volume 34 Issue 5

MALL libraries test the waters with Web 2.0 technology. Read the column to find innovative uses in law libraries, including a blog for circulation desk workers to keep them up to date on all that is happening in the library, or the implementation of free chat software, Meebo, at the William Mitchell College of Law.

May/June 2008 Late Spring Edition Volume 34 Issue 6

The MALL 2008 Conference, themed Law Library 2.0: The User-Centric Revolution, featured several workshops on the library 2.0 theme. The keynote speaker for the conference, Shane Nackarud, encourages librarians to experiment with library 2.0 features without fear of failing. Newsletter articles summarize workshops on implementing wikis in the law library, the views on Web 2.0 from the practicing attorney perspective, and creating successful connections with Generation Y attorneys in the firm environment.

MichALL (Michigan Chapter American Association of Law Libraries)

MichALL Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/michall/newsletters/april2008.pdf>

April 2008 Volume 26 Issue 2

Not that long ago, the reorganization of the University of Michigan Law Library created a buzz among law librarians, especially in technical services circles. Read more about the reorganization (plus a huge reclassification project, a \$900,000 budget cut commitment, and other changes) in the Law Library Updates feature.

NOCALL (Northern California Association of Law Libraries)

NOCALL News <http://www.nocall.org/nocallnews/index.html>

March-April 2008 Volume 28-Issue 4

This newsletter is always strong in advising readers on professional and just-for-fun reading. On the professional side, two reviews relate to the area of legal research and writing. Both of these discuss the likes and dislikes of the courts regarding briefs and information submitted to the court and might be of great interest to those teaching legal research and writing skills.

May-June 2008 Volume 28 Issue 5

Those interested in project management may wish to review the report regarding NOCALL's Spring Institute, which was focused on that topic. One session on writing goals successfully described the SMART method of goal writing which encouraged participants to write project goals that are **Specific, Measurable, Agreed upon, Realistic, and Time-Bound.**

ORALL (Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries)

ORALL Newsletter <http://www.orall.org/newsletter/index.htm>

March 2008 Volume 2008 Number 1

ORALL Vice-President, Ken Kozlowski, has researched Ohio Supreme Court decisions to determine if they cite URLs that are no longer active. This phenomenon is also known as link rot and it could deprive future users of important information when reading case law.

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SANDALL (San Diego Area Law Libraries)

SANDALL News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sandall/newsletter2008-05.pdf>

May 2008 Volume 10 Issue 5

One of the main features in this newsletter focused on how librarians can use wikis in reference service. Besides presenting a new idea, Melissa Fung gave explicit instructions on how to accomplish the task with screen shots. Spotlighted in this issue were three SANDALL members who answered questions and gave insight into their careers. Finally, various authors reviewed SANDALL workshops about health care fraud and identify theft.

SCALL (Southern California Association of Law Libraries)

SCALL Newsletter <http://aallnet.org/chapter/scall/newsletter/NewsletterMarApr2008.pdf>

March/April 2008 Volume 35 Number 4

Gina S. Catalano reviewed the program about legal risk in law libraries presented by Dr. Tomas Lipinski. Lipinski spoke about topics such as copyright, malpractice, and unauthorized practice of law. Ed Butler summarized the thoughts and advice of Jack Lerner, an intellectual property attorney, who presented a workshop about book digitization contracts between libraries and vendors. The newsletter included additional program reviews about white-collar crime and the basics of corporate law. Lastly, Brian Keefe described how with last-minute sponsorship from various donors, SCALL's Inner City Youth Internship program survived. This program matches disadvantaged high school students with law libraries or other organizations willing to employ them for the summer.

SEAALL (Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries)

The Southeastern Law Librarian <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/newsletter.htm>

Spring 2008 Volume 33 Issue 2

Several librarians attended the joint LLSDC/SEAALL conference on Intellectual Property. Their articles on this experience include helpful explanations of the differences between trademarks, patents, and copyright, as well as outlining issues regarding each.

WestPac (Western Pacific Chapter American Association of Law Libraries)

WestPac News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/newsletter.asp>

Winter 2008 Volume 32 Issue 1

Lucky, lucky Westpac members attended their annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii in 2008. This newsletter reports the experiences of those attending on scholarship. Many of the programs focused on issues in law librarianship particularly as they pertained to Hawaii.

Meet MAALL Members

Meet...Brian Striman

Brian Striman enjoys keeping busy. As a Professor of Law Library and the Head of Technical Services at the University of Nebraska, Schmid Law Library, he is often only a blur...running from one end of the library to another to accomplish a wide range of tasks. From working on new policies and procedures that help the library keep on track with electronic information, to cataloging, to setting up our annual miniature golf tournament, Brian is always on the go.

Brian has been a member of AALL and MAALL for over twenty years and has made significant contributions to both. Among his accomplishments are numerous presentations (he will be making another one at this year's MAALL Annual Meeting in Fayetteville), service as Editor-in-Chief of *Technical Services Law Librarian*, and a term as President of MAALL. He believes that these activities help keep him challenged and involved in the profession and as a Professor for the University.

Brian is also interested in new technology that will help law librarians. He is co-hosting a monthly online live radio show with Rich Leiter (<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/thelawlibrarian>) that discusses issues important to law librarians. He is also developing a Web site that will be a hub for "all things technical services law librarian." Brian also maintains a presence on Facebook and on Jim Milles's Law Libraries and Librarians social network on Ning (<http://lawlibraires.ning.com>).

MAALL Travel Grant Recipients

The MAALL Grants Committee has awarded travel grants to the following applicants:

Susan M. Boland
Head of Information Services
Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis

Susan is a former MAALL member and will be making a presentation at the annual meeting in Fayetteville.

Richard Todd
Technical Services Librarian
Mabee Legal Information Center

Richard is a new MAALL member and this will be his first MAALL meeting.

Joe Custer
Vice-President/President Elect
Associate Director & Collection Development Librarian
University of Kansas Law Library

Joe was awarded the JoAnn Humphreys Travel Grant that is given to an officer, executive board member or *MAALL Markings* editor.



MAALL Treasurer's Report 2008

Last updated: 07/21/2008

Revenue

Individual Memberships	\$1,140.00	<i>57 individuals</i>
Institutional Memberships	\$2,460.00	<i>179 individual (18 institutions)</i>
Total Membership	\$3,600.00	

AALL/MAALL Luncheon	\$1,492.00	<i>77 lunches</i>
2007 MAALL Carryover	\$1,003.98	
<u>Vendor Contributions</u>		
W. S. Hein (Hospitality Suite)	\$500.00	

\$2,995.98

Total Revenue \$6,595.98

Expenses

Standard Expenses

Membership Refunds		
Univ. of AR Multicultural Center	\$500.00	<i>Speaker E. Eckford</i>
AALL Election System Fee	\$250.00	<i>2008 MAALL Online Election</i>

Reserve Funds (Earmarks)

Travel Grants	\$3,000.00	
AALL/MAALL Luncheon Subsidy	\$300.00	

Total Earmarks \$3,300.00

Total Expenses \$4,050.00

Earmarked Funds \$3,300.00

Available Funds \$18,842.60

Current Balance \$22,141.60

Submitted by Jan Medved

7/21/2008