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Official Newsletter of the Southern New England Law Librarians' Association

SNELLA and AALL Need Your Help!

SNELLA Calendar

- May 14, 2004
Registration deadline
SNELLA Legal Research Course
- May 22, 2004
SNELLA Legal Research Course
- June 4, 2004
Volunteer in Boston

Nominations Committee 2004-05 SNELLA Board

The SNELLA Nominating Committee is seeking willing candidates for the 2004-2005 SNELLA Board. If you are willing to serve or know someone who might be, contact a member of the Nominating Committee:

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Volunteer in Boston

The Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee needs you! Join the wonderful group of dedicated people volunteering their time to help make the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston a success.

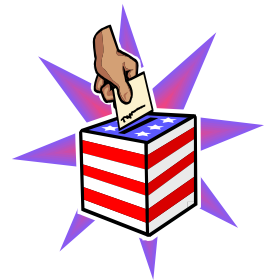
The Committee needs volunteers for a variety of activities at the Annual Meeting. Meet new people and re-connect with old friends while working at the Registration Desk. Scoop stories and write articles for *The Hub*, the daily conference newspaper. Collect tickets and seat people at the Association Luncheon and

Closing Banquet. If you plan to be in Boston early, help stuff the conference tote bags on July 9 or set-up booths and visit with attendees' children at the Family Social Hour on July 10.

Volunteers make the conference run smoothly – and they have fun. Thanks in advance!

For more detailed descriptions of volunteer opportunities at the Boston AALL Annual Meeting, check the Volunteer Form available on the AALL Web site at <http://www.aallnet.org/events/> Please fax, mail, or e-mail the completed Volunteer Form available on the AALL Web site or in the Preliminary Program by **June 4** to:

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SNELLA LEGAL RESEARCH COURSE

Saturday, May 22, 2004

Quinnipiac School of Law

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

An Intensive One-Day Workshop

INSTRUCTORS

Janet Zigadto, Law Librarian, Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Library at Litchfield
Lawrence Cheeseman, Supervising Law Librarian, Connecticut Judicial Branch; Chair, SNELLA
Publications Committee; Co-author *Connecticut Legal Research Handbook*
Lawson Ward, Law Librarian, Connecticut Judicial Branch at Milford

PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL RESEARCH

Basic overview of course
Reading citations
Basic legal research tactics and objectives

CASE LAW

The *what, why, where* and *how* of case law

- What is case law
- Why case law is important
- Where to find case law
- How to find case law

Presentation will include discussion of court systems, Connecticut official reports, and the National Reporter System

STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Finding and updating statutes - Federal and Connecticut
Compiling Connecticut legislative histories on the Internet
What are regulations? How do they differ from statutes?
Finding and updating regulations – Federal and Connecticut
Internet resources on administrative law

SECONDARY MATERIALS

A look at the types of secondary resources and the role they play in legal research

- Legal Encyclopedias
- American Law Reports
- Restatements of the Law
- Treatises
- Loose-leaf Services
- Periodicals
- Other Materials

Registration Form on page 4

SNELLA Legal Research Course Registration Form

**May 22, 2004
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY BACKGROUND IN LAW OR LIBRARIES? YES ____ NO ____
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN BRIEFLY:

DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE WITH ONLINE, CD-ROM OR INTERNET RESEARCH?

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT:

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK FOR \$ 125.00 PAYABLE TO: SNELLA
MAIL TO: CLAUDIA JALOWKA
CONNECTICUT JUDICIAL BRANCH LAW LIBRARIES
100 WASHINGTON STREET
HARTFORD, CT 06106**

REPLY BY: May 14, 2004 CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED!

SNELLA Board Meeting
Thursday, February 18, 2004
Pepe & Hazard, Hartford

Present: Theresa Baylock, Caroline Benoit, Hilary Frye, Claudia Jalowka, Susan Scoville
and Janet Zigadto

Welcome and Call to Order

Minutes of Last Meeting - read and approved

Treasurer's Report - Income from fall workshop, membership dues and holiday dinner totals \$3,250. Expenses, including fall workshop luncheon, LLNE luncheon, and holiday dinner, total \$1,458.83.

Committee Reports

Scholarship - will be splitting year in two to limit amount of money given out at once as well as to cover meetings given throughout the year.

Public Relations - no report

Publishing - Larry will include in next newsletter a call for nominations for the board.

Members at Large - 4 new members. Summer event in works either at Farmington Valley Arts Center for a bookbinding workshop or maybe CPTV in March for basketball season.

Old Business

Holiday Dinner - was held at Eli's in Hamden. It was a small crowd but everyone had a good time. The staff was flexible and easy to deal with. No room charge helped us to save money. Will consider Eli's again for future dinners.

Budget - raising dues helped secure our money situation. Board sees no need for further cuts. The years we lost money were the years we did not receive donations from publishers. We also saved much through elimination of newsletter printing and mailing costs. The question of institutional memberships on a sliding scale came up. Several options were considered. The best option seemed to be one free membership for every 4 (\$100). Will look at bylaws to see if it needs to be put to a vote. Hilary will compare other institutional membership scales. Will post on chapter leadership list.

Legal Research Course - will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2004. Flyers will be out next week. Please help spread the word by posting in appropriate areas. Larry C., Janet Z., and Lawson W. will be presenters. The course may be moved in the future to the CT State Library for access to computers.

Spring Program - Hilary & Mary T. have set up a Myers Briggs training program for April 23rd at Quinnipiac in the afternoon from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. No lunch will be provided but they will check into getting the room for noon so that people may have a place to eat their brown bag lunches. The presenter may be Mariah Holcomb from Strategic Communications but Hilary will look around for more companies. Among the topics to be discussed are 1.) where librarians generally fall in the results and 2.) how to accommodate other professional group types. As for the fall program, will ask Marie Radford in April to do time management seminar. Will ask Lexis for financial help.



New Business

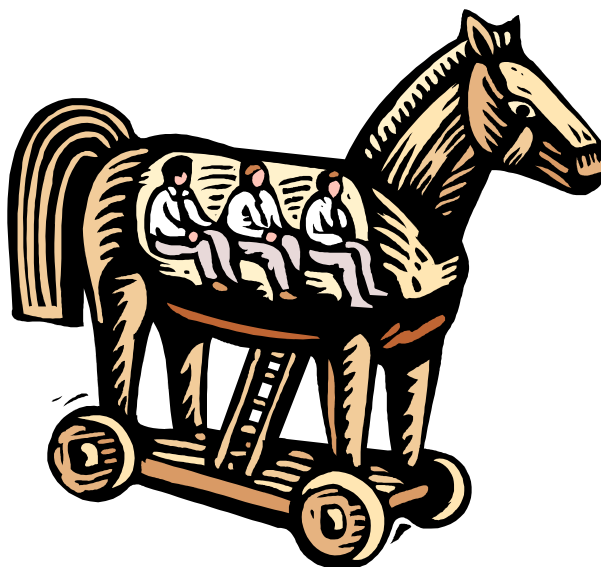
Elections for 2004/2005 Board - Susan will contact nominating committee so that voting can take place in May.

AALL gift basket - Ann Acton has asked if we would like to donate a gift basket to raffle off at this year's AALL convention in Boston. The board will allocate up to \$150. Caroline will organize and try to get people to donate. Ideas include CT university hats/ t-shirts, Mystic Seaport items, wine, chocolate and teas made in CT, book by a CT author. Same may be done for AALL activities table - donation of a book, bottle of wine, autographed copies of book.

SNELLA booth at CBA Annual Meeting - Dottie has reserved a table for us at the CBA Annual meeting at the Omni Hotel in New Haven. Susan will send email asking for volunteers.

New SNELLA Members - Procedure - Let Sue know if you know of a new member who needs to be added to the web site. Several corrections need to be made to website listing of members. A concrete procedure needs to be set in place for this. Will email members asking them to check listing for corrections.

Barbara Karp - a board member brought up the idea of doing something in memory of Barbara. Ideas include a bench for the LOB park in Hartford, donating to a family fund and planting a tree. Sue will contact Dottie.



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