

Official Newsletter of the Southern New England Law Librarians' Association

The Call For Papers Has Begun

SNELLA Calendar

- November 12, 2004
Deadline for registration for SNELLA Program
- November 19, 2004
"Better Management of Your Time"

Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Maybe you just need a push to get started? Whether for fame or for fortune, this is your chance to enter the AALL/LexisNexis™ Call for Papers Competition.

The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

- Open Division for AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience
- New Members Division for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession for less than five years.
- Student Division for budding law librarians still in school. (Students need not be members of AALL)

The winner in each division receives \$750 generously donated by LexisNexis, plus the opportunity to present his or her paper at a special program during the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Winners' papers will also be considered for publication in the Association's prestigious Law Library Journal.

For more information, a list of previous winners and an application, visit the AALL website at <http://www.aallnet.org/>

[about/award_call_for_papers.asp](#). Submissions must be postmarked by March 1.

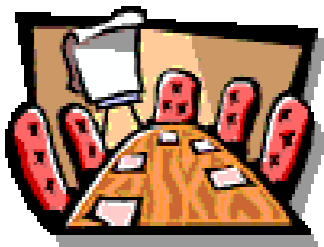
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SNELLA Fall 2004 Program

November 19, 2004

Connecticut State Library Van Block Conference Facility

75 Van Block Avenue, Hartford, CT

Registration-Coffee 9:00 a.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Program 9:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Lunch 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Better Management of Your Time

Do you ever feel like a passenger on the run-away train that is your life?

Everyday we struggle to juggle the many demands on our time — the office, our family, professional development, friends, and more. Often, you end up feeling like the victim of a life gone mad. Join us for a half-day workshop on developing the skills needed to get back in control of your time and life. Learn how to better manage the many demands and how, when necessary, to "just say no!"

Guest Speaker:

Marie L. Radford, Ph.D.

Acting Dean, Associate Professor,

Pratt Institute, School of Information and Library Science

Sponsored by LexisNexis

Cost \$30.00 members, \$35.00 non-members - includes workshop and lunch

Registration Deadline — November 12, 2004

Please return the below registration form and payment (made out to SNELLA) to:

Claudia Jalowka

Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries

100 Washington Street

Hartford, CT 06106

Name: _____

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Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

SNELLA Listserv Proposal

The Proposal

A transfer of the SNELLA listserv from its current home at Robinson & Cole to the Yahoo Groups web site.

Why?

Our current listserv is limited in several ways: there is no archive of past postings, there are no other tools for sharing resources among members, and there is limited technical support if something goes wrong. Yahoo Groups can provide all of this at no additional cost for SNELLA.

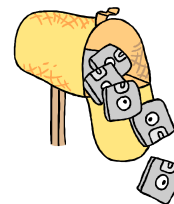
What is Yahoo Groups?

Yahoo Groups is a free email service that can be accessed through email and/or the internet. Yahoo guarantees privacy and protection from spam. Yahoo Groups is located at <http://groups.yahoo.com>.

Benefits

Yahoo Groups has several useful features, including:

- archives of all postings (archive can be made public or members only)
- members can upload documents, images, and other files for access by all members links archive, Calendar, polls, and database options
- the ability to moderate who joins the listserv
- ownership of list could be easily transferred as SNELLA membership changes in the future



*Please note that if users want to access these features, they must register (free) for the full Web access. It is possible, however, to receive just the messages by subscribing to the listserv in the normal way (i.e., send message to groupname-subscribe@ yahoo.com).

Disadvantages

- Because Yahoo is free, it is advertiser-supported and partially sponsored by advertisements inserted into the email messages
- Current listserv members will be required to manually unsubscribe from the current listserv and subscribe to the new one

How Would it Work?

1. The new listserv would be created.
2. A message would be sent to the current listserv with details on how to subscribe to the new group (email only and/or full web access). The message would include a date on which the old listserv would cease to exist.
3. The old listserv would be shut down with our thanks to R&C for hosting it for so many years.

I am currently a member of 10 different Yahoo Group listservs and a moderator for two of them. This is a very useful and easy to use service.

-- Susan Scoville

**SNELLA TREASURER REPORT
ACCOUNT DETAILS**

October 28, 2004

Account Activity from September 15, 2004 to present:

Beginning **Balance:** \$ 1,940.26

Checking Account Activity

Income

Memberships (3) - 2004 75.00

Reimbursement LLNE/SNELLA AALL Luncheon 315.38

Total \$ 2,330.64

Expenses

Service Charge (September 2004) 6.50

Transfer of \$500.00 to **SNELLA Scholarship Fund** 500.00

Total \$ 506.50

Ending Balance \$ 1,824.14

Scholarship Fund Savings

Savings Account with Checking Access \$ 500.00

Regular Savings Account

Ending Balance \$ 3,213.46

SNELLA Board Meeting Minutes

CT State Library Van Block Conference Facility
Wednesday, September 15, 2004

Present: Theresa Baylock, Larry Cheeseman, Susan Davis, Rebecca Engsborg, Hilary Frye, Claudia Jalowka, Sandee Molden, Janet Zigadto

Welcome and Call to Order

Minutes of Last Meeting - read and approved

Treasurer's Report - accepted

1. **Barbara B. Karp Memorial** - no resolution yet. The bench in Hartford was from Governor Meskill's initiative. Joel Karp asked J. Kinsella about putting a bench in Minuteman Park, without success. Hilary will approach UCONN Law School.
2. **AALL Hospitality Basket** - Ann Acton was very happy with the basket. Thanks to Caroline Benoit.
3. **Chapter Table** - thanks to Hilary for making the most decorated table at the conference. A picture of it will appear in the next issue of the AALL Spectrum.
4. **Fall Workshop** - the topic will be "Time Management" with a short section on "How to Say No." The board decided to charge \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members
5. **Legal Bibliography Course** - Jon Stock and Roseanne Shea have been working together to organize and market the class on 11/13 at Sacred Heart University. Will market to SLA and other library organizations. Location is still undecided for the spring - may be at Kelly, Dry & Warren in Stamford or in the north of CT.
6. **Scholarship Committee** - Sandee handed out guidelines. Larry will include a general reminder in the newsletter if there is extra money we want to give away. Sandee discussed the possibility of recruiting members to help her on the committee.
7. **Newsletter** - is put out once per month if there is news. The electronic format allows for quick turnaround and no costs. Send news to Larry by the beginning of each month.
8. **Membership** - 3 new members/renewals in August & September. Hilary and Rebecca will ask Susan Scoville to change name on electronic form from Sandy to Rebecca. Hilary will work with Rebecca to create Welcome Packets. Ideas include an electronic introduction newsletter for newcomers to remind them of our functions.
9. **Resignation of Steven Mirsky** - Janet handed out a draft of a thank you letter to go to Steve. Will get stationary and mail out soon.
10. **Announcement re: Caroline Benoit** - had a baby girl.
11. **Listserv Migration** - board voted to let Susan Scoville migrate email listserv to Yahoo.



12. **Fundraising** - The following motion was made and seconded: "That there should be an establishment of a separate scholarship fund with \$500 from the checking account for the program, and that subsequent scholarship monies so received shall be put in said account." Motion has been approved. The board agreed to name that portion of the scholarship fund for SNELLA sponsored events the Barbara Karp Memorial Scholarship Fund.
13. **CLA conference** - We are out of handouts for the booth. Linda may help to produce more. Hilary will bring Toolkit for Public Libraries from LISPL. Its being held at the Omni Sheraton in New Haven on April 11-13th, 2005. Bob Galucci is giving us a free table - 6 ft - in corridor. Will talk more at next meeting.
14. **Posting Minutes to Listsery** - proposal withdrawn. Board must see and approve minutes before posting them which would make it an ineffective, untimely tool for advertising. Will send out individual announcements to listsery instead of relying on minutes.
15. **Regional AALL Meeting in Rochester or Toronto in 2007 or 2008** - we made verbal commitment to give a \$1000, which is what was requested from every chapter. Someone raised the question as to whether or not this is fair and/or too expensive. The board decided to address this at a later date since it is not for another 3 years.



S.N.E.L.L.A. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND LAW LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

In order to promote continuing education among its members, the Southern New England Law Librarians' Association will maintain a Scholarship Fund. From the resources of that fund, the Association will award scholarships to its members to help make possible attendance at meetings and institutes which entail a registration fee. All members are encouraged to apply.

1. The applicant must be a current member of SNELLA, with current year's dues paid, at the time the application is made.
2. Current Scholarship Committee members will be ineligible to receive awards during tenure.
3. Scholarships will be considered for those educational meetings of which SNELLA is a sponsor or co-sponsor, for the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, and for institutes of continuing legal or library science education sponsored by professional associations or educational institutions.
4. One scholarship may be awarded for the annual meeting of AALL. Two scholarships may be awarded for institutes and/or SNELLA sponsored or co-sponsored programs every six months. The amount of scholarship to institutes will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, in consultation with the Treasurer of the Association. Those amounts awarded may vary, reflecting the registration fee, location, and length of the meeting. No award shall exceed \$500.00.
Under extenuating circumstances one institute scholarship award may be applied to a second AALL award in any given year.
5. One category of award to be considered will be a scholarship(s) to those educational meetings of which SNELLA is a sponsor or co-sponsor. ***This category of award is the Barbara Karp Memorial Scholarship Fund.*** No member will receive an award in this category more frequently than every third year.
6. The second category of award to be considered will be a scholarship(s) to institutes of continuing legal or library science education sponsored by professional or educational institutions. No member will receive an award in this category more frequently than every third year.
7. The third category of award to be considered will be a scholarship(s) for the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries. No member will receive SNELLA's award to the AALL Annual Meeting more frequently than every third year.
8. While no member will receive an award in each category more frequently than every third year, this restriction will apply separately to each category.
9. Applicants must complete the standard SNELLA Scholarship application. The application must be received by the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee one month prior to the registration date for institutes and SNELLA sponsored or co-sponsored programs. The application must be received two months prior to the earliest deadline registration date for the annual AALL meeting.
10. In selecting the award recipients, the Committee will consider the following factors:
 - a) officer, board member, committee chairman or member, speaker or other member activity in organizations such as AALL, SIS, LLNE, SNELLA, or other organizations
 - b) lack of financial assistance by employer
 - c) individuals new to law librarianship and/or SNELLA
 - d) demonstrated commitment to SNELLA or law librarianship
 - e) relevance of or expressed interest in the particular subject of meeting
11. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received a scholarship.
12. If for any reason an award cannot be used as requested, or funds subsequently become available from recipient's employer, the award (or the unused portion thereof) will be returned to the Treasurer of SNELLA.
13. A questionnaire requesting information on the recipient's attendance and expenses at the designated meeting will be sent with each SNELLA scholarship. The recipient will return the questionnaire to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee after the meeting has occurred.
14. At the end of each year, the scholarship award program will be reassessed.

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