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# A Message from the President

## Kevin Butterfield

College of William & Mary School of Law



Spring is a time for new beginnings. It is also a time to extend thanks as my term as VALL President comes to a close. VALL is a wonderful group and it has been a pleasure serving as president this past year. I would like to thank the Executive Board Evelyn Campbell, Leanne Battle, Dee Dee Dockendorf, Jane Baugh, Femi Cadmus and Laurie Claywell for their invaluable help, sound advice and hard work.

Evelyn Campbell, Joyce Janto, Isabel Paul, Lisa Reinhard, Anthony Ikwueme, Marie Hamm, Femi Cadmus, Sally Wambold, Leanne Battle, Rae Best, Gail Warren, Chris King, Gail Zwirner and Jim Heller all served as committee chairs. An amazing amount of work happens in each of the VALL committees. I thank the chairs and the members of each committee for contributing their time. I would also like to thank our Archivist, Gail Warren, our Handbook Editor, Jennifer Sekula, our Newsletter Editors, Eric Kistler and Anthony Ikwueme, our Postmaster, Terry Long, our VLA Liaison, Cathy Palombi, and our Webmaster Paul Birch for serving VALL.

Our Program Committee, led by our VP/President Elect Leanne Battle, put together wonderful meetings at The Homestead last fall and at the University of Richmond in February. Pulling together four meetings each year is very hard work. Leanne and her committee have done an excellent job.

We hope to see many of you in Williamsburg! Thank you all for a great year.





## Minutes from the February 8, 2008 VALL Meeting at T.C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

The minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is still a lot of money in the treasury. We spent almost \$1100 on the 2007-2008 VALL directories, and earned \$500 from the VLA/VALL annual meeting at The Homestead. We expect to award grants for attendance at AALL in Portland, OR in July.

**Grants Committee:** The Committee awarded 4 grants for people to attend the joint VLA/VALL meeting at The Homestead in November, and will award 4 grants for attendance at AALL in July. Grant applications will be posted on the VALL website shortly.

**Legislative Awareness Committee:** The Committee has sent numerous e-mail messages about federal legislation. If you want to serve as a satellite site for AALL's 3rd Annual Sunshine Week program, see the AALL link sent out Feb. 6, or find it on the AALL website.

**Newsletter Committee:** The Summer and Winter, 2007, issues of the VALL Newsletter have been published, and the deadline for the spring edition is March 30. Please send your articles and pictures to Anthony Ikwueme or Eric Kistler.

**Preservation Committee:** The Committee has issued a challenge to VALL members to develop disaster kits, with a preservation-quality album offered as the prize. They are also looking into putting a preservation game on the VALL website, and proposed a preservation program for AALL for which no time slot was available.

**Recruitment Committee:** The VALL recruitment website was updated in December 2007.

**Publications Committee:** The Committee will be responsible for the content of the June/July 2008 issue of The Virginia Lawyer, with Gail Warren serving as Editor/Coordinator.

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*... Minutes from the February 8, 2008 VALL Meeting (continued)*

The deadline for articles is May 1, 2008. VALL members have also published columns in the October and December, 2007 issues of The Virginia Lawyer.

Program Committee: Thank you for the Winter meeting. The Spring meeting will be held at William and Mary on May 16.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of officers for 2008-2009. AALL will host our electronic ballots, and voting will be held in April.

Michelle Gernhardt	Director
Bill Magee	Secretary
Fred Dingley	Vice-President/President Elect

The Board has selected Chief Justice Leroy Hassell as our Chapter VIP for AALL in July. Chief Justice Hassell will assume his own travel costs, which would allow us to sponsor a second Chapter VIP if we so choose. The board will look at the other people nominated this winter, and will be open to considering additional nominees as well.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Baugh  
Secretary





## From the Preservation Committee: Making Preservation Fun

Sally Wambold

University of Richmond

The Preservation Committee is working to get a Preservation Jeopardy game on the VALL website where it will be available for all AALL members to play—and learn about preservation. Some months ago, VALL President Kevin Butterfield wisely issued the challenge to put a preservation teaching tool on the website and to make it fun to become more informed about preservation. Preservation is a hard sell and such a website feature could be valuable PR and could even make some preservation converts.



A grant is now in process at AALL; the Preservation Committee will probably discover if it is approved by the end of March. A sample Jeopardy game has been created by the software company Harbinger Knowledge Products, but there is the usual “technical difficulty” obstacle confronting us at this time. It is essential that the software work on our website. Stay tuned to the VALL listserv for updates on this new preservation challenge.





### **About the VALL Newsletter**

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### **About VALL**

The Virginia Association of Law Libraries was founded in 1988, expanding a previously existing organization, the Richmond Area Law Libraries. Now, as then, VALL's objectives are to develop and increase the usefulness and efficiency of law libraries, to promote librarianship and to foster a spirit of cooperation among members of the profession. VALL is a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

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