



2008 AALL Annual Meeting, Portland, OR
POLICY TRACK PROGRAMS

During the conference, the Washington Affairs Office, Government Relations Committee (GRC), Copyright Committee and the new Electronic Legal Information Access & Citation (ELIAC) Committee will focus on our current hot issues and discuss our legislative priorities for the coming year. We invite you to join us for many exciting events focused on our legislative and policy agenda. In addition, we encourage you to attend the meetings of the policy committees to give you a taste of the important contributions they make throughout the year.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Access to Electronic Legal Information and Citation Formats Committees (Outgoing and Incoming)

Sunday, July 13, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM, OCC-C126

GRC Meeting (Outgoing and Incoming)

Monday, July 14, 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM, OCC-E147

Chapter Leadership Roundtable: Government Relations

Monday, July 14, 2008, 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM, OCC-D134

Copyright Committee Meeting (Outgoing and Incoming)

Monday, July 14, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM, OCC-D139

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

Explore the Secret Workings of the FISA Court

Sunday, July 13, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

OCC-F150/151

The impact of the USA PATRIOT Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance (FISA) Court on libraries has been widely discussed, as librarians continue to be concerned that the privacy of library patron records may be compromised. This panel discussion, moderated by GRC member Camilla Tubbs, is going to be one of our most exciting programs. It will feature former FISA Court presiding judge and United States District Court for the District of Columbia Chief Justice Royce C. Lamberth and Thomas M. Susman, Director of the Government Affairs Office of the American Bar Association. Judge Lamberth will share his unique insights into the secret world of FISA requests: how they are handled, how useful they are in obtaining foreign intelligence information, how the PATRIOT Act and subsequent amendments have expanded government surveillance, and what impact librarians' concerns have had on this type of government activity. Mr. Susman will offer his perspective on the secret court from the viewpoint of an attorney who has decades of experience championing freedom of information issues.

Official but Not Authentic: The Future of Electronic Legal Information

Sunday, July 13, 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM

OCC-Portland Ballroom 252

Access to Electronic Information Committee Chair Joan Shear and two delegates from AALL's April 2007 National Summit will share their follow-up activities and experiences related to the need for authentication of electronic legal information. Michele Timmons, Reviser of Statutes for the State of Minnesota and a member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, will talk about her role in their recently approving a new study committee on "Online Authentication of Legal Materials." Thomas Wrosch, Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of the Secretary of State of Oregon, will talk about specific technological solutions that state governments could implement to authenticate their online legal resources.

An Exploration of the Role of Presidential Signing Statements in Legislative Histories: Analytical and Practical Considerations

Monday, July 14, 2008, 8:45 AM – 9:30 AM

OCC-F150/151

This program will explore and analyze the role of Presidential Signing Statements as part of legislative histories. The presenters will provide a dual focus: first, they will discuss the role of Presidential Signing Statements in legislative histories, both past and present, with an emphasis on how the use of these documents has changed over the years; second, they will identify specific methods for locating Presidential Signing Statements and demonstrate how to use them properly in a legislative history. This information should be of interest both to law librarians who teach legislative history skills as a part of a legal research course and to government documents librarians who assist patrons working on legislative histories. Speakers include Stephanie A. Braunstein, Coordinator and Speaker, Louisiana State University and Monica Sharum, University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law, Gordon D. Schaber Law Library.

Flashlights, FOIA and Advocacy: Tools for the Explorer in Search of Disappearing and Restricted Federal Documents

Monday, July 14, 10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

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Thousands of federal agency documents have been removed from Web pages, and Presidential records have been restricted in the name of national security or executive privilege in recent years. Many open government groups, including AALL, say the restrictions have gone too far and are advocating for legislation to provide better information access. Speakers Anne Klinefelter and Susan Nevelow Mart will identify samples of disappearing and unpublished federal executive branch materials that law libraries and their users are likely to seek, and will provide up-to-date guidance on how FOIA and E-FOIA may be helpful in securing access to these important resources.

2008 Annual Legislative and Regulatory Update

Tuesday, July 15, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

OCC-Portland Ballroom 252

The Annual Legislative and Regulatory Update provides you with an “annual report” on the work of the GRC and the Washington Affairs Office. GRC Chair Scott Matheson will moderate the program and present the 2008 AALL Public Access to Government Information award to OMB Watch, whose Executive Director, Gary Bass, will not only accept the award but be our guest speaker. Copyright Committee Chair Keith Ann Stiverson and I will present our respective updates for the year. Last but not least, as approved by the Executive Board in April, we will all recognize Bob Oakley’s legacy by the presentation of a plaque, honoring him as the first recipient of the new AALL Member Advocacy Award, to his widow, Barbara Oakley. The new award, to be named the Robert L. Oakley Member Advocacy Award beginning next year, will be given annually to one of our members who has been an outstanding advocate for law libraries and legal information at the federal, state or local level.

Copyright Issues in the 110th Congress

Tuesday, July 15, 10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

OCC-Portland Ballroom 253

Copyright Committee Chair Keith Ann Stiverson will moderate this important program that will cover the recently introduced federal bills on orphan works and the Report of the Section 108 Study Group issued in March. We are honored that Register of Copyrights Marybeth Peters will be joining us again this year as a panelist, since her knowledge and commitment to these issues are unsurpassed. Jonathan Band, attorney for the Library Copyright Alliance of which AALL is a founding member, will provide the library perspective. Jon will also briefly discuss the international work the LCA is involved with, including the WIPO Development Agenda.