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**General Business Meeting  
July 14, 2008**

[The General Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries was called to order at 2:16 P.M. at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland Ballroom 256/257, with Ann T. Fessenden, President, presiding.]

**Call to Order and Introductions**

¶1 **President Ann T. Fessenden** (U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit Library, St. Louis, Missouri): I will now call to order the 2008 Business Meeting of the

American Association of Law Libraries. As of yesterday, we have 1953 AALL members registered for the 2008 Annual Meeting. The AALL bylaws, Article 5, Section 3, stipulate that “a quorum for a business meeting of the Association shall consist of fifty members registered at that meeting.” The Chair observes that there is a quorum.

¶2 The Chair would now like to introduce those present at the head table. Beginning on my left: Parliamentarian Peggy Long, Secretary Darcy Kirk, Vice President/President-Elect James Duggan, Treasurer David Mao, and Executive Director Kate Hagan.

### **Adoption of the Standing Rules**

¶3 The Rules of Conduct for the AALL Business Meeting are on the table at the back of the room. Please use that version of the rules rather than the one that is in your final program, because there have been some corrections. In the interest of managing today’s agenda, no member may speak for more than three minutes, and the Chair will hold the discussion to no more than ten minutes on any one agenda item. The Chair will announce when the time is completed. If members wish to extend discussion beyond the allowed time, a motion to extend discussion will require passage by a two-thirds majority. If the Chair hears no objections, these rules will be adopted for this meeting. (No response.) Hearing no objection, these rules are adopted for the 2008 Business Meeting.

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

¶4 Copies of today’s agenda and handouts are available at the back of the meeting room. The meeting will be recessed no later than 3:15 P.M. unless extended by a vote of the members present. Are there any changes or additions to the agenda? (No response.) Hearing none, I declare the agenda adopted.

### **Approval of the Minutes from the 2007 Business Meeting**

¶5 The minutes of the 2007 Business Meeting were published in the fall 2007 issue of *Law Library Journal*, volume 99, number 4. If there are no corrections, the Chair will declare those minutes approved. Are there any corrections? (No response.) Hearing no corrections, the Chair declares the minutes of the 2007 Business Meeting approved as published.

### **Report on Elections**

¶6 The Chair is pleased now to call Secretary Darcy Kirk to the podium to report on the bylaws amendments ballot and the 2008 election results.

¶7 **Ms. Darcy Kirk** (University of Connecticut School of Law Library, Hartford, Connecticut): Thank you, Madam President. The mail ballots for AALL's proposed bylaws amendments were mailed to all voting members on April 23, 2008, and returned by May 30, 2008. A total of 1389 ballots were returned on time and none were invalidated. The amendments to the bylaws were approved by a vote of 1343 to 46. I would call that overwhelming. Thank you all.

¶8 The ballots for AALL's electronic election for the 2008–2009 officers and board members were distributed to all voting members on November 1, 2007, and were returned by December 3, 2007, and tabulated electronically that same day. The schedule is consistent with our AALL bylaws. The successful candidates were Catherine Lemann, Vice President/President-Elect; Ruth Hill, Secretary; Carol Bredemeyer and Christine Graesser, Members of the Executive Board. Continuing on the Board will be James Duggan, President; Ann Fessenden, Past President; David Mao, Treasurer, and Janice Henderson, Jean Wenger, and Cornell Winston, Members of the Executive Board.

¶9 A total of 1597 online ballots and 32 paper ballots were returned on time and none were invalidated.

### **Introduction of New Board Members**

¶10 **President Fessenden:** Thank you. The Chair declares the following persons duly elected by the membership. You should now stand and be recognized as I call your name. Catherine Lemann, Vice President/President-Elect; Ruth Hill, Secretary; Carol Bredemeyer and Christine Graesser, Members of the Executive Board.

¶11 If there are no objections, the Chair will authorize the Secretary to destroy ballots from the 2008 election. (No response.)

### **Memorials**

¶12 We have been informed of the deaths of several members and friends of our Association during the past year. They are: Nancy Carlin, Shirley Diamond, Donald J. Dunn, Adele Hallam, James R. Jackson, Igor Kavass, Maurice Leon, Roy M. Mersky, Robert L. Oakley, Harriet Richman, and Lesley Wilkins.

¶13 Are there any other members or friends we should remember at this time? (No response.) Please stand and join me in a moment of silence as we remember the contributions of these individuals to our personal and professional lives. (A moment of silence was observed by the members.) Thank you. You may be seated.

## Report of the President

¶14 I'm delighted now to report to you on what I believe has been a very exciting and productive year. It certainly has been true for me personally, and I feel it has been for our Association as well.

¶15 An important focus this year has been on enhanced communication. The occasional irregular "From the Desk Of" e-mail messages from the President were transformed into a regular monthly publication. This has been a very effective way to announce upcoming events and highlight member accomplishments. Also, the Member News column moved from *Spectrum* to AALLNET, and was offered via RSS feed, making more news available much faster.

¶16 An important communication vehicle for AALL almost since its founding has been *Law Library Journal*. This year, *Law Library Journal* marked a major milestone with the publication of volume 100.

¶17 The Executive Board has sought to expand communications with chapters with regular chapter visits. This year, AALL assumed full financial responsibility for the visits, and we were very pleased to be able to visit twenty-five of our thirty-one chapters. These visits provide an opportunity for chapter members to ask questions and express their concerns while also learning about what's happening at the national level. They also give Board members the opportunity to learn about the innovative and exciting activities happening in our chapters.

¶18 Another major communication effort was our member survey conducted in November and December. I want to thank the 1989 members who completed the survey. More than 400 also wrote comments. The Executive Board and staff have been closely reviewing the comments and are developing future plans to address member interests and concerns. In the survey and through other forums, many members expressed concerns about AALL's relationships with information vendors. Therefore, vendor relations became an area of emphasis this year. A special web page was developed to provide more information on this topic, and I issued two special messages to membership dealing directly with vendor relations. AALL very much values the support of our vendor partners. We appreciate their contributions to our educational programs, our scholarships and grants, and our Annual Meetings and chapter events. We are pleased to have them as exhibitors at our meetings, since that gives our members the opportunity to learn about new products and services.

¶19 Law librarians and information vendors share the common goal of making quality legal information readily available to the legal community, so we value opportunities to work with our vendors to improve legal research products, which benefits all of us. However, these are very challenging times for both sides, with constant change and pressure, which creates strain on our relationships. Therefore, I appointed a Board working group, which developed specific strategies to try to clarify and confirm the important roles played by both librarians and legal publishers in the development and dissemination of legal information and the responsibil-

ity each of us has to the legal community. The Board adopted the new approaches in April. These include:

- strengthening the disclosure provision of the Guide to Fair Business Practices for Legal Publishers,
- adopting a sponsorship policy that specifies situations in which AALL may decline to accept a vendor sponsorship and clarifies the role of the sponsors,
- creating a Consortium Review Task Force which will investigate the feasibility of developing an AALL consortium to operate as a buying cooperative for members, and
- hiring a consultant to conduct an in-depth exploration of the possibility of establishing an AALL vendor relations representative.

¶20 In addition, Executive Director Kate Hagan and I held meetings with executives of each of the major legal information vendors to explain the Board's actions and member concerns and to seek a better understanding of vendor positions as well. We feel that these meetings were quite productive, and we hope that they have set the stage for additional positive communication in the future.

¶21 This year marks the midpoint of our Strategic Directions, Leadership, Education and Advocacy, and we feel we have made progress in all of these directions. Each president selects a particular set of initiatives, and mine focused on various aspects of leadership development, member involvement, and recruitment to the profession. I have been concerned that AALL needs to do more to develop future leaders of our profession and our organization. Therefore, I appointed the Leadership Development Special Committee, chaired by Judy Meadows, which has made plans for our first annual Leadership Academy. A carefully selected group of participants who are in the early stages of their careers will have an opportunity to work with a national expert on leadership training to develop the self-awareness and strategies needed to become leaders. With the assistance of a vendor sponsor, the Board has already committed to a second year of the academy.

¶22 I also felt it is extremely important to seek wide representation from law librarians in the private and governmental sectors in all levels of our Association. The Special Committee on Involving All Our Members, co-chaired by Cathy Lemann and Christine Graesser, has studied the barriers that prevent widespread involvement and developed various strategies to assist librarians in overcoming these barriers and justifying participation to their employers. The Board reviewed their recommendations at our meeting last week, and an implementation task force will develop specific steps to move these objectives forward.

¶23 Finally, the Developing Law Librarians for the Future Special Committee, chaired by Susan Lewis-Somers, is halfway through its term. The committee is on its way to developing a comprehensive plan to help ensure the best and brightest learn about law librarianship as a career option, that they get the education they need, and that they are helped in locating jobs, and mentored and developed not

just at the beginning, but throughout the formative years of their careers. The committee is currently working on a comprehensive career web page and on developing a national network of trained recruitment volunteers.

¶24 The Special Committee on Committee Structure, which was appointed by Past President Sally Holterhoff, completed the first major review of AALL committee structure in twenty years, and while a “committee on committees” may, on the surface, sound like a bit of a joke, they in fact performed essential work for the successful functioning of AALL. Chair Karl Gruben and his committee spent a year and a half reviewing the various AALL standing and advisory committees, proposing a major overhaul in committee structure and updating all the charges. Some particularly important changes will improve continuity by adding a vice chair/chair-elect to each committee and by extending the terms for our policy-related committees.

¶25 It is also important for AALL to interact with other organizations, since many of their activities may impact our members. Therefore, AALL maintains a network of representatives to a wide variety of legal and library organizations. This year, that network was expanded, with new representatives appointed for the first time to such diverse organizations as the Legal Marketing Association, the Association of Legal Administrators, the Self-Represented Litigation Network, and the OCLC Users Council.

¶26 In addition, the President represents AALL at a variety of other associations, and it was my privilege to represent AALL at the American Bar Association Council on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, the International Association of Law Libraries, the Association of American Law Schools, the American Library Association, and the Canadian Association of Law Libraries.

¶27 The success of our Continuing Professional Development grant program continues to grow, with over \$24,000 in grants this year offering quality, innovative programs at the local level. Also, we have made significant progress this year in the area of distance learning. Since May 2007, AALL has produced eleven webinar programs, and we are podcasting our first live Annual Meeting webinar here in Portland. Also, six programs will be made available on the continuing education web page, where they will join an existing collection of thirty-eight audio and eleven video programs.

¶28 Our government policy advocacy work continued to play a major role, though it was dealt a severe blow by the unexpected death of our long-time Washington Affairs Representative, Robert Oakley. Nonetheless, our advocacy work continued to go forward under the expert direction of Acting Washington Affairs Representative Mary Alice Baish. Our Washington Office staff has expanded, and a blog was launched to enhance communication with membership.

¶29 The Washington Office staff worked tirelessly to further the interests of law librarians in such areas as open government, copyright, permanent public

access to and authentication of government information, and adequate funding for federal agencies such as the Law Library of Congress, the Government Printing Office, and the National Archives. As a result of the vacancy created by Bob Oakley's death and to develop a long-term plan, a special committee chaired by Past President Sally Holterhoff is currently reviewing the operations and organization of the Washington Affairs Office and will report back to the Executive Board in the fall. The committee will be eager to hear from you if you have comments about the operation of AALL's advocacy program.

¶30 Our headquarters staff this year has been ably led by Executive Director Kate Hagan, who has completed her first year with AALL. I have greatly enjoyed working with her and very much appreciated all the support I received from our very capable headquarters staff. I also want to thank all of you who have volunteered your time, your energy, your ideas, and your enthusiasm at all levels of our organization. It has been a tremendous honor and privilege to serve as your President this year. Thank you.

### **Remarks of the Vice President/President-Elect**

¶31 The Chair is now pleased to call upon Vice President/ President-Elect, James E. Duggan.

¶32 **Mr. James E. Duggan** (Tulane University Law Library, New Orleans, Louisiana): Thank you, Ann. I am deeply honored to speak to you today about my year as your Vice President/President-Elect and to describe my plans for the year ahead. One of the major activities of the Vice President is participating in the appointment of committees for the upcoming year. As Ann mentioned, we had a new process this year, using an appointments committee to oversee the committee appointments, and I was pleased by the deliberate nature and seriousness with which the Appointments Committee members took their roles.

¶33 We met in a very, very cold February in Chicago and had a pool of nearly 200 volunteers from which to choose. In all, 109 members were offered appointment on twenty-six standing committees and three special committees. While the majority of the 109 selected members came from law schools, there were also 26 chosen from the private sector and 15 from governmental law libraries.

¶34 One of the exciting parts of the job of being Vice President is to travel to various parts of the country and the world representing the Association. This year, I was the official AALL visitor to three chapters: the Western Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, at their fortiethth annual meeting in Honolulu in October; the New Jersey Law Libraries Association, at their twentieth anniversary celebration in Newark in December; and the Southern California Association of Law Libraries Annual Institute at Ventura Beach in March. I had a wonderful time at all three. Also, along with AALL Executive Director Kate Hagan and Director of Finance and Administration Paula Davidson, I traveled to Berkeley,

California, to meet with Tom Reynolds and the rest of the staff of the *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals* at Boalt Hall to view their excellently run operation.

¶35 Last month, I represented AALL at the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians meeting in Dublin, Ireland. I delivered greetings on behalf of our membership and invited members to the 2009 AALL meeting in Washington, D.C. The BIALL conference was a wonderful learning experience for me, and I was made very welcome by the BIALL Council.

¶36 This year, following the lead of President Fessenden, AALL again gave members the opportunity to volunteer for the Annual Meeting Program Committee, and thirty-five members listed the Program Committee as one of their choices. While the selection was difficult, I am confident that chair Paul George and the members of the committee will do a great job developing the program for our 102nd meeting in Washington, D.C. The theme of next year's meeting, as you might have guessed, is Innovate. While perhaps shorter than themes in the past—in fact, I don't believe we've had a one-word program theme since the famous, or I should say infamous, 1982 theme Interlink—I believe Innovate captures the innovative spirit of law librarianship and our members.

¶37 We work in a constantly changing profession, and we must continually innovate to cope with an often decreasing budget, increased workload, and other challenges. Our nation's capital provides us a perfect venue for innovative, educational programs, and I'm sure we're all looking forward to the wonderful opportunities for tourism, shopping, museums, and history that Washington, D.C., offers in 2009. Local Arrangements co-chairs Judy Gaskell and Carla Evans and their committee are working hard to provide a hospitable welcome next year from July 25 to July 28 at the Washington Convention Center.

¶38 This year, I have appointed three special committees to concentrate on member issues that have been expressed to me over the years: AALLNET, Member Recognition, and a Legal Publishing-Law Librarianship Colloquium. AALLNET is perhaps the most important communication tool we have for AALL members. It serves as the informational repository for committees, SISs, the Executive Board, many chapters, caucuses, and other AALL groups.

¶39 Like many members, I use AALLNET on a daily basis, looking up contact info for members, refreshing my knowledge of committee charges, using member forums for communication, and most importantly, reading the AALL President's e-newsletter! While AALLNET is serving the needs of many members, I believe that we need to provide strategic direction for the many people who are responsible for AALLNET, including operation, archiving, policy, and communication functions. I have thus appointed a small committee of information technology-focused members, chaired by Kathie Sullivan, to examine AALLNET over the next year and make and implement recommendations for stability, improvement, archiving, and future service as the premier web site of our Association. While the committee will involve AALL headquarters IT staff, Kate Hagan, and the 2008/2009

AALLNET Committee chair, Victoria Trotta, we will often be looking to the entire AALL membership for input about the future direction of AALLNET.

¶40 Secondly, the Special Committee on Member Recognition will look at ways beyond the Gallagher Distinguished Service Award to honor and recognize members who have done extraordinary work for the Association or who are making outstanding contributions to the profession. We have so much talent and leadership in our ranks, and often many wonderful law librarians are overlooked when it comes to acknowledging their service and contributions. I have asked Gail Warren to chair a small committee to examine the ways we might honor such individuals, and I hope to have some concrete programs developed and in place by this time next year.

¶41 Finally, following the recommendations of the AALL Executive Board's Vendor Relations Task Force, I plan to create a special planning committee for the sixth Colloquium for Law Librarians and Legal Publishers, to be held sometime next year. The committee will be charged with organizing an event that will create opportunities for law librarians and legal publishers to talk and get together on an informal basis, present topics of interest to both librarians and publishers, and potentially identify projects of joint interest.

¶42 I'd like to thank Ann Fessenden and the other members of the Executive Board, Kate Hagan and the headquarters staff, and my colleagues at Southern Illinois University for their support during the past year. I'd also like to thank, in advance, my colleagues at Tulane University for their patience in the upcoming year. It is a great honor to serve AALL as President, and I'd like to encourage everyone to consider the opportunity to get involved at any level of activity, from committee volunteer to Executive Board candidate. Who knows, you too could be up here in the not-too-distant future laying out your own plans for the coming year. Thank you for this incredible opportunity, and I look forward to working with all of you in the year ahead.

### **Presidential Certificates of Appreciation**

¶43 **President Fessenden:** Thank you. Before I go on to the President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Secretary has asked me to make a correction to her report. Among the continuing board members will be Sally Wise.

¶44 Each year, the President has an opportunity to present a few special certificates of appreciation to people or organizations who have contributed to the Association or to the profession in an exceptional way. It is my pleasure this year to present several such certificates. I will ask each recipient, some of whom know they're getting one and some of whom don't, to come forward and receive a plaque when his or her name is called. The first award, to Steven P. Anderson for his leadership on the Executive Board Vendor Strategies Working Group. (Applause.)

¶45 Mary Alice Baish, AALL's Acting Washington Affairs Representative, for her exemplary service in maintaining a full range of AALL advocacy activities despite a sudden vacancy in the Washington Affairs Representative position and her continuing commitment to AALL's advocacy efforts. (Applause.)

¶46 Karl T. Gruben for his leadership in guiding the Special Committee on Committee Structure to complete the first major review of AALL committees in twenty years. (Applause.)

¶47 Sarah G. Holterhoff for guiding AALL to a national leadership role in promoting the importance of authentication of electronic information and for her complete and continuing dedication to the profession. (Applause.)

¶48 Jacqueline J. Jurkins for her steadfast and enduring dedication to AALL and the profession and recognition of her outstanding career as Multnomah Law Librarian. (Applause.)

¶49 Betty Roeske for her leadership with the Price Index Committee in a challenging year and her persistence and success in producing the latest Price Index. (Applause.)

¶50 Tracy L. Thompson for her dedicated leadership of the Committee on Relations with Information Vendors and contributions to the Executive Board's Vendor Relations Initiative. (Applause.)

¶51 The William S. Hein Company for providing access to AALL's publications to our members through HeinOnline, and its long-term support for the profession in the development of quality legal research products, and commitment to customer service. (Applause.)

¶52 Our final recipient unfortunately can't be with us here today. He is Christopher Orange, AALL Mailroom Assistant and List Manager, for his fifteen years of dedicated service to AALL and its members. Chris is AALL's longest-term employee, and our Executive Director presented Chris's award at a recent staff meeting at AALL headquarters. [Video shown.] As you can see, there is Chris receiving his award. (Applause.)

### Introduction and Remarks of Special Guests

¶53 We are honored to have with us today as our special guest Loriene Roy, Immediate Past President of the American Library Association. Wherever you are, will you please stand and be recognized? (Applause.) Thank you.

¶54 We are also delighted to have five special guests from our counterpart law library associations in other countries. At this time, I would like to introduce each of them and invite them to give a brief greeting from the floor microphones.

¶55 First, Robin Anderson, Past President of the New Zealand Law Librarians Association. Robin?

¶56 **Ms. Robin Anderson** (Wellington District Law Society, Wellington, New Zealand): Thank you very much for inviting me. This has been an eye-opening

conference so far. We are a lot smaller. Thank you very much to the AALL for their invitation to attend their conference. I'd like to add a thank you officially to the New Zealand Law Libraries Association for helping to fund this visit and to my library for letting me get the time off. We just had our last annual symposium in Wellington for 2008 a couple of weeks ago, but I would love to invite you to come to the next one in Auckland in 2009. We're hoping to do a joint one with the Australians very soon as well, so that would be a double invitation to come down under and visit us. We have some very interesting libraries to show you. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

¶57 **President Fessenden:** Thank you. Ruth Bird, Council Member of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians.

¶58 **Ms. Ruth Bird** (Bodleian Law Library, Oxford, England): Thank you, Ann. Greetings from the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians. Thank you again for the invitation to AALL. This is always one of the best ones. We have our conference next year in Manchester, and it is certainly worth visiting in June, so please feel free to come and visit us. Once again, greetings from all my colleagues. Thank you. (Applause.)

¶59 **President Fessenden:** Petal Kinder, National President of the Australian Law Librarians Association.

¶60 **Ms. Petal Kinder** (High Court of Australia Law Library, Canberra, Australia): Thank you, Ann, for the invitation to attend an amazing conference. Greetings from down under, from Australia. We are having our meeting, our annual conference in Perth, Australia. You are all invited, and by the way, you get membership rates the same as a member in Australia, and if you can't attend this year, next year we're having one in the Australian Northern Territory held in Darwin up north, so we would love to see you all there. Thank you. (Applause.)

¶61 **President Fessenden:** Anne Matthewman, President of the Canadian Association of Law Librarians.

¶62 **Ms. Anne C. Matthewman** (Toronto Lawyers Association, Toronto, Canada): Thank you very much for inviting me as President of the Canadian Association of Law Librarians to your conference. I have, of course, been involved in AALL for many years, but it is a distinct pleasure to once again represent my own national association and to bring greetings from its membership. CALL has been very busy lately. We've been working on our bylaws, we are streamlining our organizational manual and loading it onto our web site.

¶63 The web site itself is being reconfigured and we're developing a new protocol for added content. The formation of our Government Relations Committee has been approved, and I am currently assembling the members of that committee. There are many, many other items of importance, but the primary one for us right now is that federal copyright legislation has recently been introduced to update our copyright laws, and we are busy getting ready to make a report on that legislation.

¶64 Let me close by inviting you all to our next conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 23 to 27, 2009. Our conference theme is actually three words, not one: Renew, Reflect, and Revisit, and I hope to see you there. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

¶65 **President Fessenden:** Finally, Jules Winterton, President of the International Association of Law Libraries.

¶66 **Mr. Jules Winterton** (University of London, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London, England): Thank you, Ann. Greetings from the International Association of Law Libraries. We have worldwide membership, which, of course, includes a lot of you from AALL. Congratulations on another great conference. This is not my first time here by any means, but it's a really wonderful conference, and it's a very beautiful city, so thank you for making it possible for me to be here.

¶67 The International Association of Law Libraries has a conference in a different country of the world each year. In recent years, we've been both to Russia and to India and built a large network of new colleagues there and a new cultural awareness for us, so a great thing both ways. This coming December, the first week in December this year, we will be in San Juan in Puerto Rico, and we've got a great program lined up. We've got speakers from Jamaica, from Guyana, from Trinidad, from Haiti, and from Cuba, so there will be a fabulous academic program there, and I don't think I need to elaborate on the social program, which will be fantastic, so I hope you can join us there. Thank you. (Applause.)

### Other Reports

¶68 **President Fessenden:** Coming to the reports of the Treasurer, the Acting Washington Affairs Representative, and the Executive Director, they are available on the tables as you entered the room. These reports will not be delivered from the podium.<sup>1</sup> However, if there are any questions regarding these three reports or the report of the President or the Vice President, please step now to one of the microphones. (No response.)

### Resolutions and New Business

¶69 The next item on our agenda is resolutions. We have received no resolutions. Therefore, we will move on to new business. Are there any other items of new business to come before us at this time? (No response.) Since there are no items of new business, we will move on to the next item on the agenda.

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1. These reports are reprinted here as Appendix A, *infra*.

## Announcements

¶70 Are there any announcements to be made at this time? Yes.

¶71 **Ms. Barbara G. Traub** (St. John's University School of Law Library, Jamaica, New York): I'm the outgoing chair of the Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee, and I'm pleased to announce that we have developed a new Association brochure for recruitment of law librarians. Our new brochure is on display now on the Recruitment Committee table in the Exhibit Hall and supplies of it will be available from headquarters after the meeting, so I wanted to make sure that there was a wide dissemination of this information and people were aware of this availability for career fairs, library schools, etc. Thank you.

¶72 **President Fessenden**: Thank you. Other announcements? (No response.) Okay. I have a couple. I want to make sure everyone knows that the official conference registration bags are here. You can pick them up in the registration area. You don't have to trade in your green bag. You can have it, too, so be sure to stop by and pick up one of those.

¶73 Also, we have received a welcome from the mayor of Portland, which I will read to you at this time. It's dated June 11, and it says:

Dear friends:

On behalf of the residents of the City of Portland, I welcome the American Association of Law Libraries to the "City of Roses" for your 101st annual meeting.

I would like to thank you for visiting our city. Portland residents and visitors know our city as one of the most livable in the world. To me, that means Portland is a model of progressive urban planning, home to an array of cultural and recreational opportunities, and a vibrant, lively community of families and hard-working individuals. Most importantly, though, our city and region are committed to cultural diversity and acceptance, which is why many people are choosing to visit, work, and live in Portland. I am proud of this reputation and hope that you will have time to experience some of the things that make our city so great—whether it's a fine meal at one of our renowned local restaurants, a hike through Forest Park, or even an evening of spectacular performance at one of our celebrated theaters. I hope that your busy schedule will allow you to take advantage of the entertainment and beauty that our city has to offer.

Again we are honored to have you as guests in our fine city. Best wishes for a most successful annual meeting. Please enjoy your visit, and let us know about your experience!

Sincerely,  
Tom Potter  
Mayor<sup>2</sup>

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2. Letter from Tom Potter, Mayor, City of Portland, to American Association of Law Libraries (July 11, 2008), available at <http://www.scribd.com/doc/3505489/Mayor-Potters-Letter>.

¶74 That will be sent to the archives, and thanks to the Portland Local Advisory Committee for getting in contact with the mayor to give us that letter. That was very nice. Are there any other announcements? (No response.)

## Adjournment

¶75 We have now completed all the items on our agenda. If there are no objections, I will declare the meeting adjourned. The 2008 Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries is now adjourned.

[Whereupon the General Business Meeting was adjourned at 2:54 P.M.]

## Appendix A Report of the Treasurer

**Mr. David S. Mao** (Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C.): I have the privilege of representing AALL as Treasurer and am very happy to report to you on the finances for the Association. Reprinted and included with this report is a copy of the “From the Treasurer” report published in the May 2008 issue of *AALL Spectrum*.<sup>3</sup> In that report I detailed the results of the Association’s financial audit for the fiscal year that ended on September 30, 2007. I will not review all of the details in that report; however, if you have any questions, Paula Davidson, AALL Director of Finance and Administration, or I will be happy to answer them for you.

Before I report further on the Association’s finances, I want to recognize Paula for all her work this year. You may recall that Paula joined the Association just one year ago, and after the director of finance and administration position had been vacant for some time. During this year Paula has ably guided the Association in streamlining certain financial processes as well as ensuring that the Association continues to satisfy all financial accounting and reporting requirements. In addition, I want to thank members of the Executive Board and its Finance and Budget Committee for their guidance, review, and consideration of Association financial matters.

The results of the last fiscal year were very positive. As many of you know, the Association relies upon the Annual Meetings to generate significant revenue for the Association each year. Attendance at the New Orleans Annual Meeting exceeded expectations and the meeting therefore generated a positive return. In addition to the revenues from the meeting, the Association’s terrific membership retention rate, the continued positive performance of the Association’s investment portfolio, and the increased revenue from publications such as the *Index to Foreign*

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3. David S. Mao, *From the Treasurer: Another Healthy Fiscal Year for AALL*, AALL SPECTRUM, May 2008, at 8.

*Legal Periodicals* helped ensure that the Association ended the year with a healthy net increase on the bottom line.

The Association manages its finances through various funds. The three major funds that help ensure financial stability and accountability are the General Fund (or Operating Fund), the Current Reserve, and the Permanent Investment Fund (PIF).

The General Fund is the Association's "checkbook" where it maintains money received from things such as dues, royalty income, and the Annual Meeting. It also is the fund from which the Association pays most of its bills. The General Fund ledger balance at the end of the fiscal year showed a net increase in assets: for the year, the fund reported an increase in net assets of just over \$135,000.

The Current Reserve Fund is the Association's "savings account" and where it maintains a minimum balance as mandated by the Association's financial policies. This fund is not used for day-to-day expenses. Instead, the fund is used for unforeseen circumstances. In addition, any excess of revenues over expenses in the General Fund at the end of a fiscal year is transferred to the Current Reserve Fund.

The PIF is the Association's "investment account" and is used to generate earnings for Association programs and to increase Association assets through reinvestment and capital appreciation. Like the Current Reserve Fund, the Association's financial policies dictate the required minimum balance in the PIF. Any investment income from the PIF in excess of the reinvested amount required by the financial policies is also deposited into the Current Reserve Fund.

After accounting for any excess in the General Fund and the PIF that is transferred to the Current Reserve Fund, the Association may then use any excess over the required minimum in the "savings account" to fund special projects and activities. In the past the Executive Board has voted to expend excess money from the Current Reserve Fund to support many worthwhile activities including educational scholarships, workshops, and advocacy programs.

Overall for the last fiscal year, all of the Association's funds showed increases. Looking at all of the funds, the Association's financial statements show an increase in net assets of just over \$403,000.

In February of this year, the Finance and Budget Committee met to review the Association's finances. At that time the committee reviewed the status of the Current Reserve Fund. The balance in the fund at the end of the fiscal year was approximately \$323,000. The excess revenue in the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year was about \$135,000, and the market value of investments in the PIF that were available for transfer at the end of the fiscal year was just over \$219,000. The total of these three numbers was approximately \$677,000. The Association's financial policies require that the minimum balance in the Current Reserve Fund for fiscal year 2008 be about \$280,000. Thus, subtracting \$280,000 from the total of \$677,000 left a discretionary balance of about \$397,000. The Finance and Budget

Committee recommended to the entire Board that it approve projects worth \$358,000. The Committee recommended that the remaining surplus remain in the fund as a cushion.

The proposals recommended for approval include:

- funding a leadership training program;
- increasing scholarship funds;
- supporting continuing professional education grants;
- funding for a vendor initiative;
- developing a continuing education web system; and
- funding for reviewing AALLNET.

At its April meeting, the Executive Board approved funding for the above projects. The Board hopes that by investing in these programs and projects, the Association can continue to provide critical assistance in areas that members cite as priorities, and also develop the needed infrastructure that will allow the Association to do so.

In summary, I am happy to report that the Association is on solid financial ground. Moreover, the Association has in place checks and balances to ensure that it continues to operate in a fiscally responsible way, even during times of general financial uncertainty. During the coming year, the Executive Board and the Finance and Budget Committee will continue to review, analyze, and track carefully the Association's finances to ensure that it remains a vibrant and strong Association that can meet and advocate for its members' needs.

### **Report of the Acting Washington Affairs Representative**

**Ms. Mary Alice Baish** (American Association of Law Libraries, Washington, D.C.): This has been a challenging and busy year for the Washington Affairs Office. It began on a tragic note when Robert Oakley, AALL's Washington Affairs Representative since 1989, passed away suddenly in September after a brief illness. Bob and I had worked together since 1995. He was my boss, my teacher, my colleague, my mentor, and my friend. Bob's commitment to developing a strong Washington presence for AALL has made our Association a leader on information policy, particularly in the areas of government information and copyright. Bob is irreplaceable, and our loss is great. He would have wanted us to soldier on, and we have worked hard to ensure that our voice continues to be effective. As always, we have relied often on the strong grassroots support of our members and chapters. Thank you for taking the time to make your voice heard on Capitol Hill during the past year.

We are very fortunate that Emily Feldman joined the Washington Office in November as AALL's new Advocacy Communications Assistant. Emily truly hit the ground running and has worked tirelessly to expand our advocacy program and

increase our communication tools. She launched the exciting new *Washington Blawg* in February, and put the *Washington E-Bulletin* back on a regular monthly publishing schedule. I hope you'll have an opportunity to meet Emily during the conference, perhaps at the AALL booth or the Government Relations Committee table in the Exhibit Hall. Please make a point of welcoming her to AALL and be sure to say "yes" when she asks you to join our Advocacy Team, which she undoubtedly will do. You can sign up to receive the latest blog updates via RSS feed or email at <http://aallwash.wordpress.com>.

Each year, the issues in which the Washington Office is involved grow in number and importance. Here are a few highlights from the past year. For more, please see: <http://www.aallnet.org/aallwash>.

### *Copyright Update*

AALL is a founding member of the Library Copyright Alliance (LCA) and, with our sister library associations, we have been working to negotiate legislation on orphan works for more than three years. "Orphan works" refers to the large volume of works that are likely still protected by copyright although their owners cannot be located after a reasonable effort. The House bill we and many other groups strongly supported during the 109th Congress was killed by photographers at the eleventh hour. It would have ensured that remedies for infringement of a copyrighted work would be limited if the user had made a "reasonably diligent search" for the copyright owner. New legislation introduced this spring, H.R. 5889 and S. 2913, have many problematic provisions that will make searches for orphan works very costly and time-consuming for libraries, especially when it comes to mass digitization projects. LCA (<http://www.librarycopyrightalliance.org>) has been well represented during several months of intense negotiations on the Hill to make sure that the needs of libraries are adequately reflected in these bills.

It is also very important that LCA be well represented at the international level. This year, Jonathan Franklin, Associate Law Librarian at the University of Washington's Gallagher Law Library and former chair of the Copyright Committee, was honored to be named one of three International Copyright Advocates. This is a new program funded by the ALA Office for Information Technology Policy. In February, Jonathan represented LCA at the 12th Session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore in Geneva.

### *Support for the Law Library of Congress*

AALL has long been committed to raising the profile of the Law Library of Congress and working to improve its funding. AALL President Ann Fessenden testified at an oversight hearing held by the House Administration Committee on the operations of the Library of Congress in October. Ann, along with two witnesses from the ABA, urged that the Law Library be given a separate line item in the Library of Congress annual budget and its own budget authority. Early this

year, following a round of Hill visits with colleagues from the ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress, we were very pleased that Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-16-CA) expressed interest in drafting legislation to improve the Law Library's funding. The draft bill includes authorization for a one-time additional \$3.5 million for the Law Library and for a separate line item in the federal budget. It also authorizes the creation of a public-private partnership that would be the mechanism for fund-raising to provide for new expanded services from the Law Library, such as ILL and document delivery.

### ***Support for GPO's FY 2009 Appropriations Request***

I testified in May on behalf of AALL, ALA, and SLA at a public witness hearing before the House Legislative Branch Subcommittee in support of full funding for the Government Printing Office (GPO) in 2009. My statement noted that it's time to replace the obsolete technology of the GPO Access system with the state-of-the-art Federal Digital System (FDsys). GPO has asked for \$21.2 million to launch FDsys next fall and to develop its important future enhancements. We believe that FDsys is essential to GPO's future. It will ensure that the federal government's electronic information will be permanently available, authenticated and versioned, and accessible at no fee through the Internet.

### ***Public Access to Government Information***

There is good news to report on a number of key open government issues on which we have been working for a number of years:

- In response to the 2006 AALL "Resolution on No-Fee FDLP Access to PACER," the GPO and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts announced a new pilot project in November that allows users of sixteen federal depository libraries to access PACER at no fee. Ten law libraries are participating in the pilot. We hope that after the three-year pilot ends, no-fee access to PACER will be available to users all across the country at every federal depository library.
- After many years of our hard work to improve the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), President Bush in late December signed the "Openness Promotes Effectiveness in our National Government Act of 2007" (Pub. L. No. 110-175) that includes several key reforms to FOIA.
- Congress ordered the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with an additional \$1 million in the 2009 omnibus appropriations bill, to reopen the three regional libraries and the Chemical Library here in D.C. which they had closed, and to restore public access to the EPA Headquarters Library.
- Congress directed the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to provide the public with free online access to NIH-funded research. Every scientist who publishes an article in a peer-reviewed journal as a result of an NIH grant must deposit a digital copy in PubMed Central, NIH's online digital library.

## **Report of the Executive Director**

**Kate Hagan** (American Association of Law Libraries, Chicago, Illinois):

### ***Association Year 2007–2008: Highlights***

It has been a year of transition and solid productivity for the Association and its entire staff. The staff has taken on some new projects and programs very successfully while maintaining current priorities and services to members.

We end the membership year on May 31 with 5106 members. This is eighty more members than last year at the same time, representing a 1.6 percent increase in the membership.

In November, AALL conducted its first member survey in more than five years. The goal of the online survey was to get members' candid opinions about AALL and its programs and services. Survey results were analyzed, and the AALL Executive Board discussed the findings during its spring meeting. The survey results indicated five priorities for the Association: increasing awareness of member services, engaging more members, expanding educational opportunities, using technology more efficiently, and communicating more effectively the value of our advocacy efforts.

During the 2008 Annual Meeting and Conference this July, AALL is hosting its first-ever Member Services Booth in the Exhibit Hall. An outcome of the member survey, the booth provides members with information about their Association and the services it provides them. The booth serves as a gateway to the AALL Activities Area, which holds displays about AALL committees, special interest sections, chapters, and caucuses. The raffle drawings, Meet the Candidates Forum, and awards recognition all now take place in the new booth. Additionally, this year's AALL Archives exhibit features a retrospective of Bob Oakley's career and advocacy work for AALL. The booth will also host a celebration of *Law Library Journal's* 100th volume year, complete with birthday cake and refreshments.

### ***Continuing Professional Education***

During the past year, the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) effort has seen tremendous growth in several areas. The Education Grants Program awarded more than \$24,000 this year, for a total of \$68,000 since the program's inception in 2006. Also instituted was a new proposal, award, and reporting process that is simple, flexible, and serves the needs of the committee and the grant recipients.

An important AALL distance learning initiative has also been put in place this year. Since May 2007, the Association has produced eleven webinar programs on topics ranging from e-content negotiations and cost recovery to librarians in virtual worlds. Two recent examples include "Perfect Program Proposals," a webinar geared to assist entities in drafting and submitting an Annual Meeting program proposal, and a live webinar/live audience program of the this year's Annual Meeting program E-3 for solo librarians.

The CPE department has also been successful in instituting an online registration process for AALL programs, thereby streamlining and strengthening AALL's ability to handle multiple program registrations and administration. The department has also developed a tool for the use of online evaluations across AALL entities. The use of online evaluations has increased our ability to focus on rapid program measurement to determine program needs and evaluate success.

In addition to the webinar format, the AALLNET Members Only Section boasts an increasing online, on-demand library of offerings and will soon host six programs from this year's Annual Meeting, including session topics on evolving fair use, conflict resolution, and the future of electronic legal information. Exploration of a learning center solution to expand online offerings and manage live event offerings and processes is also currently underway.

The CPE staff has been working with the AALL Leadership Development Special Committee to host AALL's first Leadership Academy for law librarians in the early stages of their careers. To be held in October, the academy will be based on leadership research currently being conducted by the program's facilitator through interviews with AALL members and leadership. The AALL Leadership Academy is positioned to become an annual AALL event, which will help us to develop future leaders for the profession.

The 2008 Joint Study Institute was another successful project this year. Staff worked with the institute's planning committee members to host the conference in Washington, D.C., June 25–28, 2008.

### *Finance and Administration*

Through negotiations with our bank and the installation of a new credit card processing system, we have been able to decrease our costs for bank transaction fees, saving several thousand dollars annually.

In another cost-saving move, we installed a "Smartmailer" system that updates our mailing lists to comply with USPS specifications. This has allowed us to reduce the cost of our mailings to members, both in terms of postage and fewer returned mail pieces.

We have also streamlined the budget process within headquarters to ensure the most accurate budgeting within the various departments.

### *Meeting Services*

In addition to planning for our Portland meeting, which promises record attendance for both attendees and exhibitors, the staff has developed some green initiatives for this year's meeting. We plan to continue these initiatives in future years, adding to them as opportunities arise.

Portland proved the perfect city to launch these initiatives, as its convention center is the first to receive certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Existing Buildings' rating system.

The following green initiatives have been implemented for our 2008 Annual Meeting:

- The Portland print-on-demand kiosks for handout materials now feature double-sided printers and post-consumer recycled paper. We also use recycled paper in the on-site AALL office.
- Educational program evaluations will be processed online for the first time. Instead of receiving paper forms, attendees will be able to evaluate the programs they attended online, saving more than 75,000 printed pages.
- This year's registration bag is made of recycled materials and includes a refillable water bottle to use in place of disposable cups at the water stations.
- Plastic name badges, holders, and lanyards will be collected and recycled.
- AALL distributed lanyards made of 100 percent organic cotton with AALL's logo from the new Member Services Booth in the Exhibit Hall. Attendees are encouraged to use these again at future meetings.
- The convention center has recycle bins throughout its halls to make it easy for attendees to place newspapers, paper, cans, bottles, etc., in these bins to be recycled.

### *Publications*

It was a year of transition for AALL's two flagship publications. Both *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* said good-bye to longtime respective editors Frank Houdek and Paul Healey and welcomed new editors Janet Sinder and Mark Estes. Both Janet and Mark transitioned into their new roles quickly and smoothly, ensuring that the Association continues to provide its members with well-written, thoughtful, and often provocative articles about law librarianship.

In September, Ann Fessenden unveiled AALL's new and improved e-newsletter, *From the Desk of Ann Fessenden*. On the third Thursday of every month, members receive the latest Association news and information about events, educational opportunities, advocacy efforts, and other items relevant to law librarians. The e-newsletter also includes quick links to more news and resources found on AALLNET; it has proven to be a valuable resource for AALL members.

In November, AALL published the *2007 AALL Biennial Salary Survey and Organizational Characteristics*. This year's survey was conducted online for the first time, and the response rate was 65.4 percent—the survey's highest in ten years, and nearly double the 2005 response rate.

Last winter, AALL partnered with HeinOnline to add *AALL Spectrum* (1996–present), the *American Association of Law Libraries Newsletter* (1970–1996), and the *American Association of Law Libraries President's Newsletter* (1954–1970) to HeinOnline. The complete volume sets are available for free to AALL members through the Members Only Section of AALLNET. HeinOnline's new AALL Collection also includes full issues of *Law Library Journal* (1908–present). This collection is a valuable archive of AALL publications through the Association's 100-year history.

In February, AALL held another successful “A Day in the Life of the Law Library Community” photo contest. This year, nearly 50 individual librarians from 35 different libraries submitted a total of 129 photographs. In April, 590 AALL members—more than ever before—voted online for their favorite photos. The photos were displayed on AALLNET, featured in the July issue of *AALL Spectrum*, and will be used in future AALL publications and promotional materials. The “Day in the Life” contest allows members to tap into their creative sides while helping the Association showcase real law librarians in action.

### *Technology Services and AALLNET*

The fall of 2007 marked two major changes involving our publications and AALLNET. The Chapter News, Committee News, Member News, and SIS News columns moved from *AALL Spectrum* to AALLNET. The new online format allows our members to receive more news faster, as members can sort news by type, date, and keyword, and they can easily submit items to the news editors. In December, the annual reports from AALL chapters, special interest sections, committees, and representatives previously located in the fall issue of *Law Library Journal* were also moved to AALLNET. Members can sort the reports by year and group for easy reference.

The Association also introduced new tools on AALLNET for members. Members can now provide additional information about themselves in their membership profile in the Members Only Section of AALLNET. Members can upload a PDF document that will be associated with their profile; this PDF document may contain a list of additional AALL activities not already included in their profile, non-AALL activities, or their resume. In April, Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds were made available to members. The RSS feeds include headlines, summaries, and links back to AALLNET for the entire article. This provides members with a new, simple way to keep up-to-date with new job postings, news about their colleagues, and the latest from caucuses, chapters, committees, and SISs.

This year, we completed several projects that allowed AALL to upgrade and protect its infrastructure. The AALLNET web site and services were migrated to a new dedicated web server, and the latest Microsoft Internet information services software was installed to increase performance, security, and flexible growth for the web site. Additionally, a new Nortel digital phone system was installed to provide members with direct dial access to all staff members.

**Appendix B**  
**Statements and Biographies of Candidates**  
**for 2008–2009 AALL Election<sup>4</sup>**

**Candidates for Vice President/President-Elect in 2008–2009**

*Catherine Lemann<sup>5</sup>*

Sixteen years ago, I walked out of a law firm as an attorney on Tuesday and walked into a law library on Wednesday to begin a new career as a law librarian. My first few days as a reference librarian confirmed what I'd hoped to find when I contemplated this change. I cannot overstate the value to me of the collegiality of law librarians in my library and in city, regional, and national associations. Law librarianship has been a terrific fit for me.

I was extremely fortunate to have begun my law librarian career at the Law Library of Louisiana, where Carol Billings encouraged all librarians to be active in professional associations. My natural inclination would most likely have been to observe for a few years before volunteering for committee work, speaking, or writing. Instead, I started writing for the NOALL newsletter in 1992, and in 1993 was appointed to an AALL committee and made my first presentation at a SEAALL meeting. Over the years, my professional contacts have also become wonderful friends.

As the candidates write these statements, this country is taking a look at itself, our sense of security, and our relationships with other nations and groups in the world. But the daily concerns addressed by law librarians have not changed. You can still find law librarians helping a pro se litigant locate the information and forms he needs, tracking down an obscure government document needed for multi-million dollar litigation, processing material in a variety of formats, or wondering how we will cope with changing technologies. We make a difference and a positive contribution to sometimes difficult situations.

As the legal environment has evolved, AALL has confronted the variety of needs and interests of members. The current Strategic Directions identify advocacy, leadership training, and education as focus areas. So much has been accomplished, but there is much yet to do. I hope that I will have an opportunity to address current and future challenges with AALL members by serving as vice president/president-elect of AALL. I thank the Nominations Committee for giving me this opportunity.

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4. See *supra* ¶¶ 8–9 for the Secretary's report on the results of the election.

5. State Law Librarian, Alaska Court System Law Library, Anchorage, Alaska.

**Education:**

M.L.I.S., Louisiana State University, 1991

J.D., Tulane University School of Law, 1980

General Practice Certificate, Institute for Paralegal Training, 1974

B.A., Carleton College, 1974

**Positions Held:**

Alaska Court System Law Library

State Law Librarian, 2006–present

Law Library of Louisiana

Associate Director, 2000–2006

Electronic Resources/Reference Librarian, 1996–2000

Reference Librarian, 1991–1995

Polack, Rosenberg, Rittenberg & Endom

Attorney, 1981–1991

Montgomery, Barnett, Brown & Read

Law Clerk, 1979–1981

Garon, Brener & McNeely

Law Clerk, 1978–1979

Polack, Rosenberg, Rittenberg & Endom

Paralegal, 1975–1977

**Activities:**

*American Association of Law Libraries*

Member, 1990–present

*AALL Executive Board*

Secretary, 2002–2005

Board Governance Committee, Chair, 2002–2005

Liaison to: Bylaws and Copyright Committees, 2002–2005; Citation Formats Committee, 2004–2005

Chapter Visit Presentations: LLAGNY, 2005; WPLLA, 2005; Westpac, 2004; VALL, 2004; MALL, 2003

*AALL Committees:*

Involving All our Members Special Committee, Co-Chair, 2007–2008

Council of Special Interest Section Chairs, Chair, 2007–2008, Member, 2006–2008

Executive Director Search Special Committee, Member, 2007

Professional Development Committee, Member, 2001–2002

Government Relations Committee, Member, 1999–2001

Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee, Member, 1998–1999

Information Technology and Implementation Working Group, Member, 1996–1998

Special Committee to Advance the Electronic Interchange of Legal Information, Member, 1994–1995

Research Agenda Committee (Standing), Member, 1995–1996

Research Agenda Committee (Special), Member, 1993–1994

*Special Interest Sections:*

State, Court, and County SIS: Member 1992–present

Past Chair, 2007–2008

Chair, 2006–2007

Vice Chair, 2005–2006

Board Member and Strategic Planning Committee, Member, 2001–2004

Computing Services SIS: Member

Technical Services SIS: Member

Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS: Member

Legal Information Services to the Public SIS: Member

Social Responsibilities SIS: Member

**Chapters:**

*Southeastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL)*

Member, 1991-present

Chapter Handbook Maintenance, 2001–2006

Past-President and Bylaws Committee Chair, 2001–2002

President, 2000–2001

Vice President/President-Elect and Program Committee Chair, 1999–2000

Government Relations Committee, 1998–1999

Local Arrangements Chair, 1998 Regional Meeting, New Orleans

Program Committee, 1997 Regional Meeting, Tallahassee

*New Orleans Association of Law Libraries (NOALL)*

Member, 1990-present

Nominating Committee Chair, 1998

Special Projects Committee Chair, 1997–1998

President, 1996–1997

Vice President/President Elect, 1995–1996

Public Relations Chair, 1994–1995

Newsletter Co-Editor, 1992–1994

*Western Pacific Chapter (Westpac)*

Member, 2006–present

**Selected Presentations:**

- Speaker, "A Win-win Partnership: Legal Editors and Law Librarians," AALL Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2007
- Speaker, "Free Legal Resources on the Internet," Alaska Bar Association CLE, 2007
- Coordinator and Moderator, "Copyright Implications of Digital Archives," AALL Annual Meeting, St. Louis, 2006
- Speaker, "Free Legal Resources on the Internet," Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference, 2006
- Speaker, "It's Not Only Books: Legal Research Online," Friends of the Law Library CLE, 2006
- Coordinator and Moderator, "The Blog Phenomenon and its Impact on the World of Legal Information," AALL Annual Meeting, Boston, 2004
- Speaker, "Fahrenheit 451 Revisited: Protecting Attorney Reading and Research History in View of the Homeland Security Act," Primetime CLE, 2003
- Speaker, "It's Not All Online: Resources at the Law Library to Assist in your Practice," Louisiana State Bar Association, 2001 Summer School Revisited, CLE, 2001
- Coordinator and Moderator, "Unpublished Judicial Opinions, Secret Settlements and the Judicial System," AALL Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, 2001
- Coordinator and Moderator, "Nobody Does It Better: Leading Government Web Sites," AALL Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, 2001
- "New Paradigms in Legal Research," Law and Technology: Preparing to Practice in the Digital Millennium, Louisiana State Bar Association CLE, 1999
- Coordinator, "Constructing Access Lanes to Court Information: The Process," AALL Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 1999
- Coordinator and Moderator, "Thoroughfares and Roadblocks to Court Information: Falling-Rock Zones on the Information Access Road," AALL Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 1999
- Coordinator, "Law Librarians as Crossing Guards: Championing Improved Access to Court Information," AALL Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 1999
- "Internet Access to the Courts: Louisiana Supreme Court," Using the Internet in Your Law Practice, Loyola University CLE, 1998
- "Electronic Dissemination of Court Opinions," Southeastern Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, 1998
- "Legal Resources on the Internet," New Orleans Bar Association Procrastinators Program, CLE, 1997
- "Legal Research in the Next Millennium," AIDSLAW of Louisiana, CLE, 1997

**Selected Publications:**

- Contributor, Alaska Bar Association *Bar Rag*, 2006–present
- "Louisiana Chapter," *State Practice Materials: Annotated Bibliographies*, Frank Houdek, ed., (W.S. Hein, AALL Publications Series; no. 63)
- "The Opportunity of a Lifetime: George A. Strait Scholarship Enables Students, Fosters Diversity in Profession," *AALL Spectrum* (Vol. 8, No. 4, February 2004)

“From the Secretary” column, *AALL Spectrum*, 2002–2005

Contributor, *New Orleans Bar Association Briefly Speaking* (Quarterly newsletter)  
April 1993–2005

“The Other Side of the Table: Important lessons learned when the ITIWG exhibited at recent conferences” *AALL Spectrum*, November 1997

“Purchasing and Maintaining the Paperless Law Library,” 43 *Louisiana Bar Journal* 364 (1995)

“AIDS in Public Libraries: A Look Back and A Look Forward,” *RQ*, Summer 1993  
(portion of Masters Degree Thesis)

*Covenants against Competition in Franchise Agreements*, Alabama chapter, Peter J. Klarfeld, editor, (ABA Forum on Franchising, 1992)

**Awards:**

Recipient, 2004 Pro Bono Publico Award, AIDS Law of Louisiana

Recipient, 2001 O. James Werner Award for Distinctive Service to People with Disabilities, from State, Court, and County Law Library Special Interest Section, American Association of Law Libraries

Recipient, 2001 Spirit of Law Librarianship Award

Recipient, 1999 Margaret T. Lane Award from the Louisiana Library Association  
Government Documents Round Table

**Other:**

Admitted to practice (1980): Louisiana

Alaska Library Association, Member

American Library Association, Member

Louisiana Library Association, Member

Louisiana State Bar Association, Member

AIDS Law of Louisiana, Inc., Board of Directors, 1998–2004

***Maryruth Storer***<sup>6</sup>

What does it mean to be a member of the American Association of Law Libraries? Each of us may have a different answer. For me, the answer contains several elements:

- AALL means CONNECTIONS—to law librarians working in all different types of libraries, all across the nation, and even beyond our borders. These connections help us in our professional lives, as we seek expert advice on current situations in our workplaces. They are also a personal pleasure, as our fellow members become our friends.
- AALL means EDUCATION—to enable us to increase our ability to do our jobs. The Annual Meeting is our largest education event each year, and now

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6. Law Library Director, Orange County Public Law Library, Santa Ana, California.

we have new technology to assist us in joining together electronically for Webinars and e-mail discussions. There is much we can learn from each other!

- AALL means **ADVOCACY**—especially regarding the vital concept that access to government and legal information is an essential element of a just and democratic society.

During my career, I have worked in academic, private firm, and county law libraries. In each position, I have looked to AALL for educational programs, technical assistance, and networking opportunities. My focus has been on the similarities of law library positions, rather than the differences, and I have benefited from discussions with colleagues from all types of law libraries. The work we all do (in a variety of settings, for a variety of patron types) is important work in our society, and I'm proud to be a law librarian. Reflecting on my years in the profession, I realize that I enjoy going to work each day. Being an AALL member helps me daily in dealing with the challenges that occur.

Now in its second century, AALL is an evolving organization, with our Strategic Directions of leadership, education, and advocacy providing a broad direction for development and growth. As AALL's membership grows, we must continue to help our members forge the connections that will be beneficial to them. We should emphasize our common interests and collegiality and strive to offer a broad array of opportunities and benefits for every member. We also need to connect with potential members and recruit qualified individuals to the profession of law librarianship.

AALL members must continue our advocacy efforts supporting permanent public access to government information and the need to authenticate online legal information. Our Washington Affairs Office staff does an outstanding job promoting our interests on the national level, but it is truly essential that all members participate in advocacy efforts at all relevant levels of government. On some issues, our viewpoint may not prevail initially, but together we must persist and persevere in those advocacy efforts, educating the decision makers on why our position must be supported.

I would be honored to serve AALL as vice president/president-elect, and I would work with all members to keep AALL a strong, vibrant presence in the nation's legal community.

**Education:**

M.L.L., University of Washington, 1978

J.D., University of Oregon, 1977

B.A. with High Honors in History, Portland State University, 1974

**Positions Held:**

Orange County Public Law Library

Law Library Director, 1988–present

O'Melveny & Myers

Law Library Manager, 1979–1988

University of Tennessee

Associate Law Librarian, 1978–1979

**Activities:**

*American Association of Law Libraries*

Member, 1978–present

AALL Grant Recipient, 1978

*AALL Executive Board*

Member, 1999–2002

Board Governance Committee, Member, 1999–2001

Board Strategic Planning Committee, Member, 1999–2000

Board Finance and Budget Committee, Member, 2001–2002

Liaison to: Council of Chapter Presidents, 1999–2002; Grants Committee, 1999–2002; Indexing of Periodical Literature (Advisory Committee), 1999–2002

Chapter Visit Presentations: South Florida Association of Law Librarians (SFALL), 2002; Arizona Association of Law Librarians (AzALL), 2001; San Diego Association of Law Librarians (SANDALL), 2000

*AALL Committees:*

Portland Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee, Member, 2007–2008

Publications Committee, Member, 2007–2009

Government Relations Committee, Member, 2005–2007

Nominations Committee, Member, 2003–2004

Biennial Salary Survey Task Force, Chair, 2002–2003

Anaheim Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee, Member, 1997–1998

Awards Committee, Chair, 1995–1996, Member, 1994–1995

Special Committee on National Chapter Relations, Member, 1991–1992

Constitutions and Bylaws Committee, Member, 1990–1992

Council of Chapter Presidents, Chair, 1987–1988, Member, 1986–1987

Relations With Publishers and Dealers Committee, Member, 1987–1988

National Legal Resources Committee, Member, 1986–1987

Membership Committee, Chair, 1984–1985, Vice-Chair, 1983–1984, Member, 1985–1986

Legislation and Legal Developments Committee, Member, 1981–1983

Exchange of Duplicates Committee, Member, 1979–1981

*Special Interest Sections:*

State, Court, and County SIS: Member, 1988–present

Appellate Court Standards Committee, Chair, 2004–2005

Bylaws Committee, Member, 2003–2004

Awards Committee, Chair, 1997–1998, Member, 1993–1997  
 Interlibrary Communications Committee, Chair, 1989–1990  
 Private Law Libraries SIS: Member, 1981–1988

*Presentations:*

Co-Director, Institute on Cataloging and Management of Legal Information,  
 1985  
 Speaker, “Opening Branch Libraries,” AALL Annual Meeting, Detroit, 1982

**Chapters:**

*Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL)*

Member, 1980–present  
 Government Relations Committee, Chair, 2006–present  
 Relations With Information Vendors Committee, Chair, 1993–1994  
 Membership Committee, Member, 1991–1992  
 Nominating Committee, Chair, 1989–1990; Member, 1982–1983  
 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Chair, 1988–1989  
 Past President, 1987–1988  
 President, 1986–1987  
 Vice President, 1985–1986  
 Treasurer, 1984–1985  
 Received, Rohan Chapter Service Award, 1984  
 Union List of Serials Committee, Member, 1981–1984  
 Speaker, SCALL Space Planning Workshop, 1982  
 Special Committee to Investigate a SCALL Sponsored Union List of Serials,  
 Chair, 1980–1981  
 Arrangements Committee, Member, 1980–1981

**Other:**

*Council of California County Law Librarians*

Administrative Office of the Courts Task Force on Civil Fees, Member, 2006–  
 2007  
 President, 1994–1996  
 Treasurer, 1990–1994

*Law Library Microforms Consortium*

Advisory Council, 2005–2008, 1996–2001  
 Executive Board Member, 2001–2005

*CALIFA*

Executive Board Member, 2005–present

*Library of California Regional Library Network*

Volunteer Business Manager, 2003–2006

Chair, 2000–2003

Core Planning Group, Member, 1999–2000

*California Library Networking Task Force*, Member, 1990–1998

*Orange County Library Association*

Member, 1990–present

Executive Board Member, 1991–1995

*Cooperative Library Agency for Systems and Services*

Executive Board Member, 1985–1987

*Oregon State Bar*, Admitted to Practice, 1978; Member, 1978–present

*Beta Phi Mu*, Member, 1978–present

**Publications:**

“Going Underground: Orange County Public Law Library Tests its Resolve for More Space with a Challenging Renovation,” 11 *AALL Spectrum* 18–19 (May 2007).

“Changing Times—Changing Needs” (with Barbara H. Evans), 47 *Orange County Lawyer* #6, June 2005, 46–49.

“The Orange County Law Library Survey,” 40 *Orange County Lawyer* #8, August 1998, 28 et seq.

“OC Law Library,” 31 *Orange County Lawyer* #10, October 1989, 16–17.

**Candidates for Secretary in 2008–09*****Ruth J. Hill***<sup>7</sup>

I am excited about the prospect of contributing to the work of the Executive Board as secretary and take quite seriously the responsibilities of the position. Through service to the Association as a member and/or chair of several local-, regional-, and national-level AALL entities, I have had many opportunities to participate in a variety of educational programs, workshops, committees, and special interest section activities. Each of these opportunities has enriched my professional career and enhanced my leadership skills. Now I would like to use these skills in a new capacity as secretary of the Association.

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7. Director of Library Services and Associate Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

There are many important duties performed by the secretary, such as to maintain accurate records of board meetings and actions, communicate board activities to the membership, and oversee the voting process. Perhaps most significantly as the chair of the Executive Board's Governance Committee, the secretary works with the executive director to maintain consistent board policies and procedures. I am confident that given the opportunity, I can effectively fulfill the duties and responsibilities of this position as required.

The Executive Board must maintain the professional viability of the Association. Having served in the profession for 22 years, I feel that I have garnered the experience and vision necessary to make a worthwhile contribution to this effort. I am honored to be a candidate for secretary of the Executive Board of AALL and welcome the opportunity to be a part of the Association's leadership team. Thank you for your consideration and support.

**Education:**

J.D., University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 1984

M.S.L.S., University of Memphis, 1979

Certification as School Librarian, University of Texas at Austin, 1973

B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 1970

**Positions Held:**

Rains Law Library, Loyola Law School

Head of Reference Services and Adjunct Professor of Law, 1996–2006

Reference Services Librarian, 1994–1996

Reference Librarian, 1992–1994

A.M. Daniel Law Library, Howard University Law School

Acting Director, 1990–1991

Associate Director, 1988–1990

University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Assistant Law Librarian for Public Services and Reference, Assistant Professor,  
1985–1988

Hunton & Williams, Knoxville, Tennessee

Law Librarian, 1983–1985

Memphis City Schools

Librarian and Teacher, 1976–1981

**Activities:**

*American Association of Law Libraries*

Member, 1985-present

*AALL Committees:*

Awards Committee, Chair, 2007–2008; Member, 2005–2007

Black Caucus, Chair, 2006–2007

Strait Scholarship Fundraising Committee, Member, 2003–2005  
 Annual Meeting Program Committee, Chair, 2003; Member (*ex officio*), 2001–2002  
 Professional Development Committee, Member (*ex officio*), 2002–2003  
 SIS Council, Chair, 2001–2002; Member, 2000–2001  
 Nominations Committee, Chair, 1999; Member, 1998  
 Awards Committee, Member, 1996–1998; Chair, Gallagher Award Subcommittee, 1998  
 CONELL, Volunteer, 1996–1997  
 Grants Committee, Member, 1995–1996; 1986–1987  
 AALL Committee on Minorities Representative to the Conference of African American Librarians, sponsored by the Black Caucus of ALA, Columbus, Ohio, 1992  
 Special Committee on Public Relations, Member, 1990–1991  
 Local Arrangements Committee, Basic Cataloging Institute, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1988  
*Law Library Journal* Advisory Committee, Member, 1987–1990  
 Volunteer, Annual Meeting Registration, 1993–1997

*Special Interest Sections:*

Academic Law Libraries SIS: Member  
 Chair, 2000–2001  
 Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, 1999–2000  
 Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS: Member, 1999–present  
 State, Court, and County Law Libraries SIS: Member, 1994–present

*Presentations:*

Speaker, “The Young & the Restless,” AALL Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, 2001  
 Coordinator, AJCU Middle Managers’ Program and Luncheon, 1996  
 Co-Coordinator, “Where is Silicon Valley Taking Us, and Do We really Want to Go There?” AALL Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 1992  
 Speaker, Basic Cataloging Institute, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1988

**Chapters:**

*Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL)*

Member, 1992–present  
 Grants Committee, Chair, 1997–2000  
 Inner City Youth Internship Committee, Member, 1992–2000  
 Registration Committee, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute, Co-Chair, 2000  
 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute Bibliography Subcommittee, Co-Chair, 1996  
 Local Arrangements, Paraprofessional Outreach Workshop, “Legal Research: Putting It All Together,” 1993

Recipient (as member of Inner City Youth Internship Committee), The Rohan Chapter Service Award, 1993

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

Member, 1989–1991

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

Member, 2007- present; 1985–1988

**Other:**

Recipient (as member of SCALL Inner City Youth Internship Committee), Spirit of Law Librarianship Award, 2000

Faculty and Council Member, Teaching Research in Academic Law Libraries (TRIAL), 2000

Speaker, “Meeting the Challenge of Teaching Adult Learners in a Legal Environment,” SEAALL Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2000

Speaker, “Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians,” 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the Black Caucus of ALA (program coordinated by AALL Committee on Minorities), Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1994

Speaker, “Gutenberg in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Electronic Book and Libraries of the Future,” Tennessee Library Association Annual Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, 1993

**Publications:**

“Prestatehood Legal Materials Wins Andrews Award,” 11(9) *AALL Spectrum* 21 (June 2007)

Book Review, “Origins of the Dred Scott Case: Jacksonian Jurisprudence and the Supreme Court, 1837–1857,” 99 *Law Library Journal* 427 (Spring 2007)

*Celebrating Diversity: A Legacy of Minority Leadership in AALL* (with C. Nicholson and V. Garces) (Hein, 2006)

“The Freedom to Choose” in “Reflections on Brown vs. Board of Education: Four Law Librarians Share Their Experiences Growing Up During the Brown Era,” 8(6) *AALL Spectrum* 16 (April 2004)

“Maximize Your Annual Meeting Experience: Build Competencies, Sharpen Skills and Network with Colleagues” 7(9) *AALL Spectrum* 16 (June 2003)

“Maximize Your Annual Meeting Experience,” 14(3/4) *PLL Perspectives* 8 (Spring/Summer 2003) and 29(2) *SCCLL News* 10 (Spring 2003)

“Adieu from the SIS Council Chair,” in “Special Interest Section News,” 6(10) *AALL Spectrum* 26 (July 2002)

“From the SIS Council Chair,” in “Special Interest Section News,” 6(8) *AALL Spectrum* 30 (May 2002)

“ALL-SIS EYES on Minneapolis,” 20(3) *The ALL-SIS Newsletter* 1 (Summer 2001)

“Message from the Chair,” 20(2) *The ALL-SIS Newsletter* 1 (Spring 2001)

- “Message from the Chair,” 20(1) *The ALL-SIS Newsletter* 1 (Fall 2000)
- “1998 Gallagher Award Recipients” 2(9) *AALL Spectrum* 20 (June 1998)
- Presidential Impeachment: A Research Guide* (Rains Law Library Pathfinder Series) (1998)
- “The Jurisprudence of Yogi Berra” (with 38 other authors), 46 *Emory Law Journal* 697 (1997)
- Ethical Considerations for Law Librarians: Legal, Library & Business Ethics: A Selective Bibliography* (with Don Buffalo and Tobe Liebert), SCALL 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute, 1996
- “Legal Research for the Non-Law Librarian,” in *Culture Keepers II: Unity Through Diversity, Proceedings of the Second Conference of the Black Caucus of ALA, Milwaukee, WI, 1994*
- Breaking the Cultural Barriers within Law Librarianship: A Selected Bibliography*, AALL Annual Meeting, 1993
- “Mr. Justice Thurgood Marshall, 1908–1993: A Bio-Bibliographic Research Guide,” 20 *Southern University Law Review* 113 (1993)
- Gutenberg in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Electronic Book and Libraries of the Future: A Selective Bibliography* (prepared for Annual Conference of the Tennessee Library Association) 1993
- University Counsel and the Law School Admissions Process: A Selective Annotated Bibliography* (Rains Law Library Bibliography Series) (1992)
- Academic/SIS Column (Howard University Law Library Profile) *Law Library Lights* (March/April 1991)
- “Use of Blood Grouping Test to Determine Paternity,” 10(1) *Judicial Newsletter* (University of Tennessee at Knoxville) (1983)

**Subjects Taught:**

Advanced Legal Research  
 Legal Research

***Richard M. Jost***<sup>8</sup>

From my first days as a library employee in a large D.C. law firm, I quickly learned that AALL was an extraordinary organization. Becoming involved at the chapter level allowed me to see how the organization brought together other firm librarians with their counterparts in academia and government to address common issues and provide valuable networking links. As I worked my way through library school as an acquisitions clerk in an academic law library, I continued to rely on AALL for its invaluable information on legal publishing. After obtaining my MLIS degree, the role that AALL has played in supporting my continuing education needs has

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8. Assistant Librarian for Technical Services, Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library & Senior Lecturer, The Information School, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

been instrumental in my development as a professional. For all these reasons, I want to contribute to the Association that has been such an integral part of my career.

Volunteering at the local, regional, and national level for chapter and AALL activities has been the primary source of my professional involvement. Over the years, I have been privileged to have both membership and leadership experiences. I have benefited from attending programs, workshops, and Annual Meetings to improve my skills and knowledge, which has allowed me to be more effective in my job. I have formed many close friendships with colleagues from a variety of libraries, which have provided me with a rich network to call upon when I need assistance or encouragement. Based on my personal experiences, I have stressed the importance of being engaged in a professional organization to my Information School students.

This blend of formal educational opportunities and informal networking has been a great source of help to me throughout my career. AALL has served as my professional melting pot, bringing me together not only with those whose jobs are similar to mine, but also with those who have very different responsibilities. As a result, I have learned as much about the other facets of law librarianship as I have about the technical services area. I am a better law librarian for it.

We all know that this is a challenging time to be a library professional. Library collections are evolving, technology is ever-changing, and our patrons are demanding sophisticated new services. Governmental actions bring new challenges to our workplaces. Each new generation of librarians brings a different outlook and perspective to the job. Faced with the uncertainties of the future, the role AALL plays in our library lives is essential. In particular, AALL's continuing education programs and advocacy efforts will remain critical to our professional health. Just as important are the networking opportunities AALL affords for all members.

Because I have gained enormously through my membership and activities in AALL, I want to give back to the Association. As AALL secretary, I would be honored to help AALL capitalize on its strong points, strengthen its programs, and facilitate the Association's growth to continue to meet the needs of all legal information professionals.

**Education:**

M.L.I.S., University of Denver Graduate School of Librarianship and Information Management, 1985

M.A. International Affairs, American University School of International Service, 1980

B.A. in History, State University of New York College at Cortland, 1976

**Positions Held:**

University of Washington Gallagher Law Library

Assistant Librarian for Technical Services, 1992–present

University of Colorado Law Library

Assistant Librarian for Technical Services, 1988–1991

Reference/Government Documents Librarian, 1986–1988  
George Washington University Jacob Burns Law Library  
Collection Development Librarian, 1985

**Activities:**

*American Association of Law Libraries*  
Member, 1985–present

*AALL Committees:*

Annual Meeting Program Committee, 2005  
Education Summit Participant, 2005  
Professional Development Committee, 2001–2003  
Internet Room Committee, Co-Chair, Seattle Annual Meeting, 1994

*Special Interest Sections:*

Academic Law Libraries SIS: Member, 2006–present  
Strategic Planning Committee, 2006–2007  
Online Bibliographic SIS: Member, 1991–present  
Chair, 2005–2006  
Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, 2004–2005  
Secretary/Treasurer, 2001–2003  
Education Committee, 2000–2007  
RLIN Committee, 2000–2001  
Technical Services Law Librarian Editorial Board Representative, 1999–2001  
Social Responsibilities SIS: Member, 1985–present  
Technical Services SIS: Member, 1991–present  
Strategic Planning Committee, 2000–2001  
Bylaws Revision Committee, 2000–2001

*Selected Presentations:*

Coordinator and Speaker, “Everything Old is New Again: Second (or Third) Generation Automated System Challenges,” AALL Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, 2001  
Coordinator and Moderator, “Intermediate Cataloging Workshop,” AALL Annual Meeting, Orlando, 2002

**Chapters:**

*Colorado Association of Law Libraries (COALL)*

Member, 1982–1991  
President, 1990–1991  
Vice-President/President-Elect, 1989–1990  
Professional Development Collection Committee, 1989  
Long Range Planning Committee, 1989  
Public Relations Committee, Chair, 1988–1989; Member, 1986–1987

Secretary, 1987  
Membership Committee, 1984

*Law Librarians of Puget Sound (LLOPS)*

Member, 1992–present  
Nominations Committee, 2007–2008  
Past President, 2005–2006  
President, 2004–2005  
Vice-President/President-Elect, 2003–2004  
Professional Education Committee, Member, 2000, 1993; Panelist, “Dawn til Dusk: Managing Electronic Services,” Spring Workshop 2007; Panelist, “So Many Formats, So Little Time,” Spring Workshop 2000; Program Speaker, “Managing the Change Process in Law Libraries,” 2000  
Membership Committee, Chair, 1994–1998

*Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL)*

Member, 1982–1991  
Annual Convention Program Speaker, Law Librarian’s Link to Automation, 1990;  
Group Cooperation and Conflict Resolution, 1989  
Continuing Education Committee, 1986–1991

*Western Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (WestPac)*

Member, 1992–present  
Local Arrangements Committee, Chair, AALL Annual Meeting, Seattle, 2005

**Publications:**

- Book Review. *The Guide to State Legislative Materials Revised Edition*. Published in *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*, Volume 4, No. 2, Summer 1984.
- Book Review. *The National Directory of State Agencies 1982-1983, 5th Edition*. Published in *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*, Volume 4, No. 4, Winter 1984/1985.
- Book Review. *Recommended Publications for Legal Research 1979*. Published in *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*, Volume 6, Nos. 1-2, Spring/Summer 1986.
- Book Review. *Directory of Fee-Based Information Services*. Published in *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*, Volume 7, No. 1, Spring 1987.
- Book Review. *The Bottom Line: A Financial Magazine for Librarians*. Published in *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*, Volume 8, Nos. 1-2, 1988.
- Bibliography on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Published in *Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Bulletin*, Volume 19, No. 3, May 1988.
- Book Review. *Law Books and Serials in Print 1988-A Multimedia Sourcebook*. Published in *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*, Volume 10, Nos. 1-2, 1990.
- Bibliography on Historic Preservation. Published in *Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Bulletin*, Volume 22, No. 1, September 1990.

“Automated Library Systems at the Gallagher Law Library.” *LLOPSCited*, Volume 10, Issue 2, Winter 1998, p. 11-12.

“President’s Message.” *LLOPSCited*, Volume 15, Issue 1, Fall 2004, p. 1-3.

“President’s Message.” *LLOPSCited*, Volume 15, Issue 2, Winter 2005, p. 1-3.

“President’s Message.” *LLOPSCited*, Volume 15, Issue 3, Spring 2005, p. 1-3.

“President’s Message.” *LLOPSCited*, Volume 15, Issue 4, Summer 2005, p. 1-4.

**Other:**

*American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, Law School Facilities Committee*

Speaker, “Workplace/Workspace: Design Considerations for Staff Organizational Effectiveness,” Bricks, Bytes and Continuous Renovation Conference, 2006

*American Society for Information Science and Technology*

Speaker, “Lingua Franca: How do we facilitate \*human\* operability?” Pacific Northwest Chapter Annual Meeting, 2005

*Associated Librarians of the University of Washington*

Member, 1992–present

Representative, Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services, 2000–2001

Secretary, 1998–1999

*Innovative Law User Group*

Member, 1992–present

Program Speaker, “Mystery solved: How to Make Sense of Load Profiles!” 2007  
Chair, 1996–1997

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, 1995–1996

Annual Workshop Local Arrangements, Chair, AALL Annual Meeting, Seattle, 1994

*Innovative User Group*

Member, 1992–present

Annual Convention Program Speaker, “System Migration Challenges: INN-REACH, RLIN and OCLC,” 2002; “Managing Recon Projects with Innovative Interfaces,” 1998

Nominations Committee, 1994

*Northwestern Innovative User Group*

Member, 1992–present

Program Speaker, “Mystery solved: How to Make Sense of Load Profiles!” 2006

**Subjects Taught:**

Library Technology Systems

## Candidates for Executive Board Member in 2008–09

*Carol Bredemeyer*<sup>9</sup>

Early in my career I found that professional activity in AALL and its chapters was rewarding and that it also provided contacts for finding information our patrons needed.

Having a leadership role in AALL as an SIS chair, a chapter president, and a committee chair gave me the confidence to take on leadership roles on campus. I served two terms as president of the NKU Faculty Senate and am currently serving as chair of the Governance and Administration Committee for the university's accreditation review.

AALL needs to continue the good work we do, such as the Washington Affairs Office, our VIP program, and our educational opportunities, while looking for new opportunities to showcase what law librarians can do given an opportunity, institutional support, and funding.

We must also work to serve the newer generation of computer-born users, while continuing to serve the needs of an earlier generation of researchers, who are often the decision makers in our organizations.

We, as librarians and as an Association, must continue to be forward thinking and proactive. Librarianship is a profession where we are continually learning and change is a constant. We must regularly review what we do to make sure that what was important last year or five years ago is still important today; if not, we should stop doing it or change the way we do it to be relevant for the times. AALL must look at its strategic plan and allocation of financial resources to make sure that we are spending our money on what we have said is important to us as an Association.

AALL has given me much professional development and fulfillment. It would be a privilege to serve as a member of the Executive Board and help guide the Association to meet its priorities.

### **Education:**

M.S.L.S., University of Kentucky, 1981

B.A., Morehead State University, 1978

### **Positions Held:**

Salmon P. Chase College of Law Library, Northern Kentucky University

Assistant Director for Faculty Services, 2004–present

Assistant Director for Reference and Research Services, 1999–2004

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9. Assistant Director for Faculty Services & Associate Professor of Library Services, Chase College of Law Library, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky.

Assistant Director for Patron Services/Assistant Director for Information Services/  
Information Services Coordinator/Head of Public Services, 1985–1999  
Reference Librarian, 1981–1984

**Professional Activities:**

*American Association of Law Libraries*

Member, 1981–present

*AALL Committees:*

Awards Committee, Chair, 2006–2007; Member, 2004–2006

Mentoring Committee, Member, 2002–2004; CONELL Subcommittee, Chair,  
2003–2004

*Law Library Journal/AALL Spectrum* Editorial Board, Chair, 2001–2002;  
Member, 1999–2002

Public Relations Committee, Chair, 1998–1999; Member, 1995–1999, 1987–  
1988

Responsible for Public Relations column in *AALL Spectrum*, 1995–1998

Nominations Committee, Member, 1992–1994

Publications Policy Committee, Chair, 1990–1991

Publications Committee, Member, 1988–1990

Education Committee, Member, 1983–1987

Committee Liaison to Program Planning Workshop, 1984

*Special Interest Sections:*

Academic Law Libraries SIS: Member

Marketing Toolkit Task Force, 2003–2004

Nominations Committee, Chair, 2007–2008

Strategic Directions Task Force, Member, 2006–2007

Continuing Status and Tenure Roundtable, Member, 2004–2005, 1994–1995

Marketing Toolkit Task Force, Member, 2003–2004

Conference for New Academic Law Librarians) Committee, Member, 2002–  
2003

Reader Services SIS: Member

Chair, 1987–1988

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, 1986–1987

Secretary-Treasurer, 1983–1984

Grant recipient for Annual Conference attendance, 1982

**Chapters:**

*Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL)*, Member

President, 1992–1993

Vice President/President Elect, 1991–1992

Midwest Regional Conference, Program Chair, 1992  
 Nominations Committee, Chair, 1994–1995; Member, 1998–1999  
 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Member, 1997–1999  
 Newsletter Committee, Member, 1987–1990  
 Chapter Placement Officer, 1985–1987  
 Local Arrangements Committee, Co-Chair, 2004, 1997; Member, 1991, 1986  
 Activities (Program) Committee, Chair 1991-1992; Member, 2001–2002, 1991–  
 1994, 1985–1986

*Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL),*  
 Member

Scholarship Committee, Member, 2005–2007, 2003–2004  
 Program Committee, Institute Co-Coordinator, “Project Management,” 2002–  
 2003  
 Scholarship recipient (to attend Annual Meeting), 1998  
 Education and Publications Committee, Member, 1998–1999

**Other:**

*Cincinnati Bar Association*

Affiliate Member

Legal Research and Information Resources Committee, Member

**Presentations:**

Coordinator and Moderator, “Rising to the Leadership Challenge Outside Your  
 Library: Being a Leader in the Larger Organization,” AALL Annual Meeting,  
 New Orleans, 2007  
 Moderator, “Foraging the Transylvania Law Library: A Unique and Valuable  
 Collection,” SEAALL Annual Meeting 2003  
 Panelist, “Subject Headings and OPACs,” SEALL Annual Meeting 1997  
 Presenter, AALL Council of Chapter Presidents Leadership Training, 1993  
 Coordinator and Moderator, “Changing Issues in Environmental Law,” Midwest  
 Regional Conference, 1992  
 Coordinator and Moderator, “The Law School Computer Lab: What Is the Library’s  
 Role?” AALL Annual Meeting, Chicago, 1987

**Publications**

“Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award Goes to Three Perennially  
 Active Members,” *AALL Spectrum*, June 2007  
 “What Do Directors Do?” 96 *Law Library Journal* 317 (2004)  
 Book review, 92 *Law Library Journal* 475 (2000) (reviewing J. Moore, *Elections A  
 to Z* (1999))  
 Book review, 15 *Legal Information Alert* 15 (February 1996) (reviewing R. Berring,  
*Finding the Law*, 10th ed. (1995))

Book review, 8 *Legal Information Alert* 7 (January 1989) (reviewing W. Hodes, *Legal Research: A Self-Teaching Guide to the Law Library*, 2d ed. (1988))  
“Serving the Evening Law Student,” 80 *Law Library Journal* 619 (1988)

### **Teaching**

Legal Research segment of Basic Legal Skills, Chase College of Law, 1991–1998, 2000–present; Course coordinator, 1998–2000

### *Christine L. Graesser*<sup>10</sup>

Librarianship is in my blood; my mother was a high school librarian and later founded the first public library in my home town. I was fortunate to receive my library education at the University of Washington, where I became aware of the lofty specialty of law librarianship, and I knew pretty quickly that I wanted to be part of this special profession.

Ten years ago I was a face in the crowd with a penchant for sounding off on law-lib when the Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section chair at that time called me out of the blue and asked me to be the liaison between PLL and the Committee on Relations with Information Vendors (CRIV). That call opened the door to one of the most rewarding periods of my life professionally and personally. I have served on many committees, chaired two of them, and chaired the PLL-SIS this past year.

I love law librarianship, and I believe that a strong Association is absolutely essential if we librarians are to remain relevant in the legal world. We need an Association that is steadfast to principles but nimble in reaction to the changing legal and information world.

If elected, I expect to be a voice on the Executive Board for all law librarians. I have worked in just about every sector there is: firm, corporate, independent, court, and academic. I would also hope to communicate to members what AALL and its leadership are doing to help law librarians achieve their full potential as professionals.

I am proud of the accomplishments of my committees and have learned a great deal from my colleagues along the way. During my time with CRIV, we strengthened our tool kit, created strong response protocol for vendor issues, made many site visits to vendors, and instituted “reverse” site visits so vendors could visit librarians at work. I also helped draft the Guide to Fair Trade Practices for Information Vendors.

As chair of the Nominations Committee, I had the challenge of a much shorter time period than committees had in the past to recruit and nominate Executive Board candidates, which the committee accomplished entirely by e-mail and conference call.

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10. Legal Information Specialist, Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels, Hartford, Connecticut.

One of my special interests is education, and I was privileged to serve on the Education Summit Task Force, as well as taking responsibility for incubating PLL's regional education efforts.

Chairing the Private Law Libraries SIS is like running a mini-association. We privates have many interests and needs and not a lot of time to devote to extra-curricular work. It has been a challenge and a pleasure, especially when I have had conversations with individual members about issues of concern to them.

I've been that person who was a little intimidated, if not put off, by the leadership "elite" walking around the Annual Meeting with their ribbons. Now I know that those ribbons are not earned lightly and represent a lot of time and service for the benefit of all of us and that AALL leaders do not consider themselves elite at all. I will be very honored if my colleagues select me to represent them on the Executive Board.

**Education:**

Masters of Librarianship, University of Washington, 1981

Bachelor of Arts, University of Montana, 1979

**Positions Held:**

Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels, Hartford, Connecticut

Legal Information Specialist, 1997–present

University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, Connecticut

Reference Librarian, 2006 (weekends)

Shipman & Goodwin, Hartford, Connecticut

Library Director, 1987–1997

Donohue/McCaughtry (Library contracting firm), Wethersfield, Connecticut

Associate, 1985–1987

The Hartford Insurance Company, Loss Control Division

Librarian, 1986 (maternity leave substitute)

Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut

Reference Librarian, 1984–1985

Webster & Sheffield, New York, New York

Reference Librarian, 1982–1984

The Westport Company, Westport, Connecticut

Records Manager, 1981–1982

Preston Thorgrimson, Seattle, Washington

Assistant Librarian, 1981 (temporary summer position)

University of Washington School of Law Library

Assistant to Foreign Law Librarian, 1980–1981

Circulation Desk Assistant, 1980

**Activities:**

*American Association of Law Libraries*

Member, 1984–present

*AALL Committees:*

Involving All Our Members Special Committee, Co-Chair, 2007–2008  
 AALL Executive Director Search Special Committee, Member, 2007  
 Education Summit Framework and Oversight Task Force, Member, 2005–2006  
 PLL-SIS Representative to Education Summit, 2005  
 Nominations Committee, Chair, 2004; Member, 2003  
 Fair Business Practices Special Committee (D), Member 2001–2002  
 Relations with Information Vendors Committee, Chair, 2000–2001; Member  
 1997–2001;  
 Mediation Subcommittee, Chair, 1998–2000

*Special Interest Sections:*

Private Law Libraries SIS: Member  
 Chair, 2006–2007  
 Vice Chair, 2005–2006  
 Education Committee, Co-Chair, 2004–2006

**Chapters:***Southern New England Law Librarians Association (SNELLA)*

Member, 1985–present  
 President, 1994–1995  
 Vice President/Education Chair, 1993–1994  
 Treasurer, 1991–1993  
 Legal Research Course, Faculty, 1994–1996

*Law Libraries of Greater New York (LLAGNY)*

Member, 1982–1984

**Other:***Teaching Research in Private Law Libraries (TRIPLL)*

Faculty, 1998, 1996

*Special Libraries Association*

Member, 1985–1990  
 SLA Connecticut Valley Chapter, Newsletter Editor, 1987–1990

*Avon Congregational Church, Avon, Connecticut*

Stewardship Chair, 2005–2007  
 Membership Growth Chair, 2007–present

*Avon Land Trust, Avon Connecticut*

Board of Directors, Member, 2006–present  
 Newsletter Editor, 2007–present

*Pine Grove Elementary School Parent Teach Organization*, Avon, Connecticut  
Volunteer, 2000–2005

*Wish School Middle School*, Hartford, Connecticut  
Tutor and Mentor, 1993–1997

*Interval House* (batter women's shelter), Hartford, Connecticut  
Counselor, 1985–1988

**Selected Presentations and Programs:**

Coordinator, "Core Copyright for Private Law Librarians," Baltimore, March 2007  
Panelist, "Indexes, Taxonomies and the Google Generation," AALL Annual Meeting,  
San Antonio, 2005  
Lecturer on research skills for law firms, University of Connecticut School of Law,  
2005  
Panelist, "The Money Go-Around: What to Do When Payments Go Astray," AALL  
Annual Meeting, Seattle, 2003  
Faculty member, "New Perspectives on Law Library Acquisitions and Collection  
Development," AALL Workshop, American University, Washington, D.C.,  
November 2001  
Speaker, Program on CRIV at ORALL Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky,  
October 2000  
Moderator, AALL Vendor Relations Online Discussion, February 2001  
Coordinator, Program on Vendor Relations, AALL Annual Meeting, Anaheim, 1998

**Selected Publications:**

"Why I Need to Go to the Annual Meeting This Year," *AALL Spectrum*, February 2005  
(co-authored with Lucy Curci-Gonzalez)  
"Fire Extinguishers for Librarian Burnout," pp. 559–561, in "Care and Maintenance  
of the Successful Career: How Experienced Law Librarians Make Their Work  
Rewarding," Paul George, au, *Law Library Journal*, Fall, 93(4): 535-587  
"Are We Branded?" CRIV Notes, *AALL Spectrum*, October 2000

**Larry Meyer<sup>11</sup>**

I am honored to have been nominated as a candidate for the AALL Executive Board. It has been my good fortune to have worked in law libraries for almost twenty years. During that time, I have watched our profession change and adapt as it continues to meet new demands placed upon us as law librarians and on our profession. Over the years I have served in various capacities within my local chapter and within AALL and am continuously impressed by the dedication, knowledge, and abilities of our members.

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11. Law Library Director, San Bernardino County Law Library, San Bernardino, California.

If elected, I believe that I will bring a balanced perspective to the AALL Executive Board, a perspective that combines what I have learned in my activities within the Association, my local chapter, the larger legal community, and through involvement in community activities. As a former academic and current public law librarian, I have had the opportunity to work with the attorney pressed for time, the disgruntled patron, and the challenged law student. As chair of a section of the State Bar of California and as a member of the Fontana Planning Commission, I have had the opportunity to work with attorneys from all types and sizes of practices and have dealt with angry city residents concerned about their views being heard. Through these varied experiences, I have learned to mediate between competing interests, to think outside the box, and when necessary, to make the tough decision. As an AALL board member, I will use those traits to do my best to represent each of you.

One of the keys to our success as an organization over the past 100 plus years is the ability of our academic, firm, and government law librarians to establish relationships for the mutual benefit of our profession. We are effective as law librarians, because we have cultivated the relationships where we know who to call upon to find the information needed. Our relationships with other law librarians have enabled us to stay ahead of the learning curve and be a positive force in the information community. As a member of AALL, I have seen how our relationships with those outside of our profession have had a positive effect on information policy at various levels. As the director of a county law library, I deal with many of those issues on a daily basis. While the issues we face may not go away today or tomorrow, I optimistically believe that by working together, we as an Association can and will meet the challenge those issues present in an effective way.

Law librarianship has proven to be a very interesting and rewarding profession. Over the years, I have enjoyed both the professional and personal relationships I continue to have with other AALL members. It is a profession that I am fortunate to share with many, including, I might add, one of my brothers. I look forward to the opportunity and privilege to serve the Association and ask for your support of my candidacy for the Executive Board.

**Education:**

M.L.I.S., San Jose State University

J.D., National University

B.S., Teaching, Mankato State University

**Positions Held:**

San Bernardino County Law Library

Director, 2002–present

University of La Verne Law Library

Director, 1995–2002

National University Law Library

Circulation/Reference Librarian, 1990-1994

**Activities (Selected):***American Association of Law Libraries*

Member, 1995–present

Attendee, AALL Authentication of Legal Information Summit, 2007

Attendee, AALL Education Summit, 2005

*AALL Committees:*

Committee on Relations with Information Vendors, Member, 2004–2006; Chair,  
Site Visit Sub-Committee

Council of Chapter Presidents, Chair, 2002–2003; Member, 2001–2002, 1999–  
2000

Government Relations Committee, Member, 2006–present, 1999–2002

Local Arrangements Committee, Member, 1998

*Special Interest Sections:*

Academic Law Libraries SIS: Member

Local Arrangements (Director's Breakfast, Chair), 2000

Statistics Committee, 1999–2000

Government Documents SIS: Member

Chair, 2006–2007

Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, 2005–2006

State, Court, and County Law Libraries SIS: Member

Standards Committee, Chair, 2006–present

Publicity Committee, 2005–2006

**Chapters:**

*Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL)*, Member

President, 2001–2002, 1999–2000

Vice President, 1998–1999

Awards Committee, Chair

CRIV, Chair

Special Committee on Policy and Procedures, Chair

Government Relations Committee, Member

Recipient, Rohan Award for Outstanding Service to SCALL, 2006

**Other:**

California Library Association, Member

CCCLL Government. Relations Committee, Member

Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity

Fontana Library Foundation Board 2006–present

City of Fontana, California, Planning Commission 2005–present

Council of California County Law Librarians, Vice President, 2005–present

International Supreme Senate, 2003–present

Law Practice Management Technology Section, California State Bar, Chair, 2006–2007; Secretary, 2004–2006; Law Librarian Liaison, 2003–2005

**Presentations (Selected):**

Moderator and Speaker, “Rising to the Challenge! Reinventing the Depository: Destruction and Rebirth,” AALL Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2007

“Equal Access to Justice Conference,” Technological Resources in County Law Libraries, 2007

“Bridging the Gap,” Orientation for New Bar Members, 2002-2007 (Moderator, 2007)

“Law Librarians Sailing into New Waters,” SANDALL Fall Workshop, 2003

Southern California Government Documents Librarians Group, 1999–2001

California Grand Jurors Association, Law Library Skills, 1999

**Subjects Taught:**

Computer Research

Legal Bibliography

*Holly M. Riccio*<sup>12</sup>

Below are some facts that I feel I must let you know. These facts will give you a better idea about who I am personally and professionally and provide insight into how I view AALL and what direction I think AALL should be moving towards.

*Fact #1: Both of my parents are librarians.* I was surrounded by books, libraries, and librarians since childhood. As a kid, the biggest advantages I saw to being a librarian were more simplistic, like the ability to take reference books home from the library. In library school, I joined AALL and began to discover a whole new set of advantages to being a member of the Association. I would read all of the AALL publications and looked forward to becoming involved in the Association’s committees, chapters, and SISs once I graduated. Over the years, I have turned to my professional colleagues numerous times for advice, assistance, mentoring, guidance, ideas, and support. I believe that the true power of this Association is what members can get out of it by giving to it, and I have certainly learned that from first-hand experience.

*Fact #2: I am a second generation San Franciscan.* After having worked in New York City since 1994, I returned to San Francisco 10 years ago. San Francisco is my home and probably will be for the rest of my life. There are many reasons why, just as there are many reasons why AALL will be my professional home for the rest of my career. AALL, like San Francisco, is made up of a wonderfully diverse group of individuals, all with different ideas, strengths, and viewpoints to

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12. Library/Calendar Manager, O’Melveny & Myers LLP, San Francisco, California.

contribute. It is this diversity within our organization that should be harnessed in the coming years to ensure that AALL continues to be forward-thinking and to secure its position as a leader in the law librarian community. Just as San Francisco is very cutting edge in its thinking and policies, AALL needs to continue to think creatively to be an organization that provides all members with the training, skills, and support they need to become leaders within their organizations. As the profession constantly changes, law librarians have to become even that much more innovative and flexible, and our Association should mirror this as well. We are a community of individuals with common interests and goals, regardless of our institution or geographic location, and AALL is our professional home.

*Fact #3: I have been a law librarian for thirteen years.* The legal world has become so much more complex and challenging since I first stepped behind a reference desk. Now, more than ever, it is important for librarians to connect with and reach out to others. We need to look at new technologies and see how they can be used to make educational opportunities more readily available to all members. The Association also needs to embrace the ideas and knowledge of newer law librarians and encourage them to volunteer and be involved so that they can assist in shaping their own professional future. However, for as much as AALL needs to leverage new technologies, the core of the Association is truly the people, our members. Whether members are meeting in person or communicating electronically, it is the sense of community and camaraderie gained from personal interaction that is so important. Over the years, AALL has been responsive and adaptive to our changing legal environment and, if it continues to do so creatively and thoughtfully, it will certainly be *the* Association for law librarians, developing strong, influential leaders in the law library community for years to come. As a member of the AALL Executive Board, my goal would be to see that the Association continues to develop new and innovative ways to communicate with and serve the evolving needs of its members and engage them in the future of their Association. By harnessing the strengths and talents of our members, there's no limit to what we can accomplish.

**Education:**

M.I.L.S., University of Michigan, 1994

B.A., New York University, 1992

**Positions Held:**

O'Melveny & Myers LLP, San Francisco

Library/Calendar Manager, 2004–present

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, San Francisco

Librarian/Marketing Research Specialist, 2000–2004

Long & Levit LLP, San Francisco

Librarian, 1997–1999

Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, New York

Reference Librarian, 1995–1995

New York County Lawyers' Association, New York  
Reference Librarian, 1994–1995

**Activities:**

*American Association of Law Libraries*

Member, 1992–present

AALL Scholarship Recipient, 1993

*AALL Committees:*

Scholarships Committee, Chair 2007-2008; Member, 2006–2007

Economic Status of Law Librarianship Committee, Member, 2004–2006

Public Relations Committee, Member, 2003–2005

Council of Special Interest Section Chairs, Member, 2003–2004

Bylaws Committee, Member, 2000–2002

Grants Committee, Chair, 1999–2000; Member, 1998–1999

*Special Interest Sections:*

Private Law Libraries SIS: Member, 1992–present

Public Relations Committee, Co-Chair, 2007–2008

Nominations Committee, Member, 2006–2007

Executive Board, 2004–2005, 2002–2003

Chair, 2003–2004

Newsletter Advisory Committee, Member, 2001–2002

Secretary, 1998–2000

Technology Committee, Chair, 1997–1998

Social Responsibilities SIS: Member, 2004–present

*Caucuses:*

Publishing Initiatives Caucus: Member, 2003–present

**Chapters:**

*Law Library Association of Greater New York (LLAGNY)*

Member, 1994–1997

Executive Board, Member, 1996–1997

*Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL)*

Member, 1997–present

Education Committee, Member, 2007–2008

Secretary, 2005–2007

Grants Committee, Member, 2000–2003

Membership Committee, Chair, 2001–2003

**Other:**

*Special Libraries Association*

Member, 1997–present

**Publications (Selected):**

“Researching Expert Witnesses: Be Not Afraid,” *San Francisco Daily Journal*, April 2, 2007

“New Sources: Management (Knowledge Management Lessons Learned: What Works and What Doesn’t),” *Business Information Alert* (April 2005) (book review)

“Expanding Roles of Law Librarians: Librarians and Marketing,” *PLI The Law Library 2005: Skills, Strategies & Solutions* (PLI Intellectual Property Course Handbook G-820)

“From the Chair,” 15:4 *PLL Perspectives* 3 (Summer 2004)

“From the Chair,” 15:3 *PLL Perspectives* 3 (Spring 2004)

“A Day in the Life of the Law Library Community,” 9 *AALL Spectrum* 6-7 (December 2004)

“The Seven Commandments of Highly Effective Web Searching,” 59 *The Legal Secretary* 4-5 (November 2004)

“From the Chair,” 15:2 *PLL Perspectives* 3 (Winter 2004)

“Image and the Librarian: From Marian the Librarian to the Librarian Action Figure, the Profession through the Public’s Eye,” 8 *AALL Spectrum* 10-11 (May 2004)

“From the Chair,” 15:1 *PLL Perspectives* 3 (Fall 2003)

“The Virtual Library: Past, Present and Future,” [http://www.llrx.com/features/virtual\\_library.htm](http://www.llrx.com/features/virtual_library.htm) (December 3, 2001)

“The ‘Virtual Library’: Sources, Services and Trends,” <http://www.llrx.com/extras/legaltech2001.htm> (September 17, 2001)

“Charts and Surveys of Interest to Law Librarians: A 1995 Update,” 20 *LLAGNY Law Lines* 8-12 (March/April 1996)

“Charts and Surveys of Interest to Law Librarians: A 1994 Update,” 19 *LLAGNY Law Lines* 12 (March/April 1995)

**Presentations (Selected):**

Council Member and Speaker, “Advanced Management in Private Law Libraries (AMPLL),” Dallas, 2007

Speaker, “Intelligence v. Information: Revolutionizing Competitive Intelligence,” LMA Bay Area Chapter 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Technology Program, San Francisco, 2006

Speaker, “Expanding Roles of Law Librarians,” PLI The Law Library, San Francisco, 2005

Council Member and Speaker, “Teaching Research in Private Law Libraries (TRIPLL),” Scottsdale, 2002

Moderator, “Knowledge Sharing and Management,” 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Legal Works Conference, San Francisco, 2002

Speaker, "The Virtual Library: Sources, Services and Trends," LegalTech, San Francisco, 2001

Speaker, "The Invisible Web: Finding What the Search Engines Missed," 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Legal Works Conference, San Francisco, 2001