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# SCCLL News

A Newsletter of the State, Court and County Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries

#### **View From The Chair**

Amy Hale-Janeke, SCCLL Chair

Special Interest Sections—An Endangered Species?

What good is a Special Interest Section? That seems to be one of the questions raised in the Velvet Chainsaw Consulting (VCC) report on the AALL annual meeting that was submitted to the Executive Board in October 2011. VCC's report suggest changes such as:

- eliminating SIS programming,
- focusing on marketing to only four SISs Academic, Private, Research Instruction and Patron Services, and Computing Services, and
- doing away with SIS committee meetings at the annual meeting.

Several SCCLL members posted their responses to this report to the discussion group set up by the Annual Meeting Special Committee for this purpose. But the SCCLL executive board thought that a more formal response to this report should be given. You can read it <a href="here">here</a>.

SCCLL was not the only SIS to offer a formal response. The Private Law Libraries SIS offered the first formal response, followed by the Online Bibliographic Services SIS, then the Government Documents SIS, then SCCLL, ending with a response from the Technical Services SIS. Some people also posted comments after the formal responses were posted. Quite frankly, many people wondered whether VCC truly understood what role Special Interest Sections occupy in the AALL organization or how the AALL annual meeting has evolved.

The gist of the SCCLL's Executive Board's response was that SISs serve many vital functions at the annual meeting and in AALL itself. In addition to proposing and producing excellent, targeted information on specialized subjects at the annual meeting, SISs also:

- help members feel connected to the organization,
- mentor newer members, and
- provide leadership opportunities for members.



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## **View from the Chair, continued**

Amy Hale-Janeke, SCCLL Chair

The SCCLL Executive Board didn't disagree with the whole VCC report. There were items that could be useful to making the annual meeting's content more timely, such as moving the due date for proposals back a few months and crowdsourcing program proposals.



SCCLL has had to work very hard to get our programs and roundtables on the annual meeting agenda and we plan to keep them there.

SCCLL programming at the annual meeting has always been of high quality and this coming year is no exception. The following SCCLL-sponsored programs have been accepted for the 2012 annual meeting:

- Don't want to be by myself: federal courts and pro ses (Barbara Fritschel)
- Access to justice committees and the growing importance of law librarian involvement (Sara Galligan)
- State Advocacy Strategies: learning to connect, grow and survive (Jonathan Stock)

Presentations are time-consuming and can be nerve-wracking and the Executive Board applauds the efforts of all those involved making sure these SCCLL-sponsored programs were accepted. Thanks to the SCCLL Education Committee for its hard work in sorting and ranking the programs submitted for review: Liz Reppe (chair), Michelle Finerty, Tara Lombardi, and Jessica Van Buren.

If you are able to attend the annual meeting this year, please show your support for SCCLL and other SIS programming by attending and **filling out the evaluation forms.** Your voice counts.

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#### From The Editor's Desk

Holly Gerber, Washington County Law Library (OR)

As we gear up towards the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston, there are a number of exciting events occurring in SCCLL-land. First, the Silent Auction Committee is looking for donations to help support conference attendance. Next, the Nominations Committee has prepared an excellent slate of candidates for this year's election. Candidate bios and statements begin on page 19. The Awards Committee is accepting nominations for 3 awards; information and links to nominations forms begin on page 26. Finally, we are also beginning what will hopefully be a continuing series on "what we are doing" in our libraries (page 8).

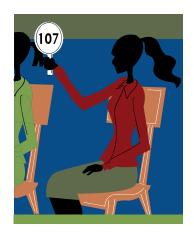
## **2012 Silent Auction**

**Gail Warren, Silent Auction Committee** 

Ready to "Learn-Connect-Grow"?

Maybe you're ready to do all three, but concerns about financing this professional and educational opportunity keep you from considering attendance at any AALL meeting, not just the 2012 meeting in Boston. Those of us who attend these meetings regularly understand and appreciate the benefit of traveling to the host city, of attending focused educational programming, and, perhaps most importantly, connecting with colleagues in person. The State Court and County Law Libraries SIS offers generous travel grants, made possible by the donations of our members – so keep an eye out for the upcoming grants cycle!

Lest you've forgotten, one of the ways we fund these grants is through our annual SILENT AUCTION!



## 2012 Silent Auction, continued

#### **Gail Warren, Silent Auction Committee**

As we've done in the past, the 2012 SCCLL Silent Auction will have both an online and in person component. Paula Doty, Federal and State Publications Librarian at the Nevada Supreme Court Library, will run the online auction blog which will open in late May and close right before the AALL meeting begins on July 21, 2012. The "live" auction will continue at the SCCLL breakfast in Boston.

We are looking for great donations. Are you crafty? Perhaps you or someone you know likes to knit, crochet, cross stitch, throw pots or do bead work? Hand crafted items, small items and gift certificates are always welcome. Jewelry, scarves, books, cards, and food (chocolate!!!) are always popular items, as well as other small and/or light weight items easily transported by airplane. Of course, any item is appreciated for the "online only" portion of our auction.

If you have any questions or are interested in donating items, please contact Gail Warren at <a href="mailto:gail.warren.56@comcast.net">gail.warren.56@comcast.net</a>.

#### **AALL Announcements**

Registration for the 2012 AALL Annual Meeting Opened Feb. 13

Designed by law librarians, for law librarians, the <u>AALL Annual Meeting</u> is an event you look forward to every year. Join nearly 2,000 of your colleagues from across the country to find out what they are doing in their libraries.



This year in Boston, July 21-24, you can look forward to:

Keynote speaker Richard Susskind
Nearly 100 educational sessions

A bustling Exhibit Hall featuring about 100 vendors

## **AALL Announcements, continued**

The return of the Association Luncheon

Connecting with the people who understand the issues you face every day

Make sure your plans for 2012 include the No.1 educational conference for legal information professionals—you can't afford to miss it. Registration opened February 13.

#### AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: <u>The Five-Minute Strategic Plan: When You Don't Have the Time or Resources to Do It Perfectly.</u>

Strategic planning is one process for setting goals and priorities. What we do and how we do it contributes to what we want to achieve in the long term. However, it is easy to become distracted by unwieldy and repetitive processes, jargon, and arguments over whether something is a goal, outcome, principle, or strategy. Learn a simple, proven model that translates strategic planning into four basic steps (plus one repeating step). It allows for effective design and execution when time is short and you need to move ahead quickly—without driving yourself and other people crazy.

This program is presented by Pat Wagner of Pattern Research, Inc. Wagner's entertaining programs are well-known for offering specific, practical skills and strategies that can be applied immediately to real problems.

Find this and more than 80 other free continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members on AALL2go!



# Librarians Lending a Hand: Teaching the Public How to Find and Use Legal Resources

Patricia Dolan and Brian Huffman, Washington County Law Library (MN)



In recognition of excellence, the Washington County Law Library was awarded a \$25,000 federal grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the sponsoring agency. The grant supported a series of public legal seminars entitled Librarians Lending a Hand: Teaching the Public How to Find and Use Legal Resources.

The Washington County Law Library staff organized eleven legal seminars presented by volunteer attorneys who practice in the area of law specific to the legal topic of each seminar. Funds from the grant purchased ten laptop computers, one LCD projector and a printer. The seminars, which have been held in public libraries throughout Washington County located in Woodbury, Cottage Grove, Forest Lake, and Oakdale, will continued through January 2012. Brian Huffman, the Washington County Law Librarian, selected legal topics for the seminars that reflected law library patrons' requests for legal information and assistance. The topics of the seminars included:

- Unmarried parents' rights
- Conciliation Court basics
- Tenant/Landlord rights and remedies
- Bankruptcy basics
- · Consumer debt relief
- Child support rights and obligations
- Divorce basics
- Expungement of criminal records
- Child custody and parenting time
- Basic estate planning/wills
- Legal research and online resources

## Librarians Lending a Hand: Teaching the Public How to Find and Use Legal Resources, continued

Patricia Dolan and Brian Huffman, Washington County Law Library (MN)



The goals of the seminars were to inform pro se litigants who wish to represent themselves in court due to financial constraints or other reasons, of their options and of the legal tools available to them for accomplishing their individual objectives. At the seminars, the attorneys began by giving a general summary of the points of law and general legal issues relevant to the topic. The seminars used the mobile computer lab that was supported by the grant to familiarize the participants with accessing legal forms and other legal information from a variety of online sources.

From January through December 2011, the staff registered 85 attendees at eleven monthly seminars. Evaluations of attendees showed the public learned from and appreciated the seminars. Statistics were compiled (on a 1-5 scale; 1=low; 5=high) and revealed the following:

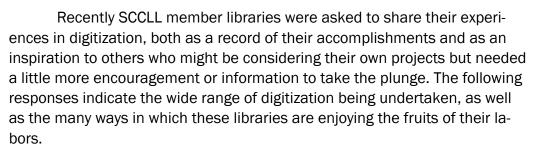
- As a result of the clinic/seminar you believe you are now better informed and prepared to move forward to resolve any legal issues you might have:
   4.2 average
- As a result of this clinic/seminar you believe you have learned about some services, forms, resources you now can utilize to solve your personal legal issues: 4.5 average
- You would attend other clinics/seminars presented by this organization:
   4.4 average

The Feb. 27, 2011 issue of the Star Tribune summarized the benefits of these seminars and recognized them for introducing people to the judicial system and making it less mysterious.

## What We Are Doing...in Digitization

## Compiled by John Barden, Law and Legislative Reference Library, Maine State Legislature

One of the greatest benefits of the explosion of digital information over the last 20 years or so has been the ability to expand access to materials through digitization. Whether by scanning from print or microform, capturing and managing electronic originals, or developing metadata as a guide to our collections, digital technology has permitted material to be delivered faster and farther, has improved our searching capabilities, and has aided in the preservation of rare and fragile originals through reduced wear and tear.





## Maricopa County Superior Court Law Library

Reported by Jennifer S. Murray-Mesquita

The Maricopa County (Ariz.) Superior Court Law Library is digitizing files containing legal research memoranda and other work product that our Law Library's research staff have completed over the years for Court Administration. We undertook this effort in order to preserve the outdated electronic files associated with this research, e.g. WordPerfect files, as well as to gain additional physical storage space by being able to remove the existing file cabinets containing hard copies of this research. We were not provided any additional resources for this project and have not partnered with anyone related to it. This leads to our biggest obstacle regarding the project which is that we had no choice but work with a freeware platform. That is not our preference, but our information technology department was not supportive of our efforts due to other internal demands on their resources.

Compiled by John Barden, Law and Legislative Reference Library, Maine State Legislature

The project's output is a web-based document library using a freeware wiki platform. We have two professional library staff and one paraprofessional library staff working on this project as time permits. The paraprofessional staff member scans the hard copy files into PDF files and saves them to our shared drive. Then, our professional staff organize and assign metadata to the files before uploading them to the wiki platform. Our project is approximately 15% completed. Our ultimate goal is to complete digitization of our legal research files and then proceed to aid Court Administration with digitization of their administration files as well. Court Administration faces the same preservation and storage space issues as our Law Library. We view our Law Library's digitization project as a pilot for a larger Court-wide project.

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## Minnesota Attorney General Library

A.G. Opinions Digitization Project

Reported by Anita Anderson & Karla Gedell

The Minnesota Attorney General opinions collection is available in two formats: 1) All formal opinions are on microfiche and 2) selected opinions were published in print in the Biennial Report of the Attorney General and later in the Minnesota Legal Register.

A.G. Library staff began digitizing the opinions in 2003 as we received requests for copies. At first, we printed opinions from microfiche and scanned the printouts, or scanned directly from the Biennial Reports. In May 2005, our microfiche reader-printer required replacement and we installed a Konica Minolta MS 6000 MKII reader-scanner. This eliminated the printing step, saving time and paper. Fiche images are scanned to an attached PC in TIF format using Imaging Professional software (made by Eastman Software,

v. 2.6). The TIF file is then converted to PDF format using Adobe Acrobat Standard software.

The fiche-scanner vendor, Mid-America Business Systems, also provided a user-friendly program they developed in-house. This program allows our staff to print, save, or email opinions from microfiche. The program is very intuitive and can be configured to function as a touch-screen.

Our office has always had a policy of providing copies of older opinions as requested. Instead of mailing a copy, we now email a PDF attachment, often within minutes of the request. We currently have over 3600 formal opinions and 86 informal letter opinions residing on a shared drive in PDF format. The library email and phone number are available on our public website

(<a href="http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Resources/ResourcesAttGenOpinion.asp">http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Resources/ResourcesAttGenOpinion.asp</a>) and we fill opinion requests daily.

Our goal is to create a web-accessible database of existing electronic opinion files that would permit a simple look-up: by category number, by date, or both. With that in mind, files are named using a standard convention: NNAA-YYYYMMDD.pdf (NNAA = category number and letter (if applicable); YYYYMMDD = date of opinion

Example: Op. Atty. Gen. 24-A (May 24, 1950) is saved as 24a-19500524.pdf).

Unfortunately, our IT staff is small and their duties are immense. Our database project has not been completed. However, our method of providing opinions through phone and email requests is working quite well. Our only expense was the reader-scanner, which was ready for replacement anyway.

Occasionally we encounter citation errors in the Notes of Decisions of Minnesota Statutes Annotated. When this occurs, we verify the correct citation and send the correction to the publisher via email for correction in the next edition. Older opinions were typed on old typewriters and this sometimes results in an incorrect date or number (a "3" instead of "8," or a "0" instead of a "6"). Our microfiche varies greatly in quality. We are able to correct this somewhat through our experience using the Imaging Professional software.



Our inexpensive method of converting Minnesota Attorney General opinions to PDF and sending via email has been a big hit with our staff and attorneys outside of our office!

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## Rhode Island State Law Library / Rhode Island State Library

#### **Rhode Island Treasures**

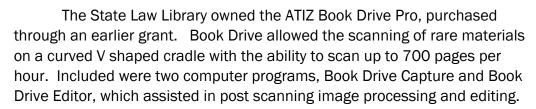
Reported by Karen H. Quinn

The Rhode Island State Library and the Rhode Island State Law Library are special research libraries specializing in the acquisition and preservation of legal and legislative materials. Recognizing their unique missions, they partnered to undertake a digitization project of many of their important and unique state materials and historical collections.

#### Objectives included:

- Providing digital access to students, teachers, researchers and all citizens
- Adding value to resources by taking them out of the vault and onto the desktop
- Preserving fragile materials that document the legal and legislative history of Rhode Island
- Supporting educational and research activities; providing primary source materials including pamphlets, photographs, reports, indices and related records
- Fulfilling strategic mission and goals of participating institutions
- Working collaboratively to provide access to previously unavailable resources.
- Working cooperatively on programs not available to the individual partners

In late 2010, the libraries received a \$12,000.00 grant from the Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services, using funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the federal Library Services and Technology Act. The libraries began making plans to explore best practices for digitization, hire a digitization assistant, determine proper metadata procedures and make the materials available to the widest audience.



A demonstration at Providence College served as a catalyst that allowed us to hire our digitization assistant, Alex Burnett. Alex had completed an internship at Providence College and was familiar with the equipment and its software. This proved to be a fortuitous sequence of events as Alex has provided us with the expertise, dedication and tenacity needed to properly set up the project and assist us in accomplishing our goals.

We purchased the ABBY FINE READER, an optical character recognition program as well as an external hard drive that would provide stable storage, held meetings with Tom Evans at the State Library and solicited various publications for digitization. We investigated how and where we would store the digitized materials and explored retrieval alternatives.

Below is a sampling of the materials chosen for digitization.

- Rhode Island Acts and Resolves (1758-1899). This is a running index
  (A-Z for each year) consisting of three different volumes. The ABBY Fine
  Reader revealed a problem with the recognition of the older fonts. For
  example, the word "session" read in the index as "seffion." Our digitization assistant painstakingly read through each page, making the necessary changes.
- Trial of John Gordon It is widely believed that John Gordon, the last man executed in the State of Rhode Island, was wrongly accused of the murder of mill owner Amasa Sprague in 1845. The State Law Library pos-



sesses in paper format many of the primary documents associated with the trial, including the original transcript of the trial. The State Library contributed General Assembly reports that resulted in the outlawing of execution here in RI and other secondary materials. A library of valuable resources resulted that will serve to provide valuable research on this event as well as on the history of capital punishment in RI.

- Gallery of the Governors of the State of RI. A special project of Tom Evans at the State Library, this valuable biographical and image collection is included as part of the digitization project.
- Trevitt v. Weeden (1786) --Predating the print volumes, this represents an important case in Rhode Island history that set precedent for Judicial Review
- RI Court and Practices Act (1905) The enabling legislation that authorized the unified court system in RI
- General Court of Trial Records Book A / A handwritten manuscript of RI
  Court Records from 1671-1724, this book constitutes an invaluable and
  unique historical document. Roger Williams himself is noted in the
  manuscript as a contributor. The ABBY FineReader proved of little assistance with this document as it is handwritten in a number of individual
  styles. A plaintiff/ defendant case name spreadsheet was compiled to
  assist researchers.

Throughout the digitization process, we were concerned as to where the material would be stored and how would it would be accessed. Firewall issues, network control, necessary server space and funding were some of the road-blocks. The problem was eventually solved by the HELIN Consortium, of which the State Law Library is an affiliate member. In a spirit of library cooperation and partnership HELIN agreed to load these materials on the HELIN Digital Commons. Using HELIN as our home portal, we are able to provide metadata information, unlimited access, digital security and retrieval through Google and other search engines. We are most grateful to the HELIN Consortium for this opportunity.

In September, 2011 the funding for the grant was exhausted. We have made a start, have procedures in place, publicized the program at a

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### Maryland State Law Library

Reported by Steve Anderson

For the past few years, the Maryland State Law Library has been digitizing specific aspects of our collection that we have identified as important and unique for Maryland legal scholarship and research. Two collections that have been completed are the Maryland Judicial Rules Committee Meeting Minutes and Agendas and the Proceedings of the Maryland Judicial Conference. Underway is the digitization of our comprehensive collection of reports commissioned by the Maryland legislative and executive branches. These reports date back to the early 20th century and cover subjects ranging from Chesapeake Bay pollution to state employee pensions. They are often used when conducting legislative histories and are cited in appellate opinions. At this point we have scanned over 1500 of these reports with about 275 left to do. This project should be completed by the end of Spring 2012.

Since we are a small staff, we decided that it would be best to outsource the scanning of the materials. We used a private vendor for the first two phases and most recently partnered with the Maryland State Archives for the final two. In working with both the private vendor and the State Archives, the process has gone extremely well, in large part because of planning by library staff and the skill and cooperation of our vendors. Files are available online directly through our web site, our OPAC and via Worldcat. They are in PDF/A format and are housed in a web-based document library using ArchivalWare by PTFS. We also have original TIFF files that we keep onsite. We expect to continue scanning projects as an ordinary function of the library's responsibilities. For that reason, we now have individual "line item" categories in our budget for scanning and hosting. We are currently assessing our collections for "the next best thing" to digitize. Our goal is to make those materials that are unique to our collection as freely and widely available as

possible. You can access these collection here: http://www.lawlib.state.md.us/collections/digitalcollections.html

## Washington County (Ore.) Law Library A Superseded Statutes Database

Reported by Laura Orr

In 2011, the Washington County Law Library started scanning superseded Oregon Revised Statutes editions, 1953-1987. It was, and still is, a laborious and complex management project for a small law library, but it will benefit all Oregon law researchers.

After contacting state archives, legislative administration, and law libraries, to make sure no one else was undertaking the same task, the Washington County Law Librarian set about planning the digitization project. The planning was complicated by the fact that there were only 3 known complete sets of the statutes in the state and none could be borrowed or de-spined for fast scanning.

The Law Librarian wanted a publicly-accessible, and free, host for the data and talked to legal information vendors and state officials. The best of all hosts, Oregon Legislative Counsel, came through and the data is beginning to appear on the Legislature's website.

You can read more about this project at the Oregon Legal Research blog (<a href="http://oregonlegalresearch.blogspot.com">http://oregonlegalresearch.blogspot.com</a>). The project's blog posts are listed under the label "Gutbusters" ( the posts also include a picture illustrating why they're referred to as "Gutbusters").

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## Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library The LLDL at the LLRL

Reported by John Barden

Digitization at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library (LLRL) began in 2005, when the Library began scanning articles from its voluminous collection of newspaper clippings dating back to the 1960s and earlier. The Library uses the Alchemy document management system to scan the clippings, apply optical character recognition (OCR), and enter metadata for each article. The article images are stored as TIFs, although they can be exported to PDF. The system creates indexes and permits full-text searching. We have completely scanned articles for the years 2004-2011 and have entered articles from some special collections as well. The database now stores over 66,000 articles.

A little more than two years ago, we expanded our digitization vision, after we realized we had been scanning the same materials over and over again in response to patron requests and discarding the files once each patron's immediate need was satisfied. This was a waste of staff time and scanning capabilities, and was leading to wear and tear on the materials themselves, especially bound volumes.

Due to licensing restrictions, we decided that the Alchemy system would not help us grow in new directions. After examining our needs, and in acknowledgment of the limitations on our equipment, staffing, and funding, we came up with a simple list of standards and goals:

- PDF would be the preferred format
- 300 dpi would be the preferred resolution
- laws and legislative materials would receive top priority
- we would apply optical character recognition (OCR) to certain categories of scanned files, but not to all
- all scans would be reviewed for quality
- where electronic originals were obtainable, we would convert those to



PDF for compatibility with our files

- intranet access to scanned files was an easy first step, permitting delivery by e-mail attachment; web server storage and website design were down the road
- our scanning priorities would be guided in part by patron and staff needs, rather than a predefined schedule

From these principles emerged the Law and Legislative Digital Library (LLDL), which has grown to more than 100,000 documents in two years (excluding the news clippings). Our chief series to date include: session laws, bills and amendments, superseded versions of the Revised Statutes, House and Senate debate, and committee master files, containing testimony and other working documents.

We have used existing equipment (a standard office scanner/copier and a Fujitsu flatbed scanner, both connected to our network) and standard scanning software. We have not added additional staff for the project. Our only significant expense has been the purchase of several licenses to Adobe Acrobat to facilitate PDF production and review by various staff members. All files are reviewed for completeness and quality of image. OCRed files are spot-checked and rescanned if the image needs improvement.

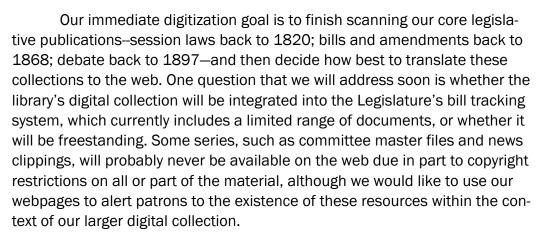
Our files are "banked" on terabyte-size external drives that tie into our two networks. Filename conventions identify the content of the files without having to open them. One set of files is available to staff working on reference requests; they can easily examine and attach files to email responses. The other set of files is attached to our public network where they can be accessed by our patrons within the library.

Our selection process for digitization may seem haphazard, but the gaps are being filled in. In the case of committee master files, we scan and process all files that are brought from offsite storage in response to patron requests. In this way we have scanned more than 1,000 files totaling more than 80,000 pages of testimony and other materials. In 2010, we also began scanning incoming master files as they arrived after each session. Furthermore, we set a goal of retrospectively scanning two years of master files during each year's interim between legislative sessions. Thus, in less than

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two years, we have completely scanned five years of committee files and should complete another two-year bloc within the next few weeks.

We have been quick to tailor our objectives to take advantage of opportunities or to satisfy immediate needs. For example, when a nearby law firm library needed to downsize by getting rid of their shelves of bills and amendments, we used their unbound copies to scan and provide them (and us) with a digital product in a much shorter timeframe than we had anticipated. In another case, we put aside other work to digitize our earliest Legislative Records (floor debate), after we realized that our decaying reference copies were the only copies we had!



Reaction to our digitization progress has been strongly favorable. Legislators have encouraged the project as a sign of enhanced efficiency in legislative resources. Patrons have noted our faster response times when we are drawing on our previously digitized resources. Although staff are spending more time scanning now then under the old system, most of their work product is being added to the digital collection rather than being discarded. All of this is being done within existing equipment and personnel resources. We hope that within two years we will have met our initial scanning goals and be ready to move on to the development of a web-based delivery system.

[Compiler's note: Thanks to everyone who contributed to this article. I was delighted with the response and excited to learn about "what we are doing" in digitization. If you have suggestions for future "What We Are Doing" articles, please forward your input to John Barden (john.barden@legislature.maine.gov) or Holly Gerber (Holly\_Gerber@co.washington.or.us).]



#### SCCLL Nominations

#### Sandy Marz, Nominations Chair

The 2012 SCCLL Nominating Committee (comprised of Jessie Burchfield, Claudia Jalowka, Carol Suhre, Sandy Marz, Chair, Rita Dermody, Liaison, and Amy Hale-Janeke) is happy to announce the following candidates for the 2012 election:

#### Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (2012-2013)

Larry Meyer, Law Library for San Bernadino County

Maryruth Storer, Orange County Public Law library

#### Member-At-Large (2012-2015)

Scott Burgh, City of Chicago Department of Law Library

Coral Henning, Sacramento County Public Law library

The candidates selected resumes and personal statements can be found on the following pages. The election will be held electronically. Your participation is vital in order to keep our SCCLL SIS membership strong, and to sustain SCCLL SIS as an important and active component of AALL. The Nominations Committee thanks the candidates for their willingness to take a leadership role in SCCLL. We also thank those who have nominated colleagues or themselves for helping to keep our Section active.

## Larry Meyer Vice-Chair/Chair Elect

#### **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 University of La Verne Law Library National University Law Library

Director, 2002-present Director, 1995-2002

Circulation/Reference Librarian, 1990-1994

## **Larry Meyer**

**Vice-Chair/Chair Elect (continued from page 19)** 

#### Activities (Selected):

American Association of Law Libraries

Member, 1995 - present

#### AALL Committees/Representative

AALL Representative to Self-Represented Litigant Network, 2010-present

Membership Development Committee, Member, 2009 -2011 (Chair 2010-2011)

Appointments Committee, Member, 2009-2010

CRIV, Member, 2004-2006

Government Relations Committee, Member, 1999-2001 and 2001-2002

Local Arrangements Committee, Anaheim Annual Meeting, 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

State, Court and County Law Libraries SIS; Member, 2002 – present (By-Laws, Publicity, Standards Committees)

#### Chapters:

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

Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL)

President, 1999-2000 and 2001-2002; Vice President, 1998-1999

Committee Activity: Awards, Chair; CRIV, Chair;

Special Committee on Policy and Procedures, Chair

Recipient: William B. Rohan Chapter Service Award, 2006

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#### Other:

Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity: International Executive Board, Member (presently-Chancellor)

Council of Sections, California State Bar, member 2006 – 2011, Co-Chair 2008-2009

Law Practice Management Technology Section, California State Bar, Law Librarian Liaison, member, Chair 2006-2007, presently-Special Advisor

Opening A Law Office, California State Bar publication, editorial team

Council of California County Law Librarians, Member 2002-present, President 2008-2010

#### Presentations (Selected):

California Grand Jurors Association, Law Library Skills, 1999

## **Larry Meyer**

Vice-Chair/Chair Elect (continued from page 20)

"Bridging the Gap" for new bar members, 2002-2011
"Law Librarians Sailing into New Waters," SANDALL Fall Workshop, 2003
Southern California Government Documents Librarians Group, 1999, 2000 and 2001

#### Subjects Taught:

Legal Bibliography Computer Research

#### Candidate Statement:

As a member of the SCCLL-SIS I have been impressed by the section leadership and their desire to serve and advocate on behalf of section members as well as serving the larger Law Librarian community. It is with that same desire to serve the membership, that I am pleased to have this opportunity to be a candidate for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of the SIS. If elected, I look forward to the opportunity to assist in strengthening our SIS in remaining a strong and vital participant in the law librarian community, our institutions and communities and in providing equal access to justice.

## **Maryruth Storer**

Vice-Chair/Chair Elect

#### 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

#### **Employment**

1988 to present Orange County Public Law Library, Law Library Director 1979-1988 O'Melveny & Myers, Law Library Manager

1978-1979 University of Tennessee, Associate Law Librarian

#### Professional Activities

American Association of Law Libraries, member 1978-present

Bylaws and Resolutions Committee 2009-2012 (Chair, 2011-2012); Research and Publications Committee 2008-2009; Washington Affairs Office Special Committee 2008-2009; Publications Committee 2007-2008; Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee 2007-2008; Government Relations Committee 2005-2007; Nominations Committee 2003-2004; Biennial Salary Survey Task Force 2002-2003

## **Maryruth Storer**

#### Vice-Chair/Chair Elect (continued from page 21)

(Chair); Executive Board Member 1999-2002; Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee 1997-1998; Awards Committee 1994-1996 (Chair, 1995-1996); Special Committee on National Chapter Relations 1991-1992; Constitution and Bylaws Committee 1990-1992; Council of Chapter Presidents 1986-1988 (Chair, 1987-1988); National Legal Resources Committee 1986-1987; Membership Committee 1983-1986 (Chair, 1984-1985); Legislation and Legal Developments Committee 1981-1983; Exchange of Duplicates Committee. 1979-1981

State, Court and County SIS, member 1988-present

Membership and Mentoring Committee 2010-2012 (Chair, 2010-2011); Education Committee 2009-2010; Appellate Court Standards Committee 2004-2005 (Chair); Bylaws Committee 2003-2004; Awards Committee 1993-1997 (Chair, 1997-1998); Interlibrary Communications Committee 1989-1990 (Chair)

Southern California Association of Law Libraries, member 1980-present

President 1986-1987, Treasurer 1984-1985

Council of California County Law Librarians, member 1988-present

President 1994-1996, Treasurer, 1990-1994

Law Library Microforms Consortium

Advisory Council 2005-2008, 1996-2001; Executive Board 2001-2005

Califa. Executive Board 2005-present

Oregon State Bar, member 1978-present

#### Candidate Statement:

The Strategic Direction for SCCLL 2010-2015 states that the Core Purpose of SCCLL is that it provides advocacy, leadership and education for its members. During my years as a SCCLL member, I have greatly benefitted from the collective efforts of SCCLL members who provided advocacy, leadership and education, and I've participated in many activities aiming to advance those efforts.

As government law librarians, these advocacy efforts are particularly critical to obtaining political and financial support for our libraries, which are under great pressure during these current tough budget-ary and political times. SCCLL has long provided opportunities for all members to share our expertise and experiences in methods to implement changes that enable us to continue providing legal information to our constituencies. We can each grow stronger by standing together to face these challenging times. I'd be honored to serve as SCCLL Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and assist SCCLL members as we all face the future.

## **Scott Burgh**

### Member-At-Large

#### **EDUCATION**

August 1986 Master of Science in Library and Information Science

May 1982 Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, American Civilization interdisciplinary

program

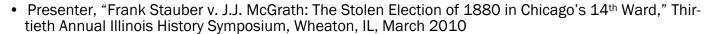
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

1990-present Chief Law Librarian - City of Chicago Law Department, Corporation Counsel

1986-1989 Reference Librarian - Winston and Strawn

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES



- Speaker, "Legal Research Roundtable," Louis L. Biro Law Library, John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL, April 2009
  - Chair, State, Court & County Law Libraries SIS Grants Committee, American Association of Law Libraries, 98th annual meeting, San Antonio, TX, 2004-2005
  - Chair, State, Court & County Law Libraries SIS Education Committee, American Association of Law Libraries, 97th annual meeting, Boston, MA 2003-2004
  - Treasurer, Chicago Association of Law Libraries, 2000-2002
  - Member, Annual Program Selection Committee, American Association of Law Libraries 94th Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, July 2001
  - Chair, Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues, Social Responsibilities SIS, American Association of Law Libraries, 92<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting, Washington, D.C., July 1999
  - Coordinator and Moderator, "CD ROM: Lasting or Transitional Format," American Association of Law Libraries 91st Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, July 1998
  - Coordinator and Speaker, "Legal Reference versus Interpreting the Law," American Association of Law Libraries 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, July 1997
  - Speaker, "Research Resources for Scholars," Interdisciplinary Conference on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bowers v. Hardwick, John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL, March 1996
  - Speaker, "Cost Effectiveness in Law Libraries," Meeting of the Association of Legal Administrators, The Greater Chicago Chapter, February, 1996
  - Presenter, "The Legislative Initiatives of Chicago's Socialist Aldermen 1878-1883," Sixteenth Annual Illinois History Symposium, Springfield, IL, December 1995



## **Scott Burgh**

#### Member-At-Large (continued from page 23)

- Presenter, "The Congressional Career of Carter Henry Harrison I, Future Mayor of Chicago," Fifteenth Annual Illinois History Symposium, Springfield, IL, December 1994
- Co-coordinator and Co-moderator, "Performance Analysis, Appraisal, and Discipline in Law Libraries: Strategies for Managing the Library Work Force," American Association of Law Libraries 87th Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, July 1994
- Coordinator and Moderator, "Working Effectively with Legal Administrators/Library Committees/ Partners," American Association of Law Libraries 86th Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, July 1993

#### STATEMENT OF GOALS

Our association is designed to promote librarianship and its spirit of cooperation, and to increase the usefulness and visibility of both law libraries and law librarians. As law librarians, we need to implement these goals by developing relationships with the multiple constituencies we serve. For example, I serve almost 300 attorneys, paralegals, the City Clerk, aldermanic offices, other City departments and the public in legal bibliography and research. We need to let people know what we have to offer through a clear vision, articulated in a framework that demonstrates the visibility of law libraries and their resources. I will approach the role on the Executive Committee with this outlook in mind.

As a member of the Executive Committee, I will undertake the specific duties and special projects with diligence. I will treat matters with a practical cost effective approach and with fiscal responsibility.

## Coral Hennings Member-At-Large

**Education:** J.D. 1983 Golden Gate University School of Law; MLIS 2003 San Jose State University.

**Positions Held:** Director, Sacramento County Public Law Library, 2004– present; Training Coordinator, Sacramento County Public Law Library, 2001–2004; Public Services Librarian, Sacramento County Public Law Library, 1 995–2001; Information Broker, Computerized Online Research Assistance Limitless (C.O.R.A.L.), 1995-1994; Library Director, McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth, Fresno, CA 1992-1993; Assistant Director, San Francisco County Law Library, 1984-1991.

## **Coral Hennings**

Member-At-Large (continued from page 24)

**Activities:** AALL member since 1984; Member, State Court & County Law Libraries, SIS, 1984–present; Member, Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS, 2001- present; Listserv owner ,Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS, 2002–present; Trustee Development Chair, State Court and County Law Libraries SIS, 2008-present; Speaker, 2007 AALL annual meeting "Pleased to Meet You"; Moderator, 2009 AALL Annual meeting "Finding Services for Seniors (Ourselves and Others)", 2010 AALL Annual meeting "Developing Your Supervisory Skills: Motivating and Retaining "At Will" Professional & Nonprofessional Employees"

**Chapters:** Chair/member, Northern California Association of Law Libraries Public Access to Legal Information,1985-2004; Vice President, Northern California Association of Law Libraries, 2006/2007; President, Northern California Association of Law Libraries, 2007/2008.

**Other:** Member, California Council of County Law Libraries, 1984-1991 & 2004-present; Vice President, California Council of County Law Librarians, 2004-2006; President, California Council of County Law Librarians, 2006-2008; Member, Special Libraries Association, 2001- present; Publicity Committee Chair, Special Libraries Association, 2005; Member, Sacramento County Bar Association, 2001-present; Steering committee, Mountain Valley Library System, 2004-2008.

Publications: Sacramento Lawyer "Law Library News" bi-monthly contributing author 2004-present;

**Subjects Taught**: Introduction to Legal Research and Law Library Basics; Legal Research on the Internet; Becoming a Digital Lawyer; Social Media: Twitter & Facebook; Legal Research for the Non-Law Librarian; Legal Research for Prison Law Librarians.

**Statement:** It is a great honor to be nominated for the Executive Board. As a California County Law Librarian for over 30 years I have been a proud member of AALL and have benefited from its leadership.

Changes in the economy have caught the legal profession somewhat off guard. AALL needs to continue to strengthen and publicize the value law librarians bring to their organizations and institutions.

My professional activities have centered on providing transparency and access to legal information by teaching and doing outreach to others. I would like to continue this at the national level to encourage and help others increase their involvement with AALL. I have always found that the more you participate in an organization or association the more benefit you derive from it both personally and professionally in addition to enhancing the association. There is strength in numbers and one of my goals, if elected, would be to retain and increase both membership and participation.

Education is one of AALL strong suits and I would like to see more sponsorship of programs regionally at the Chapter and local levels, as money for travel has all but dried up for many of us. Also AALL should increase distance education with webinar and teleconference offerings.

## **Coral Hennings**

Member-At-Large (continued from page 25)

Advocacy efforts both nationally and locally are also important. We need information access policies that provide affordable and accurate access to legal information.

As law librarianship continues to evolve AALL members will be instrumental in shaping legal information management. As a member of the Executive Board I would like to help the Association achieve these goals.

### **SCCLL Award Announcements**

Paula Doty, Awards Committee

#### "New" Law Library Advocate Award

The Awards Committee of the State, Court and County Special Interest Section is soliciting 2011-2012 nominations for the Law Library Advocate Award.

The Law Library Advocate Award is a new State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section award that is presented to a law library supporter in recognition of his or her substantial contribution towards the advancement and improvement of a State, Court or County law library's service or visibility.

Nominees for this award are any person who has had a significant influence on a state, court or county law library and who is not a member of the law library staff. Examples of nominees include, but are not limited to, trustees, legislators, state/county/municipal officials, court managers, and judges.

The purpose of this new award is to acknowledge and honor those individuals who are not part of our library staff but who advocate on behalf of our libraries. These individuals value our institutions and work tirelessly to insure our success and, in these difficult economic times, our existence. These individuals give of their time and expertise because they passionately believe in our missions and goals. They are the voice outside our library that calls others to value and support our library. Their voice, action and work has a direct and resounding impact on the success of the library.



## **SCCLL Award Announcements, continued**

### Paula Doty, Awards Committee

Given today's economic and political environment it is important that we recognize these individuals and say a collective thank you. We need to acknowledge their actions and work on our behalf and encourage others to follow their examples.

The deadline for the Law Library Advocate Award is April 1st. The nominations form is available on the <u>Awards Committee website</u> and at <a href="http://www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll/docs/awardscomm/Advocate">http://www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll/docs/awardscomm/Advocate</a> Nomination.doc.



Attention SCCLL Members! The Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the 2012 Connie E. Bolden Publications Award. This award is presented to a State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section member to recognize a scholarly publication produced sometime within the last two years. Has someone in your library or a colleague in another library written a work that you feel is outstanding and should be recognized? Nominate them! Nomination forms will soon be available on the SCCLL website or contact any member of the Awards Committee with your nomination. The dead-line for nominations is **April 1, 2012**.



Ms. Paula Doty, Chair 2011-2012

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## **SCCLL Award Announcements, continued**

#### Paula Doty, Awards Committee

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The nominations form can be found at the Awards website and at http://

www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll/docs/awardscomm/

Bolden Award Nomination.doc.

## **SCCLL Award Announcements, continued**

#### Paula Doty, Awards Committee

## The O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities has Returned for 2012

The Awards Committee of the State, Court and County Special Interest Section is soliciting nominations for the 2012 O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities.

The O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Services to Persons with Disabilities is awarded annually to a State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section member who has made a significant contribution by either serving directly or arranging for services to be provided to persons with disabilities or for distinctive service by a person who has a disability.

The previous recipients of the O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities are:

2011

No award given

2010

Anne McDonald for significant contributions to serving persons with disabilities.

2007

No award given

2004

No award given

2001

Catherine Lemann for her leadership of AIDSLaw of Louisiana.

1998

Pamela J. Gregory for her extensive work with adult literacy programs.

The deadline for nominations is **April 1, 2012**. More information can be found at the <u>Awards website</u>, and the nomination form is available on page 30 of this issue.



## Nomination for the 2012 O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities

The O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities is awarded to a State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section member who has made a significant contribution to either serving directly or arranging for services to be provided to persons with disabilities or for distinctive service by a person with a disability.

SCCLL Member and Publication Being Nominated:
Name:
Title (or former title if retired):
Employer (or former employer if retired):
Address:
Telephone:
Email:
On a separate sheet, please tell us in your own words about this person and why you believe that it is appropriate to award the 2012 O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities to this individual.
Individual Providing the Nomination:
Name:
Library:
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