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WILL YOU BE IN NEW ORLEANS? HOW TO OBTAIN FUNDING FOR THE AALL CONFERENCE

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Although the AALL conference in July is still several months off, if you have not already received funding for your attendance, now is definitely the time to plan your strategy. With law firm budgets planned months ahead of time, you don't have a moment to waste.

I solicited comments from PLL's membership on their techniques for obtaining conference funding. The feedback I received is interesting and sheds some light on how to make management aware of the inestimable value of the AALL conference experience.

Since obtaining the support of management is obviously of paramount importance to the funding decision, if management is uncertain of the advantages to be gained from your conference attendance, it is imperative to adequately explain to them how you, and more importantly the firm, will benefit. List specific needs of your library and what can be gained from the conference events. As one librarian stated, "I summarize which of the items on the planned agenda will provide valuable skills, developments, and upgrades for the needs of our firm." Another librarian concurred: "I discuss with the firm CFO the programs and special subject programs being offered and how they will add value to what the library and the staff provide... I find showing the value to the firm of our attendance and membership in various organizations makes it easier to obtain permission and the money to attend conferences and seminars." It's helpful to mention that librarians from competing law firms will likely be attending, and your attendance is essential in order for your own firm to stay abreast of library developments. A written and professionally prepared and presented request will improve your chances of success.

Another option to obtain funding is to pursue third party grants such as those offered by the PLL Grants Committee. Some librarians report being given funds by their employer after they had received grant money to attend a previous conference. The deadline for this year's grant applications is April 16, 2007. The grant application

is at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/pllis/>.

If these attempts still leave you without funding, some librarians consider the annual conference of enough importance that, if financially feasible, they are willing to pay their own costs in order to attend. One would hope that an employer who had denied funding would look favorably on such a librarian and perhaps reconsider the decision in the future.

It is crucial and equally important to communicate the benefits of the conference to attorneys and management once the conference is over. After last year's conference, I immediately sent an enthusiastic and positive memo to several of the senior partners, detailing the sessions and events I attended, what I learned, and how I would transfer that knowledge into improved, more efficient, and more effective library operations. I tried to return with something to benefit as many attorneys as possible: a trial issue of a new newsletter, information on a forthcoming book, vendor giveaways, anything at all to let them know I was at the conference looking for ways to help them do their jobs better. Throughout the year, I also point out to management when the library has benefited because of something I learned or the contacts I have made via the conference. Another method is explained by a St. Louis colleague of mine, who works for a firm that encourages conference attendance: "We have a monthly luncheon where people who have attended seminars, CLE programs and such are expected to make a brief presentation about it. I usually offer a PowerPoint program filled with pictures of the city, the hotel, the convention center, the vendors room, a couple of classrooms, etc., and a brief outline of the programs I attended. If any useful changes to the library's procedures come from it, I make a point of letting the administration know."

By far one of the most original and foresightful ways to guarantee your attendance at the conference is to make it part of your original employment negotiations. One solo librarian at a 30-attorney firm said: "I stated how important

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Fall: August 15 **Winter:** October 15
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FROM THE CHAIR

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AALL Committees

A big thank you to all who volunteered for AALL committees this year. I was pleased to see a mix of familiar names and those I didn't know that well on the list of private law librarians who had volunteered this year. I attended a meeting in Chicago with the other major SIS Chairs and Ann Fessenden, AALL's President-Elect, to choose members for AALL's committees. We tried to fit the interests and experiences in the slots we thought would work best. I will be in contact with those of you who volunteered, but didn't make it (we did have more volunteers than positions). I'm sure I can find something for you to do!

Annual Meeting Program Committee

Everybody and their dog wants to be on the Annual Meeting Program Committee, which was already chosen and on its way. PLL Secretary Lynn Merring is on the committee, as well as PLL's Kim Serna, so we're well represented.

Regional programming

Our long-awaited Copyright 101 program, with copyright guru Kevin Dames, is set for March 30 in Baltimore. We

hope the location will be handy for a number of chapters in the region. Let me tell you, planning a regional program is fun and challenging. It's key to have AALL Chapter help, as we received from Pat Behles, LLAM President, who did the groundwork in finding a facility for us. If you're interested in putting on a program, AALL has money and guidance for you. PLL's Regional Education Committee can also help you out. But you should also enlist a chapter's help early on.

Addressing PLL's Needs and Concerns

You should know that our incoming AALL president, Ann Fessenden, is very interested in PLL and wants to do everything possible to encourage our inclusion in the activities and benefits of AALL. We privates tend to lump government librarians in with the academics, but in fact, Ann is the first government librarian to be elected president in ten years. Government librarians have an even harder time getting funding to attend the Annual meeting than many private law librarians. So I hope we will all work with Ann to make the association work for all law librarians.

Will You Be in New Orleans?, *continued from page 1*

it is to keep up with my continuing education so I can continue to provide them with the best possible service. I also indicated that I wasn't sure I could work for a firm that didn't support this as I couldn't effectively do my job without the right tools and knowledge the annual meeting provides. My offer letter actually included a clause stating that I could attend the annual meeting each year." For the vast majority of librarians who don't have such a clause, it may be possible to negotiate conference attendance as part of an annual performance review. Including the cost of the conference in the library's annual budget also improves your chances of regular attendance.

Many librarians are fortunate enough to have the luxury of attending AALL every year without having to

repeatedly ask for funding. Other librarians, especially those from smaller firms where budget constraints are likely to be more of an issue, and solo librarians, whose absence will likely leave their firm without professional library assistance during the conference, have a more difficult time securing permission to attend. However, there is truly no substitute for the educational and networking opportunities that conference attendance provides, so the effort you make to obtain employer funding is well worth your time.

For helpful tips on how to prepare a written funding proposal, see "Why I need to go to the AALL annual meeting this year", by Lucy Curci-Gonzalez and Christine Graesser, Spectrum, February 2005.

AALL/LexisNexis Research Fund Grant Program

The Research Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries is accepting applications through April 1, 2007 for research grants from the AALL/LexisNexis Research Fund Grants Program, totaling up to \$5,000.

The committee will award one or more grants to library professionals who wish to conduct research that supports the research/scholarly agenda of the profession of librarianship. The grants program funds small or large research projects that create, disseminate, or otherwise use legal and law-related information as its focus. Projects may range from the historical (indexes, legislative histories, bibliographies, biographies, directories) to the theoretical (trends in cataloging, publishing or new service models in libraries) to the practical (implementation models for collection, personnel or infrastructure management). The AALL Research Agenda offers suggestions for possible research projects. To review AALL's Research Agenda, please go to <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/research/agenda.asp>.

The AALL/LexisNexis Publishers Research Fund Grant Program was established in 2000 with a generous contribution of \$100,000 from LexisNexis. The Research Fund will provide grants to library professionals who seek to conduct research that is critical to the profession. The Research Fund provides a secure financial base, enabling the AALL Research Committee to carry out the Association's Research Agenda.

The submission deadline for applications is postmarked by April 1, 2007. Grants will be awarded and announced in May. Allocation of the research grants will be at the sole discretion of the AALL Research Committee. For more information about the grants, please contact Jean Callihan, Chair of the AALL Research Committee, at jc374@cornell.edu

The grant application and complete guidelines are available at http://www.aallnet.org/about/grant_application.asp.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2007 AALL ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE: NEW ORLEANS AND THE LEGAL, MIXOLOGICAL, AND ETYMOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE COCKTAIL

by Brian Huddleston, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Library, New Orleans, LA

A trademark case before the Louisiana Supreme Court in the late nineteenth century involved a New Orleans company that manufactured bitters and is, tangentially, related to several of the city's contributions to the history of alcoholic beverages. Bitters are mixtures of alcohol infused with herbs or other ingredients that are now key components in many mixed drinks but which were originally consumed as health tonics. A dose of bitters was once considered a bracing elixir that helped to stimulate vitality, and so as preventative medicine it was *completely* different than just slugging back a few shots of whiskey. Bitters, aperitifs, and digestives - all similar products - were also conveniently not categorized as liquor for tax purposes.

In the case of *Handy v. Commander*, 22 So. 230 (La. 1897), plaintiff Thomas H. Handy & Co. of New Orleans was the maker of "Handy's Aromatic Cocktail Bitters". Handy's Bitters were represented to be "the most palatable and flavorful ever" and were guaranteed to "stimulate the appetite and invigorate the functions of the stomach, thereby preventing dyspepsia." Defendant Anthony Commander was an employee of Handy's who, after learning the recipe for Handy's Bitters, quit and set up his own company to sell the same formulation under the name "Commander's Aromatic Cocktail Bitters". At issue in *Handy* was the trademark that Handy held for the labeling of his bitters and Commander's unauthorized use of a nearly-identical trademark. (The formula of the bitters itself was not patented or protected as a trade secret.) The court noted that "in size, in style and color, in lettering and execution, word for word, there is not a point of difference between the trademark of Handy and the trademark put forth by the defendant, except that the latter is styled 'Commander's Bitters' while the former was styled 'Handy's Bitters'". Because of the similar and confusing labels, the court upheld the judgment of trademark infringement and the \$450 damage award, which was based on the 88% decline in sales that Handy suffered from Commander's illegally competing product.

The bitters central to the dispute in *Handy* were from a recipe developed and finessed decades earlier by a New Orleans pharmacist named Antoine Amadée Peychaud, a French Creole immigrant from Haiti. Peychaud had worked on many different types of recipes for bitters and other herbal medicinal aids since arriving in New Orleans in 1793. (His eponymous brand, Peychaud's Bitters, is still manufactured in New Orleans.) In the scholarship of alcohol, the addition of bitters to mixtures of liquor and water or other mixers is seen as both a historic turning

point as well as a categorical delineation between cocktails and, in what at one time was a strict distinction, other mixed drinks such as toddies and slings.

In the late 1830s, Peychaud created a pleasing combination of his bitters mixed with brandy and absinthe, and the recipe for this drink spread beyond his friends and customers and became popular throughout the city. One establishment decided to make it only with a particular type of brandy, which also soon became the concoction's name, the Sazerac. Now a signature New Orleans drink, the Sazerac is widely acknowledged to be one of the first true cocktails, if not *the* first. (Modern Sazeracs use Herbsaint or Pernod in place of the absinthe; thank you very much, F.D.A.)

But what about that word, *cocktail*? No definitive derivation of the term has been established, and some of the more colorful stories are considered apocryphal, such as the one about the revolutionary war-era barmaid who decorated the mixed drinks she served with a rooster's tail feather. History often shows that the more mundane explanation for something is most often correct, and that is likely the case here. Besides creating the first cocktail, Peychaud also deserves some credit in this matter. He served his early mixed drinks in a double ended egg cup, called a coquetier and pronounced *kah-kuh-TYAY*; to the non-French speaking residents of New Orleans, the word was misheard, misunderstood, and/or mispronounced as "cocktail." This is less colorful and not really *that* much more likely than other claimed derivations, but one writer on the subject noted that the esteemed lexicographer Dr. Frank H. Vizetelly (go ahead, Google him) has declared that the coquetier origin story is "the oldest and most positive basis for the word cocktail."

So now that you've learned more about New Orleans and the cocktail than you ever wanted to know, if you're coming to the 2007 AALL Annual Meeting here are some of the best places in the Crescent City to *have* a cocktail, a beer, or a glass of wine.

Napoleon House 500 Chartres Street

The perfect place to have a refreshing Pimm's Cup after walking around the Quarter on a hot summer day. The café menu has an excellent cheese plate and their muffaletta - a classic New Orleans sandwich of salami, ham, and Provolone topped with olive salad - is one of the best in the city.

New Orleans Cocktail History, *continued from page 5*

Pirate’s Alley Café

622 Pirate’s Alley

Located near Jackson Square adjacent to the St. Louis Cathedral and behind the Cabildo. When you sit on a sidewalk table at this hole in the wall bar and café, you can get a sense of what the quarter was like back in the nineteenth century. They sometimes have live music on the unbelievably tiny stage next to - and smaller than - the rest room.

Peristyle

1041 Dumaine Street

A little too far to walk to, but this is one of the city’s best restaurants, so if you make a reservation for dinner and take a cab, get there early and sit at their gorgeous and very well-stocked bar for a pre-dinner drink or two. The two large murals of New Orleans’ City Park are the inspiration for the restaurant’s name.

Carousel Bar

214 Royal Street

Just off the lobby of the Monteleone Hotel is the Carousel Bar, the centerpiece of which is the circular main bar decorated like a carousel and which revolves in a full circle every fifteen minutes. The Monteleone is one of only three hotels in the country to be designated as a literary landmark, and the Carousel was a New Orleans favorite for writers such as William Faulkner, Tennessee Williams, and Truman Capote.

Johnny White’s Sports Bar

720 Bourbon Street

Many bars in New Orleans are open twenty-four hours a day, but this tiny establishment is worth a stop, if for no other reason than to be able to say you’ve had a drink at the only place in New Orleans that didn’t even

close for Katrina. They managed to stay open during the hurricane itself, the subsequent chaos, the extended power outage, and the subsequent weeks of evacuation and curfew and even somehow found a supply of ice to keep the beer cold (those National Guardsmen and state troopers can be very helpful in a scratch-my-back-and-I’ll-scratch-yours sort of way). Of course, they sell t-shirts and other memorabilia to commemorate that accomplishment.

Molly’s at the Market

1107 Decatur Street

The best Irish pub in the Quarter. The decorative wooden urn behind the bar contains the ashes of the bar’s late owner and founder.

Pat O’Brien’s

718 St. Peter Street

Famous since the 1940s for one of New Orleans’ signature drinks, The Hurricane, which is just rum added to an overly sweet fruit juice mix that tastes like Hawaiian Punch (which may help explain why Pat O’s is the #1 bar *in the world* for customers who only order one drink, though for various reasons). It’s definitely a great looking place, with a huge courtyard and four separate bars, so if you order something besides the Hurricane it can be worth a visit.

Lafitte’s Blacksmith Shop

941 Bourbon Street

Occupying one of the oldest buildings in the city, dating back at least to 1772 and featuring very little in the decor that seems to have been updated since then, Lafitte’s is always included on lists of must-visit bars in the French Quarter, and is one of the few that is definitely deserving of that suggestion.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LIBRARIANS' CAUCUS HOLDS SOCIAL NETWORKING EVENTS ON BOTH COASTS

by Lucy Curci-Gonzalez, Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, New York, NY

After an informative day at LegalTech and a long day in the office on Monday, January 29th, over 30 law firm and corporate legal department law librarians gathered for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Kirkland & Ellis LLP's New York office. The view over Lexington Avenue from the 50th floor conference center in the famous Citicorp Center building was as inspiring as the conversation. Old hands at the IP law firm business mingled among the new members of the AALL PLL/SIS Intellectual Property Librarians' Caucus. In an effort to promote itself to AALL PLL members, the IP Caucus held two more informal events in the San Francisco and Peninsula areas of California in February.

The conversation at the East Coast social networking event ranged from the practical, "How do I obtain superseded Manual of Patent Examining Procedure pages?" to the prospective, "What meetings are the IP group running in New Orleans and Portland?" IP Caucus co-chair, Frances A. Sheehan, Director of Information Management of Boston's Fish & Richardson, PC, observed that the novice IP info professionals in the room "established some good contacts as there were at least four or so attendees with considerable IP expertise."

More formal IP programs were announced at the New York event. The local AALL Chapter, LLAGNY, is running an IP program in the spring. The IP Caucus

also made it known that its time slot at the AALL annual meeting has happily been moved to Monday, July 16 at 11:45 AM from the early Tuesday morning slot it's endured for the past decade.

None of these programs could be a success without the hard work of the Caucus Co-Chairs, Sheehan and Jacqueline Grossman, Director of Library Services at San Francisco's Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, and the efforts of the local Caucus members who volunteered their time and arranged for their firms to donate the meeting space and food and drink. Many thanks go to Paulette Toth, Information Services Manager of Kirkland's New York library, for the January 29th gathering. Jackie Grossman and her staff at Townsend hosted the February 20th social event in San Francisco. Kathy Skinner, Regional Information Resources Manager - Northern CA of Morrison & Foerster LLP, and Lynn E. Brazil, Library Manager, and Jan Priefer, Assistant Librarian, both at Heller Ehrman LLP, hosted the Wednesday, February 21st social event at Heller in Menlo Park.

For more information about the IP Caucus, go to the group's page on the PLL website <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/pllsis/Groups/ip.asp>, and check the final program for the meeting location at the 100th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference July 14 - 17, 2007 in New Orleans.

CALL FOR ARTICLES

Perspectives is looking for ideas and authors for future articles. Possible topics include profiles of members who are leaders, practical approaches and solutions to everyday issues and problems faced by law librarians, book and website reviews, reports on meetings or conferences attended, practice-specific tools, and other areas of interest to our readers. If you would like to suggest a topic or are interested in writing an article, please contact either Donna M. Fisher, Dfisher@senniger.com or Randy Thompson, Randy.Thompson@law.lsu.edu.

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collection development and managing multiple office
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in coordination with a 3-hour CLE offered three times a
year by the Oklahoma Supreme Court; Finding and
Using Internet Legal Resources, Oklahoma Bar
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in coordination with a 9-hour CLE offered by Oklahoma
City University School of Law (April 1998); Standards
for State, Court, and County Law Libraries, (co-author)
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a place where members can come together to discuss the
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Research in the 21st century.”; SEAALL 1994 Annual
Meeting, Richmond, Va. “Training Considerations for CD-
ROM Products.”; AALL 1993 Annual Conference,
Boston, Mass. (1) Review of NJLLA’s experience in
preparation and implementation of a strategic plan and

PLL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

BOARD MEMBER

Name: Mark Gediman

Nominated for which PLL Office: Board Member

Current Job Title and Firm/Corporation Name and Address: Director of Information Services, Best Best & Krieger LLP, Suite 400, 3750 University Ave., Riverside, CA 92501

Former Positions: 1996-2000 Edison International-Rosemead, California, Research & Information Specialist; 1993-1996 Lyon & Lyon-Los Angeles, California' Library Assistant

Education: University of California, Riverside *B.A. English*

Activities: 2006-Present Secretary, Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL); 2006-Present Co-founder & Co-Chair, Competitive Intelligence Caucus of PLL-SIS; July 2006 - American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting, "Knowledge

Management (KM) Workshop: Total Search – Decision & Deployment," St. Louis, MO; February 2007 (SCHEDULED) – Practicing Law Institute, "The Law Library 2007: Competitive Intelligence: Where Marketing & the Library Meet," San Francisco, CA

Publications: 2004-Present, Legal Research Columnist, Legal Assistant Today; Winter 2003 – "Charting the Labyrinth: A Primer on Legislative Research," ReCap Magazine (California)

Statement: Every year, private librarians are asked to do more with less. As new challenges such as Competitive Intelligence, Enterprise Search and Records Management, come our way, it is impossible for us to adopt an attitude of doing things the same old way. PLL should be there to help our members make the adjustments necessary to remain relevant in the new millennium. I want to be a voice on the board for those of us who are challenged with these changes daily.

Name: Michele A. Lucero

Nominated for which PLL Office: Board Member

Current Job Title and Firm/Corporation Name and Address: Legal Information Manager, Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP, 700 Louisiana St. Suite 3400, Houston, TX 77002

Former Positions: Assistant Librarian, Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP, Houston, TX; Law Library Assistant, Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Las Vegas, NV; Adult Services Assistant, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, Las Vegas, NV; Circulation Library Assistant Rainbow Library, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, Las Vegas, NV

Education: Master of Business Administration, University of North Texas, 9/05 – Present; Master of Library and Information Science, University of North Texas, 9/02 - 5/04; Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 8/97 - 12/01

Activities: American Association of Law Libraries member (2002-), mentee (2004-2006); SWALL member (2005-), SWALL Grants Committee (2005-06); HALL member (2005-), HALL Secretary (2005-); SCALL member (2003-), SCALL Newsletter Committee (2003-); Latino Caucus Member (2005-); Westpac PR and Membership Committee (2003-05); Special Libraries Association member: Texas, Legal Division members (2003-present); Association of Records Managers and Administrators (ARMA) International and Houston Chapter members (2005-); ARMA Houston Education/Library Committee Chair (2005-)

Publications: *Law Firm Intranets: What A Library Can Contribute*, PLL Perspectives, Vol. 15 Issue 3; Book Review: *The Lawyer's Guide to Fact Finding on the Internet*, Houston Area Law Libraries Newsletter, Vol. 22 No. 1, Jan/Feb 2005, page 9; also published in Westpac News, Vol. 29 No. 1, Fall 2004, page 12; Texas Library Association Houston, TX April 2006 Speaker/presenter, *Virtual MLS*; Speaker/moderator, *Cool Jobs*; Profiled in *Celebrating Diversity: A Legacy of Minority Leadership* in AALL, no. 71, AALL Publication Series, Hein 2006

Statement: I understand and value the importance of diversity amongst librarians. PLL's collaboration and communication with other librarian professionals in academia, public, specialized and private libraries alike is essential for our continued success. As an organization, we continually deal with issues of downsizing, increasing costs and lack of representation. With my involvement, I hope to reinforce our visibility to the legal community and encourage more participation with private law librarians. This position will allow me the opportunity to serve our members as the voice for our sector.

Lucy Curci-Gonzalez Bio, *continued from page 8*

Section is the killer social networking app for firm and corporate law librarians. In my career path from a state court to law school to a government agency to director of a firm library, AALL and PLL’s seven constituent groups (corporate, competitive intelligence, independents, IP, solo, records/conflicts, and tech services) have always been my tool kit. Further to that, highlighting PLL to our library school faculty, newer colleagues, managing partners, law firm C-level administrators, and general counsel as the place to recruit and nourish legal information specialists must be our first agenda item.

Susan E. Skyzinski Bio, *continued from page 9*

association manual. Presented at Council of Chapter Presidents, July 10, 1993. (2) Participated as roundtable member at Corporate Law Librarians session dealing with communication, marketing, public relations, etc. Presented July 11, 1993.

Publications: LexisNexis InfoPro – On the Lighter Side, March 2006; Taking Public Speaking to the Next Level, March 2005; LexisNexis Information Professional Update –Efficiency and Retrieving Historical Quotes Can Go Hand in Hand, May 2006; LexisNexis® Now the Exclusive Provider of Factiva® Content in the Legal Market, March 2005; LexisNexis Research Tips – All available at LexisNexis Training Tips; Finding Definitions of Terms and Phrase, May 3, 2006; Locating non-U.S. Company Filings, May 10, 2006; Finding Briefs, May 17, 2006; Updating Industry Information, May 24, 2006; Using the online *Directory of Online Sources* – Part 1, March 11, 2005; Using the online *Directory of Online Sources* – Part 2, March 18, 2005; Using Mealey’s Conference Materials Online, March 25, 2005; Creating Shortcuts to Your LexisNexis Resources, March 4, 2005

Statement: In 2006 PPL approved its Strategic Initiatives of leadership, membership participation, education and advocacy for the next three years. The ability to accomplish these goals requires a dedication and commitment on the part of all PLL members. While I’ve never been a fan of New Year’s resolutions, I do believe in personal dedication and I believe strongly in supporting professional organizations. Personally, I would not have so enjoyed my many years in law librarianship without the dedication of my colleagues. Nor would I have been able to grow and experience the depth and breadth of the profession without the support of such a diverse group of librarians, many of whom are now more than just colleagues, they have become good friends. So, I look forward to giving of my time and talents in the position of Treasurer as a way of supporting PLL’s initiatives.

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