Our new association year is underway. This gives me another opportunity to thank our many members who carried on our section’s work in the past year:

- Chair Larry Meyer
- our Executive Board members, especially Barbara Fritschel and Betsy Vipperman, who completed their service on the Board
- all committee chairs and members
- all those who participated in the online and silent auctions, which enable us to offer grants for attendance at various conferences

This annual transition is a routine change for SCCLL. We have new Executive Board members, new committee assignments, new activities being planned, and this year we have new ways of presenting programs at the Annual Meeting. By the time you read this, the deadline for submitting program proposals will have passed, but I anticipate that our members will yet again have presented proposals for worthwhile programming.

The State, Court and County Special Interest Section will consider a different kind of change this year – whether to change our section’s name to one that will encompass librarians working in all government libraries. Here’s a historical background, taken from Frank Houdek’s *The First Century: 100 Years of AALL History*. The “State and Court Law Libraries of the United States and Canada” held an ad hoc meeting at the 1973 AALL Annual Meeting, followed by its first formal meeting at the 1974 AALL Annual Meeting. Late in 1974, Chair Margaret Setliff writes to the AALL Executive Board requesting formal affiliation with AALL, but the AALL Executive Board decides that the present Constitution and Bylaws do not allow for such an action, and the request is referred to the Task Force on Reorganization. That Task Force submits its report in 1975, recommending creation of three divisions (academic; county, bar and government; and private.) The AALL membership rejects the creation of divisions but “overwhelmingly approves a resolution endorsing an amendment to the Constitution that would allow for the creation of special interest sections.” That amendment is approved later in 1975. At the 1976 Annual Meeting, this constitutional amendment is
implemented by adoption of bylaws establishing procedures by which SISs can be formed and governed. Finally, in December, 1976, the AALL Executive Board approves creation of the first seven Special Interest Sections, including “State, Court, and County Law Libraries”. (SCCLL will be able to continue our 40th Anniversary celebrations for years to come!)

As the SIS structure has developed over the years, there are three “type of library” SISs (academic, private and SCCLL), and other SISs are based on “type of activity.” For several years now, I’ve heard comments that some federal librarians don’t feel they have a “type of library” SIS to join, because our name is State, Court and County. It seems appropriate for our section to consider a change in name to encourage the broadest possible membership. Having all types of government law librarians joining together would allow us to share insights on many aspects of our library operations. The diversity of a broader membership would benefit us all.

Later this fall, we’ll have an online discussion in the SCCLL Community, to gather input from as many members as possible for consideration by the SCCLL Executive Board. If this has a positive reception, the process is to hold an election for members to decide whether to change the name, followed by a second election to amend the section’s bylaws to incorporate a new name.

Change can be disruptive. Yet change can lay the groundwork for future growth, and the end result may be exciting and energizing.
From The Editor’s Desk

Holly Gerber, Tarrant County Law Library (TX)

As we begin a new SCCLL year, this issue features a few looks back at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio including an essay from AALL grant recipient Joy Shoemaker, a report from the first Chapter Summit, and pictures from the business meeting at AALL. It’s been a while since UELMA appeared in the newsletter, but this issue includes the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries’ resolution in support of the Act. Finally, continuing our coverage of art in the law library, we have an article about the difficulties in choosing art for the law library.

AALL Announcements

Save the Dates for the AALL Management Institute: March 26-28

The 2015 AALL Management Institute will be held at the Palomar Hotel in Chicago. The management institute will provide participants the opportunity to build management skills, collaborate with colleagues from different types of libraries, learn in a small group setting, and develop techniques to manage with confidence. More information will be available soon!

AALL2go Pick of the Month - Working Smart: Innovative Ways to Do More with Your Day

AALL’s Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: Working Smart: Innovative Ways to Do More with Your Day

Often, whether in a law school or law firm setting, the challenge is finding enough time to get everything done. In particular, as summer’s leisurely stroll winds down and fall accelerates into full sprint mode, you may wish you had more time in your day. This program offers you techniques and technologies to facilitate greater daily work efficiency and effectiveness. The speaker, a law firm librarian, gives examples of how you can do things in less time. You’ll find suggestions, for instance, on how to make your software work for you, how to get the most out of your Outlook email and calendar settings, how to use text entry shortcuts, and how to get a handle on organizing folders and files. Click on the Google Sites link to locate helpful...
AALL Announcements, continued

materials including the program handout and a selective resource bibliography to RSS feeds/blogs, web monitoring sources, methods of organizing computer folders and files and setting up side-by-side applications, and how-to screencasts on adding items to your PC Start menu, saving an email to your Outlook Calendar, and setting up an Outlook Rule to isolate email from others in your institution. Take time for this quick 30-minute program and you’ll be “working smarter” in short order!

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

Report from the first AALL Chapter Summit

Kathleen Bransford, Denton County Law Library (TX)

As a member of the State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section, and 2014/15 President of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL) I would like to thank the American Association of Law Libraries and specifically the Chapter Summit Planning Committee chaired by Holly M. Riccio, the newly elected President of AALL, and the members of the committee Amy J. Eaton, Michele Finerty, JoAnn Hounshell and Heather Waltman for planning and executing the first ever gathering of chapter presidents. We met for a full day on the Friday prior to the beginning of the AALL Conference in San Antonio. Both the Chapter Summit and luncheon were generously sponsored by Wm. S. Hein & Co., Inc. How fortunate for me that I was able to attend as Chapter President!

Since becoming a County Law Librarian, I have often wondered how the disparities among State, County and Court Law Librarians, Academic Law Librarians and Firm Law Librarians could be focalized. Twenty-two chapters were represented at this Summit by their Presidents and Vice Presidents and despite our varied positions, we succeeded in synthesizing our goals and challenges.

Steven P. Anderson, AALL President, and JoAnn Hounshell, Chapter Council Chair gave the Opening and Welcoming Remarks.
Report from the first AALL Chapter Summit, cont.

Kathleen Bransford, Denton County Law Library (TX)

Mark Levin, Program Facilitator, led a spirited discussion of the following topics: The Legacy of Leadership (Why we’re here), Communicating our Value – Strategic Alliances (Why we matter), Mentoring Our Future (Why we’ll thrive), Member Recruitment, Retention and Engagement (Why we’re in this together) and What Keeps Us Up at Night (Why change is our opportunity). He also led a fascinating discussion over generational differences amongst the Baby Boomers (1946-1964), Generation X (1965-1981) and the Millennial Generation (1982-2000).

Why We Matter!

Kris Martin and Constance Ard from HBR Consulting is conducting for AALL a Return on Investment (ROI) Study, encouraging all Chapters to participate.

Kathleen S. Martin (LLAM), Mark A Gediman (SCALL) and Emily R. Florio (LLSDC) shared their successful initiatives to partner with other library related organizations to produce educational events at local and regional levels.

Benjamin T. Almoite (VALL) and Jane Larrington (SANDALL) discussed partnering with their local and state bar associations to produce CLE programs and contribute articles to BAR publications.

Michele Finerty (NOCALL) and Mary Jenkins (ORALL) related their success stories in advocating for law library funding to prevent closings and furthering access to legal information.

Barbara A. Bintliff (SWALL) led us through our luncheon program, conceptualizing “Why we’ll Thrive” through Mentoring our Future Leaders.

John H. Davey (LLAGNY) and Deborah Ginsberg (CALL) presented their successful strategies in the areas of member recruitment, retention and engagement, tying in with “Why we’re in this Together”.

I understand this Chapter Summit will be sponsored by AALL every other year so I encourage all Chapters to plan to send your Presidents and Vice Presidents for the next one in 2016. Thank you, again, to AALL and to all those that contributed and presented.
SWALL Resolution in Support of UELMA

Kathleen Bransford, SWALL President

[Ed. note: So far, 12 states have enacted the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. The Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Executive Board recently passed a resolution in support of UELMA (see below). For more information on UELMA, including other chapters’ resolutions and advocacy materials you can use to support enactment in your state, visit AALL’s Government Relations website dedicated to all things UELMA: http://www.aallnet.org/Documents/Government-Relations/UELMA.]

Southwestern Association of Law Libraries

A
RESOLUTION

to support

Enactment of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act

in the

States of Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries believes that permanent public access to official, authentic legal information is critical to the legal system of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries holds that information published on government websites must be trustworthy and reliable; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries promotes the idea that information on government websites must be preserved and permanently accessible, and offered to the public without charge whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries has found that most of its member state governments, including the states of Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas have not yet met their responsibility to provide trustworthy, reliable access to online legal information; and
WHEREAS, the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act promulgated by the Uniform Law Commission provides a technology-neutral, outcomes-based approach to ensuring that online state legal material deemed official will be preserved and will be permanently available to the public in unaltered form; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that if legal material is published only in electronic form, it must be designated official; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that electronic legal material that has been designated official must be capable of being authenticated, preserved and permanently accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, members of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries have advocated for adoption of the Act and have supported similar efforts of its parent organization, the American Association of Law Libraries, be it

RESOLVED, that the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries supports enactment of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act in the States of Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas as well as in all other states throughout the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Southwester Association of Law Libraries encourages all regional, state and local chapters of the American Association of Law Libraries throughout Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and other interested associations to adopt this resolution.

Endorsed by vote of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Executive Board on the 2nd day of September, 2014.

Kathleen Bransford, SWALL President
AALL Grant Essay

Joy Shoemaker, U.S. Court of Appeals Library (CA)

I am very thankful I was able to attend the Annual Meeting in San Antonio this July. My thanks go to the SCCLL Board and Grants Committee for supporting my professional development with this grant. The sessions and meetings were definitely worthwhile, and I want to share a few that were particularly valuable to me.

The SCCLL breakfast meeting on Sunday morning provided me a chance to meet more state, court, and county colleagues and hear about what others are doing at their libraries. I was able to connect with a librarian who used to work at my library, which was a real treat. Perhaps the best aspect of the meeting was a presentation on what went into creating the Colorado Judicial Learning Center, https://www.colorado.gov/cjlc/. I took home advice on undertaking such a project, on everything from copyright clearance to the importance of support from local judges.

The Federal Law Librarians’ Caucus meeting the same day provided ideas to improve my library’s services and get more involved with the group. One topic at the brown bag lunch was statistics gathering and reporting. My library is using SharePoint, same as the DOJ, and this discussion allowed me to stay in touch with a couple librarians who are working on some of the same problems I am. Attending this meeting also influenced me to volunteer for an AALL 2015 program proposal when a call went out later through the caucus listserv. If I had not attended the meeting, I may not have felt inclined to take advantage of these opportunities.

The most important meeting I attended was the AALL Public Relations Committee meeting on Monday. As this year’s chair, it was so important for me to meet the committee members in person. The ability to put faces to names and personalities makes email and conference call communication much easier throughout the rest of the year. We took advantage of the flash meeting room and not only planned our usual calendar of responsibilities for the year, but also had a great brainstorming session on what efforts we can focus on expanding.
As far as programming, I found almost every time slot included at least one topic that could positively impact my work. R5, *Putting Your Best Foot Forward: Communication strategies to grow your professional reputation*, offered practical advice on how to build the reputation I want to have as a professional information provider and explained how to more successfully reach out to stakeholders by analyzing communication styles. F6, *Leveraging SharePoint for Library Services*, shared some advanced features of SharePoint and previewed for me some improvements in SharePoint 2013 that I could use for my library’s intranet. And while my library is not in any real danger of going bookless, H3, *The Bookless Law Library*, showed me some practical ideas about redesigning a library space to be more service and people oriented.

Other sessions and events provided some unexpected opportunities and fun. A2, *A Dialog for Catalogers and Reference Librarians*, provided a nice background on the LC classification system that I would not have stopped to think about on my own. B5, *LibGuide Guidance: Innovative uses for LibGuides*, while not directly applicable to my library since we do not use LibGuides, gave me some layout ideas for freshening up my local website. Manning the SCCLL exhibit hall table during the opening reception gave me a chance to get to know other members sitting at the table and stopping by. And it also provided my conversation piece for the week: my San Antonio mustache. (Thanks, Sharon Borbon.)

After attending this year’s annual meeting, I returned to my library energized with many new ideas for services and programming I can implement. Without the support of the SCCLL grant, I might not have been able to attend. I appreciate the assistance and the knowledge that I gained because of it.
Selecting Art for Your Law Library

Lewis Giles and Edward T. Hart, UNT Dallas College of Law Library (TX)

Feeling overwhelmed? Do the blank walls of your library give you anxiety? Where do you even start? Why not look to the past for inspiration? Historically, library décor has broadly consistent trends. The first is posters of celebrities posing with their favorite book commanding you to “READ.” Although, maybe Paul Newman sprawled out on a pool table reading or David Bowie reading Dostoevsky’s The Idiot mid-jump don’t have the same aesthetic appeal they once did.

The second option is enormous photos of generic people. If you go this route, you will want to find the photos that have the most ethnically diverse and/or ambiguous people you can find. Did I mention the smiles? The photographed subjects should have ear to ear grins that make them look mentally unbalanced. Think the Joker from Batman but with bigger and more menacing smiles. If violently happy isn’t the look you are going for, you can always chose the studious look. In this option, you take that same group of people and swap their smirks for solemn contemplation. The group’s combined seriousness should make Maggie Smith’s Dowager Countess character from Downton Abbey look like the life of the party.

At this point, you might be wishing you worked at a children’s library, so you could just throw an enormous stuffed animal Curious George on the shelf and call it a day. Hold out hope! We still have one option left.

Our last option is to turn to the internet for inspiration. Pinterest has fooled us all into believing we are Martha Stewart and that no craft is beyond our skill level. So, before you try and recreate that book tree or build your own furniture using books, just know that it’s not going to turn out well. The person who posted those crafts is channeling all their leftover energy from their loveless marriage. You probably don’t have the raw anger needed to operate a drill press at 3:00 a.m.

Recognizing these trends is just step one in the stages of library decorating grief. What happens when your lofty decorating ambitions collide with budget restrictions and purchases that predate you?
Selecting Art for Your Law Library, continued

Lewis Giles and Edward T. Hart, UNT Dallas College of Law Library (TX)

Here at the UNT Dallas College of Law, that reality hit us for our new library when a designer on retainer from the UNT System showed up one day with a layout of photos for the library very much as described above—enormous photos of generic UNT people taken on the various campuses of the system. Of course, none of them were law students, since we have not opened yet. For other locations in the law school, the designer suggested generic photos of buildings with legal connections, such as the U.S. Supreme Court and the Texas Capital Building. Fortunately, the college’s administration was in full agreement with the answer to these suggestions: “No!”

We did have one other advantage going for us in creating art for the new library. The library received several large donations of case reports that we did not plan to retain. Thinking of other libraries’ book furniture projects, a call was sent out to the art department at the flagship institution of our system, University of North Texas, to see if a professor or a few graduate students would accept a low cost commission to use these donated books to create something, anything for the library. Prof. James Thurman graciously replied to the call. He had previously crafted a chair and lamps out of laminated book covers and was interested in attempting something with whole books. With his entrepreneur spirit, he was prepared to take on a challenge.

In a wise decision, we combined all of the typical library art décor elements to create a unique look of our own. Our library’s art is a balance between the lackluster of large prints of law buildings and the quirkiness of book art. Guess which one draws the most attention by new visitors to the library? However, they do balance each other and play well with the modern, loft-like design of our space in a renovated department store.

Now, we are waiting for the holidays, so we can build that book tree we saw on Pinterest.
Scenes from the SCCLL Business Meeting at AALL

Law Library Advocate Award Recipient—Honorable Nancy Rice

Connie E. Bolden Publication Award Recipient—Virginia Eldridge
Scenes from the SCCLL Business Meeting at AALL, continued

Outgoing Chair Larry Meyer hands over the reins to Maryruth Storer.

SRLN Coordinator Katherine Alteneder spoke to the group.

The new Board members are sworn in.
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Member News & Announcements

Jane Meyer retired from her position as Director of the Ventura County Law Library (CA) after 20-plus years of service. Dolly Moehrle was selected as her replacement, and began working at the new position in August.