It is okay to change our minds. Progress is impossible unless we do. In my 2015 candidate statement, I made a commitment to this section to help seek and find innovative ways to thrive and grow. More specifically, I hoped to enhance our regular methods of membership communication and involvement and implement new opportunities for our members to collaborate and share our experiences and expertise in positive ways. In the last newsletter, I talked about the community group that was recently created to continue the discussion on the topic of managing government law library in today’s environment. If you haven’t joined, it’s not too late. This is one of the ways we have enhanced and expanded our regular methods of membership communication and involvement.

Another thing to watch for is an enhanced “Featured” section on our website. The Publicity and Public Relations and Technology Committees are working together to shine a spotlight every other month on one of our members. If you know a fellow member with an interesting story to tell about the work they are doing, please forward your recommendation to one of these committees.

Recently, you may have noticed a survey link I sent to the listserv regarding our annual business meeting. The survey had two simple questions:

1) Will you be attending the 110th Annual AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in Austin?
   Yes
   No
   Maybe

2) Which of the following AALLGLL-SIS Business Meeting options would you prefer?
   Breakfast
   Luncheon
   Either

First, I’d like to thank the 53 members that responded to the survey! Suffice it say, more than a few feathers were ruffled by our putting this idea out there. As I mentioned earlier, we have to be willing to change our minds about the “way we’ve always done things” in order to progress. 60.38% of those responding indicated they would be in attendance, 11.32% indicated they would not be in attendance and 28.3% indicated they would maybe be in attendance. (2 members skipped the first question.) Interestingly enough, the second question resulted in a three-way tie with 33% indicating they would prefer breakfast, 33% indicating they would prefer a luncheon and 33% indicating they would prefer
View from the Chair, continued

Jennifer Dalglish, Chair

either. The Board discussed both the advantages and disadvantages of holding the annual business meeting as a breakfast meeting each year. The lists are long on both sides.

Some of the major pros of holding the meeting during that time slot include, but are not limited to, the following: 1) that time is set aside for the three “big” sections so there is less chance of scheduling conflicts, 2) it’s been a tradition since 1979, and 3) it’s a great way to start the day with a full spread and close colleagues. Some of the major cons of holding the meeting during that time slot include, but are not limited to, the following: 1) there is a segment of the membership that does not get involved, but otherwise would if the meeting wasn’t held at that same time every year, 2) it’s so early that it makes the day feel longer and members have indicated they are overscheduled and 3) everything is rushed to make sure members get out the door and to the Opening Session on time. Due to how close the survey results were, coupled with the fact that holding a luncheon this year would result in a bit higher costs, we have decided to continue this year’s Business Meeting during the breakfast timeslot (Sunday, July 18th 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.). There is a possibility that could change next year, so if you have strong opinions, please make sure your voice is heard. I am also very excited to be able to announce that, thanks in large part to a very generous sponsorship from LexisNexis, tickets to our Annual Breakfast Meeting will be available to members at no additional cost!
View from the Chair, continued

Jennifer Dalglish, Chair

On a somewhat related note, the Auction Committee has not yet decided whether to try to increase participation by expanding to the reception. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please let Gail Warren know (gail.warren.56@comcast.net).

Speaking of Board discussions, you will notice another result of our efforts to improve communications in this newsletter. We will begin publishing the entire Executive Board Meeting Minutes & Agenda in this issue! Hopefully, this will help with the sharing of information, transparency and involvement. I definitely didn’t have any idea how much (or even what kind of) work the Board did before taking on a position that resulted in Board meeting participation.

Do you think publishing the Board Minutes & Agenda is a good or bad idea? Do you have other ideas for improving communications and sharing knowledge among our membership? If you do, please let me know. I remain committed to this Section’s progress and need your help to identify areas of potential change.

From the Editor’s Desk

John Barden, Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library

This is our Winter/Spring issue. If you’re like me, you’re ready to be past winter and looking forward to spring. Several of our features in this issue have “looking forward” in common. Our Chair, Jenn Dalglish, discusses new and better ways in which GLL members can connect with one another. The Executive Board minutes of the past two meetings provide insight into the workings of our section and progress that we are making. The grants update suggests opportunities for making new connections. Our new column on membership and mentoring points out ways to freshen up our professional lives. Brandon Wright’s piece on prison libraries anticipates a day in which access to legal information will become a right available to all incarcerated citizens. Karen Westwood from Hennepin County, Minnesota, finds silver linings amid the challenges of downsizing and construction. Finally, we look forward to our next generation of GLL leaders by getting to know our nominees for the upcoming election.

Here’s hoping that Spring 2017 finds you making progress as well, whatever your goals are.
AALL Announcements

AALL Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas, July 15-18, 2017

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

It may be winter, but we're already thinking about this summer in Austin. AALL 2017 will celebrate the innovators within our profession and highlight the skills, talents, and attributes that provide added value and meaning for our organizations.

You'll find the professional development you need right now, including dozens of "must-have" sessions on topics crowdsourced from AALL members. Peruse the full lineup and start making plans to join us.

Registration opens soon, but you can book your housing for Austin now to get first dibs on your conference accommodations. Watch this space!

JOIN THE AALL ADVOCACY TEAM

Become a part of AALL's network of law library advocates who have committed to speak out for the policy issues that impact the profession. Fill out our short Advocacy Team Survey to share some basic information about yourself and your policy interests; AALL will use the information you provide to build on our successful grassroots advocacy program. Thanks for all that you do!

2017 UELMA INTRODUCTIONS

The Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA) has been introduced this year in Maryland, New York, Texas, and Washington. On January 19, 2017, AALL member Anna Endter testified before the Washington Senate Law & Justice Committee on behalf of the Law Librarians of Puget Sound. On January 26, AALL past president Steve Anderson testified before the Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on behalf of AALL. Anderson was joined by Joan Bellistri and Mary Jo Lazun, who testified on behalf of Law Library Association of Maryland. We expect additional UELMA introductions in the coming weeks. Keep track of bill introductions through the Uniform Law Commission's website and find UELMA advocacy resources on AALLNET.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE REFORM

AALL submitted comments to the House Judiciary Committee in response to the Committee's proposal to reform the Copyright Office. We also submitted a response to the Library of Congress's survey on the qualifications of the next Register of Copyrights.
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 3:00 – 4:05 p.m. Eastern
Meeting Leader: J. Dalglish
Scribe: J. Durham
Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 3:00 p.m. Eastern (conference call)

Meeting Minutes and Agenda

Announcements:

- GLL Education Committee has chosen two proposals for sponsorship at the 2017 AALL Annual Conference & Meeting: “Pro Se Appellants – the Most Underserved SRL?” and “The Court’s Perspective: What Judges Can Tell Us about SRLs.”
- Spectrum article by Jenn, Dan, and Mark Estes will be released soon.
- Mary Jo Lazun, GLL Webmaster, has updated the website with new committee members.
- GLL Publicity & Public Relations Committee will continue updating Resource Guides series.
- GLL Access to Justice Committee only has one member at present.
- Aizul Ortega from Travis County, TX, is storing the GLL items used for the bulletin board at the annual conference. Jean Wenger mailed them to her from Chicago.
- Event sponsorships for the 2017 annual conference have been submitted.

Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- The agenda was approved unanimously, and no items were added before the start of official business.
- Jenn reminded the Board Liaisons to approach committee chairs for remaining budget requests and committee charge changes for consideration at the next meeting.
- Jenn reminded the Board Liaisons that committee annual reports should be forwarded in PDF format to Mary Jo Lazun (GLL webmaster) and Kate Fitz for posting on the website.
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, continued

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Other Business:

- The GLL Board conference call meeting dates for 2016 – 2017 have been adjusted: December 21, February 15, April 19, and June 21 (all Wednesdays). The meetings will begin at 3:00 p.m. Eastern.

- John Barden said that there may be future newsletter expenses related to technology. He and Mary Jo Lazun are obtaining pricing on Uberflip, which is used for AALL publications. He will update the Board when more information is available.

- James stated that the GLL budget is essentially the same as the last conference call, with the exception of a few reimbursements. Away from the office during the call, he will forward numbers to the Board by e-mail.

- James stated that the GLL Awards Committee has requested a 2016 – 2017 budget of $1000.00, which is identical to the budget from last year. The Committee has no requested changes to its charges. The budget request was approved unanimously, contingent upon the continued fiscal health of the SIS.

- James stated that the GLL Grants Committee has requested a change in the requested 2016 – 2017 budget that originally was proposed by Regina Smith in a spring report. The Committee, including Regina, proposes a larger expenditure on grants because of successful fundraising over the past year. In 2015 – 2016, the Committee raised a total of $4,038.00, which is more than double the amount raised the previous year. This amount includes $833.00 from the 2016 Silent Auction and $3,205.00 in cash donations. The Committee requests a budget total of $6,000.00. This includes two AALL Annual Meeting travel grants of $1,500.00 each; one AALL Management Institute grant of $1,500.00; and one Equal Justice Conference grant of $1,500.00. The Committee also will administer an annual meeting grant funded by Thomson Reuters. The Committee requests an addition of one line to its charges: “Streamline the GLL Grant Rules and grant application requirements so that one set of rules appears on both the GLL Grant Rules and the grant application.” The GLL Board approved the addition to the Committee charges, as well as the budget request, contingent upon the continued fiscal health of the SIS.

- Holly shared that the GLL Standards Committee has no budget requests at this time.

- Holly stated that the GLL Education Committee has not yet provided a budget request.

- Carol stated that the GLL Technology Committee has no budget requests at this time.

- Carol stated that the GLL Publicity & Public Relations Committee is estimating a possible budget of less than $500. The Committee will provide a concrete request by the next conference call.

- Jenn shared that the SIS has been invited to sponsor Lisa Rush for a PAGI Award. She will obtain more information and forward to the Board.
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, continued

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

- Jenn discussed the possibility of a program for the Baltimore conference in 2018 on the topic of access to justice.
- Jenn polled the Board to see if a quorum would be attending the December 21 meeting. All members of the Board are available to meet on that date.

Approval of Minutes:
- The meeting minutes from Wednesday, August 31, 2016, were approved unanimously, with an initial motion from Carol. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Action Items From This Meeting:
- Provide additional information about nominating Lila Rush for a PAGI Award. (Assigned To: Jenn; Date Due: When more information is available.)
- Obtain activity reports for GLL committees and forward to the Board. (Assigned To: Board Liaisons; Date Due: In advance of next meeting.)
- Obtain Uberflip pricing and forward to the GLL Board for consideration. (Assigned To: John; Date Due: In advance of next meeting.)
- Forward GLL committee annual reports in PDF format to Kate Fitz and Mary Jo Lazun. (Assigned To: Board Liaisons; Date Due: As soon as possible.)
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

Government Law Libraries – Special Interest Section

Executive Board – Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 3:00 – 4:35 p.m. Eastern

In Attendance:, J. Dalglish, K. Browne, D. Cordova, C. Ebbinghouse, H. Gerber, J. Durham, N. Adams, J. Barden

Meeting Leader: J. Dalglish

Scribe: J. Durham

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 3:00 p.m. Eastern (conference call)

Meeting Minutes and Agenda

Announcements from Jenn Dalglish:

- AALL is revamping the Knowledge Center. Dan has agreed to be the GLL-SIS contact for the AALL Knowledge Center revamping effort.

- A recent report from a commission created by the Supreme Court of Texas touted the role public law libraries can play in promoting access to justice for self-represented litigants.

- The Self-Represented Litigation Network (SRLN) released Serving Self-Represented Litigants Remotely: A Resource Guide, which was produced with funding from the State Justice Institute.

- “Managing Government Law Libraries Today – Challenges and Opportunities” by Jenn, Dan, and Mark Estes was published in Spectrum (Nov / Dec 2016 issue). The article resulted from the special partnerships group formed last year.

- AALL wants all of its entities to be consistent with the new branding (including logos, fonts, colors). AALL will provide a branding book and training on implementation.

- The GLL Grants Committee received no applications for our $1,500 grant to attend the AALL Management Institute.

- Sara Galligan’s program proposal, “The Court’s Perspective: What Judges Can Tell Librarians about Self-Represented Litigants (SRLs),” was accepted for the 2017 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference (Monday at 11:15 a.m.).

- GLL / LISP / SR Joint Roundtable on Law Library Services to Prisoners and Pro Se Patrons is scheduled on Monday afternoon of the annual conference.
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, continued

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- The meeting agenda was approved with a motion from Dan, seconded by Carol, and approved unanimously.

- GLL will provide letters of support for PAGI / Oakley awards if individual GLL-SIS members submit nominations. This process was approved with a motion from Dan, seconded by Kelly, and approved unanimously.

- Regarding the publication format of the GLL-SIS Newsletter, the group will use FlipBuilder. Jenn has FlipBuilder and will send links to Mary Jo Lazun for posting on the website. A link and a PDF will go on the website. Jenn will contact Mary Jo with the recommendation.

Other Business:

- James provided the Treasurer’s Report. AALL headquarters forwarded a draft of the end-of-year financial statement for proofreading. James reported two accounting mistakes by headquarters, which will be amended in the final report. Headquarters mistakenly subtracted resource guide expenses from the unrestricted account. GLL-SIS currently has $11,360.58 in the restricted (resource guides) account, and $41,985.93 in the unrestricted account. These figures reflect the corrections made by James to the draft report from headquarters.

- Jenn inquired whether the GLL-SIS Education Committee had made budget requests in past years. James replied that the Committee had made budget requests when he served as Board Liaison, with Roseann Canny as Committee Chair. James and Roseann requested a budget of $3,500 two years ago to cover webinar expenses and the GLL-SIS sponsorship of a program at the annual meeting. The Committee obtained a grant and other assistance from Celeste Smith at AALL headquarters, which covered webinar software, publicity, other expenses, and honoraria for two webinars. Annual program expenses (room rental, technology, tech assistance) totaled approximately $1,200. The remainder of the allotted $3,500 was unspent because of the financial assistance received from AALL.

- The GLL-SIS / AALL GRC program proposal for 2018 in Baltimore on the topic of access to justice is moving forward.

- The GLL-SIS Grants Committee reported that no applications were received for the $1,500 AALL Management Institute grant. The Board voted to allow the Committee to manipulate their assigned budget for the year as needed, including the possibilities of increasing amounts of remaining grants or offering additional grants, using the unclaimed $1,500. The Board also voted to allow the Committee to reduce the number of required letters of recommendation for grants from two to one. Dan made the motion, seconded by Carol, and approved unanimously.

- The Board will request that the GLL-SIS Standards Committee provide a recommended timetable for regular updating of standards.
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, continued

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

- The Board discussed various options for the Breakfast Meeting, Silent Auction, and GLL Reception in 2017, particularly whether the breakfast should be moved to lunch, or whether other options exist. The Board consensus was that the business meeting and auction should be separate from the reception. Jenn will consult headquarters about options. James will contact Gail Warren about ideas regarding the auction.

- Jenn asked whether GLL-SIS should collaborate with TS-SIS (Technical Services) and OBS-SIS (Online Bibliographic Services) to fund three AALL representatives to ALA’s Subject Analysis Committee (SAC), ALA’s Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA), and the MARC Advisory Committee (MAC) in the future. Jenn is investigating the levels of contributions from other SISs. The Board authorized contributing up to $1,000, depending on contributions from other SISs. Carol moved, seconded by Nancy, and approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

- The meeting minutes from Wednesday, October 19, 2016, were approved unanimously, with an initial motion from Carol, seconded by Nancy.

Action Items From This Meeting:

- Serve as the GLL-SIS contact for the AALL Knowledge Center effort. (Assigned To: Dan; Date Due: Will update Board as project progresses.)

- Contact Mary Jo Lazun regarding the Board’s recommendation to use FlipBuilder. (Assigned To: Jenn; Date Due: As soon as possible.)

- Contact the Grants Committee Chair with the Board decisions regarding budget and recommendation letters. (Assigned To: James (Liaison); Date Due: As soon as possible.)

- Request that the Standards Committee provide a recommended timetable for regular updating of standards. (Assigned To: Holly (Liaison); Date Due: As soon as possible.)

- Consult headquarters regarding options for scheduling breakfast meeting and reception. (Assigned To: Jenn; Date Due: As soon as possible.)

- Contact Gail Warren for input on scheduling and organization of business meeting, silent auction, and reception. (Assigned To: James; Date Due: As soon as possible.)

- Investigate contribution levels of other SISs for the funding of three representatives to technical services committees / conferences. (Assigned To: Jenn; Date Due: As soon as possible.)
Updated GLL Grants Information

Christine E. Morton, 2016-2017 GLL Grants Chair

The GLL Grants Committee is pleased to report that the monetary amount for the remaining 2017 GLL-funded grants has increased to $2,000 per grant. Also, the grant application has been revised and only one letter of recommendation must be submitted with the grant application. The updated grant application is available on the GLL Scholarships and Grants webpage.

Listed below are the remaining grants available in 2017:

- One $2,000 grant to attend the Equal Justice Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, May 4-May 6, 2017. The deadline to apply for this grant is March 10, 2017, 5 pm, Eastern Time.

- Two $2,000 grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, July 15-18, 2017. One grant is designated for a new librarian with less than five years’ experience and one grant is designated for an experienced librarian with more than five years’ experience. The deadline to apply for this grant is April 7, 2017, 5 pm, Eastern Time.

- One AALL Annual Meeting Registration Grant funded by Thomson Reuters. The deadline to apply for this grant is April 7, 2017, 5 pm, Eastern Time.
Beyond The Bounds: Maximize your Career with the GLL Membership & Mentoring Committee

Combatting the Midwinter Blues

Taryn L. Rucinski, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit Library

Welcome to the first column in a new series discussing the ins and outs of membership and mentoring in the Government Law Libraries (GLL) Special Interest Section! This series will help both new and established GLL members maximize their careers.

Now that the bright lights and sounds of the holidays have passed and the grey days of January, February and even March lie ahead, it’s easy to get lost in the day to day monotony of our work. However, instead of letting the mid-winter blues get you down, below please find a list of things to do to help turn your grey days into sunny skies:

- **Network:** Call a colleague; attend an event; reach out to your peers. One of the best times to work on your connections is actually during the winter months. Once the holidays are over, many people are open and welcoming of emails, phone calls, lunches and even information interviews. It’s also a great time to see what your local AALL chapter is up to or even to reach out to our colleagues in ALA, SLA, etc.

- **Learn Something New:** While AALL’s Annual Conference will have to wait until the summer, there are an endless number of webinars, training courses, CLE’s and other conferences to attend over the winter months. Challenge yourself to learn about technology too!

- **Start a Project:** With the advent of a New Year, the winter months are also a great time clean out your desk or office, or even to start on a new project. Projects of all kinds can allow you to explore your creative side and can give you an extra energy boost.

- **Get involved:** AALL and its local chapters have an enormous number of opportunities available to both new and established members. Committee, taskforce, and other volunteer work is an excellent way to grow your career and professional community.

- **Write:** Have you ever had a research question that you thought your colleagues might be interested in? Or do you have a strong opinion about a new resource, app, or platform? Write about it! AALL and its affiliates have a number of places where you can submit your ideas, including blog posts, newsletters, and journals. The added bonus to writing is it can also expand your résumé.

- **Update Your Résumé:** Updating your résumé for a new job can be frustrating and intimidating, especially if you haven’t done it in years. Instead of waiting until the last minute, challenge yourself to update your résumé on a regular basis with all of the new things that you have done over the last year. Be sure to include teaching opportunities, awards, committee work, publications, and new responsibilities. Keeping track of everything you’ve done over the years will make it easier to apply the next time your dream job comes along!
The Prison Law Library: A 14th Amendment Necessity

by Brandon Wright, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Library

[In the recently published Emerald Group Publishing Limited book series, Advances in Librarianship, Brandon Wright, formerly Assistant Librarian at the Law Library of Louisiana and now Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Library, discusses the constitutional importance of prison law libraries and a prisoner’s right to access the courts in her chapter titled, “The Prison Law Library: A Fourteenth Amendment Necessity.” The following presents a brief introduction to the argument of the chapter. This article originally appeared in De Novo, the newsletter of the Law Library of Louisiana, and is reprinted here by permission.]

The mandate of the prison law library has been a much-debated topic since its institution in the cases of Gilmore v. Lynch (1970) and Bounds v. Smith (1977). The federal courts in the Gilmore decision, and again in Bounds, mandated that prison law libraries or adequate legal assistance, in the form of volunteer attorneys, law students, or “jailhouse lawyers,” be made available to prisoners so that they may enjoy their constitutional right to access the courts. This right of access to courts via prison law libraries awarded to prisoners by Gilmore and Bounds was seemingly restricted in 1996 in the case of Lewis v. Casey, which stipulated that a prisoner must present a non-frivolous claim of actual injury caused from the deficiency of access to a law library.

The prison library was not always such a hotly contested topic. In fact, the development of the prison library was not for law or legal reasons at all. The first prison libraries stocked religious books (i.e. bibles, prayer books, etc.) and sermons. Slowly, the prison library evolved into one of general-interest for the prisoners. Moreover, to better understand a prisoner’s constitutional right of access to a law library, it is necessary to understand which constitutional provision creates the prisoner’s right of access to the courts and how the provision was interpreted pre-Bounds v. Smith.

Amid equal protection and civil rights claims, the Court began to look at and decide cases on mandating a prisoner’s constitutional right to access the courts using the prison law library and “jailhouse lawyers.” A prison law library is a vital necessity for a pro se prisoner litigant’s right to access the courts. Overall, any alternative method proposed that does not include a prisoner’s right to access a law library would still violate the Fourteenth Amendment Due Process Clause guarantee. A prison law library should be a constitutional requirement in order to fulfill a prisoner’s constitutional right of access to the courts. Even if the prisoner has legal counsel available to him, he still has a constitutional right of access to a law library. If prison officials deny this right, the prison officials and the state will be in violation of the prisoner’s Fourteenth Amendment right of due process, as the prisoner would be suffering a deprivation of life, liberty, or property, both procedurally and substantively.
The Upside of a Downsize at the Anne W. Grande Law Library

Karen Westwood, Director, Anne W. Grande Law Library, Hennepin County, Minnesota

The Downsize

A venerable history, a coveted space on the top floor of the courthouse building, row upon row of stately reporter sets, a mammoth service desk, a jewel in the crown of a public building. How many of us feel that way about our county law library? And the stories! Photocopiers going full-tilt, the smoking area (!), massive circulation on a daily basis even during evening and weekend hours. Ah, the good old days.

In more recent years there arises a wrenching question. Is the space currently being used in the best way? Many of those large sets have been cancelled and are still on the shelves although rarely used. Many of the people who used to come in to use the space for research are now researching from their homes or offices. It’s so easy, now, to have an article scanned and emailed that there’s no need to come into the law library. These people still use library services, but in a different way. Given this new reality, many public law libraries are feeling pressure to rethink their space.

The Anne W. Grande Law Library, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, is now on the other side of that wrenching decision and getting settled into new quarters. The library is located on the same floor, but occupies about 40 percent of the original space. The vacated area now houses court scheduling, court interpreters, and the jury assembly room (what a win to get the jurors out of their former basement location). The project took several years and involved a massive weeding and discarding project as well as multiple meetings with architects, design firms and library staff. Other law libraries are likely looking at the same process. Consider this:

“Our former space was very large, rather dim and quite dated.”
The Upside of a Downsize at the Anne W. Grande Law Library (continued)

Karen Westwood, Director, Anne W. Grande Law Library, Hennepin County, Minnesota

- Plan for significant time and labor to discard large sets. There is no market for them and they must be discarded or recycled. Decide whether library staff will move materials or work with a moving company.

- Communicate clearly with your patrons. In Hennepin County some patrons thought the library was closing despite several announcements, and others thought it was moving to a different building.

- Everyone wants space – be reasonable in the amount of space you’re willing to give up, but hold firm for the space you need.

- Again, everyone wants space – and they’ll be happy to make the argument that you don’t need as much space as you really do. Be ready to explain and re-explain law library services and needs.

- Work collaboratively with your facilities staff, architects and interior designers. Remember that they want you to be happy, so making reasonable requests often results in a good outcome.

- Know when to let go. I found out there is a Hennepin County standard for signage, carpet, etc. There was no way I was going to win any fight that involved that standard, so I didn’t engage in those battles.

- Get on good terms with the construction site supervisor. If you cultivate a good relationship, that person can do a lot to make the construction process less stressful. Our site supervisor worked hard to have noisy work done early in the morning before we opened and was responsive to requests we made during the project.

“Tons of bound volumes were removed – be sure to coordinate with your facilities staff for disposal. Our loading dock was limited in how many boxes of this size it could handle at one time.” (Photo: Timothy Devine)
The Upside of a Downsize at the Anne W. Grande Law Library (continued)

Karen Westwood, Director, Anne W. Grande Law Library, Hennepin County, Minnesota

“The former service desk took four people to dismantle. The new desk is less than half the size.” (Photo: Timothy Devine)

Director Karen Westwood staying friendly with the construction site supervisor. That’s the new U.S. Bank Stadium out the window. (Photo: Timothy Devine)
The Upside of a Downsize at the Anne W. Grande Law Library (continued)

Karen Westwood, Director, Anne W. Grande Law Library, Hennepin County, Minnesota

The Upside

Our new space is beautiful and inviting and is a more pleasant environment for patrons and staff. Here’s a true Minnesota compliment from our most skeptical patron, “This isn’t as bad as I thought it would be!”

This type of project provides a good opportunity to weed your collection. The prospect of fewer books to move offers a great incentive to do a thorough weeding.
The Upside of a Downsize at the Anne W. Grande Law Library (continued)

Karen Westwood, Director, Anne W. Grande Law Library, Hennepin County, Minnesota

Rearranging staff workspaces offers a chance to interact differently. We sit closer together now, and it is easier to work collaboratively.

Our library no longer feels like a ghost town. In our previous larger space, a dozen patrons could be in the library and it would feel empty. In our smaller space the feeling is more vibrant even with just a few patrons.

We still have our view. Staff in the workroom now have a view and patrons continue to ogle the new stadium and take pictures out our windows.

Our physical space has changed, but our core services and values remain the same. We could choose to bemoan the loss of some of our space, but we have chosen to embrace our new home, get to know our new neighbors and continue to offer the best possible law library service to our many patrons.
The Upside of a Downsize at the Anne W. Grande Law Library (continued)

Karen Westwood, Director, Anne W. Grande Law Library, Hennepin County, Minnesota

If your library is contemplating a downsizing project, feel free to contact me. I’ll be happy to share more information about our process and the lessons we learned from this project. —Karen Westwood

Seating is more limited than in our former space, but new seating and tables with outlets offer comfort and convenience. (Photo: Philip Hussong)
GLL Election

The GLL online election will be held from Tuesday, March 28 through Tuesday, April 11. More information about the election will be sent to you electronically by Secretary/Treasurer James Durham.

Candidate bios and personal statements follow this announcement.

Please participate by casting your ballot during the election!

GLL Nominations

Joan M. Bellistri—Vice Chair/Chair Elect

EMPLOYMENT

Anne Arundel County Public Law Library, Director, 1980 - present

EDUCATION

M.L.S., University of Maryland, College Park, 1982
B.A., University of Maryland, College Park, 1976

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

AALL, 1980-present
   AALL Representative to the Self Represented Litigant Network, July 2013 - 2015
   AALL Representative to the National Center for State Courts, 2009-2012

GLL/SCCLL Member, 1980- present
   Access to Justice Committee, Member 2014-2015, 2015 - 2016
   Strategic Planning Committee, Member, 2014 -2015
   LISP/SCCLL Joint Committee on Pro Bono Partnerships, Co-chair, July 2012 - 2013
   Board Member, 2009-2012
      Standards Committee, Chair, 2002 and 2008-2009
      Standards Committee, Member, 2000, 2001 and 2007-2008
      Bylaws Committee, Member, 2005-2006
   LISP (Legal Information Services to the Public, SIS) Member, 1996-present
      Nominating Committee, Member, 2012
   RIPS (Research Instruction & Patron Service, SIS), Member, 1996-present
GLL Nominations, continued

LLAM (Law Library Association of Maryland) Member, 1982- present
  GRC\Vendor Relations, Chair, 2006 - 2014, Co-Chair 2014 to present
    Liaison & member MLA Legislative Panel 2005 -2014, 2015 to present
  Nominations Committee, Member, 2007, 2012
  Awards Committee, Member, 2007, 2008
  Legal Research Institute Planning Committee, 2006 and 2013/14
  Immediate Past President, 2005-2006
  President, 2004-2005
  Vice-President/President Elect (Program Chair), 2003-2004
  Board Member, 1986 & 1997

Self-Represented Litigation Network (SRLN), Member - December 2008 - present
SRLN Law Librarians Working Group, Member, 2008- present, Chair, 2012-2013
Maryland Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Service,
  Public Member, 05/12/2010 - present
Maryland Judicial Council Court Access and Community Relations Committee,
  appointed 7/1/2015 for two year term: 1/1/2015 - present
    Self-Represented Litigant Subcommittee, 7/2015 - present
Maryland Court Library Study Committee, Urban Libraries Sub-Committee, Chair,
  2011–2013
Maryland Court Library Study Committee,
Anne Arundel County Local Pro Bono Committee, Chair, 7/2011 – 6/2015
Conference of Maryland Court Library Directors, Member 2007 to present
  Chair, 2007-2009

AWARDS

Maryland Legal Services Corporation, William L. Marbury Outstanding Advocate Award, December 5, 2016
Pro Bono Resource Center 25th Anniversary Honoree, November 14, 2015
American Association of Law Libraries Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award, July 2011
Maryland Access to Justice Commission Judicial Branch Excellence Award, May 2011
Maryland Pro Bono Service Herbert S. Garten Pro Bono Special Project Award, June 2010
Anne Arundel Bar Association President’s Award, June 2009
GLL Nominations, continued

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS


“Lawyers at the Law Library: The Ask-a-Lawyer Program,” Speaker, MLA/ DLA Annual Conference, May 2014

“Survey of Law Library Programs for Self-Represented Litigants, including Self-Help Centers conducted by the Law Librarians’ Working Group of the Self Represented Litigation Network (August 2013),” Speaker, Equal Justice Conference, SRLN Pre-Conference, April 30, 2014


“When Cookie Cutter Services Won’t Cut It: Brainstorming Services for Public Patrons,” Speaker, AALL Annual Meeting, July 2013


STATEMENT

“I guess librarians are a dying breed with everything going digital.” I just heard this from someone whose desk is in the library but does not work for the library. This is someone who actually sees what we do every day – how we help the court, attorneys and, now more than ever, the public. We all know what a valuable service we provide. How do we get our stakeholders to make the
connection between what we do and what they think we do, even when they are aware of our services?

I am committed to the idea that the value of a law librarian must be made known within our organizations and to the other organizations and professions with which we work. It is through the great work of our members that we will be able to do this and I am willing to help the best way that I can.

Madeline Cohen – Vice-Chair/Chair Elect

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director and Circuit Librarian, U.S. Courts Library-Tenth Circuit, Denver, CO: November 2008-present


Policy Associate, National Conference of State Legislatures, Denver, CO: November 2005-March 2007

Reference Librarian/Serials Assistant, Westminster Law Library, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO: October 2000-October 2004

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Juris Doctor, December 2003.
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bachelor of Arts (French), May 1990.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Chapter President, 2013-2014 (CoALL)
Chair, CoALL Government Relations Committee (2008-2012)
Chair, AALL State, Court and County Law Library Special Interest Section Technology Committee (2011-2014)
Member, AALL State, Court and County Law Library Special Interest Section Education Committee
Member, AALL Annual Meeting Planning Committee (2012-2013; 2014-2015)
GLL Nominations, continued

Member, AALL Government Relations Committee (2009-2011)
AALL Local Arrangement Committee, Hospitality Co-Chair, 2010 Annual Meeting, Denver, CO

PRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTION


Court Unit Executives Annual Meeting, Jackson, WY, May 2009. Presentation entitled, “What the Court Library Can Do For You.”


University of Denver School of Library and Information Studies. Winter Quarter (January-March) 2010. Adjunct instructor for Legal Research II course.


Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants Annual Conference, Denver, CO,
GLL Nominations, continued


Colorado Bar Association Bridging the Research and Analysis Gap (in cooperation with the Colorado Association of Law Libraries), Denver, CO, February 2012. Presentation on and demonstration of Casemaker.


Southwest Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, March 2014. Presentation entitled, “Expedition Library: Mapping a course to the new normal.”


PUBLICATIONS


(as Madeline Kriescher), “Follow the Yellow Brick Road.” SLA Legal Division Newsletter, Fall 2008.


PERSONAL STATEMENT

Community and collaboration is a core value both for AALL as an organization and for me as a library director. As government librarians, we serve not only our institutions and the public, but also each other. As a federal court librarian, I seek to learn from my colleagues in state and county court libraries, as well as those in academia, law firms, and other specialized information settings. If
GLL Nominations, continued

elected, I would work closely with GLL-SIS officers and members to foster greater collaboration not only between types of institutions, but also between AALL and other library organizations. These professional collaborations can enlarge perspectives, broaden networks, and help to facilitate change.

I joined GLL-SIS back when I joined AALL as a new law librarian in 2007 and have chaired and been a member of several committees. I have found the shared knowledge and camaraderie to be invaluable to me in my role with the court and in our ever-changing profession. I am honored to have been nominated for the position of Vice Chair/Chair Elect and I thank the Nominations Committee for giving me the opportunity.

Rob Mead — Member at Large

EMPLOYMENT

State Law Librarian, Washington State Law Library, 2016 to Present


State Law Librarian, New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library, 2006-2014

Head of Reference and Faculty Services, University of Kansas Wheat Law Library, 2000-2006

Visiting Reference Librarian, University of New Mexico Law Library, 1997-2000

Attorney, sole practice in disability and social security law, 1995-2002

EDUCATION

MLS, Emporia State University, 2001

JD, University of New Mexico, 1995

BA, University of New Mexico, 1992
**GLL Nominations, continued**

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Washington Courts Public Trust and Confidence Committee, 2016 to present

Washington State Access to Justice Board, Delivery Systems Committee, 2016 to present

New Mexico Access to Justice Commission, Co-Chair, Pro Bono Working Group, 2007 to 2014

New Mexico Commissioner of Public Records, 2006-2014

Chair, AALL Legal History-Rare Books SIS, 2004-2005

Co-Chair, AALL LHRB-SIS Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition, 2008-2014

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS


Robert A. Mead, Mon Yin Lung, and Joseph A. Custer, The Law in “Bleeding Kansas”: A Selected Bibliography of Legal Documents from Pre-Statehood
GLL Nominations, continued


PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am honored to be considered for a member-at-large position on the GLL Board. I have served as a government and academic law librarian for most of my career aside from a recent two-year “sabbatical” as the Deputy Chief Public Defender for New Mexico, perhaps the only type of agency with more dire financial pressures than law libraries. I believe that government law librarians, like public defenders, are defenders of the rule of law and should help facilitate access to justice for the citizens they serve, both directly, by providing accurate legal information to public patrons, and indirectly, by supporting the courts and government agencies in which they are embedded. In my new role as the State Law Librarian for Washington, I serve a Supreme Court committed to access for justice and public trust and confidence projects. I would like to serve on the GLL board to help continue the outstanding work the Section has done helping law libraries engage in access to justice projects in their states and communities.
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