



# GLL NEWS

*A Newsletter of the Government Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries*

## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

[Christine Morton, she/her/hers, U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit Library](#)



Greetings GLL-SIS Colleagues!

Wow! It is hard to believe that over two months have passed since the Annual Meeting in Portland-- and now fall weather is knocking at my door.

The Annual Meeting was once again packed with great educational programs, vendor presentations, and plenty of opportunities to catch up with old friends and make new connections. GLL was well-represented at the Annual Meeting. There were 19 programs, discussion dens, and roundtables featuring 23 government law librarians as panelists or moderators. I had the privilege of coordinating and presenting with three amazing fellow GLL members on the program Beyond "School House Rock!": Librarians as Civic Educators. (See next page for a panelist photo.)

For many GLLers, the conference began bright and early on Sunday morning with the Awards and Recognition Breakfast Ceremony, graciously sponsored by LexisNexis. This year's breakfast was highly attended, with approximately 80 people packing the reception room. A highlight of the breakfast was the keynote from Washington State Supreme Court Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis, who candidly spoke about a case involving a person who struggled to follow a traditional treatment plan. Justice Montoya-Lewis recognized that a one-size-fits-all approach would not work – and instead, she listened and created a tailored plan to support that individual's success. Justice Montoya-Lewis's message was clear-- see the

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## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR, CONT.

person, hear the story. (See the [GLL News, Summer 2025](#) edition for more information on Justice Montoya-Lewis.)



*From L to R: Ryan Methany, Sara Pixon, Alexis Fetzer Sharp, and Christine Morton with their program banner.*

Justice Montoya-Lewis' sentiment was echoed by AALL's keynote speaker, Roosevelt Weeks, Director of Fort Bend County Libraries. Director Weeks encouraged us to truly know the people we serve and advocate for those in need. He emphasized that progress comes from speaking truth to power— and challenged us to step into uncomfortable spaces to bring about real change.

GLL had the opportunity to sponsor Rachele Selvig, [Vice President of the Josephine County Library District Board of Directors](#), as our VIP guest for this year's Annual Meeting. Rachele had a wonderful experience and shared the following reflections:

- All of the presentations I attended were engaging, and I learned a tremendous amount about subjects I'm interested in sharing with the Josephine Community Library District Board and my law partners.
- Meeting law librarians from all over the US working in a wide variety of areas was also impactful to me on a personal level. The camaraderie, commitment, and passion of everyone was so genuine and indicative of what is truly positive in our nation when so much stress seems to be placed on divisiveness nowadays.

For more perspectives on the Annual Meeting, please see the articles by this year's GLL grant recipients: Kathy Orton, Leland Sampson, and Joceyln Stilwell-Tong.

Although the dust has barely settled on the 2025 Annual Meeting, it is already time to think about program proposals for the 2026 conference. The proposal window runs from September 22 to October 22, 2025. The GLL Education Committee is here to support your ideas, and the AMPC provides guidance leading up to the event. I wholeheartedly encourage GLL members to participate. I hope to see a GLL-sponsored program in Cleveland!

## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR, CONT.

Looking ahead, one of GLL's initiatives is reviewing and updating GLL's Strategic Directions, which sunset at the end of 2026. The Strategic Planning Committee has been formed- but there is still room for more voices! Please let me know if you are interested in shaping GLL's vision and goals and helping to create a roadmap for GLL in the years to come.

In addition to the Strategic Planning Committee, GLL has 12 active committees. A full list of committees and descriptions is available on the GLL [webpage](#). All of our committees welcome new members- so if you'd like to get more involved, I'd love to hear from you!

I'm truly honored to serve as your 2025-2026 GLL Chair. I look forward to collaborating with all of you this year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, suggestions, or ideas you may have. Wishing you a wonderful start to the fall season!

Warm regards,

Christine

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

[Tara Cunningham, she/her/hers, Law Library of Louisiana](#)

I'd like to welcome our new GLL President, Christine Morton, and the other new board member, Catherine McGuire. I hope you enjoy the AALL Portland pics in this issue, which include the standing-room-only GLL Breakfast meeting. Also, check out the articles on the Annual Meeting from GLL grant winners Kathy Orton, Lee Sampson, and Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong.



I've got a new fundraiser project that has been approved by the GLL Exec. Committee, but I need your help to actually complete it. I'm making a GLL wall calendar featuring GLL members' libraries/courthouses with GLL members' pets on/around the buildings. The pets would be supersized, like the [Corps of Engineers calendars](#).

Here's where you come in. I need you to send pics of your pet(s) and your library, using this [link](#). The link will open to a site where you may upload your pics and enter your name. Once submitted, your image files will include your name, so I'll know who to contact for more information. See the next page for a sample January 2026 calendar layout.

# GLL CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

I think that a GLL calendar could be a really fun way to raise funds and get to know each other a little better. The more participation, the better, so I look forward to receiving your pics, and I hope to have the calendar ready to print by early December. Please let me know if you have any questions.

-Tara

## Louisiana Supreme Court Law Library



### JANUARY 2026

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GOVERNMENT LAW LIBRARIES  
SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION

FEATURED PET: Pierre (Tara Cunningham, owner)



# THE 2025 GLL-SIS GRANTS FUNDRAISER: THE FINAL TALLY

[James Durham, Thurgood Marshall State Law Library](#)



*Kudos*, GLL-SIS members! Once again, our special interest section has risen to the occasion and provided strong support to members seeking educational opportunities in the upcoming year.

The 2025 GLL-SIS Grants Fundraiser concluded in August with the second highest tally since our fundraising efforts began. The final tally for 2025 was \$6,155.00. The amount was only a few dollars shy of our highest fundraising effort in 2021, which garnered \$6,310.

The GLL-SIS Grants Committee will be convening soon under the leadership of our Committee Chair, Susan Falk. We'll begin publicizing opportunities to apply for individual grants that will support an array of conference activity in 2025 – 2026. Stay tuned!

Meanwhile, I'll say it again. I'm eternally grateful to be part of a community that cares so much about its members. Government librarians have big hearts. Y'all are the best.

## **Special thanks to the following GLL-SIS members who contributed this year:**

- Joan Bellistri
- Kathy Carlson
- Geraldine Amparo Cepeda
- Georgia Dupre Chadwick
- Miriam Childs
- Suzanne Corriell
- Tara Cunningham
- James G. Durham
- Susan Falk
- Josh LaPorte
- Catherine Lemann
- Sue Ludington
- Kristen Matteucci
- Catherine McGuire
- Patricia Petriccione
- Sara Pixon
- Liz Reppe
- Alexis Fetzer Sharp
- Jenny Silbiger
- Amy Small
- Brendan Edward Starkey
- Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong
- Maryruth Storer
- Lee Van Duzer
- Gail Warren
- Karen Westwood
- Jean Willis





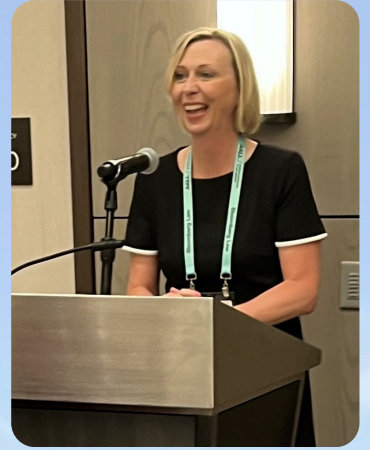
# 2025 GLL BREAKFAST



Amy Small & Pete Rooney



WA State Supreme Court Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis



New GLL Chair Christine Morton



Amy Small & Gina Catalano



Catherine McGuire & Larry Meyer



Amy Small & Patty Petrocione



Standing room only!!



Catherine McGuire, Emily Donellan, Amy Small



# 2025 AALL ANNUAL MEETING, PORTLAND, OR



Miriam Childs and Mariangeli Lugo-Zayas.

*Be Bold* PORTLAND, OREGON  
AALL 2025 JULY 19-22



Tara Cunningham at Bloomberg event.



Ana Delgado, Tara Cunningham, Jean Wenger, and Laura Moorer.



GLL members at the display board on opening night!



# A TRULY INSPIRING EXPERIENCE

[Katherine Orton, Washington, D.C.](#)

As I prepared to attend my first AALL conference, I found myself experiencing a whirlwind of emotions: anticipation, excitement, nervousness, and a touch of trepidation. Determined to make the most of my time in Portland, I sought advice from my AALL mentor Alexis Fetzter Sharp and eagerly read Mari Cheney's helpful post for first-timers. I signed up for CONELL (Conference of Newer Law Librarians), wanting to maximize every opportunity.

Yet, no amount of preparation could have fully readied me for the dynamic, energy-filled days ahead that were packed with fascinating people and thought-provoking topics.

I was truly honored to receive the GLL-SIS Annual Meeting grant, which made my attendance possible. My sincere thanks to the Grants Committee for selecting me. As a recent graduate of Catholic University—by the time you read this, I will have completed my MLIS with a concentration in law librarianship—I approached the conference with a different perspective than most attendees. As one of the very few, if not the only, students in attendance, and someone who had recently changed careers, every moment felt especially meaningful.

CONELL was the perfect way to ease into the whirlwind of the conference. At Friday night's dine-around, I had the pleasure of meeting Annalee Hickman and Mari Cheney. Both were welcoming and generous with insights about what to expect. On Saturday morning, I connected with Abby Dos Santos, a fellow CUA alum, who was part of a panel that shared valuable advice on careers, first conferences, and networking. The speed-networking, roundtables, and marketplace offered a wonderful introduction to so many friendly, inspiring colleagues. I especially enjoyed meeting Amy Small and Christine Morton at the GLL-SIS marketplace table.



*(L to R) Miranda Briseño, Kali Schwartz, Kathy Orton, Jaki Cellini and AALL President Jenny Silbiger at the CONELL breakfast.*

As someone who aspires to work at a government law library, I was in awe of the law librarians recognized at the GLL-SIS breakfast meeting. Their dedication and accomplishments set a powerful example for newcomers like me. Hearing from Washington Supreme Court Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis was an unforgettable experience. Her insights into the distinctions between tribal law and the broader judicial system were eye-opening. I was still reflecting on her words as I headed to the keynote address by



## A TRULY INSPIRING EXPERIENCE, CONT.

Roosevelt Weeks. His dynamic talk left me energized.

One of the biggest challenges of the conference was deciding which sessions to attend. There were so many compelling options, often scheduled at the same time. I prioritized sessions that I thought would be most beneficial for my career, especially those focusing on AI's role in law libraries. Vendor presentations also proved invaluable, giving me a firsthand look at the tools and technology shaping our field.

The Exhibit Hall was overwhelming. While the excitement over the swag was palpable, I was more interested in understanding the new products and services being showcased. With my limited hands-on experience in a law library, many of these offerings were unfamiliar. I was grateful for the patient representatives who took the time to explain how their products worked and how they might be useful in practice.

By the end of the conference, I was thoroughly exhausted, in part due to the three-hour time difference. Waking up between 3 am and 4 am each day because my body was still on East Coast time made for some very long days! But it wasn't just the time difference that drained me. It was also meeting so many new people and learning about so many new things. One of my takeaways is the importance of pacing myself at future conferences.

As I reflect on my time in Portland, what stood out most of all was the warmth and generosity of everyone I met. The friendliness and helpfulness of attendees and presenters alike made me feel truly welcome. While librarians are known for these qualities, experiencing it so personally was a significant and affirming part of my first AALL conference. Overall, my first AALL conference was a truly inspiring experience, leaving me more passionate than ever about my new career in law librarianship.



# ADAPTING TO CHANGE AND UNCERTAINTY

[Leland Sampson, Thurgood Marshall State Law Library](#)

I recently remarked to my Library Director that I still feel new to the library and new to the law library profession. My Director gently reminded me that I have been at the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library for nearly eight years – my how time flies! Perhaps my feelings reflect timidity in reacting to and feeling comfortable with change. The theme of adapting to change and uncertainty is how I describe the 2025 AALL Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

The GLL Grants Committee was incredibly gracious in awarding me a grant to attend the Annual Meeting this past summer. I will be serving on the Annual Meeting Planning Committee for the 2026 conference.



My first Annual Meeting was in Chicago in 2024, so I felt it would be helpful to visit Portland to have a clearer picture of what makes a successful conference. The tagline of the Portland conference, “Be Bold,” set the tone. Keynote speaker Roosevelt Weeks captured the zeitgeist of the moment. Particularly for government law libraries, leadership requires walking a tightrope with ever-present hazards. Law libraries (even in the best of circumstances) are facing political uncertainty, looming (or present) budget cuts, technological disruption, and shifting workplace cultures. It’s a lot of change and uncertainty all at once.

Mr. Weeks urged library leaders to be proactive in demonstrating the value the library provides to host institutions and stakeholders: “You have to make sure they understand you are essential . . . to show that the work you’re doing is important.” The conference programs educated attendees on evolving topics and provided leadership opportunities.



# ADAPTING TO CHANGE, CONT.

I found sessions on technology, my favorite area of interest, the most compelling. Emerging technologies seem to hold more peril than upside. “When Google came out, people said, ‘That’s the end of libraries. We don’t need y’all anymore,’” Mr. Weeks recalled. Substitute artificial intelligence (AI) for Google, and that identifies one major source of change and uncertainty. My panel, entitled “Resistance is NOT Futile: Strategies for Integrating a Critical AI Perspective in Libraries,” demonstrated how search engines are evolving into answer engines. Figuring out how to remediate misinformation provided by AI chatbots will require us to “Be Bold!”

A panel I found inspiring was “Demystifying Coding for Law Librarians.” The session on coding really pointed to professional development in general. I think it is a given that law libraries will need to continue to integrate technology into the library experience moving forward. As GenAI demonstrates, upskilling and empowering staff to learn new skills (like coding or GenAI prompting) is one way leaders need to “Be Bold.”



Clearly, the best way to end my Portland Conference experience was attending the GLL session, “To Boldly Go Where Everyone Else Has Gone Before: Generative AI, Policy, and Practice in Government Libraries.” Brendan Starkey from the Orange County Public Law Library discussed testing the Lexis+AI research tools. He surmised that if the public is going to be using GenAI tools for legal research, library staff would need to be prepared to know best practices for those tools.

To Be Bold, I do not think government law libraries need to be on the cutting edge of technology advances. However, bold leadership will be needed to create new access options and integrate new tools that will emerge as technology advances.



# AN EYE ON AI

[Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong, she/her/hers, California Court of Appeal 6<sup>th</sup> District](#)



Over the course of the 2024 AALL Annual Meeting in Chicago, I attended many classes on Generative AI. There were so many available, and so many were cutting-edge! But from my viewpoint, none of them addressed the needs and concerns (or the limited resources) of government librarians. So, for the 2025 Annual Meeting, I proposed the session “To Boldly Go Where Everyone Else Has Gone Before: Generative AI, Policy, and Practice in Government Libraries,” which looked at this new technology from a government librarian’s point of view. My panel included two public law librarians, Brendan Starkey from the Orange County Public Law Library and Andre Davison from the Harris County Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library; and two court librarians, Joy Shoemaker from the Federal Ninth Circuit Court Library and myself. I’m so pleased that I got these folks to join me for this panel, because they had such insightful things to share about technology adoption in government spaces, and about GenAI in particular. Our session wasn’t recorded, which was a mixed blessing. It let us be more frank in the moment, which was entirely positive, but on the negative side, I’m not going to remember every insight for this article!

Here are some of the main takeaways from this session:

- **Public Law Libraries:** AI is being adopted in the legal world, and even the judges on the library board are becoming familiar with it! But that doesn’t mean it’s always available, or affordable, for public law libraries. Brendan spoke about getting buy-in from his board of trustees to get access to Lexis+ AI, which was quite expensive, even though they bought licenses only for the staff, not for the public.
- **Vendors and the public:** Lexis, Westlaw, and the other legal vendors are not currently marketing their products to the general public. The panel agreed that that was the responsible thing to do, avoiding unauthorized practice of law issues and liability issues for those corporations. However, it seems that the free online GenAI systems don’t have any problem providing legal advice or writing legal briefs, so the general public does have access to GenAI... but only the kind that is most irresponsible to use.
- **GenAI and Self-Represented Litigants:** It’s especially difficult to get in front of this problem with Self-Represented Litigants (SRLs), where the choice for them is often filing an error-filled brief from a service like ChatGPT, or else not filing anything. For these SRLs, the public law libraries would be there to help them, but they would have to actually contact the library to get that help. Instead, it seems that many people are just turning straight to online GenAI products. As one of the panelists noted, “If these GenAI briefs look good enough to file to attorneys, what hope do our Pro Se patrons have?” Courts would like to help steer people in the right direction, and we hope to have more resources in that area in the near future.



# AN EYE ON AI, CONT.

- **Knock-on effects in our court systems.** When an attorney files briefs full of hallucinated cases or cases being cited for the wrong proposition, they can be sanctioned by the court. When an SRL does so, courts don't have the same kind of opportunity for intervention. And when a brief is submitted, the court system still must read through it and check the work, and checking inaccurate work takes a much longer time. This is affecting the amount of work for research attorneys and judges at all levels. More on this issue in a future column!
- **Help for Public Aid Attorneys:** Andre mentioned that he is hopeful about the potential for GenAI to help public aid attorneys be more efficient in their work and to have the capacity to help more people. We all hope that the potential for GenAI to help SRL's to file documents through official court portals comes to fruition sooner rather than later, though both of our court librarians (Joy and I) said that it may be quite a while before we get those kind of portals in the courts, simply because the technology is new and the courts want to make sure everything is working and bug free before adopting it, especially if a new system may affect people's legal rights.
- **GenAI Policies:** All of the panelists mentioned that they need to create or refine policies on GenAI in several different areas, from internal use to procurement, to materials submitted by the public. It's exciting to see the potential for greater efficiency in the drafting process, but right now, that's balanced by concerns about where the computer's work stops and the human's work begins. Attorneys who have tried GenAI products within the courts see their potential, but they really want policies in place, so they know how to use it properly, ethically, and as sanctioned by their employer.
  - **Writing the Policies:** Panelists suggested that institutions keep their policies fairly short and flexible, because this technology is moving so quickly, anything we write now will be obsolete soon. I suggested that people read through their GenAI policies and mentally switch the word "GenAI" for the word "email" – this is a new technology that will be as common as email in the future and will affect all different areas of business similarly. This gives you a better gut-check for policies that may be dated or cumbersome in the future.
- **GenAI Training:** We also emphasized the things it's critical to train your staff on, your attorneys, and your board members, as you roll out internal use of GenAI:
  - **Why the Source Material Matters:** It's critical to understand how large language models work before using them! Large language models (the foundation for most text-based GenAI) are pattern-recognition software that is built to program itself. It programs itself by reviewing large sets of text. The model will predict words in a sentence, and then see if it predicted the correct thing, and adjusted its mathematical data based on the word actually used. Like when we played Mad-Libs as kids, this develops the algorithm's understanding of what words mean and what words go together. You can see how a model trained on case law would differ, then, from one trained on Reddit.

## AN EYE ON AI, CONT.

- **When to check its work:** always. Even with trustworthy products for the legal market, you still need to confirm that the cases stand for the propositions you're citing them for. Even the vendors say, "trust but verify!"
- **Ethical risks:** GenAI touches on almost every aspect of the practice of law, and so do professional ethics. Make sure they read through the [ABA's Formal Opinion 512](#) before investing in this technology.

Our first question from the audience was on the environmental impact of GenAI and whether anyone is concerned about that. The librarians are, but we agreed that this issue is getting lost in the excitement over the new technology in the legal industry in general. I'd love to hear more about what can be done to address this problem.



## SOLO & SMALL TEAM LIBRARIAN CAUCUS COFFEE CHAT

[Britiny Hommey, she/her/hers, Beaver County Law Library](#)

I attended the [Solo & Small Team Librarian Caucus](#) Coffee Chat on September 9<sup>th</sup>. One of the speakers, Allie Penn, the contact for the Caucus, came from a law firm background. A small team is considered 3 or fewer.



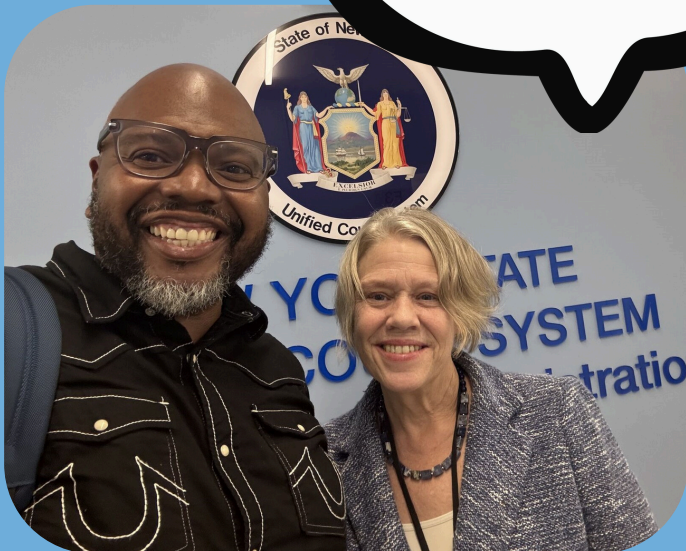
The introductory meeting was informative about backgrounds and what inspired the speakers to create the Caucus. There were also a few government librarians in the chat, and I wanted to extend the invite to other librarians in the government space (our GLL-SIS group) who may be solo or run a small team on their own.

Speaking from personal experience, the Beaver County Law Library runs solo. Materials may be borrowed by officers of the court, but pro se patrons are limited to in-library use. The Beaver County Law Library also acts as a Pro Se Center, so many patrons visit with the intention of finding a certain form. There will be more discussions with this caucus in the future, so pop into a meeting and see if you enjoy the group.

# MEMBER NEWS



**Jennifer Bascom Dalglish, JD, MLIS**, received the Ralph M. Holman Lifetime Achievement Award from the Clackamas County Bar Association on September 18, 2025, at a dinner ceremony held in her honor at the Willamette Valley Country Club in Canby, Oregon. This award is presented annually to a member in recognition of their outstanding ethics and contributions to the local legal community.



GLL member **Andre Davison** of the Harris County Law Library in Houston stopped by to see GLL member **Sue Ludington** of the New York State Office of Court Administration while attending a conference in New York.

## SHAPE THE FUTURE OF AALL 2026 – SUBMIT YOUR PROGRAM PROPOSAL BY OCTOBER 22

Do you have an idea that could spark conversation, inspire innovation, or transform the way we think about legal information? Now's your chance! AALL is now accepting program proposals for the 2026 Annual Meeting & Conference, happening July 18–21 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Out of 135 ideas submitted, the Annual Meeting Program Committee has identified 30 “must-have” topics—and we want you to bring them to life.

Why submit a proposal?

- *Showcase Your Expertise:* Share your knowledge and establish yourself as a thought leader among your peers, no matter your career stage.
- *Influence the Profession:* Spark meaningful discussion and drive innovative solutions.
- *Expand Your Network:* Speaking at AALL 2026 is a great way to connect with peers, leaders within the profession, and future collaborators.

Explore AALL's tips and resources for submitting a program proposal. Help us build an unforgettable AALL 2026 – submit your proposal today!



## VOTING FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION IS OPEN THROUGH OCTOBER 31

Online voting for AALL's vice president/president-elect, secretary, and Executive Board members opened on Wednesday, October 1, and runs through Friday, October 31, at 11:59 p.m. (PDT). Voting credentials were emailed to members the morning of October 1.

Executive Board members play a vital role in guiding AALL's mission, vision, and strategic plan. Make your voice count—review the candidate information before you cast your vote.



# AALL ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT.

## AALL ANNOUNCES INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AALL President Jenny Silbiger announced in an eBriefing on September 18 that Dr. Joyce Gilbert, PhD, RDN, will begin serving as AALL's Interim Executive Director starting today. Joyce brings more than 20 years of executive experience across nonprofit, for-profit, academic, and entrepreneurial sectors, with a strong record of guiding organizations through transitions, driving innovation, and fostering growth.

She will serve in the interim role until a new Executive Director is appointed, providing leadership to guide AALL through this period of transition. Her AALL email is [jgilbert@aall.org](mailto:jgilbert@aall.org); please join us in welcoming Joyce to AALL!



## LEAD THE NEXT CHAPTER OF *LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL* – APPLY BY OCTOBER 24

Are you ready to shape the voice of the law library profession? AALL is looking for its next editor of *Law Library Journal* (LLJ)—a dynamic role that guides the LLJ Editorial Board and curates quarterly issues showcasing the ideas, research, and perspectives that matter most to our community.

This volunteer opportunity is perfect for an engaged AALL member with:

- A background in writing and/or editing
- Strong communication and collaboration skills
- Substantial experience in the law library profession

Bring your vision and leadership to one of AALL's most respected publications. **Send your resume and a cover letter to Heather Haemker, AALL director of marketing & communications, by Friday, October 24.**

# GLL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

**Annual Business Meeting Tuesday, July 9, 2024 @ 1:00p.m. CDT – Virtually via Zoom**  
*Minutes recorded and submitted by Sara Pixon, Secretary/Treasurer*

Karen Westwood (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. CDT.

The agenda for the business meeting was approved (no opposition or abstention), with a motion from Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong, seconded by Jenny Silbiger.

The GLL annual business meeting minutes from 2023 were accepted with a motion from Larry Meyer, seconded by Amy Small (no opposition or abstention). Larry suggested that this year's minutes include the roster of who attended.

Gail Warren, Fundraising team lead, reported on this year's fundraiser which again took the form of a general appeal. As of this meeting, \$4,290 had been raised and Gail encouraged members to continue to participate. Money raised in this fundraiser goes to the GLL travel grants fund, which is administered by the GLL Grants Committee. Gail advised all members we can no longer accept cash payments but that credit card payments are now available.

Treasurer Sara Pixon presented the annual Treasurer's Report. Sara began by reminding the membership that there had been a restricted fund that was part of GLL's account for over 20 years but that AALL was able to merge the restricted fund with the unrestricted fund last year. As of March 31, 2024, the total fund balance was \$34,188.57. The Treasurer's Report was accepted (no opposition or abstention), with a motion from Sara, seconded by Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong.

Leslie Greenwood, Bylaws Committee Chair, and Brendan Starkey, GLL Executive Board Member at Large and Bylaws Committee Liaison, presented several proposed amendments to the GLL Bylaws. Meetings and voting were simplified with more flexible language to keep up with technological advancements. Larry Meyer moved to approve all bylaws changes, Brendan seconded. All in favor, no opposition or abstention.

Chair Karen Westwood presented the Chair's report and noted major accomplishments of the past year. These are summarized in the GLL annual report, located on the GLL website. Karen highlighted the work of the ATJ Committee with the Self-Represented Litigation Network and the Bylaws Committee. She thanked all GLL committee chairs and members for their hard work and reminded the membership that all committee reports are on the GLL website. Karen also reported on the GLL Funding Task Force, which she created last fall and which will be presented in a poster at the AALL Annual Conference. Karen also noted the many GLL members on AALL Annual Conference programs and many related GLL activities at the conference. Karen also discussed her concerns about the AALL physical (paper and other artifacts) archives, which include GLL archives. A general discussion open to the GLL membership ensued. Several noted that AALL has indicated there is nothing of archival value in the boxes. However, others noted that no one has reviewed the boxes to ensure this is valid.

# GLL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES, CONT.

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Chair Karen Westwood recognized the 2023 – 2024 committee chairs:

- Advocacy – Anna Russell
- Awards – Catherine McGuire
- Best A2J Practices – Joan Bellistri
- Bylaws – Leslie Greenwood
- Education – Liz Reppe
- Grants – Christine Morton
- Membership & Mentoring – Malinda Muller
- Newsletter – Tara Cunningham
- Nominations – Geraldine Cepeda
- Standards – Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong
- Strategic Planning – Robert Mead
- Technology – Jennifer Gonzalez

Education Committee Chair Catherine McGuire announced the recipient of the Dr. Joel Fishman Professional Publication Award to Stefanie Pearlman and Melissa Serfass for *Animal Welfare Laws: A Legal Research Guide* (William S. Hein 2023). She also reported that the honorees will be celebrated in person at the GLL Awards Reception, to be held at the AALL Annual Conference, featuring guest speaker David Mao, the incoming U.S. Supreme Court Law Librarian.

Chair Karen Westwood, standing in for Membership and Mentoring Committee member Tonya Baroudi, announced the 2024 longevity awards. Certificates and pins will be given at or mailed following the Awards Reception to the following who have 20 years of AALL membership and 10 years of GLL membership: Cathryn Bowie, Kate Fitz, Teresa Miguel-Stearns, Mary Searles, Su Sirkis, Mary Sparling, and Stephanie Wilson. They will also be acknowledged in person at the Awards Reception.

Grants Committee Chair Christine Morton announced the recipients of the 2023-2024 GLL grants: AALL Leadership Academy Grant – Kristin Neri; and Annual Meeting Grants – Taylor Berkoski, Eric J.H. Chapman, and Alicia Friedman. Christine thanked in particular Gail Warren who has organized the Grants Committee's fundraising for twelve years. James Durham will take over as lead fundraiser starting next year.

Chair Karen Westwood thanked outgoing Executive Board members Holly Riccio and Patricia Petroccione and welcomed incoming Executive Board member Laurel Moran. The Executive Board will be officially installed at the Awards Reception.

Amy Small, Vice-Chair and incoming Chair, provided remarks, focusing in particular on the great diversity of types of law libraries within GLL members and the benefits that diversity encourages. She also urged members to volunteer for a GLL committee.

Chair Karen Westwood led an additional final discussion on the issue of the AALL archives. Larry Meyer asked the GLL members who also sit on the AALL Executive Board to please convey the desire of members to review the boxes before they are destroyed. Karen also noted that the upcoming AALL Members Open Forum is a good time to voice concerns.

Incoming Chair Amy Small moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m. CDT. Jocelyn seconded. All in favor, no opposition or abstention.

# GLL EXEC. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 19, 2024

## Government Law Libraries – Special Interest Section Executive Board – Minutes

Date and Time: <b>Monday, August 19 @ 12:00 pm PT / 2:00 pm CT / 3:00 pm ET</b>			
<b>Attended:</b>	A. Small	K. Westwood	L. Moran
B. Starkey	J. Stilwell-Tong	T. Cunningham	S. Pixon
<b>Absent:</b> C. Morton			
<b>Meeting Leader:</b>	<b>Scribe:</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>	
A. Small	S. Pixon	October 16 @ 11am PT/1pm CT/2pm ET	

### Agenda

#### Preliminary Items / Previous Meeting Action Items:

- Call to Order -
- Approve Agenda – Jocelyn moved to approve the agenda, Brendan seconded. All in favor, no oppose or abstain.
- Approve Minutes from 6/20/24 – Brendan and Karen suggested small amendments, with those amendments, Brendan moved and Karen seconded, all in favor, no oppose or abstain.
- Treasurer Remarks/Report – Sara reviewed the latest statement, including donations, from June 30. Sara also mentioned her upcoming meeting with AALL ED about reimbursements for grants. Sara also discussed making sure all committee chairs are aware of procedures for payments – request must be submitted to GLL Board and approved first before any payments can be made by the committee chair.
- Action Items Status (See June Meeting Minutes) – all completed.

#### Other Business:

- Proposed new meeting time – (Amy): Third Wednesday of every other month, 11am PT/1pm CT/2pm ET – works for everyone!
  - o October 16
  - o December 18
  - o February 19
  - o April 16
  - o June 18
- Committee Chair Status – (Amy) / Determining Exec. Bd. Liaisons – Amy is working on this now. Tara would like to have by 9/6 if possible for newsletter. A new Advocacy chair is needed. The Task Force working on the funding for government law libraries will continue to work this year – Karen is co-chair.
- Annual Meeting Report Out - GLL Morning Meeting, Happy Hour, Breakfast (2024 AALL Annual Meeting) – Amy thought everything went well, all feedback was positive on all GLL events. Karen noted that we overbought food because we couldn't anticipate how many people were attending – perhaps we could do a RSVP next year? We had about 50 people but had based our food order on Boston attendance



# GLL EXEC. BOARD MEETING MINUTES, CONT.

Monday, August 19, 2024

numbers which were closer to 70. We also got good feedback from Lexis, our sponsor. The pau hana was also fun, about 20 people attended. LIT/GLL social was also really fun. Karen suggested that we may need to try and drum up some proposals for GLL. Brendan mentioned that there seemed to be less programming in general – Sara said definitely less ATJ programs but there were a few, but they may have all been organized by academic law librarians and that’s why they didn’t submit to GLL. Karen mentioned that part of the issue with getting GLL programs is that in part it is hard to get people to submit their program first to GLL when the deadline is so fast. Jocelyn had a suggestion for a VIP – she will reach out to a mutual colleague. Adjournment –

- Jocelyn moved to adjourn, Laurel seconded, all in favor, no oppose or abstain. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm Central.

<b>Current Meeting Action Items:</b>	<b>Assigned To:</b>	<b>Date Due:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assign committee liaisons, select committee chairs and members</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ASAP</li></ul>

## Interim Board Actions via Email:

- 1) Sara moved for reimbursement on behalf of Publicity & Public Relations chair Sue Ludington for annual meeting publicity expenses of \$1,891.43, seconded by Jocelyn. All in favor, no oppose or abstain. Vote completed via email on 8/27/24.

# GLL EXEC. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

<b>Date and Time: Wednesday, June 18 @ 11 a.m. PST / 1 p.m. CST / 2:00 p.m. EST</b>			
<b>Attended:</b>	K. Westwood	C. Morton	A. Small
B. Starkey	J. Stilwell-Tong	L. Moran	S. Pixon
T. Cunningham			
<b>Meeting Leader:</b>	<b>Scribe:</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>	
A. Small	S. Pixon	TBD	

# GLL EXEC. BOARD MEETING MINUTES, CONT.

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

## Agenda

### Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- Approve agenda – meeting called to order by Amy at 1:03 pm Central. Brendan moved to approve agenda, Jocelyn seconded, all in favor, no oppose or abstain.
- Approve minutes – Christine moved to approve, Jocelyn seconded, all in favor, no oppose or abstain.
- Secretary / Treasurer’s report – Sara presented draft 24-25 Financial Report and noted concerns about how many of the line items are TBD because they are estimates before our main expenses come in for the annual conference. After discussion, Sara offered to update the 23-24 report with real numbers and let the membership know we are aware of the increasing costs and declining revenues and brainstorming ways to deal with the problem (rotating early educational programming, VIPs, etc.). The Board also discussed other fundraising and will bring this to membership for ideas.

### Other Business:

- Committee updates by GLL Board liaisons – P&PR asking for \$228.50 for banner and flyer printing. Sara move to approve, Karen seconded, all in favor, no oppose or abstain. Karen reported that Jennifer Gonzalez, Technology Chair, suggested that the committee could use more projects or switch to one member. Christine reported that Grants has awarded all grants and James Durham is working on the fundraising campaign. Christine also reported that ATJ has finished 2 resource guides, they will submit to P&PR for review then place on website. Christine also reported that Standards have been submitted to the AALL EB. Jocelyn reported that Advocacy is in contact with other AALL advocacy committees, particularly relating to Government Relations position, which is especially relevant for GLL given the constraints for us as government employees. Jocelyn suggested we should explore more what we the GLL EB can do for advocacy efforts, such as forming a task force. Karen gave some background from her experience on Government Relations Committee as well, that AALL is attempting to be strategic in its advocacy.

- Breakfast Meeting updates
  - Approval of speaker Justice Montoya-Lewis’s expenses – We will likely be reimbursing for train or mileage for car/parking, along with hotel and meals,

# GLL EXEC. BOARD MEETING MINUTES , CONT.

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

approximately \$500. Brendan moved, Laurel seconded, all in favor, no oppose or abstain.

- GLL Happy Hour – we have no venue yet, so we will discuss further by email. Jocelyn will look into this more.
- Voting by email – email voting has gotten very confusing. Sara spoke to Miriam Childs, who is on AALL EB, who said that they only vote up-and-down via email, and everything else needing a vote with discussion is pushed to a meeting. We agreed to endeavor to hold votes that turn into discussions for a meeting.
- Strategic Directions – Laurel reported that the Strategic Directions are currently expired, as of 2024. Laurel proposed extending for an additional 2 years, to 2026. Amy also mentioned that we only recently moved to 3 year increments instead of 5 years so we may want to consider moving to 5 year rounds anyhow. Karen suggested that future Strategic Directions (and Mission Statement, see below) should be voted on by the full membership.
  - o Renewal of current SDs, extension to 5 years (2021-2026) – Christine moved to extend the Strategic Directions, Jocelyn seconded, all in favor, no oppose or abstain.
  - o Mission Statement – Sara proposed assigning the revision of Mission Statement to Strategic Directions. Karen also said we need to add a date to it. Sara made some minor updates as well, sent earlier to Board via email. Sara moved to accept updates and assignment, Karen seconded, all in favor, no oppose or abstain.
- Standards Committee’s supplement to County Public Law Library Standards – Christine will hold for the committee to do some updates.
- Business meeting agenda – Sara discussed that we are adding a quorum count to the agenda and also obtaining an attendee list.
- Other business
  - o Date of August meeting – Christine proposed to change to 8/13, we will confirm via email.
- Adjournment – Amy closed the meeting by acclamation at 2:03 pm Central.

<b>Action/Items From This Meeting:</b>	<b>Assigned To:</b>	<b>Date Due:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaise with Technology Committee about 1) updating Mission Statement, 2) updating Strategic Directions, and 3) updating past board members list.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASAP</li> </ul>

# GLL 2024-2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## Government Law Libraries– Special Interest Section

American Association of Law Libraries  
(Fiscal Year October 1, 2024–September 30, 2025)

### 2024 – 2025 Financial Report

#### Beginning Balance (October 1, 2024)

Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$35,021.29</u>
Total Fund Balance (@10/01/2024)	\$35,021.29

#### Income (October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025)

Donations	\$100.00
Dues	<u>\$1,170.00</u>
Total Income (@3/31/2024)	\$1,270.00

#### Expected Income (March 31, 2025 – September 30, 2025)

Dues	TBD
Lexis Sponsorship of Awards Reception	\$3,500.00
Online Fundraiser 2025 (Grants Fund)	TBD

#### Expenses (October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025)

Grants (Awards)	<u>\$2,102.72</u>
Total Expenditures (@3/31/2025)	\$2,102.72

#### Expected Expenses (March 31, 2025 – September 30, 2025)

Equal Justice Conference Grant (1)	\$1,500.00
AALL Annual Meeting Grants (3)	\$4,500.00
Awards crystals	\$323.00

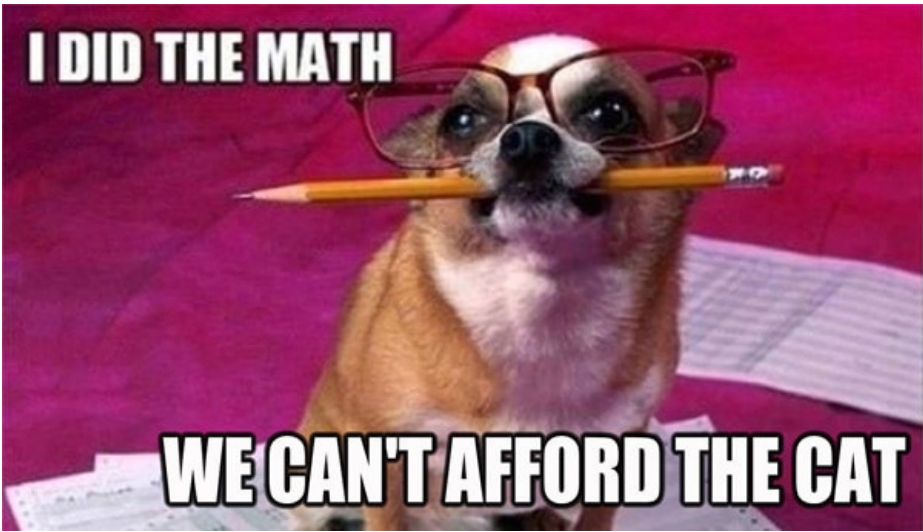
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A/V Equipment (for Awards Reception)	\$774.65
Food and Beverages (at Awards Reception)	\$3,975.00
GLL-Sponsored Program at Annual Conference	\$425.00
GLL Awards Reception Speaker Expenses	TBD
GLL Annual Conference VIP Expenses	TBD
Shipping (to and from AALL Annual Conference sites)	TBD
Supplies (for GLL displays/tables at AALL Annual Conference)	TBD

**Balance (March 31, 2025)**

Total Fund Balance (@3/31/2025)	\$34,188.57
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*Respectfully submitted,  
Sara V. Pixon, Secretary/Treasurer*





# GLL-SIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2025-2026

<b>Chair</b> (2024-2027) <u>Christine Morton</u>	<b>Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect</b> (2025-2028) <u>Sara Pixon</u>	<b>Past-Chair</b> (2023-2026) <u>Amy Small</u>	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> (2025-2028) <u>Brendan Starkey</u>
<b>Board Member</b> (2023-2026) <u>Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong</u>	<b>Board Member</b> (2024-2027) <u>Laurel Moran</u>	<b>Board Member</b> (2025-2028) <u>Catherine McGuire</u>	<b>Board Member (ex-officio)</b> (2024-2026) <u>Tara Cunningham</u>

## GLL-SIS COMMITTEES 2025-2026

### Advocacy

Chair - Amanda

Hildebrand

Board Liaison -

Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong

### Awards

Chair - Leland Sampson

Elizabeth Caulfield

Catherine Lemann

Laura Moorer

Jean Wenger

Board Liaison - Brendan

Starkey

### Best A2J Practices

Chair - Joan Bellistri

Lori-Ann Craig

Marilyn Floyd

Rebecca Greenlee

Gail Mathapo

John Murphy

Kristin Neri

Brittany Young

Board Liaison - Sara

Pixon

### Bylaws

Chair - Leslie Greenwood

Jennifer Dalglish

Maryruth Storer

Board Liaison - Catherine

McGuire

### Education

Chair - Suzanne Corriell

Summer Allen

Maureen Crichlow

Kristen Matteucci

Shannon Stoneking

George Taoultides

Board Liaison - Christine

Morton

### Grants

Chair - Susan Falk

Pauline Afuso

James Durham

Sandy Marz

Christine Morton

Kathy Orton

Gail Warren

Board Liaison - Brendan

Starkey

### Membership & Mentoring

Co-Chairs - Tonya Baroudi

and Ann Hemmens

Kathy Carlson

Alicia Friedman

Holly Grimes

Sandy Li

Jessica Mundy

Board Liaison - Laurel

Moran

### Newsletter

Chair - Tara Cunningham

Abigail Bean

Amanda Hildebrand

Britiny Hommey

Board Liaison - Christine

Morton

### Nominations

Chair - Geraldine Cepeda

Emily Carr

Linda Corbelli

James Durham

Larry Meyer

Board Liaison - Catherine

McGuire

### Publicity & Public Relations

Chair - Ana Mendoza

Amy Gregory

Holly Grimes

Sue Ludington

Board Liaison - Amy Small

### Standards

Chair - Victoria Williamson

Cathryn Bowie

Rob Mead

Board Liaison - Sara Pixon

### Strategic Planning

Chair - Holly Grimes

Miriam Childs

Andre Davison

Josh LaPorte

Board Liaison - Laurel

Moran

### Technology

Chair - Eric Chapman

Pauline Afuso

Angela Reaux

Alexis Fetzer Sharp

Board Liaison - Amy Small

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