



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, U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit Library



Greetings GLL-SIS Colleagues!

For many of us, this winter has brought its fair share of extreme cold, ice, and snow. With fewer outdoor distractions, winter offers a great opportunity to turn our indoor energy toward meaningful, focused work and make progress on some of our most ambitious projects. I have used this time to review and update the GLL [About Us](#) webpage.

If you haven't already, I encourage everyone to take a moment to read the updated [About Us](#) page. The previous version offered a brief history of our SIS and explained how our name changed in 2015. The page also mentions that GLL provides a *Sourcebook for Law Library Governing Boards and Committees*. This looseleaf publication was designed as a resource guide for trustees of public law libraries. It was created by the SCCLL Trustees Development Committee in the early 1990's and published as #45 in the AALL Publication Series. With AALL's permission, the [Preface](#), [Foreword](#), and [Table of Contents](#) are now available on the updated GLL [About Us](#) page for your reading pleasure.

My quest to uncover the purpose and whereabouts of the *Sourcebook* happily brought me into contact with many GLL members. Gail Warren, former GLL Chair and AALL Hall of Fame Award recipient, set me on the right path by sharing the story behind the *Sourcebook's* creation. James Durham, also a former GLL Chair, and Catherine McGuire, current GLL Board Member, located the *Sourcebook* in their collection and generously provided PDF scans of selected pages. Ryan Metheny of the LA County Public Law Library and Amy Crowder of the Wisconsin State Law Library also checked their collections and graciously agreed to be listed as holding this title. My sincere appreciation to Gail, James, Catherine, Ryan, and Amy for their help!

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My winter trip down memory lane, did not end with updating the [About Us](#) page. On a cold Monday in February, I received a package from AALL containing GLL items that had been placed in a 25-year time capsule, which was displayed at the Annual Meeting in Portland. Inside were a 1994 group photo, an SCCLL bookmark, a brochure, a member list, and several newsletters. Please see the photos of some of these items.



Turning to the present, the GLL Standards Committee has recently updated the [*General Legal and Self-Help Titles for the Public and Self-Represented Litigants: A Supplement to the AALL County Public Law Library Standards*](#). This resource is a treasure trove of both print and online materials designed to assist the public and pro-se litigants. I encourage you to review the Supplement – I am confident you will find many titles worth including in your government law library. My heartfelt thanks to Victoria Williamson, Cathryn Bowie, and Rob Mead for their time, hard work, and commitment to this project!

On the horizon, I am now looking forward to the Annual Meeting in Cleveland and the upcoming GLL election. Once again, the Nominations Committee has assembled an outstanding slate of candidates. I encourage everyone to vote as well as consider running for a board position in the future. The GLL Breakfast will again be generously sponsored by Lexis, and there will be a GLL-sponsored program at the Annual Meeting.

As always, please reach out to me with suggestions or ideas for our SIS.

Warm regards,
Christine

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Tara Cunningham, she/her/hers, Law Library of Louisiana



Hello and welcome to Volume 52! I have an update regarding the calendar fundraiser that was originally scheduled for last December. AALL Headquarters has recommended that we get signed releases for all photos used in the calendar, so I will be sending them to those of you who submitted photos soon. Once the releases are in, I will aim to have the 2027 annual wall calendars ready to print in December 2026.

You may notice that with this issue, we've started making GLL News more ADA-friendly by adding alt-text to images and fixing color-contrast and text sizes for better readability. If you use a screen reader, please let me know if you experience any accessibility issues.

Special thanks to the Newsletter Committee's Amanda Hildebrand, Abigail Bean, and Britiny Hommey for all their work in putting this issue together.

GLL ELECTION & NOMINEES

Gerri Cepeda, Guam Law Library



The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the slate of candidates for the upcoming GLL election. A special thanks to all who agreed to run and to the Nominations Committee for all of their work this year. If you have any questions about the nominations process, please contact Gerri Cepeda. **Our annual GLL-SIS online election will begin on March 30, 2025, and will end on April 20, 2025.** For questions about the election process, please reach out to GLL-SIS Secretary Brendan Starkey.

The candidates:

Vice Chair/Chair-Elect candidate:

Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong

Member-at-Large candidates:

Sarah Larsen

Shannon Stoneking



GLL NOMINEE: VICE CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT

Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong, California's 6th District Court of Appeals

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

I'm honored to be running for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the Government Law Libraries Special Interest Section, which has been such a source of support and friendship throughout my years as a government law librarian. As a new court librarian in the early 2010's, the GLL-SIS provided much needed mentorship as I adjusted to a new kind of institution. During the pandemic, this group's monthly check-ins became a welcome opportunity to connect with fellow librarians and learn what is going on around the country and the world. Since we returned to the office, this meeting has remained a touchstone of my month. As friends, you are an inspiring group of individuals; as a group, you are a force to be reckoned with. As one of our current Members-at-Large, I can confirm that the other board members live up to these accolades, and then some.



In my former role as VP/President/Past President (2019-2021) for my local AALL chapter, I learned that we can't predict what challenges we'll be faced with when we step into a leadership position. Right now, changes are coming to our profession fast, including policies on AI, funding shortfalls and opportunities, pressures and structural changes from vendors and how we access their resources, and a changing government workforce. It would be my honor to help the GLL-SIS navigate these changes. I look forward to your guidance, support, and companionship as we move forward, together.

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY:

Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong has been the law librarian at California's 6th District Court of Appeals since 2013. Before joining the court, she worked as a law firm librarian at a mid-size California firm. A native of New Mexico, Jocelyn attended high school in the state capital of Santa Fe, and earned her BA and JD from the University of New Mexico. After moving to California, she earned her MLIS from San Jose State University. Jocelyn is proud to have served as a former president of NOCALL (Northern California Association of Law Librarians), a member of AALL's IDEA Special Committee, and to have served on three Annual Meeting Planning Committees. When she isn't volunteering, she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her family. Jocelyn is currently one of GLL-SIS's two Members-at-Large.

GLL NOMINEE: VICE CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT

Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong, cont.

PUBLICATIONS and SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

To Boldly Go Where Everyone Has Gone Before

AALL Annual Meeting Presentation – July 2025

Coordinated and moderated this panel on AI in government law libraries

Evolving Collection Development in Law Libraries

SME for AALL's self-paced course on collection development · released Nov. 2024

An Eye on AI

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Irregular column

Legal Research and Ethics

NOCALL Spring Institute Presentation · Jun 17, 2022

Web presentation, spoke on a panel on legal research ethics in different spheres of the legal profession, with Rita Young and Eric Berg.

The Future of Annotations After Georgia v. Public.Resource.Org.

Government Law Libraries news · Jun 1, 2020

Article: How will states produce annotations after the recent SCOTUS case of Georgia v. Public.Resource.Org? How will Law Librarians help patrons find the information they need in light of the changes to the legal publishing industry this case engenders? This is a simple, quick discussion of the holding in Georgia v. Public.Resource.Org, and what may arise as a result.

Generational Divides: Paper and Electronic Resources

ILTA and AALL Digital White Paper, "The New Librarian" · Oct 12, 2012

White Paper: This paper examines how a customer-service driven approach to collection development encourages a balance between electronic resources and paper books.

J2: Paper Sources, Electronic Sources, and Platform Choices: Training Practicing Attorneys on What to Use When

AALL Annual Meeting: Presentation · Jul 26, 2012

Web Archive: As more and more resources move online, many experienced attorneys wonder: When should you still use print resources, and when should you use electronic ones? Are there best practices for when to use each in the research process? Librarians have an opportunity to help these attorneys, many of whom graduated from law school before the digital revolution, by hosting a review of how to use print and online resources together in a strategic way to accomplish research goals. This presentation focused on Nossaman's experience in presenting cross-platform research training to a mixed-generation group of attorneys, and reviewed the best practices we developed for when to use each kind of resource. Panel with Camille Reynolds and Mike St. Onge.

GLL NOMINEE: MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Sarah Larsen, Minnesota State Law Library

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am honored to be nominated for Member-at-Large of GLL-SIS. I have been a member of GLL-SIS since I became a librarian in 2017, and this group has been instrumental in my growth as a librarian and as a leader. I've met several wonderful mentors through this SIS and I know I will always have a colleague ready to answer any questions. I look forward to giving back to the GLL-SIS community if elected.

I have been fortunate enough to get to know many of you through my previous work for 6 years on the Education Committee. Getting to read through member proposals and hearing your ideas has been rewarding and I always end up inspired by the programs and ideas shared. If I am fortunate enough to be elected, I welcome your ideas and I'll do my best to represent your voice on the board.



EMPLOYMENT

Outreach Librarian, Minnesota State Law Library, St. Paul, MN, February 2017 – present
Legal Analyst, Minnesota Board of Nursing, Minneapolis, MN, April 2015 – January 2017
Compliance Attorney, Thomson Reuters, Eagan, MN, October 2013 – April 2015
Law Clerk to the Honorable Tsippi Wray, Hennepin County District Court, Minneapolis, MN, November 2011 – October 2013

EDUCATION

St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN – MLIS, May 2018
Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN – JD, May 2011
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA – BA, History, French; BS, Psychology, May 2008

GLL NOMINEE: MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Sarah Larsen, cont.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

AALL

- AMPC Member, 2024 – present
- Leadership Academy Mentor, 2024 – 2025
- Leadership Academy Fellow, 2020

GLL-SIS

- Education Committee Chair, 2020 – 2022
- Education Committee, 2017 – 2020, 2022 – 2024

LISP-SIS

- Nominations Committee Chair, 2023 – 2024, 2025 – 2026
- 50 State Toolkit Committee Chair – 2023 – 2025
- Vice Chair/Chair/Past Chair, 2020 – 2023
- 50 State Toolkit Committee, 2018 – 2020

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries

- Secretary/Treasurer, 2025 – present
- Member at Large, 2018 – 2020

Minnesota State Bar Association

Access to Justice Committee, 2019 – present

- Resource Development Subcommittee, 2019 – present
- State of the State Workgroup, 2021 – present

Minnesota Judicial Branch

- Self-Represented Litigant Workgroup, 2019 – present

PUBLICATIONS

Author, Outreach and Access to Justice in a Pandemic, LISP/SR Blog, January 26, 2021

Co-Author, Minnesota's Not-So-Blazing Trail to Women's Suffrage (and Beyond), *With Equal Right*, Fall 2018 (with Leslie Greenwood)

Author, Diversity in Public Libraries: Strategies for Achieving a More Representative Workforce, *Public Libraries*, May/June 2017

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, "Creating Engaging Multimedia Exhibits," Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference, October 24, 2024

Speaker, "Court and Court-Related Records: Where to Find Them... and How to Get Rid of Them," Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference, October 28, 2022

Speaker & Coordinator, "Coping with Vicarious Trauma: Tips for Law Librarians on the Front Lines," AALL Annual Meeting, July 19, 2022

GLL NOMINEE: MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Sarah Larsen, cont.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, cont.

“Press Play: Helping State Law Library Patrons with Instructional Videos,” Minitex Connect Conference, May 4, 2022

Speaker, “Law Librarians & Legal Information Professionals as Partners in the Access to Justice Movement,” AALL Webinar, March 3, 2021

Speaker, “Outreach During a Pandemic,” Law Librarians of Puget Sound, February 24, 2021

Speaker, “Creating Pathways to Civil Legal Justice,” WebJunction Webinar April 14, 2020 and Self-Paced Course recording

Speaker, “Meeting Patrons Where They Are: Legal Partnerships at the St. Paul Public Library,” Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference, October 11, 2018

Poster Presentation, “Meeting Patrons Where They Are: Legal Reference at the Public Library,” AALL Annual Meeting, July 2018

GLL NOMINEE: MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Shannon Stoneking, Ramsey County Law Library

Candidate Statement

I am truly honored to be nominated for the Member-at-Large position within GLL-SIS. This role represents an exciting opportunity to collaborate with colleagues and help shape the future of our organization. I am passionate about fostering growth, innovation, and meaningful connections within our professional community.

While I am new to formal leadership roles within AALL, I am currently serving on the Leadership Committee and look forward to continuing that work. Locally, I bring experience as the current Member-at-Large for MALL (2025) and as a two-time chair of the Minnesota Coalition of Law Librarians (MCCLL) in 2017 and 2022. Additionally, I have chaired the Scholarship Committees for LISP (2021–present) and MALL (2021–2025), roles that have allowed me to support professional development and create opportunities for others.



GLL NOMINEE: MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Shannon Stoneking, cont.

My leadership philosophy is simple: every member has unique talents and perspectives that strengthen our community. I believe in listening, collaborating, and empowering others to share their ideas. If elected, I will work to ensure that GLL-SIS continues to thrive by embracing innovation and supporting the diverse voices that make our organization strong.

Candidate Biography

Hello 😊 My name is Shannon Stoneking, and I have been a member of AALL since 2013. Before becoming a law librarian, I worked as a law clerk for several judges in Minnesota. During my time researching the law, I frequently visited the law library, where I met Mary Freyberg, the Scott County law librarian. Over the years, we developed a friendship, and I greatly admired her efforts to help others access justice. Her dedication inspired me to pursue a career in law librarianship. I strive to bring her energy and passion to the work that still needs to be done. I would like for you to consider me for the role of member-at-large in GLL. Thank you for considering me for this position!

MEMBER NEWS



Law librarian places in dance competition

In January, U.S. Court of International Trade Law Library Manager, Taryn Rucinski, took second place with her dance partner, Christopher Crevatas, in the Professional Just Hustle division at the New Jersey Hustle Congress. A video of the winning dance is available [here](#). Taryn also took second place in the Professional Jack & Jill Just Hustle division with her randomly matched partner, Steven James. This is Taryn's fourth year teaching and competing as a professional ballroom dancer.

MEMBER NEWS, CONT.



In Remembrance

The Wisconsin State Law Library lost one of its librarians in January. **Faymarie Pluskota** started as a Library Associate at the Milwaukee County Law Library in 2022, and had been a part of the Milwaukee library community for many years before joining WSL. Her enthusiasm for research and dedication to service will be greatly missed.

GLL Holiday Book Trees

In an attempt to get more member news, I asked for some photos of GLL library holiday decorations. Please enjoy these submissions.



The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit book tree (left) and book menorah (above) submitted by Suzanne Corriell.

MEMBER NEWS, CONT.



Law Library of Louisiana staff with their *Louisiana Cases* book tree. Pictured from L to R: Fran Norton, Tara Cunningham, Melissa Roane, Angela Reaux, Miriam Childs, Abigail Bean, Sara Pixon, and Javier Fernandez.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: AALL 2026 | JULY 18-21

Get ready to Lead with Aloha at the [2026 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#) in Cleveland! **Registration** is officially open—secure your spot by May 20 to take advantage of early-bird rates.

Join colleagues from across the profession for **65+ education programs**, meaningful networking opportunities, and a dynamic **exhibit hall** featuring more than 50 exhibitors showcasing the latest legal research tools and innovations.

Start planning your trip today:

- Book **discounted hotel rooms** and explore **airline savings** on our transportation page.
- Use the **Justification Toolkit** to make your case for attending.
- Attend a **preconference workshop** on Saturday, July 18

We can't wait to see you in Cleveland. If you have any questions, please contact annualmeeting@aall.org.



APPLY FOR AN ANNUAL MEETING GRANT BY APRIL 1

With registration for the [2026 Annual Meeting & Conference](#) open, now is the time to apply for a grant to help cover your costs. AALL's **Annual Meeting Grant** provides assistance with registration fees, and many **special interest sections or chapters** also provide funding opportunities for their members.

Join your peers in Cleveland, July 18-21. Applications are due by April 1.

If you have any questions, please contact **Kat Waks**, AALL manager of conference programs & education.

AALL ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT.

2026–2027 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE OPEN

Progress doesn't happen by accident – it happens because members invest in the community. **Renew your AALL membership for 2026–2027** and remain part of the collective work moving the profession forward.

Renew by May 31 to ensure uninterrupted access to your member benefits. If you need assistance, reach out to **membership@aall.org**.

RENEW NOW

GET FUNDING FOR YOUR RESEARCH – APPLY BY APRIL 1

Need support for your research project? **The AALL LexisNexis Research Grant is accepting applications through April 1.** Apply by April 1 for a chance to secure funding and bring your ideas to life. This funding opportunity supports innovative research in legal and law-related information, with up to \$10,000 available to support one or more projects. Don't miss the opportunity to move your research forward—**submit your application today.**

AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT – APPLY BY MAY 18

Does your chapter, special interest section, committee, or caucus have an educational event that needs funding? If so, consider applying for an **AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant.** **The next deadline for grant applications is May 18.**

NEW ARTICLES AVAILABLE FROM LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL

Two articles from Volume 118, Issue 1 of **Law Library Journal** are now available on AALLNET: one examines whether academic law libraries need physical collections despite recent ABA Standard changes, and another explores integrating law librarianship with legal information science in the GenAI era. More content from this issue will be published soon—stay tuned for the full issue announcement.

READ THE ARTICLES

AALL ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT.

BOOST YOUR CAREER WITH AN AALL SCHOLARSHIP

Take the next step in your professional journey with support from AALL! Each year, we provide thousands of dollars in **scholarships** to help law and library school students, as well as AALL members, advance their education. Whether you are just getting started or looking to deepen your expertise, AALL has funding opportunities to help you reach your goals.

- AALL Scholarships
- LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
- George A. Strait Minority Scholarship & Fellowship
- Marcia J. Koslov Scholarship

The deadline to apply is April 1. If you have any questions, please contact **membership@aall.org**.

DRUMROLL PLEASE...

Thank you to everyone who submitted name ideas for AALL's new **podcast**! We're excited to announce the official name: **The AALLIn Podcast**.

A special thanks to **Mary Ann Wacker**, **Cara Henley Johnson**, and **Brian McCann** for the winning suggestion—and to everyone who shared their creative ideas. Stay tuned for the first episode dropping in April!

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS/WEBINARS

Be part of the conversation! Register for the March 18 **Virtual Coffee Chat: Developing a Writing Practice** from 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. (CDT).

Plan to join the **Thomson Reuters Partner Webinar: Preparing for Tomorrow's Legal Profession Challenges** on Thursday, March 26, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT). This webinar explores new data and benchmarking insights on how law firms and legal information professionals can adapt to AI-driven change and economic uncertainty in 2026.

Visit **AALL eLearning** to stay up to date on future topics and to register.

ANNUAL GLL NEWER LAW LIBRARIANS GATHERING

***Save the Date for the Annual
Newer Government Law Librarians Gathering
Tuesday, March 24, 2026
(11 am PST/1 pm CST/2 pm EST)***

Please join us at this networking opportunity for newer law librarians working in government law libraries (5 years or less); this includes GLL-SIS members and those government law librarians who are not currently members of GLL-SIS.

In this one-hour Zoom gathering, sponsored by the [GLL Membership and Mentoring Committee](#), you will have a chance to connect and to engage in conversation with a leader in the Government Law Libraries-SIS, learning about that individual's leadership journey in government law librarianship and engage in a Q&A about their career path and the profession.

This year, we will be joined by [Amy Small](#), Executive Director at the [Texas State Law Library](#). Having joined the Law Library as an Electronic Services Librarian in 2007, Amy subsequently held several positions, with diverse and increasing responsibilities, until becoming its Director three years ago. She has also been very active professionally, including her service as GLL-SIS Chair (2024/2025) and Chair of the AALL Spectrum Article of the Year Award Jury (2024/2025).

Look for a Zoom link on the [GLL-SIS My Communities webpage](#) on AALLNET. This is a live event and will not be recorded.

Questions? Contact a member of the [GLL Membership and Mentoring Committee](#).



2026 GLL-SIS Longevity Awards

Tonya Baroudi, Prince George's County Circuit Court Library



The Membership & Mentoring Committee is proud to recognize the following individuals with their longevity awards. These GLLers have been members of AALL for twenty years and associated with GLL for ten of those years. Please congratulate:

- Emily Bergfeld
 - Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library
- Elizabeth Caulfield
 - California Court of Appeal 2nd District
- Tara Cunningham
 - Law Library of Louisiana
- Maureen Eck
 - Nebraska State Library
- Ann Hemmens
 - Law Library of Congress
- Christopher D. Hudson
 - Colorado Supreme Court Library
- Cynthia Jones
 - Law Library of Louisiana
- Christine E. Morton
 - United States Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit
- Dr. Carol Ottolenghi
 - Ohio Attorney General
- Jocelyn D. Stilwell-Tong
 - California Court of Appeal 6th District
- Julia Taylor
 - Congressional Research Service Library of Congress
- Jeff B. Woodmansee
 - University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law



They will be acknowledged, and their certificates and pins awarded at the 2026 AALL Annual Meeting's GLL-SIS Awards and Recognition Ceremony.

AN EYE ON AI

Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong, she/her/hers, California Court of Appeal 6th District



This newsletter, let's turn our attention to global policymaking on AI! UNESCO released its new [Guidelines for the Use of AI Systems in Courts and Tribunals](#) on Dec. 3rd, 2025. In the [introductory article](#) on their website, they note that "The impact of AI on justice systems is real, uneven, and often unpredictable," which is why these guidelines are urgently needed throughout the world.

The new Guidelines include 15 Principles to help guide AI adoption in courts, legal organizations, and by Judges. They are intended to help create benchmarks and guidance for use within legal institutions. To explore these standards (and to illustrate their purpose), I've used Microsoft CoPilot to create a chart discussing the different principles, the core purpose of that principle, practical application, and the primary risk it addresses:

Principle	Core Purpose	What It Requires in Practice	Primary Risk It Addresses
1. Protection of Human Rights	Ensure AI use respects, protects, and promotes human rights.	Safeguards for vulnerable groups; prevent discrimination; uphold due process.	Rights violations, bias, exclusion.
2. Proportionality	Match AI use to the scale and seriousness of the judicial task.	Deploy AI only when benefits justify risks and intrusiveness.	Overreach, unnecessary automation.
3. Feasibility of Benefits	Ensure AI adoption produces real, measurable improvements.	Evidence-based justification before deployment; ongoing evaluation.	Wasted resources; ineffective tools.
4. Safety	Prevent physical, procedural, or systemic harm.	Testing, monitoring, and risk-mitigation throughout lifecycle.	Harm from malfunction or misuse.
5. Information Security	Protect sensitive judicial data	Strong cybersecurity, access controls, encryption	Data breaches, manipulation, leaks.

AN EYE ON AI, cont.

Principle	Core Purpose	What It Requires in Practice	Primary Risk It Addresses
6. Accuracy & Reliability	Ensure AI outputs are correct and consistent.	Validation, quality checks, continuous performance monitoring.	Errors that distort judicial outcomes.
7. Explainability	Make AI outputs understandable to humans.	Clear reasoning pathways; ability to interpret system behavior.	Opaque or inscrutable decisions.
8. Auditability	Enable internal and external review of AI systems.	Logs, traceability, documentation, audit trails.	Inability to investigate errors or misuse.
9. Transparent & Open Justice	Preserve public trust and judicial transparency.	Disclose AI use when appropriate; avoid hidden automation.	Secretive or unaccountable AI use.
10. Awareness & Informed Use	Ensure judicial actors understand AI tools.	Training, guidelines, user education.	Misuse due to misunderstanding or overreliance.
11. Responsibility	Clarify who is responsible for AI deployment and outcomes.	Defined roles for oversight, maintenance, and governance.	Diffused or unclear responsibility.
12. Accountability & Contestability	Ensure decisions influenced by AI can be challenged.	Mechanisms for appeal, review, and redress.	Unreviewable or unchallengeable outcomes.
13. Human Oversight & Decision-Making	Keep humans in control of judicial decisions.	Meaningful human supervision; AI as assistive only.	Replacement of judicial reasoning by machines.
14. Human-Centric & Participatory Design	Design AI around human needs and rights.	Involve judges, staff, and affected communities in design/testing.	Tools that ignore user needs or harm rights.
15. Multi-Stakeholder Governance & Collaboration	Promote broad cooperation in AI governance.	Engage technologists, civil society, academia, and others.	Fragmented standards; lack of oversight.

AN EYE ON AI, cont.

As librarians, I think our main focus in the future will be on Principles “6. Accuracy & Reliability”; “7. Explainability”; “8. Auditability” and “10. Awareness & Informed Use”. I’ll talk a little bit about each of these and how I would approach the table above based on these principles. Then I’ll say a quick word about how it applies to legal research products.

Accuracy & Reliability: As with any legal research tool, it is critical that the user can trace the information generated to its origin. In the case of the table above, I asked CoPilot to create a guide using only the one UNESCO source document. When reviewing the table against the source document, we can see check the components and see where each column got its information (and where CoPilot is drawing its own conclusions). In looking through the original document and the GenAI-generated table, I can see that all of the data in the “Core Purpose” column comes directly from the UNESCO document, but is reworded to be shorter and more informal in tone. However, the content in the “What it Requires in Practice” and “Primary Risk it Addresses” columns seems to be a mix of content from other parts of the document, and logical conclusions CoPilot drew through predictive text. I would read through the document and see if I agree with all the content in context before sending this table out in a work setting. In the context of legal research AI tools, this Principle would include understanding what legal materials the AI was trained on, how they are ranked in terms of jurisdiction and relevance, and any known problems a user should watch out for.

Explainability: This relates to how well the GenAI system communicates its results. In addition to knowing where the information came from, you also need to be able to show the results in an understandable format. The table above does a good job of explaining the information in clear terms (following this Principle). This standard might be regarded as a selection criterion when looking at products. In a legal research context, it means selecting GenAI products that write clearly and understandably, as well as accurately.

Auditability: To my mind, this Principle goes hand-in-hand with the Accuracy & Reliability standard. It relates to understanding and being able to track where the information is coming from when you use a GenAI product. For this table, I circled back to CoPilot and asked it to explain how it got the information in the third column. When asked, the program provided detailed information and suggested the additional step: “map each principle to specific sentences in the document” to get more insight. So, CoPilot didn’t just explain, it gave an additional prompt that might get clearer and more relevant results. Many of our legal research vendors are providing citations for any proposition stated within their AI products; however, sometimes those citations are not appropriate for the context. This is a known issue for most users who are using AI, but one we need to train people on, which leads us to...

Awareness & Informed Use: This Principle emphasizes the importance of training GenAI users before allowing them to use the products in their work. User training and user education prevent our courts from falling into known problems. Just like we teach users how to use a citator like Shepards or KeyCite, we’ll need to teach them the pros and cons

AN EYE ON AI, cont.

of Generative AI. For this article, GenAI helped me make a handy table! Hopefully, my explanation of the process helps you understand what went into that table, which is a form of training. Communicating and training people on the strengths and weaknesses of research products is a core part of library work. Learning about something and then teaching about that same thing is a very familiar feeling to most of us!

I'm glad to see an international organization come forward with these guidelines, which are focused on the GenAI adoption process. I believe this will help the Judiciary in many countries find products that will help them help more people, while side-stepping the problems that so often come with adopting a new technology.

2026 GLL Grants

[Susan Falk, she/her/hers, Alaska State Court Law Library](#)

Interested in juicing your professional development? Hoping to attend a conference this year but worried about the price tag? Apply for a GLL conference grant!

The GLL-SIS Grants Committee is thrilled to announce our first grant recipient of 2026, **Andrea Woods**, who is headed to the AALL Leadership Academy in Chicago, Illinois, on April 28-29, 2026. We look forward to announcing the recipient of our next grant for the ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, on May 13-16, 2026, in the summer newsletter.

We are currently accepting applications for two \$1,500 grants for GLL members to attend this year's AALL Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 18-21, 2026. One of these grants is designated for a librarian with less than five years of experience, and the other is designated for a librarian with more than five years of experience. Grant applications are **due Friday, March 20, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

The AALL Annual Meeting is an unparalleled opportunity to network with our colleagues, share information, meet vendors, and bring new ideas back to our libraries. The program offers a full slate of educational sessions, roundtables, and business and social meetings to keep you busy for four days. And, of course, the highlight of the meeting is our very own GLL breakfast!

Whether you're brand new to GLL or have been toiling in the trenches for years, please consider applying for a grant to attend this year's Annual Meeting in Cleveland. And keep your eyes open for one more grant this year, to attend the AALL Management Institute scheduled for this fall.

Please see the [Scholarship and Grants](#) webpage for the grant rules and the grant application.

The availability of any grant is subject to change. Any changes in award amounts will be reported in the GLL-SIS newsletter, website, and My Communities page.

GLL Best A2J Practices Committee – Spotlight on Maryland

Joan Bellistri, Anne Arundel County Public Law Library



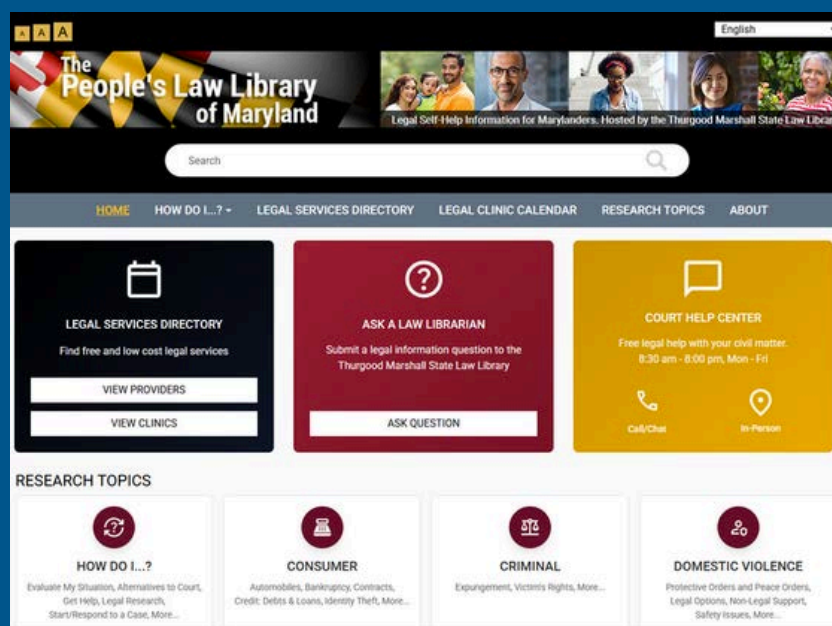
The GLL Best A2J Practices Committee is charged with exploring ways to encourage GLL law libraries to develop, establish, and enhance A2J Best Practices for SRL Services and to spotlight initiatives that demonstrate important examples of A2J best practices, including libraries at the basic, intermediate, and advanced levels of self-help services. (For more information on levels of service, see Revised Law Library Insights – Access to Justice: Best Practices for Public Law Libraries [GLL Resource Guide No. 5.](#))

As a result, committee members will focus the spotlight on examples of A2J best practices with a series of posts in GLL’s My Communities discussion board and articles in GLL News. I volunteered to start with this spotlight on Maryland.

Maryland may be a small state with just ten staffed court libraries, including the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library (TMSLL), but we have a lot going on. And please note that, other than the TMSLL, Maryland court law libraries operate with staffs of no more than three, and many have only one librarian. I am sharing just some of the SRL resources and programs available in Maryland court law libraries that highlight A2J best practices.

Handouts and Online Information

[The People’s Law Library of Maryland](#), hosted and maintained by the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library, could be considered the gold standard for online access to legal information for the public. The People’s Law Library is divided into law topics that include family law, employment, and procedure (or “How Do I?”). Users of the site can connect with a law librarian or with a Maryland Court Help Center attorney. The Legal Services Directory and Legal Clinic Calendar provide access to assistance.



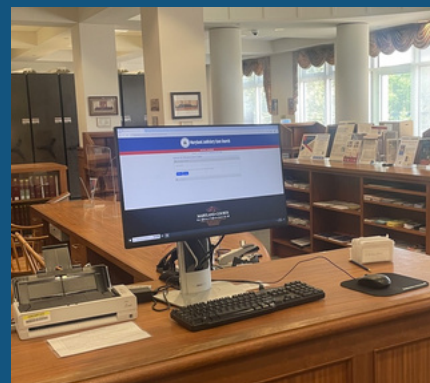
Spotlight on Maryland, cont.

Anne Arundel County Public Law Library provides simplified Wiki FAQs, including Family Law Resource Packets with links to the law, online articles, forms, and videos, as well as lists of library resources on topics most often asked by the public. Library FAQs and Family Law Resource packets contain a QR Code so that printouts may be used as handouts.

The Carroll County Circuit Court Law Library provides a Library Referral Guide to front office staff at the Carroll County Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

The Prince George's County Circuit Court Law Library's SRL services include links to a series of Research Guides on topics from Administrative Actions to Wills and Estates. The Guides are online, but are also printable handouts.

The Self-Help page of the **Montgomery County Circuit Court Public Law Library** links to a wide array of information on a variety of services and resources. Information there includes guides to the Apostille Process and Legal Immigration Resources.



Prince Georges's County Circuit Court Law Library's Infodesk / Kiosk

Public Library Training

Catherine McGuire, TMSLL Deputy Director, has led efforts to connect with Maryland's public library community with Law on the Frontlines: Legal Reference for Public Libraries. Frontlines is a joint project with the TMSLL, the Maryland Access to Justice Commission, and the Conference of Maryland Court Law Library Directors. Resources include an online handbook and ongoing online trainings. The Frontlines program and materials address best practices for legal reference, primary and secondary sources, legal forms, referrals, and specific topics like family law and landlord-tenant.

LAW ON THE FRONTLINES: LEGAL REFERENCE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Join us for **Spring 2025's Frontlines Sessions!** Become more confident with legal reference questions and connect patrons to resources that may help them with their legal matter.

UPCOMING SESSIONS

- Wednesday, February 26, 2025 | 9:00 - 10:30 AM**
Legal Reference Best Practices
This course provides an overview of best practices when addressing questions about law and legal situations.
- Wednesday, March 26, 2025 | 9:00 - 10:30 AM**
Foundations of Law for Public Library Reference
This course lays the groundwork by providing a comprehensive overview of law-making bodies, primary sources of law, and other essential elements for navigating legal resources.
- Wednesday, April 23, 2025 | 9:00 - 10:30 AM**
Navigating the Law - Landlord/Tenant
This course provides an overview of common areas of concern, such as eviction, leases, non-payment of rent, and more, and points to reliable resources to help inform the public.

FRONTLINES SESSIONS ADDRESS:

- The role of public libraries in advancing Access to Justice
- Best practices tips
- Legal information resources
- Basics on the structure of law
- Where to refer moving forward

Brought to you by the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library, the Maryland Access to Justice Commission, and the Conference of Maryland Court Law Library Directors

Spotlight on Maryland, cont.

E-filing and Technology Assistance

Law libraries provide support for court e-filing. All law libraries have kiosks for the use of attorneys and the public to view and print case filings. Law library staff are trained to assist attorneys and the public with basic e-filing needs and have increasingly assisted the bar and public with performing electronic filings and accessing electronic case documents.

Many Maryland court law libraries provide dedicated access to Zoom for those who do not have access to the internet or compatible electronic devices for court hearings.

Legal Advice Programs

The Howard County Law Library and Legal Resource Center offers two in-person programs where attorneys volunteer to provide free legal advice to self-represented litigants. The Civil Law Center is offered twice per month in the law library. The Family Law Assistance Program is offered twice weekly. Evening sessions are held twice a month in a senior center. The law librarian recruits and schedules the volunteer attorneys and facilitates the programs. In addition to the in-person legal advice programs, the Howard County Law Library and Legal Resource Center provides videoconferencing access to the Maryland Court Help Center attorneys.

The Charles County Legal Resource Center Public Law Library offers two free legal advice programs: the Family Law Assistance Program and the Civil Law Center. The law library recently partnered with the local detention center and local bar to provide remote family assistance to the detention center inmates.

The ribbon cutting for the Baltimore County Access to Justice Resource Center was held in May of 2025. The Baltimore County Circuit Court Law Library became part of the newly formed office, along with the Court Language Services Department and Self-Help Office. The "Center is dedicated to supporting those who do not have access to a lawyer in navigating filling out court paperwork, serving court papers, and researching law for their cases."

The Washington County Circuit Court Help Center and Law Library hosts a Family Law Help Clinic twice a week in addition to providing computers with access to videoconferencing with Maryland Court Help Center attorneys.

The Anne Arundel County Public Law Library is co-located with the Family Court Help Center. Law library computers provide access to Family Law Resources for visitors to the Center. Through a partnership with the Anne Arundel Public Library, the Anne Arundel Bar Association, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service, the law library hosts a weekly Ask a Lawyer in the Library Program via Zoom.

Spotlight on Maryland, cont.

The ribbon cutting for the Hon. Harry A. Cole Help Access and Information Center in the Baltimore Bar Library in Baltimore City was held on December 9, 2025. (See the [press release](#).) The Baltimore Bar Library is a membership library but has worked with the Baltimore City Circuit Court to create a space for self-represented litigants with access to a range of resources, including the ability to chat online with [Maryland Court Help Center](#) attorneys from the center's computer workstations. Users of the Center have access to all law library resources.



Hon. Harry A. Cole Self-Help
Access and Information Center

Read the most recent [CMCLLD Annual Report](#) to see more of what is going on in Maryland court law libraries.

Look for upcoming posts from Committee members Marilyn Floyd and Brittany Young to learn about A2J efforts in Alabama and Oregon. For more ideas and inspiration, see the [StoryMap Open to the Public – 2024: How Law Libraries are Serving Self-Represented Litigants Across the Country](#).

[GLL Best A2J Practices Committee](#) wants to know about A2J and service to the SRL in your library. Please contact any of us so that we can put the spotlight on you.

**Join the Association of Law Libraries of
Upstate New York for their Spring Institute,
Friday, April 24th, 2026.
Event is in-person and via zoom!**

**Questions? Email Ella Pieterse at
epieters@nycourts.gov or call 845-483-8399.**

SAVE THE DATE!
Friday, April 24th, 2026

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SPRING INSTITUTE**

**Central New York Philanthropy
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**“Managing Library Anxiety and Burnout:
Strategies for Law Librarians”**

*Thriving in law librarianship starts with protecting your well-being.
Join us for a day of conversations and ideas for navigating stress,
burnout, and well-being in the profession. Stay tuned for more
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GLL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 15, 2025

Date and Time: Monday, December 15, 2025, 2 PM ET			
Attended:	Christine Morton	Tara Cunningham	Catherine McGuire
Laurel Moran	Sara Pixon	Brendan Starkey	Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong
Amy Small			
Meeting Leader: C. Morton	Scribe: B. Starkey	Date of Next Meeting: February 18, 11 AM PT/1 PM CT/2 PM ET	

Agenda

Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- Call to Order: by Christine at 2:04.
- Approve agenda: Catherine moved to approve, Jocelyn seconded, all in favor.
- Approve minutes from 10/15/25: Jocelyn moved to approve with an amendment to correct a time zone error, Sara seconded, all in favor.
- Secretary/Treasurer's report: Brendan submitted an updated financial report for FY2024-25 (attached) showing only two outstanding transactions, both from the annual meeting. AALL should be clearing those soon. Sara suggested that we be careful with expenses for VIP attendance at annual meetings. She noted that since the VIP and awards reception speaker cannot be the same person, we should consider asking the VIP to write something for the newsletter. Amy recommended prioritizing locals for VIP to reduce expenses.

Other Business:

- Committee updates by GLL Board liaisons: Christine reiterated that the Education Committee picked two programs for the annual meeting and is waiting for the Annual Meeting Program Committee to decide. Brendan reported that Awards is in the planning stages and updating documents and that Grants is awaiting the closure of the Leadership Academy application period on December 19. Amy reported that the Technology Committee was discussing best practices for transferring documents between committee membership from year to year and that the library feature on My Communities may be the best option. Jocelyn reported that there has been discussion of winding Advocacy down depending on how things proceed at AALL. Catherine noted that Nominations recently had posted their call for nominations and that Bylaws is not expecting any activity this cycle. Laurel reported that Strategic Planning will be picking up in the new year and Membership & Mentoring is very busy seeking mentors.

GLL EXEC. COMM. MEETING MINUTES, cont.

Monday, December 15, 2025

- Proposed name change for the Mentorship Program of the Membership and Mentoring Committee: the committee has asked to change the name of the Mentorship Program to Ask an Expert, as it is more descriptive and does not suggest a long-term commitment. Jocelyn moved to change the name as requested, Catherine seconded, all in favor.
- Update on Breakfast meeting sponsorship: Christine submitted a request, asking for \$4,000 as discussed in October.
- Annual Meeting Joint Roundtable – responsibilities and possible topics: Joceyln reported that there was some confusion about the Advocacy Committee handling the GLL/LISP/SR joint roundtable at the annual meeting. Amy noted that LISP had questions about that as well. Catherine, who is in LISP, explained that LISP had been taking the lead recently by coming up with topics and then reserving the room. Amy noted that they have reserved a room for this summer. Christine suggested that the Education Committee should probably be involved rather than Advocacy because that is what the other two sections do.
- Fundraising Update – Pet calendar: Christine reached out to AALL about potential copyright issues with using photographs of government buildings and received a packet on best practices. We must submit the required documentation to AALL for approval of all new fundraisers.
- Other business: none
- Adjournment: at 2:45

Action Items

- Brendan is waiting for confirmation from AALL about outstanding annual meeting-related transactions.

Interim Committee Actions via Email

- Motion by Sara Pixon to approve the 1) Grants Committee's updates to the Grant Rules, provided Rule 13 is moved to the "Rules for Applicants" section; 2) the Grants Committee's updates to the grant application; and 3) the 2025-2026 Grants Committee Budget motion. Catherine McGuire seconded the motion, all in favor, no oppose or abstain. Vote completed on November 7, 2025.



GLL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 2 PM ET			
Attended:	Christine Morton	Tara Cunningham	Catherine McGuire
Laurel Moran	Sara Pixon	Brendan Starkey	Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong
Amy Small (from 2:49)			
Meeting Leader: C. Morton	Scribe: B. Starkey	Date of Next Meeting: December 15, 11 AM PT/1 PM CT/2 PM ET	

Agenda

Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- Call to Order: by Christine at 2:07.
- Approve Agenda: Catherine moved to approve, Jocelyn seconded, all in favor.
- Approve Minutes from 9/3/25: Sara moved to approve, Catherine seconded, all in favor.
- Secretary/Treasurer's remarks: no update from September; Brendan will follow up with AALL regarding hotel charges for awards ceremony.
- Committee roster status: all chairs have been filled. Joan Bellistri will chair BA2J Practices, Anna Mendoza Publicity & Public Relations, and Gerri Cepeda Nominations. Two members have stepped down from Advocacy, but Amanda Hildebrand remains chair. Christine will email My Communities seeking committee volunteers.

Other Business:

- Committee updates by GLL Board liaisons: Jocelyn reiterated that Advocacy needs members. Laurel reported that Membership is exploring a proposed name change for the mentorship program. Catherine reported that Bylaws does not expect to have a lot of activity this year. Sara reported that Standards is waiting on approval of updates, which are currently on the SIS Council agenda. Brendan reported that Grants is discussing which programs to fund and working on updating the application. Christine reported that Education received two proposals for annual meeting programs and will be meeting to review them. She raised the question of whether we can encourage proposers to seek co-sponsorship, which might raise their chances of being accepted.
- GLL-SIS programs for Annual Meeting: the Education Committee received two proposals from membership.
- Breakfast meeting sponsorship discussions – budget, etc. Christine recommended raising our request from \$3,500, knowing that we went over slightly last time. Jocelyn recommended increasing to \$4,000 because it sounds reasonable and everyone knows inflation is an issue. The committee agreed. Regarding the higher-than-

GLL EXEC. COMM. MEETING MINUTES, cont.

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

- expected attendance last summer, which included some non-GLL attendees, Christine asked if GLL is required to invite all AALL members to the breakfast meeting under art. V, § 3 of our bylaws. Sara explained that we do not, as the section meeting addressed by the bylaws is now held online, with the breakfast meeting being a separate event.
- Rescheduling of December 17, 2025 Board Meeting: rescheduled for Monday, December 15, 11 AM PT/1 PM CT/2 PM ET
- Fundraising Update – Pet calendar: Tara received submissions from eight people and will reach out if more are needed. Catherine agreed with Christine’s preference for directing the proceeds into GLL general funds. Sara recommended giving education and outreach as examples of where we have been spending more from the general fund in recent years. Regarding SIS cross posting, the committee agreed to start with the GLL list and open it up if needed. The News & Announcements Open Forum is another option, although the moderators may decide not to post it.
- Amy joined at 2:49.
- GLL-SIS Handbook update (Amy): Amy sought feedback from committees, Christine and Sara reviewed. If approved, it will be distributed to committees as the final version, sent to AALL for posting to the website, and distributed as a Word document to the Chair and Vice Chair for future editing. Sara recommended that incoming chairs review the handbook annually for potential changes. Amy added that committee chairs should do the same with their charges. Sara moved to approve the changes, Jocelyn seconded, all in favor.
- BLL-SIS proposal to add attendee tracking feature to Annual Meeting app. SIS Chairs were asked if there was any support for this. The committee wondered whether it can even be done, and thought that it should be opt-in on an individual basis and the cost should be zero.
- Laurel left at 3:01 to attend another meeting.
- Other business: none.
- Adjournment: at 3:06.

Action Items

- Brendan will follow up with HQ about the bill for the awards reception refreshments.

Interim Committee Actions via Email

- Motion by Amy Small to create a pet calendar as a GLL fundraising initiative. Laurel seconded the motion, all in favor, no oppose or abstain. Vote completed on September 30, 2025.

GLL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 2 PM ET			
Attended:	Christine Morton	Sara Pixon	Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong
Laurel Moran	Brendan Starkey	Amy Small	Catherine McGuire
Tara Cunningham			
Meeting Leader:	Scribe:	Date of Next Meeting:	
C. Morton	B. Starkey	October 15, 11 AM PT/1 PM CT/2 PM ET	

Agenda

Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- Call to Order: by Christine at 2:04.
- Approve Agenda: Jocelyn moved to approve, Amy seconded, all in favor.
- Approve Minutes from 6/18/25: Jocelyn moved to approve, Laurel seconded, all in favor.
- Treasurer Remarks/Report: Brendan reported that since the 2024-2025 Financial Report, reimbursement requests for the Equal Justice Conference and Annual Meeting grants totaling \$6,000 have all been submitted, as have the expenses of our annual meeting speaker and VIP. Anticipated charges before fiscal year-end include A/V and food and beverage at the awards reception and the GLL-sponsored annual meeting program. Anticipated revenue includes Lexis's sponsorship of the awards reception and remaining grant donations from the summer.
- Action Items Status: Amy will reach out to new Technology Committee chair Eric Chapman about changes to the website.

Other Business:

- New meeting dates: third Wednesday of every other month, 2 PM Eastern
 - October 15, 2025
 - December 17, 2025
 - February 18, 2026
 - April 15, 2026
 - June 17, 2026
- Annual Meeting Report Out - GLL Breakfast Meeting and Happy Hour: The happy hour was a success. Tara got pictures from both the happy hour and the breakfast. There was a question as to whether we would be charged extra for food and beverage at the breakfast, as Sara approved more coffee but not food during the meeting. Brendan noted that we had not yet received the bill and would follow up with HQ. Attendance was higher than anticipated but committee members discussed possibly using an informal RSVP process rather than requiring registration. Amy suggested that we could probably ask for a higher sponsorship to cover refreshments because it would not be that much more than what we have been requesting and the quality of the programming justifies it.

GLL EXEC. COMM. MEETING MINUTES, cont.

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

- Committee Chair Status & Executive Committee liaisons:

Committee	Chair	Liaison
Advocacy	Amanda Hildebrand	Jocelyn
Awards	Lee Sampson	Brendan
Best A2J Practices	<i>In process</i>	Sara
Bylaws	Leslie Greenwood	Catherine
Education	Suzanne Corriell	Christine
Grants	Susan Falk	Brendan
Membership & Mentoring	Tonya Baroudi & Ann Hemmens	Laurel
Newsletter	Tara Cunningham	Christine
Nominations	<i>In process</i>	Catherine
Publicity & Public Relations	<i>In process</i>	Amy
Standards	Victoria Williamson	Sara
Strategic Planning	Holly Grimes	Laurel
Technology	Eric Chapman	Amy

- BLL-SIS Program Co-Sponsorship Request: for a virtual program about mental health and mindfulness. They received a grant from Bloomberg but are looking for \$6,500 in additional funding and have reached out to other SISs. It was noted that AALL has discouraged speaker fees in the past and that it might be hard to justify when we do not offer them to GLL speakers. Even a small contribution of \$500 would be a lot of money for our SIS. Our revenue is small and we are currently spending more than we bring in via dues.
- Standards Committee approved AALL revision: updated standards were submitted to AALL for approval. Counsel suggested a change to language in the personnel provisions from "The library director commits to hiring and retaining a diverse and equitable workforce" to "The library director commits to promoting equal access to opportunities for all employees and applicants." The Standards Committee approved and a vote by the Executive Committee is needed. Brendan moved to approve the proposed change, Jocelyn seconded, all in favor.
- Grants Committee request to roll over Management Institute grant: GLL has a \$1,500 grant in this year's budget to attend the AALL Management Institute, which was

GLL EXEC. COMM. MEETING MINUTES, cont.

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

- originally scheduled for this fall. The institute has been rescheduled for 2026 and the Grants Committee requested a roll-over. Sara moved to roll over the \$1,500 grant to next year's budget, Christine seconded, all in favor.
- Updated Publicity & Public Relations Committee charge: P&PR requested changes to their charge. The Executive Committee discussed and Christine will update as follows:
 - Prepare GLL-SIS promotional items for CONELL Marketplace and GLL-SIS display board in the Exhibit Hall Activities Area for AALL's Annual Meeting; coordinate handouts, giveaways, and arrange staffing.
 - Explore options for promoting GLL-SIS members, their libraries, and their successful marketing endeavors to the AALL membership; investigate non-AALL publications (print and online) as potential recipients of the same information.
 - Review, revise, and assess continued value of existing GLL-SIS Resource Guides. Revisions may be made in cooperation with other GLL committees.
 - Review GLL-SIS "Who We Are" promotional flyer and update as appropriate.
- Publication of the GLL Financial Report in the Newsletter or Meeting Minutes: The committee discussed publishing an updated financial report after the close of the fiscal year, as the report given at the business meeting during the summer often includes estimates. Brendan will provide final numbers at an Executive Committee meeting after the fiscal year-end statement is issued by AALL. These will be included in the minutes.
- New Fundraising Proposal: Tara proposed creating and selling a GLL calendar with pictures of members' pets and libraries, to be sold electronically for download. The committee loved the proposal. On the question of whether GLL could sell the calendar to non-members, Amy cautioned that fundraising outside the SIS used to be discouraged. Christine will raise the question with HQ.
- Adjournment: at 3:03.

Action Items

- Amy will reach out to new Technology Committee chair Eric Chapman about changes to the website, including updating our Mission Statement, updating Strategic Directions, and updating the board members lists.
- Brendan will follow up with HQ about the bill for the awards reception refreshments.
- Christine will inquire at HQ about the rules on fundraising outside the SIS.

Interim Committee Actions via Email

- Motion by GLL Treasurer to reimburse P&PR Committee \$48.50 fee for checked luggage and new banner. Luggage was used to transport GLL poster and promotional material from Portland to Cincinnati in anticipation of 2026 Annual Meeting. Jocelyn seconded the motion, all in favor, no oppose or abstain. Vote completed on August 1, 2025.

GLL-SIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2025-2026

Chair (2024-2027) Christine Morton	Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (2025-2028) Sara Pixon	Past-Chair (2023-2026) Amy Small	Secretary/Treasurer (2025-2028) Brendan Starkey
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GLL-SIS COMMITTEES 2025-2026

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 Kristin Neri
Board Liaison - Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong

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Board Liaison - Amy Small

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Board Liaison - Sara Pixon

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Technology

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Board Liaison - Amy Small

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