MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

by Lee Warthen

Greetings LISP members. Welcome to another edition of the LISP Newsletter, and many thanks to all who have taken the time to write for us and keep us updated on the many issues that concern our special interest section. We had a very lively and spirited discussion in our business meeting in Philadelphia, the minutes of which are published here. We have a very impressive group of people working with us. Thanks to all of you.

We need program ideas and proposals now for the 2002 meeting in Orlando. Please share them with the education committee and me during the next few months. If you want to get an idea of what a proposal looks like, check out

http://www.aallnet.org/events/01_handbook.asp for this year's proposal form. Other SISs are getting theirs done a year ahead, while we have been frantically working on program proposals during and after the annual meeting. This year we saw several that I thought were excellent die and only one be approved. We need to be able to tweak and polish prepared proposals at the annual meeting, not be just starting them. There simply is not enough time to think up ideas, refine them, and produce polished proposals between the annual AALL meeting and the deadline, which this year was Aug. 14.

Secondly, we want to update our brochures. I have submitted to headquarters for publication the chapter brochure that we looked at during the business meeting, and it should be ready for us by annual meeting time, though things are a little uncertain with Peter Beck leaving AALL to take a position at the John
Marshall law school. Also, Angus and I are working to update the *How to Research a Legal Problem* brochure. This LISP brochure has sold over 10,000 copies and is posted on our web page as part of the Public Libraries Toolkit. We are bringing it into the digital age.

Finally, we need volunteers to provide state-specific guidance for the Public Library Toolkit, to be posted as state pages on the website. Angus agreed to produce a template, and has done the first version for Oregon. Now we need volunteers to do additional states. I will be glad to receive your comments and your state pages at warthenl@law.utah.edu or fax to 801-585-3033. Angus's efforts are below:

**AALL LISP PUBLIC LIBRARIES TOOLKIT SUGGESTED STATE INFORMATION (TEMPLATE)**

by Angus Nesbit

1. State constitution
2. State code
3. State bills
4. State administrative code
5. County/municipal/city codes
6. State jury instructions
7. State form books
8. State legal encyclopedias
9. State cases (or if a good CD-ROM available)
10. State digest
11. Links to local AALL chapter/instructions on how to subscribe to listserv/become a member of chapter
12. Referral policies of local law libraries
13. Federal depository libraries within your state
14. Links to legal, bar association pages in your state
15. Links to pathfinders/research guides

**AALL LISP PUBLIC LIBRARIES TOOLKIT SUGGESTED STATE INFORMATION (OREGON)**

by Angus Nesbit

1. Oregon Constitution - found in print version of Oregon Revised Statutes (below) Also online at www.leg.state.or.us/billsets.htm
2. State code: Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Also online at www.leg.state.or.us/ors/
3. State bills: Online at www.leg.state.or.us/billsets.htm
4. State administrative code: Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR); Also online at http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OAR_default.html

5. County/municipal/city codes: See online listing at http://www.state.or.us/local.htm


8. State legal encyclopedias


11. Links to local AALL chapter/instructions on how to subscribe to listserv/become a member of chapter Western-Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (WESTPAC) Website at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac Westpac listserv subscription open to members only

12. Referral policies of local law libraries

13. Federal depository libraries within your state Southern Oregon University Library 1250 Siskiyou Boulevard Ashland, OR 97520-5076 Phone: (541) 552-6851 Fax: (541) 552-6429 http://www.sou.edu/library/Documents/index.htm; Central Oregon Community College Library 2600 NW College Way Bend, OR 97701-5998 Phone: (541) 383-7560 Fax: (541) 383-7507 http://www.cocc.edu/library/govt.html; Oregon State University Valley Library Corvallis, OR 97331-4501 Phone: (541) 737-2761 Fax: (541) 737-1328; University of Oregon Knight Library Eugene, OR 97403-1299 Phone: (541) 346-3070 Fax: (541) 346-3485 http://www.libweb.uoregon.edu/govdocs/; Pacific University Harvey Scott Memorial Library 2043 College Way Forest Grove, OR 97116-1797 Phone: (503) 359-2835 Fax:(503)359-2236 http://http://www.pacificu.edu/library/; Oregon Institute of Technology Library 3201 Campus Drive Klamath Falls, OR 97601-8801 Phone: (541) 885-1772 Fax: (541) 885-1777 Eastern Oregon University Walter M.Pierce Library One University Boulevard La Grande, OR 97850-2899 Phone: (541) 962-3540 Fax: (541) 962-3335 http://pierce.eou.edu/govinfo.html Linfield College Northup Library 900 SE Baker McMinnville, OR 97128-6894 Phone: (503) 434-2518 Fax: (503) 434-2566
14. Links to legal, bar association pages in your state: Oregon State Bar Association online at http://www.orbar.org

15. Links to pathfinders/research guides: University of Oregon research guides online at http://lawlibrary.uoregon.edu/guides.html J. W. Long Law Library (College of Law, Willamette University) research guides online at http://www.willamette.edu/wucl/longlib/index_research_guides.html Paul L. Boley Law Library (Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College) research guides online at http://http://www.lclark.edu/~lawlib/guides/

**NATIONAL INDIAN LAW LIBRARY LAUNCHES INTERNET ACCESSIBLE CATALOG**

The National Indian Law Library (NILL) is pleased to announce that its library catalog is now available on the Internet. Over the past twenty-seven years NILL has collected nearly 12,000 resource materials that relate to federal Indian and tribal law. The Library's holdings include tribal codes, ordinances and constitutions; legal pleadings from major American Indian cases; law review articles on Indian law topics; handbooks; conference materials; and government documents. Library users can access the searchable catalog which includes bibliographic descriptions of the library holdings by going directly to: http://wanderer.aescon.com/webpubs/webcat.htm or by accessing it through the National Indian Law Library link on the Native American Rights Fund website at www.narf.org. Once relevant materials are
identified, library patrons can then choose to review their selected materials at the National Indian Law Library, located in Boulder, Colorado; request mailed copies for a nominal fee; or borrow materials through interlibrary loan. In addition to making its catalog and extensive collection available to the public, the National Indian Law Library provides reference and research assistance relating to Indian Law and tribal law. NILL serves a wide variety of public patrons including attorneys, tribal and non-tribal governments, Indian organizations, law clinics, students, educators, prisoners and the media. The National Indian Law Library is a project of the Native American Rights Fund and is supported by private contributions. For further information about the Library, visit: http://www.narf.org/nill/Nillindex.html or contact David Selden, the Law Librarian at 303-447-8760 or dselden@narf.org.

The Native American Rights Fund is a non-profit organization that provides legal advice and representation to Indian tribes, individuals and organizations nationwide in the areas of: the preservation of tribal existence; the protection of tribal natural resources; the promotion of human rights; the accountability of governments to Native Americans; and promoting the development of Indian law and educating the public about Indian rights, laws and issues. NARF is headquartered in Boulder, Colorado with offices in Washington, DC and Anchorage, Alaska.

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

American Association of Law Libraries  
Legal Information Services to the Public  
Special Interest Section  
2000 Annual Meeting  
July 17, 2000

I. The 2000 LISP Business Meeting was called to order at 5:25 pm by Chair Angus Nesbit, the following Board members were present: 1999-2000Vice-Chair/Chair Elect Lee Warthen, 2000-2001 Vice-Chair/Chair Elect Debby Norwood and 2000-2001 Secretary/Treasury Elect Steve Thorpe.

A complete list of members attending, with e-mail addresses and institutional affiliations, appears at the end of the minutes.

II. OLD Business:

A. The 1999 Business meeting minutes were approved.

B. 2000-2001 Election Results  
Running unopposed for Vice-Chair/Chair-elect was Debby Norwood of Washington State Law Library and for Secretary/Treasury-elect Steve Thorpe of the University of Tennessee College of Law Library.

C. Treasurer's Report  
Steve Thorpe, Secretary/Treasurer elect, reported that the May 31, 2000 statement from headquarters, containing all revenues and expenses through May 2000, reflected a balance of $4,375.13 for the SIS. Costs since May 31, 2000 are $473.00 leaving a balance of $3,902.31. This balance will be slightly reduced by business meeting expenses. Also a more accurate figure will be forthcoming from AALL after dues are collected.
D. Committee Reports

Newsletter Committee, report made by Betsy McKenzie. Committee members called LISP members to solicit articles. Betsy also reported that Fred Hanson has put the Newsletter index on the web.

Clearinghouse Committee, report by Elizabeth Schneider. Elizabeth reported that the bibliography is being weeded and that the Clearinghouse is going on the web. The Committee continues to collect research guides, syllabi and path finders. It was also reported by Betsy McKenzie that CALI, with assistance from the AALL Academic SIS, was working on "lessonettes."

Education Committee, report by Angus Nesbit. What was the Planning Committee has turned into the Education Committee. The Committee is working two ahead in order to plan for AALL Annual Meeting Education Program proposals which are due each August.

Membership Committee, report by Lee Warthen. The Committee is working on the draft of a brochure which will be published by AALL. Comments to the Committee on what to include in the brochure included, LISP Newsletter is not being published, and the dates on past programs should be removed just leaving the topics. Lee asked that additional comments be sent to him in the next couple of months. Lee suggested that to help recruit new members we use the LISP member list to see who has recently dropped their membership. A personal contact could be made to those dropped members to encourage them to stay in the SIS. Another method of increasing membership would be to have current members nominate new members. The Committee also sponsored a LISP SIS table, with brochures, pencils and candy at the Annual Meeting. LISP was also represented at the CONNEL meeting. Angus commented on the Research Brochure that it was valued by others in the Association and that it would be revised in the next two months. Lee reported that according to Peter Beck at AALL, the 10,000 LISP Research Brochures have been sold out. Another LISP publication, the Public Library Toolkit was then discussed. Marsha Thomas had started the Toolkit which was still being developed. The next step in development was to add annotated state pages. Angus will start with Oregon which can then be used as a template in the future. A form, developed by Marsha Thomas, will be distributed for comments. Other suggestions, which are being done at other institutions, were to sell an internet bookmark list for $10.00 and to teach a class to pro se's and legal assistant's class for $15.00

E. AALL Time Capsule, report by Angus Nesbit. Forty-one AALL committees, SIS's and Caucuses have given items to Sue Birch to be included in the AALL Time Capsule which will be opened in twenty-five years. LISP has submitted and labeled many items to be included in the Capsule.

F. Programs accepted for Annual Meeting 2000, Philadelphia. A list of three programs with descriptions was distributed. The programs included a joint program with the SCCLL Chapter titled: "Gateway to legal Information: Building Partnerships with Public Libraries; a joint
New Business

A. Program Proposals for 2001 AALL Annual Meeting
The AALL program handout is available and program proposals are due August 14, 2000. Some possible programs include; Accuracy of reported legal events in the media being worked on by Trish Cervanka; Meet your AALL representative being planned by Alva Stone. Another idea was a program or workshop on legal research classes for Pro se litigants.

B. ALA has requested a LISP liaison for the Public Libraries Association.

C. The strategic plan for the AALL is on the web, http://www.aallnet.org/about/strategic.challenge.asp. LISP is listed, on the web site, as a recognized expert on helping the public.

D. LISP Grants
Grants are being proposed for new and active members to help defray the cost of attending the annual meeting. Joan and Angus volunteered to draft a document for LISP grants. It was suggested that dues money be used for funding the grants.

E. E-Mail Reference
24/7 software is being developed to link together librarians throughout the country to answer reference questions. Thomas Bruce at Cornell could pass along the questions from the Cornell web site. Susan McGlamery is working on a similar project in California. It was suggested that LISP conduct a pilot project.

F. GPO Committee, report by Betsy McKenzie.
Betsy reported that the Committee needs help. She will compile a list of areas they need help with.

IV. Passing of Gavel to New Officers
Angus thanked the members for attending and passed the gavel to the new Chair, Lee Warthen.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

LISP Members Attending The 2000 Annual Business Meeting

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BOOK REVIEW

by Elizabeth Schneider

BRB Publishing recently published the second edition of The Source Book to Public Records Information. It combines the Sourcebook of State Public Records, The Sourcebook of County Court Records, Federal Court Records, County Asset and Lien Records, and The County Locator, making it possible for the researcher to now access information on locating and obtaining all types of public records in one convenient title. Anyone searching for information contained in a public record may quickly determine where the relevant records are kept, access requirements, and whether the records are available on line.

The first section of the book provides a general introduction to public records and includes information on restrictions in accessing state public records, the types of state documents available to the public, and the means of accessing federal documents electronically. There is also a chart of which agency maintains UCC and real estate records in each state, as well as city/county and zip code/city cross-reference tables.

Section two provides the name, address, phone and fax numbers, and web site address for listed agencies, as well as information on indexing and storage formats, restrictions on searching, means of access, and fee and payment information for the agencies, licensing and regulatory boards, federal courts, county courts, and the county recorders in each of the fifty states. It also provides the address, phone and fax numbers, web site address, and office hours for the governor's office, attorney general's office, state court administrator, and state archives for all 50 states.

The work's systematic organization makes it easy to use. Anyone should be able to quickly determine where and how to locate and obtain the public record in question. Law libraries, public libraries, and any other library whose patrons seek information contained in public records will find this work a valuable resource. It should enable researchers to substantially reduce the amount of time spent locating and obtaining records. Its only fault may be that the work contains over 1500 pages and the paperback binding may not withstand heavy usage.

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LISP wants to know what its members are doing. Have you, or anyone you know, given or attended a lecture, seminar, training session or other presentation? Published an article? Discovered a good Internet site or other resource? Know of any other news that LISP members may be interested in? Don't keep it a secret - LISP wants to know! No news is too small!

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