

LISP NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

by Lee Warthen, Assistant Director and Head of Collections, Building and Maintenance
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There is nothing like an extended stay in the hospital and a close call with a health problem to put one's priorities into perspective. I had an unexpected bout with an infection that put me in the hospital and nearly led to the amputation of a toe or even the front half of my foot, and spent a lot of time healing from five surgeries, with the doctors saying it's still too early to declare victory. When I think back over librarian projects prior to I can see that I put a lot of priority on helping patrons with interesting and high-profile projects, like defending the people involved in the Olympic bid scandal, Indian land rights, environmental issues, and intellectual property issues on the internet.

But in the hospital, my second roommate and I had some long conversations (my first roommate was never conscious enough to communicate). Naturally, the conversation came around to the kind of work we did. He, like me, was a diabetic, but unlike me, the doctors were unable to save infected portions of his foot. He would be unable to continue in his job, and coming from a little town in western Wyoming, his rehabilitation options seemed limited. He had legal questions. We talked about options--who to talk to, what aid might be available under ADA and state programs. I didn't feel like I had much advice to give him, but a few weeks later he called me full of optimism, having followed up on some of my suggestions.

What wonderful opportunities we have each day to help people in that kind of need. Little people, with little legal problems. Little to us, but overwhelming to them. Questions of renters and property rights, child custody and visitation, contract law, name changes and many more. LISP is all about having a heart for such people with such questions. I hope we can each prepare ourselves and our libraries to be successful in this form of compassionate service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW LISP OFFICERS!

The results of the election are in! Congratulations to Randy Mafit, Law Librarian of the Lane County Law Library, our incoming Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Connie Von Der Heide, Reference/Outreach Services Librarian at the Wisconsin State Law Library, our new Secretary/Treasurer.

2001 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Where: Minneapolis Hilton and Towers

When: Tuesday, July 17, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

AGENDA

Introduction/Call to Order

Old Business

Attendance Sheet

Approval of Business Meeting Minutes from 2000 (as published in the newsletter)

Election Results/Welcoming New Officers (Joan Allen-Hart)

Treasurer's Report (Steve Thorpe)

Committee Reports (Newsletter, Clearinghouse, Education, Membership) -- John Adkins, Elizabeth Schneider, Angus Nesbit, Amy Hale

Brochure -- Debby Norwood

Reports/Announcements on LISP and related programs in Minneapolis

New Business

Call for proposals for AALL 2002 (Orlando)

Updating the Public Libraries Toolkit

Committee sign-up

Other Business/Announcements

Passing of Gavel to New Officers

Adjournment of Meeting

LISP MEETINGS AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS AND OTHER ACTIVITY AT AALL'S 2001 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, July 14, 2001

LISP promotional table at the CONELL Marketplace

11:30am - 12:30pm

Sunday, July 15 through Tuesday, July 17, 2001

LISP promotional table in the Activities Area (un-staffed)

Sunday, July 15, 2001

Program C-4: The New Realities of the Human Genome Project

2:45 - 4:00

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

LISP Executive Committee Meeting

7:00am - 8:45am

LISP Business Meeting

5:15 - 6:15

PROGRAM PLANNING FOR THE 2002 ANNUAL MEETING IN ORLANDO

Dear LISP Members:

Ever thought, "Gee, what a good idea. Someone should do a program or a workshop on that, or something...."? Well, it's once again time to formulate ideas for any educational programs you would like to see LISP sponsor at the next (2002) Annual Meeting. Specifically, the proposal deadline is the close of the business day on August 17, 2001, so we need ideas now!

But first, let's clear up any misconception some of you may have about the program proposal process.

Here are the facts: - It's easy to make a program or workshop proposal - just fill out the form!

- You can submit proposals on any topic, whether or not it fits within the stated theme of the Annual Meeting.

- Any individual or group can submit a program or workshop proposal.

- You do not have to attend the Annual Meeting - at the proposal stage, it's good ideas about who would make a good coordinator or speaker that are wanted.

- Your proposal doesn't even have to be complete - again, it's good ideas that are wanted!

To make things easy, the Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee (AMPSC) has provided not only the forms to use in making a program or workshop proposal, but a whole planning handbook filled with useful ideas. These are available at http://www.aallnet.org/events/am_02/index.asp (under "Program Proposal Information, in the left frame of the screen") Additionally, the LISP Chair, or anyone on the LISP Education Committee would be happy to talk with you about a program idea! See <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/lisp> for Committee member names and contact information.

For those attending this year's Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, there will be an Open Forum on Monday, July 16, 5:15pm - 6:15pm, at which AMPSC members will answer questions about the proposal process. Don't be bashful - we rely on the LISP membership for program ideas!

-Angus Nesbit, LISP Education Committee

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LISP OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, 2001-2002

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SEND US YOUR NEWS!

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!

Please send submissions to:

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