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## PLLIP-SIS MEMBER NEWS FOR APRIL 2020

### 2020-2021 PLLIP BOARD ELECTIONS

An e-mail from AALL went out Monday April 1st containing your PIN needed to vote. **Voting ends Friday, April 17th.** If you are unable to locate your email, you can visit the election site [here](#). Click on "Vote Now", and you will find a link to reset your PIN.

### AALL 2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – NOW OPEN

Renew to:

- expand your network of peers
- receive valuable publications including *AALL Spectrum*
- gain discounts and access to essential professional development

Stay ahead of the game, have information at your fingertips & be transformative, inspiring, and invaluable to your organizations. AALL members make the impossible possible—get these [member benefits](#) and more when you renew your membership.

### WHAT PLLIP MEMBERS ARE UP TO – NEW POSITIONS, ARTICLES, PRESENTATIONS

- **3 *Geeks and a Law Blog*** recent posts/podcasts by PLLIP members include: [Episode 73: Heidi Gardner and Brian Stearns: Remote Collaboration From Tools to Psychology](#) and [The Geek In Review Ep. 74 – Why Retention of Legal Talent Can't Be The Equivalent of a Coin Flip – Bryan Parker of Legal Innovators](#). They also launched a podcast miniseries called, "[In Seclusion](#)."
- **Allison C. Reeve Davis**, Library Manager at Littler Mendelson, authored an article for the Spring 2020 PEGA-SIS Newsletter called, "[New Law Librarian Orientation: Creating a Flexible and Welcoming Onboarding Experience](#)."
- **Caren Luckie**, Research Attorney at Jackson Walker, authored a blog post for the *RIPS Law Librarian Blog* called, "[The Value of Networks](#)."
- **Cynthia Brown**, Director of Research Services at Littler Mendelson, and **Steve Lastres**, Director of Knowledge Management Services at Debevoise & Plimpton, were panelists on an AALL webinar entitled, "[Law Librarian Leadership Opportunities in the Wake of COVID-19](#)." **Greg Lambert**, Chief Knowledge Services Officer at Jackson Walker, moderated the discussion.
- **David Whelan**, Director, Legal Information & the Great Library at the Law Society of Ontario, authored



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the following articles for his blog, *Explorations with Information and Technology*: [Legal Information Access, Interrupted](#); [Open for a Change](#); [Around the Corner for Law Libraries](#); [Change and Permanency](#); and [The Things We Leave Behind](#).

- **Ellyssa Kroski**, Director of Information Technology/Director of Marketing at The New York Law Institute, authored a blog post for *On Firmer Ground* entitled, "[Business as \(Un\)Usual: Library Business Continuity Amid COVID-19](#)."
- **Jean O'Grady**, Director of Research & Knowledge Services at DLA Piper, authored the following posts on *Dewey B Strategic*: [Legal Publishers Roll Out COVID-19 Resources, Toolkits, Documents, Advice \(Some Even Free\)](#); [Casetext Secures \\$8.2 Million Venture Funding](#); [New COVID-19 Resources From Fastcase, PacerPro, Tax Notes and PubK Law and Free COVID Resources From Westlaw and Bloomberg Law](#); [Intelligize Platform Upgrade Adds Analytics, Timelines and Workflow Enhancements](#); [LexisNexis Launches Context Company Analytics--Language Analysis and Insights for Competitive Insights](#); [Casemaker, vLex & Kentucky Bar Association Enter Innovative Alliance — KBA Members Meet AI Assistant Vincent](#); [FREE and Powerful: Wolters Kluwer Launches Suite of COVID-19 Smart Charts Outside the Paywall](#); and ['Hits and Misses' Readers Choose Best New Analytics, Workflow, and Law/Reg Comparison Tools](#).
- **John J. DiGilio** is the new Firmwide Director of Library Services at Sidley Austin LLP.
- **Marlene Gebauer**, Global Director of Strategic Legal Insights at Greenberg Traurig, was [interviewed by Colin S. Levy for LexBlog](#).
- **Sarah Lin**, Information Architect & Digital Librarian at RStudio, authored a guest post for the CS-SIS Blog entitled, "[Tips for Remote Work](#)."

## UPCOMING WEBINARS/CONFERENCES

### PLLIP WEBINAR: EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP WITH VIRTUAL TEAMS – APRIL 23, 2020

Whether virtual work and remote management is your normal gig or you, like many, are thrust into a new mode of working, leading, and managing, the AALL Leadership Development Committee invites you to join our timely webinar on Effective Leadership with Virtual Teams. The webinar will be held Thursday, April 23, 2020 (11am - 12pm US/Central).

Leadership expert and Managing Director at GrowthPlay, Alycia Sutor, as well as a panel of our own AALL members, will share tips, insights, and best practices about virtual teams. You will learn:

- how to lead different types of virtual teams



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- differences (and similarities) between leading virtual teams
- how to lead a virtual team

You can register and get more information about this session [HERE](#). Registration for this event closes on April 20.

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS: 2020 MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES (MAALL)  
ANNUAL MEETING**

Join your colleagues **October 22-24** at the **2020 MAALL Annual Meeting in beautiful Indianapolis**, where the theme is **Setting the Pace!**

What does Setting the Pace mean to you? Does it mean trying some new approach to your work to benefit your organization, your colleagues, or yourself? Does it mean learning, embracing, and teaching some new process or technology to benefit attorneys, judges, faculty, students, or the public? Does it mean imparting your knowledge and experiences to your fellow legal information professionals?

Hopefully, the answer to each of these is YES. And, hopefully, you'll consider saying YES to sharing your experiences with us at the Annual Meeting through presenting a program session or a poster session.

Anyone may submit a proposal, regardless of MAALL membership status. Presenters are required to pay the Annual Meeting registration fee. Registration details will be announced this summer.

The form to submit program and poster proposals is at [forms.gle/sE1MhGYD5LrCorhP7](https://forms.gle/sE1MhGYD5LrCorhP7). Please submit your proposals by **April 30, 2020**. Session descriptions should be **100 words or less**, suitable to be included in the final Annual Meeting materials.

Here are some details to get you started with your proposal(s):

**Topics:** Any topic of importance to law librarians and/or law librarianship is valid. Sample theme connections are:

- Setting the Pace by recognizing environmental influences and preparing for changes (certainly programs or posters on COVID-19 protocols apply here)
- Setting the Pace with new schemes for planning and assessing
- Setting the Pace with new ways of teaching technology literacy and skills



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- Setting the Pace with sharpened personal skills and strategies for success and happiness
- Setting the Pace by implementing new ways of reaching and engaging core patrons
- Setting the Pace by facilitating partnerships with other law libraries and other areas of the profession

**Program Formats:** Program sessions can be 45 or 60 minutes. Programs can follow a variety of formats, which are detailed in the proposal form: [forms.gle/sE1MhGYD5LrCorhP7](https://forms.gle/sE1MhGYD5LrCorhP7).

**Questions:** Please contact a member of the MAALL Education Committee to ask about the submission process, to seek suggestions for potential contributors, or to get additional information:

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**We hope to see you in Indy this fall!**

## **WEBINAR RECORDINGS**

### **LAW LIBRARIAN LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19**

What are legal information professionals doing in the wake of COVID-19 to provide leadership to their organizations? There is tremendous opportunity from the smallest idea to big-picture strategy, and everything in between. Join library leaders as they discuss navigating closures, communications, staff, students, patrons, and client management, while providing leadership within their organizations. Get tips and real-time strategies, and learn how to harness opportunities to lead your organization during this unprecedented time.

**Date:** March 27, 2020

**Moderator:** Greg Lambert, Jackson Walker, LLP

**Speakers:** Cynthia Brown, Littler Mendelson, PC; Steve Lastres, Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP; Joseph D.



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Access the recording [here](#).