AALL Weekly eNews

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AALL PROGRAMS & COVID-19

As things are changing rapidly with the spread of COVID-19, AALL is acting promptly to ensure the safety of our members and also to make sure that AALL business continues to take place. We want to assure you that the safety of our members, staff, and business partners is our top priority. Some meetings have had to go virtual due to travel restrictions and to keep our members safe. Please note that this change of format is due to COVID-19 and is not an indication of how future AALL meetings will take place. Due to the shelter in place order in Illinois, AALL staff is working remotely, but we remain available and ready to assist members by phone or email. Please visit AALL's COVID-19 resources page to access information that can help you while you are working remotely and to stay up to date on COVID-19.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING (MARCH 25-26)

To maintain the safety of our members and the continuity of AALL's operations, the Nominations Committee meeting (March 25-26) will be held virtually.

SPRING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (APRIL 2-3)

To maintain both necessary social distancing and the continuity of AALL's operations, the Spring Executive Board meeting (April 2-3) will be held virtually.
Currently, the 2020 AALL Annual Meeting will take place as planned in New Orleans. As many organizations have instituted travel restrictions, we have extended the early-bird registration deadline to June 15 (originally May 15) to give everyone the opportunity to save. The health and safety of our members, speakers, sponsors, and staff are of primary importance to us and will continue to guide our decision making during this difficult time.

**GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE EXTENSIONS**

Since many members are currently working in a remote environment, we have extended the deadline for all AALL’s grants and scholarships to May 15, 2020 (originally April 1).

For AALL members serving on award, grant, and scholarship juries/committees, this will give your groups additional time to meet and make final decisions. If you have any questions, please contact your staff liaisons.

**2020 AALL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY POSTPONED**

The 2020 AALL Leadership Academy has been postponed to August 7-8; Leadership Academy participants have been contacted with information for hotel rebooking.

**2020 AALL CI STRATEGIES & ANALYSIS**

We are looking at options for the CI Strategies & Analysis program, scheduled for early May; more details will be shared soon.

**SPECIAL MARCH WEBINAR ON COVID-19**

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

- Friday, March 27, 2020 / 12:00 p.m. (CDT)
- Register by Thursday, March 26
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60
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.

APPLY TO SERVE ON THE AALL SPECTRUM OR LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARDS

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO TUESDAY, APRIL 7

If you are interested in collaborating with colleagues on topics that are vital to legal information professionals, consider volunteering to serve on either the 2020-2022 AALL Spectrum Editorial Board or the 2020-2022 Law Library Journal Editorial Board.

Please read through the AALL Spectrum Editorial Board member job description and the Law Library Journal Editorial Board member job description before applying. For more information visit the AALL Spectrum and Law Library Journal Editorial Board profiles on AALLNET. *You may apply for both editorial boards, but will only be selected for one.

Submit your application by Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

RENEW YOUR AALL MEMBERSHIP EARLY

The 2020-2021 renewal season is upon us. Renew today to:

* expand your network of peers
receive valuable publications, including *AALL Spectrum*

- gain discounts and access to essential professional development
- and more great member benefits

When you renew your AALL membership early—by May 1—you will be entered in a drawing to win one of three complimentary 2020 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference registrations.

Hear what dedicated AALL Members have to say about who AALL members are:

If you have any questions about your membership renewal, contact AALL Headquarters at membership@aall.org or 312.205.8022.

**RENEW NOW**

**REGISTER FOR AALL 2020 / JULY 11-14 IN NEW ORLEANS**

The 2020 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference is still scheduled to take place as planned July 11-14 in New Orleans. The health and safety of our members, speakers, sponsors, and staff are our priority and guide our decision making during this unusual time.
EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENSION

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, we understand that many members are currently subject to travel restrictions, and that many more are grappling with uncertainty about longer-range plans. To give everyone more opportunities to save, we have extended the early-bird registration deadline to June 15 (originally May 15).

AALL ANNUAL MEETING GRANTS

Did you know that AALL offers grants to cover registration costs for the Annual Meeting or preconference workshops? In response to the changes occurring in many members’ workplaces, we have also extended the deadline for all of AALL’s grants and scholarships to May 15, 2020 (originally April 1). Special interest sections (SISs) provide additional grant opportunities for their members, and some chapters do, too.

POSTER SESSIONS

Have you pioneered a new program in your library? Perhaps you’ve created a set of best practices to apply in the workplace. Poster sessions are a popular conference feature, and this year’s selections will once again be on display in the exhibit hall—your good idea could benefit your fellow colleagues. Submit your proposal by April 24, 2020.

APPLY FOR AN AALL GRANT

AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

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. Grant requests are accepted at various times throughout the year. The next deadline for grant applications has been extended to May 15, 2020.

AALL LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT / APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1, 2020
AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury is accepting applications through May 15 for research grants totaling up to $5,000 from the AALL Research Fund (An Endowment Established by LexisNexis). Established in July 2000, the annual grants fund large or small research projects that create, disseminate, or use legal and library-related information. The AALL Research Agenda offers suggestions for possible research projects that cover a wide range of professional interests. Access the complete guidelines and apply for a grant by May 15, 2020. Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of May.

AALL'S NEW VOICES / JENNA PONTIOUS

Member Jenna Pontious discusses her career transition from a public library to a public law library in her insightful post.

AALL's New Voices is just getting started. Whether you recently joined AALL or are a longtime member aiming to become more involved in the Association, AALL is looking for your thoughts on any aspect of law librarianship.

Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear on Members Open Forum and in the monthly eNewsletter. Possible topics include starting a new role, insights on professional development, recommending a favorite resource, providing an overview of an AALL webinar, or your take on an article from AALL Spectrum, Law Library Journal, or KnowItAALL. This is a one-time commitment.

If you’re interested in being involved, please share your post with Megan Mall, director of content strategy, with the subject line "New Voices Project" by noon CDT on Friday, April 10, 2020.

CHAPTER COVID-19 RESOURCES

As COVID-19 is impacting all of us as individuals and as organizations, we understand that AALL chapters have cancelled or postponed their meetings or are looking to cancel or postpone upcoming meetings. AALL has compiled some resources and considerations to help mitigate costs while still balancing the safety and the health of our members and program attendees.

COMMUNITY WEBINAR / REGISTER NOW
LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO, YOU WANNA WORK INTERGENERATIONALLY?

- Tuesday, April 7 2020 / 1:00 p.m. (CDT)
- Register by Sunday, April 5, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

The U.S. workforce contains a wider range of generations than ever before. As workers born in the 90's and 2000's enter the workforce, they're encountering co-workers in their 60's and 70's who simply aren't ready to retire. This month, the Professional Engagement, Growth & Advancement Special Interest Section along with the Continuing Professional Education Committee will interview Ron Wheeler and Shira Megerman, two professionals from different generations who work well together. We will discuss what each brings to the table and learn how they learned to effectively "work intergenerationally."

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