AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING

The AALL Executive Board will meet on Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3. The agenda and board book for the spring meeting can be accessed on AALLNET.

AALL IS HERE FOR YOU

During these uncertain times, your AALL family is here to support you and provide you with resources that can assist you as you navigate remote work and virtual training. We have made several changes to adjust meetings and programs during this period. The [application deadline for AALL's grants and scholarships has been extended to May 15, 2020 (originally April 1).](#)

If you have any questions, please contact your staff liaisons for the committees and juries you serve on.

The [2020 AALL Annual Meeting](#) is scheduled to take place as planned July 11-14 in New Orleans. As many of you are currently under travel restrictions, and many more are grappling with uncertainty about longer-range plans, we have extended the early-bird registration deadline to June 15 (originally May 15). AALL is closely monitoring the situation and continues to work with its legal counsel to review hotel and convention contracts.

AALL also held a webinar focused around the impact the COVID-19 situation is having on law libraries. This special webinar titled "Law Librarianship Leadership Opportunities in the Wake of COVID-19," was offered on Friday, March 27. The [recording is now available on AALL2go.](#)

For the latest information on COVID-19 and to access resources that may help you during this time, please visit our [COVID-19 Updates and Resources page](#) regularly. If you have questions, please contact AALL’s Headquarters Office at 312.939.4764.

WASHINGTON UPDATE

COVID-19 RELIEF PACKAGE SUPPORTS LEGAL INFORMATION INDUSTRY

The $2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) stimulus bill passed by Congress last week (P.L. 116-136) includes several provisions that benefit the legal information industry and access to justice. The bill includes:

- $7.5 million to the federal Judiciary to support operations and mission critical activities, including $500,000 for the U.S. Supreme Court and $6 million for the federal courts. [Find the latest information about Judiciary preparedness for coronavirus, including court orders and updates, from the U.S. Courts.](#)
- $50 million to the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) to address the increased need for legal services due to coronavirus. Learn how LSC is responding to the legal challenges posed by the pandemic.

- $50 million for the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to provide grants to states, territories, and tribes to expand digital network access, to support digital inclusion projects, to purchase internet accessible devices, and to provide technical support services. Visit IMLS' coronavirus (COVID-19) page for information about IMLS' support to libraries during the pandemic.

- $8.1 million for the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to enable staff to analyze, organize, and increase the number of federal and court records available in NARA's catalog to ensure continued public access. Read Archivist of the United States David Ferriero's message to researchers and other stakeholders.

The bill also includes several provisions benefiting individuals, including direct payments ($1,200 per adult with an additional $500 per child, decreasing and eventually phasing out for higher-earning individuals); increases in unemployment benefits to $600/week for four months; the ability to suspend student loan payments; and exceptions for retirement account withdrawals if the withdrawal is in response to the economic effects of the virus.

As Congress considers future stimulus legislation, AALL will continue to monitor those efforts and advocate for the needs of law libraries and the legal information industry. We will keep members informed of future developments.

THE 2020 U.S. CENSUS IS HAPPENING NOW

Census data aims to count the entire population of the country. The data collected determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and how hundreds of billions of federal dollars are allocated to states and localities for key programs such as education, food and income security, healthcare, housing, and transportation. Results of the U.S. 2020 Census will influence individuals, communities, governments, for-profit entities, and nonprofit organizations throughout the next decade. Data obtained also helps healthcare providers predict the spread of diseases through communities with children or elderly people. The American Library Association has compiled additional resources about the importance of responding to the U.S. Census. The Census should be completed by May 1 to avoid a home visit by a Census taker. You can also complete the Census online at my2020census.gov.

JOIN AALL IN NEW ORLEANS THIS JULY

The 2020 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference is still scheduled to take place as planned July 11-14 in New Orleans. To give everyone more opportunities to save, we have extended the early-bird registration deadline to June 15 (originally May 15). The health and safety of our members, speakers, sponsors, and staff are our priority and guide our decision making during this unusual time.

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.
PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Preconference workshops are opportunities to boost your professional development before regular conference programming begins. Attendance is limited and separate registration is required—be sure to register well in advance of the June 15 deadline.

- Instructional Design for Law Librarians
- Demystifying Civil Legal Systems for a Common Law Audience: Historical Traditions, Modern Developments, and Practical Research and Instruction Applications
- CONELL (Conference of Newer Law Librarians)

UPCOMING WEBINAR / REGISTER NOW

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP WITH VIRTUAL TEAMS: TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

- Thursday, April 23, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- Register by Monday, April 20, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

The working world has become increasingly global and law libraries are not exempt. Many of our work environments are incorporating or introducing aspects of a virtual team. This webinar will address virtual team leadership and the nuances of different types of virtual teams. Listen to real-world success stories from legal information professionals and get practical tips and inspiration for making the most of virtual teams.

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 NOW

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.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Championship Upgrade
Committed ambassadors to the profession and the Association can add the $75 championship upgrade through the membership application when renewing. Learn more about becoming a champion member.

Sustaining Member Option for Retirees
For retired (or retiring) members, the Sustaining Member payment option allows you to enjoy the benefits of AALL without having to renew each year for a one-time renewal rate of $425. It also makes a nice gift!

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

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

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.

MEMBER NEWS

• Greg Lambert interviewed AALL President Michelle Cosby for his new podcast miniseries, In Seclusion, about responding to disruption and how her law library is providing support to faculty, students, and administration during this crisis. He also interviewed AALL Executive Director Vani Ungapen to discuss working remotely and how the Association is addressing events and activities.
SPOTLIGHT ON AALL2GO

AALL2go provides members with complimentary access to Annual Meeting recordings, CPE Grant recipient recordings, and webinar recordings including last week's special COVID-19 webinar. Below are some recent recordings you may have missed:

- Law Librarian Leadership Opportunities in the Wake of COVID-19
- Live Interview Series: So, You Wanna Publish Something?
- Combining Internal & External Data Sources to Improve Your Firm’s Performance
- Law Faculty Metrics
- Live Interview Series: So, You Wanna Be a Law Techie?

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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