The AALL Executive Board election for 2021 Executive Board members starts on October 1. Two candidates' forums are scheduled in advance of the election. Learn more about the candidates before voting opens. Members are encouraged to participate in the moderated forums by submitting questions in advance to candidatesforum@aall.org. Please indicate which candidate forum you would like your question directed to.

Members can also ask a question during the forums via live chat. Greg Lambert, chair of the Nominations Committee and past AALL President, will serve as moderator for the forums.

Candidates Forum for President-Elect
September 14, 2020
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)
Register by Thursday, September 10

Candidates Forum for Executive Board
September 21, 2020
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)
Register by Thursday, September 17
FORMAT

- Each candidate will make an opening statement
- Each question will be posed to each candidate
- Questions submitted in advance will be shared with the candidates prior to the forums
- Forums will be recorded and available on AALLNET

QUESTIONS

- Members are limited to one question each and will not be identified
- Questions should be related to AALL, law librarianship, and the candidate’s work experience
- Questions can be submitted via live chat during the forum

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Read the Q&A with the candidates from the July/August issue of *AALL Spectrum* and the candidate biographies and statements on AALLNET.

AALL 2021 PROGRAM PLANNING

With so many unknowns about travel budgets, restrictions, etc., the 2021 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference program planning timeline has been adjusted. The call for proposals will be sent out in October, and proposers will have until the end of November to submit proposals--twice as long as usual. Additionally, proposers will be asked to indicate whether their presenters will be available to deliver the program in person, virtually, or both.

If you are considering submitting a program proposal for the 2021 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, please peruse the “must-have” program topics identified for next year’s conference. Thank you to everyone who participated in this summer’s idea crowdsourcing. Stay tuned for the call for proposals next month. Even as things change, the need for timely and meaningful education does not. AALL remains committed to ensuring a dynamic, diverse lineup of programs designed to meet your needs.
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AALL VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TRAINING

- Tuesday, September 22, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CDT
- Register by Thursday, September 17, 2020
- Free for AALL members only

Becoming an effective advocate who can clearly articulate the needs of law libraries and the legal information industry is especially important during these uncertain times. This training will teach you the skills you need to establish yourself as a trusted voice in your community, promote equal access to justice, and contribute meaningful solutions to today's information policy issues. The training is free for AALL members.

HELP PRESERVE U.S. GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

The U.S. Government Publishing Office, Library of Congress, University of North Texas Libraries, Internet Archive, Stanford University Libraries, and the Environmental Data & Governance Initiative are working together on the End of Term (EOT) Web Archiving Project to preserve public U.S. government websites at the end of the current presidential administration. The EOT Web Archiving Project needs your help to preserve these websites for posterity, public access, and long-term preservation. You are invited to nominate .gov and other federal government websites, documents, datasets, and governmental social media accounts using the End of Term Nomination Tool.

UPCOMING WEBINARS & COFFEE CHAT / REGISTER NOW

AALL WEBINAR: INTRO TO DATA SCIENCE FOR LAW LIBRARIANS

- Thursday, September 24, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- Register by Monday, September 21, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

Data science is everywhere these days, but what exactly is it? How do you "do" data science? Is it something law librarians could or should learn? What relationship, if any, is there between data science and artificial intelligence? We are consumers of data science in all aspects of our lives. This session will explain what data science is, how it is done, and how it relates to hot topics such as big data and artificial intelligence. Attendees will get an understanding of how data science is relevant to their jobs, how it is used in empirical legal research to optimize the business of law, and how it underpins current legal research products.

BLOOMBERG LAW PARTNER WEBINAR: A YEAR OF UNCERTAINTY: REACTION, RESPONSE & LOOKING AHEAD

- Tuesday, September 29, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
A pandemic. A global economic downturn. The presidential election cycle. This year has brought much uncertainty. As we close out 2020 and enter a new year, businesses and their law firm advisors are still facing unprecedented issues, both far-reaching and complex. Attend this webinar to learn how Bloomberg Law is addressing these issues and get a preview of what's to come in 2021.

VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT / LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR ASSOCIATION

- Tuesday, October 6, 2020 / 3:00 p.m. (CDT)
- Register by Monday, October 5, 2020
- Space is limited

Do you have questions about AALL's processes and procedures? This coffee chat is an opportunity to ask members of the Executive Board about the inner workings of AALL (how decisions are made, how committees are appointed, how members are nominated for the board, etc.). This session will be moderated by AALL President Emily R. Florio and AALL President-Elect Diane Rodriguez. Questions may be submitted in advance to leadership@aall.org or asked during the coffee chat. Join us to learn more about your association.

UPDATE YOUR AALLNET PROFILE

It is important that your information is updated and details about your work history and background are provided so you can be found by other members using the Member Search function on AALLNET. Keeping your information up to date also ensures you continue to receive important AALL communications. Please log into your AALLNET profile and update your information today. Primary contacts may also update organization details. For assistance please contact membership@aall.org.

AALL CONSULTING SERVICES PILOT PROJECT IS LOOKING FOR CLIENTS

As the next step for the new AALL Consulting Services initiative, we are in the process of contacting potential clients. AALL is reaching out to law schools and library schools to raise awareness of the expertise offered through this program—which is limited to strategic and leadership projects.

If you would like to recommend a potential client, please contact Megan Mall, director of content strategy. Members with 10+ years of professional experience are welcome to apply to be a consultant on AALLNET.

NEW VOICES
AALL's New Voices is seeking your insights! 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. This is a one-time commitment.

Possible topics include: diversity, inclusion and equity; working and teaching in a remote environment; recommending a favorite resource; communication tips; stressbusters; management; and starting a new role. Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear on the Members Open Forum, in the monthly eNewsletter, and on AALL’s social media feeds (Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn).

If you're interested in being involved in the next round, please share your post with Megan Mali, director of content strategy, with the subject line “New Voices Project” by 5 p.m. Central on October 7, 2020.

**SHARE YOUR POSITIVE BLACK LIVES MATTER STORIES WITH AALL**

AALL is looking for positive stories of how members are helping their communities during the Black Lives Matter movement. Below is just one example of how law librarians and legal information are making a difference.

- **Kathleen Richman, Executive Director of LLMC** - "LLMC, a nonprofit consortium of law libraries, launched the RIGHTS! portal sponsored by the Vincent C. Immel Law Library at Saint Louis University School of Law - "Grave threats to civil rights and rule of law inspired LLMC to develop its RIGHTS! web portal. The goal is to provide a centralized hub where someone can start their research in order to protect their rights or the rights of others. The RIGHTS! portal is an open access service, so anyone anywhere in the world will have access at no charge. The RIGHTS! portal is a response to the injustices facing people of color and other marginalized parties and will be a valuable resource."

If you have a story to share or have received any feel-good responses or feedback, please email Heather Haemker, AALL director of marketing & communications, and tell us about it. Your story may appear in a future Weekly eNewsletter.

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