VOTING FOR AALL’S 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS OPENS THIS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Online voting for the AALL vice president/president-elect and Executive Board members opens this Thursday, October 1 and runs through 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on Saturday, October 31. Voting instructions will be emailed out to all eligible voters the morning of October 1.

Members of the AALL Executive Board ensure that decisions made are consistent with AALL’s mission, vision, and strategic plan while continuing to increase the value proposition of the Association. It’s important to make an educated decision, and we encourage you to learn more about the candidates before voting by listening to the Candidates Forum recordings for Vice President/President-Elect and Executive Board members, and reading their biographies and statements, as well as the Q&As with the candidates featured in the July/August issue of AALL Spectrum.

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINAR / REGISTER NOW

AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR ASSOCIATION

- Tuesday, October 6, 2020 / 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (CDT)
- Register by Monday, October 5, 2020
- Members only; 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.

HEINONLINE PARTNER WEBINAR: DISCOVERING WHAT'S NEW IN HEINONLINE: UTILIZING THE LATEST DATABASES & TOOLS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR LEGAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
Join HeinOnline experts Steve Roses and Lauren Mattiuzzo as they discuss HeinOnline's newest research databases, including those related to timely events such as the COVID-19 pandemic as well as civil rights and social justice in the United States. During this webinar, learn about Hein's new searching features, personalized research platform, scholarly impact analysis tools, and research aids that help make discovering and analyzing sources a breeze.

AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: MAINTAINING MEANINGFUL REMOTE CONNECTIONS

Whether by design or by necessity, many people now interact with their co-workers online rather than in person. While technology can surmount many obstacles, it can't replace the impromptu exchanges and insights that occur naturally in the office. Or can it? How are you staying connected with your co-workers these days, finding the (virtual) space to really check-in with one another, and keeping the idea channels open? Join us for an informal conversation, co-moderated by Ben Doherty, University of Virginia Law Library, and Rachel S. Evans, University of Georgia.

CALL FOR 2021 AALL ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS OPENS NEXT WEEK

As the effects of the pandemic continue to impact all of us, we've had to become creative and nimble. As things continue to change, the need for timely and meaningful education remains vital. 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.

AALL remains committed to ensuring a dynamic and diverse lineup of programs designed to meet your needs. Please note that the proposal form will ask you to indicate whether your program can be offered virtually, in person, or both. As of now, AALL is still planning to have an in-person Conference but we continue to monitor the situation and will keep you updated as things change.

SAVE THE DATE / AALL CONNECTION

As we continue to update you on what the Association is working on to help you in your professional growth and also to update you on decisions made during the virtual Fall Board meeting (November 6 and 7, 2020), please register for the next AALL Connection.
WASHINGTON UPDATE

CONGRESSWOMAN ZOE LOFGREN ADDRESSES AALL MEMBERS DURING VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TRAINING

AALL President Emily R. Florio provided opening remarks and introduced Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (CA-19) during AALL’s Virtual Legislative Advocacy Training held on September 22, 2020. Congresswoman Lofgren discussed her leadership efforts on several issues that AALL supports, including greater access to federal court records through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system, copyright reform, modernization of the Federal Depository Library Program, and digital privacy.

Addressing the important role that law librarians and legal information professionals may have in influencing the legislative process, Congresswoman Lofgren said:

"As law librarians, you are experts in research, helping both lawyers and non lawyers to find information that they need. You play an equally important role on the front end in shaping how legal information and documents are structured, preserved and made accessible. And that's more important than ever in the digital age."

Following Congresswoman Lofgren’s remarks, AALL Government Relations Committee Chair Janet Peros and Copyright Committee Chair Susan Azyndar provided updates about the legislative and policy issues their committees are tracking. 2020 AALL Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award recipient Scott G. Burgh provided remarks about his experience advocating for a coroner fee bill in Illinois, as well as best practices and lessons learned that can be applied to law librarians' own advocacy efforts. In addition, AALL Director of Government Relations Emily Feltren discussed upcoming advocacy opportunities and how AALL members can get involved. A recording of the program is available on AALLNET.

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 is Friday, October 30.

SHARE YOUR STORIES WITH AALL

AALL is looking for positive stories of how members are helping their communities during the Black Lives Matter movement. 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.

If you have any stories to share, please send them to me by 1:00 p.m. CDT on Friday, October 2, 2020.