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FEATURED NEWS

AALL 2021 FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ACTIONS

The AALL Executive Board met in Chicago November 4-6, 2021, for Board and strategic planning meetings. In addition to the Board meeting, the AALL Finance and Budget Committee also met. The Board book and related materials are available on [AALLNET](#). The Executive Board had a full agenda with reports, action items, and lots of discussion. The Board approved the following:

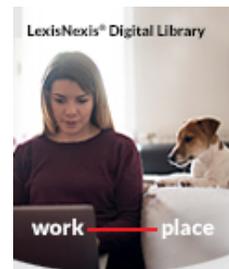
- The minutes from the July 15-16, 2021, Executive Board Meeting (**Tab 1**)
- 2021-2022 Committee Action Plans – (**Tab 2**)
- Nominations Committee Member Replacement – (**Tab 3**)
- Dissolution of the Arizona Association of Law Libraries (AzALL) Chapter – (**Tab 4**)
- Dissolution of the Document Delivery Caucus – (**Tab 5**)
- Renaming of the Latino Caucus to the Latinx Caucus – (**Tab 6**)
- 2021-2022 Strategic Directions Action Plan – (**Tab 7**)
- AALL Financial Policies Revisions – (**Tab 10**)
- Chapter VIP and SIS VIP Program Revisions – (**Tab 11**)
- Awards Committee – Revised Criteria for Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, Hall of Fame Award, and Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award – (**Tab 12**)
- AALL Submission of Briefs Policy Revisions – (**Tab 13**)

Additional reports included in the **Board book** are the Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Awareness (IDEA) Special Committee report (**Tab 14**), and the Advancing Access to Justice (AA2J) Special Committee report (**Tab 15**).

To learn more about what was discussed during the Board meeting as well as highlights of the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan, listen to the recording from Wednesday's AALL Connection, available on [AALL eLearning](#).

VOLUNTEER FOR AN AALL 2022-2023 COMMITTEE OR AWARD JURY / DUE DECEMBER 15

Volunteer to serve on an AALL committee or award jury and contribute to your profession as well as to your Association. We encourage members from all library types and all levels of experience to volunteer. Please [review the committee and award jury charges](#) before applying. If you currently serve on an AALL Committee or Award Jury, **you are only eligible to apply for a 2022-2023 committee or award jury if your term ends in July 2022**. To confirm when your current appointment ends, please review the committee activity in your [AALL profile](#).



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The call for [Annual Meeting Program Committee \(AMPC\) volunteers](#) is included in this call for volunteers. If you are interested in serving on AMPC, you will be asked to answer additional questions on the form. Please review the [AMPC charge](#) and [content area descriptions](#) before applying for this Committee.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

- See your work in action
- Impact the Association and the profession
- Build on your leadership experience
- Expand your professional network

SELECTION PROCESS

In January, the AALL Vice President, [Beth Adelman](#), and 2022-2023 AMPC Chair, [Jessica dePerio Wittman](#), will select volunteers to serve on the AMPC. All other volunteers (including those not selected for the AMPC) will be considered by the Appointments Committee to serve on a committee or award jury when the Committee meets in January/February 2022.

Take your involvement in AALL to the next level and complete the [volunteer application](#) for the 2022-2023 leadership year. Applications must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. (EST) on December 15, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact leadership@aall.org.



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AALL UPDATES

AALL MEMBER TRACKS AALL'S HISTORY

Have you ever wondered when the proposal to establish a full-time staff at a permanent AALL headquarters was made? What was AALL's first regional chapter? How did members travel to the 1939 Annual Meeting? Longtime AALL member [Frank G. Houdek](#) has meticulously been tracking AALL's pivotal moments as an Association and has compiled the details into an easy-to-search document. Houdek first published the Chronology in a small booklet called *Introducing the American Association of Law Libraries* in 1983. He also published a substantially expanded version in a book available on Hein titled, *The First Century: One Hundred Years of AALL History, 1906–2005* in 2008. "It's a 'labor of love' for me and I expect to continue working on it in the foreseeable future," said Houdek. [AALL's Chronology](#) is available on AALLNET and is updated every year, following the [AALL Annual Meeting](#). If you haven't already done so, [check it out](#)—you might be surprised by what you didn't know!

2021 AALL SALARY SURVEY TO BE RELEASED NEXT WEEK

The [2021 AALL Salary Survey](#) is **scheduled to be released next Monday, November 22**. The digital edition is free to all current AALL members. Members can also purchase print copies, and nonmembers can buy print and digital editions, as well as the print + digital bundle. Details are available on [AALLNET](#). The [Economic Status of Law Librarians Committee](#) revised the 2021 edition to capture COVID-related compensation information and updated position descriptions. If you have any questions, please contact [Heather Haemker](#), AALL's director of marketing & communications.

2022 AALL AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPENS DECEMBER 1

The 2022 AALL Awards nominations will open next month on December 1 and will be open through March 1, 2022. The [AALL Awards Program](#) publicly recognizes the achievements of law librarians, institutions, companies, and partners for significant contributions and innovation in the legal information profession. Start thinking about who you would like to nominate now—it could even be yourself. Recipients are selected by committees/juries and will be recognized during the [2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#) in Denver.

ORDER YOUR COPY OF AALL'S 2021 STATE OF THE PROFESSION REPORT

Designed to be used as a tool for organizational benchmarking, advocacy, and strategic planning, the [2021 AALL State of the Profession](#) report provides a data-rich overview of law libraries and the legal information profession. The complimentary [AALL State of the Profession 2021 Executive Summary](#) provides an introduction to the full report. The report is 280 pages, includes full-color graphics and data tables, and is [available](#) in digital, print, and a digital + print bundle. **Pricing starts at \$149 for AALL members.**

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ADVOCACY

NEW INFRASTRUCTURE LAW INCLUDES FUNDING FOR BROADBAND AND GRANTS TO PROMOTE DIGITAL EQUITY

On Monday, November 15, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ([H.R. 3684](#)) was signed into law. Among its many provisions, the new law provides \$65 billion for broadband infrastructure to enable greater access to reliable high-speed internet. The law also establishes a new digital equity competitive grant program to support libraries—including public law libraries—and other organizations, nonprofits, and partnerships to improve internet access and provide technical support and digital skills training. More information about this grant opportunity and other new programs to support digital equity will be available from the [National Telecommunications and Information Administration](#) (NTIA), which is responsible for administering these new programs.

ANNUAL MEETING

SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE! PROPOSE A PROGRAM FOR THE 2022 AALL ANNUAL MEETING / DUE NOVEMBER 30

There are only two weeks left to [submit a program or workshop proposal](#) for the [2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#)—Advancing Justice for All—to be held July 16-19, 2022, in Denver, Colorado.

We are currently planning an engaging, in-person Conference in Denver. Please go through the [quick guide for getting started](#), explore additional [resources for program proposers](#) (including the [must-have program topics](#) identified by AALL members), and use the online [Program and Workshop Proposal Collection site](#) to develop your proposal. AALL remains committed to ensuring a dynamic and diverse lineup of programs designed to meet your needs. We look forward to seeing your proposals.

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PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

APPLY FOR AN AALL LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT BY DECEMBER 1

The **AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury** is accepting applications through **December 1** for grants from the **AALL Research Fund (An Endowment Established by LexisNexis)**. The jury may allocate \$5,000 between one or more applicants seeking funding for research that advances **AALL's Research Agenda**, which seeks to stimulate "a diverse range of scholarship related to and supportive of the profession of law librarianship."

Established in July 2000, the grant funds research projects that create, disseminate, or use legal and library-related information. For inspiration, [review the list of topics awarded grants in past years](#) and explore the 16 broad research topics outlined in AALL's Research Agenda. If you have a research project that may benefit from this grant, [review the complete guidelines](#) and [apply](#). As the guidelines state, the research should be completed within one year and the final product published. **Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of December.**

LEARN MORE & APPLY

EXPAND YOUR BUDGETING SKILLS / REGISTER FOR AALL'S SELF-PACED COURSE

Many of your colleagues have already registered for and completed AALL's self-paced course, "**Introduction to Law Library Budgets**." Don't miss out—learn the fundamental skills that will help you address important issues such as identifying and managing competing priorities, explaining day-to-day operations, and connecting financial resources to meet goals.

Developed by subject matter experts who are your colleagues and fellow members, this course will provide you with the skills you need to become more confident when it comes to making and maintaining a budget within your organization. If you have any questions, please contact AALL at elarning@aall.org or 312.939.4764.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING

"I am new to the legal information field and this course was an excellent introduction on how to evaluate yearly costs and what questions to ask of management for future budgeting." – **Candy Good-Graupera; Librarian; Barley Snyder, LLC**

Cost: Members \$99 / Nonmembers \$149

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UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: UNPACKING THE U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT SURVEY QUESTIONS FOR LAW LIBRARIES / NOVEMBER 30

In November, *U.S. News & World Report* will roll out the survey questions for its 2023 Best Law School rankings. A task force (including liaisons from SALLD, NELLCO, AALS, and AALL) worked with *U.S. News & World Report* representatives to provide guidance and recommendations for the questions relating to law school libraries. How will the 2023 questions impact your library? Join **Catherine Dunn**, AALL's liaison to the U.S. News Joint Task Force, and **Todd Venie**, who co-led the Data Testing & Education Working Group, on **Tuesday, November 30 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)**, to learn more about this year's questions, the methodology of the rankings, and the recommendations of the Joint Task Force.

Cost: Free and open to AALL members only; space is limited.

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR AALL / DECEMBER 7

Interested in [volunteering for an AALL committee or award jury](#)? This informal conversation on **Tuesday, December 7 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CST)**, moderated by President **Diane Rodriguez** and AALL President-Elect **Elizabeth Adelman**, is an opportunity for you to learn more about the volunteer process and how your contribution impacts AALL and the legal information profession. You are invited to submit questions in advance to leadership@aall.org.

Cost: Free and open to AALL members only; space is limited.

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: WINNING THE AALL/LEXISNEXIS CALL FOR PAPERS / DECEMBER 14

The [AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers](#) is an annual scholarship competition that requests AALL members and students in related degree programs submit their recent scholarship on any subject relevant to law librarianship. Join the 2021 winners and **Nicole Downing**, vice chair of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, on **Tuesday, December 14 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)**, for a discussion about award-winning scholarship and how you can prepare to enter the competition for yourself.

Cost: Free and open to AALL members only; space is limited.

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THE MOTH, AALL LEADERSHIP EDITION: UNLEASH THE POWER OF STORYTELLING / DECEMBER 15

This program will give a brief introduction to storytelling technique basics, and then have panelists share true stories as they remember them. Similar to *The Moth* podcast, anyone wishing to tell their story will need to pitch their idea, and the pitched stories need to relate to the theme of Leadership. Join us on **Wednesday, December 15 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** to watch masterful storytelling in action, share in the collective wisdom around leadership, and hone the essential leadership skill of telling compelling, meaningful stories.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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THE WAYFINDERS AMONG US: FIRST-GEN PROFESSIONALS IN AALL / JANUARY 19

First-generation professionals are the first in their families to cross a threshold into a professional career. Many face socioeconomic issues not experienced by their colleagues and can face a sense of isolation and a steep learning curve with regard to professional norms. Join us on **Wednesday, January 19 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** to hear from panelists who are first-gen professionals from academic, government, and law firm settings, who will discuss their triumphs and challenges, and provide insights into navigating their unique career paths. They will also discuss establishment of the **First-Gen Professionals Caucus**, which serves as a vehicle for professional development, mentorship, and coordination of recruitment efforts for first-gen law and library students.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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AALL NEW VOICES

Member [Alexis Branham](#) shares her experience starting a new job during a global pandemic.

[AALL's New Voices](#) is a place to share your story and expertise. Whether you recently joined AALL or are a longtime member aiming to become more involved in the Association, AALL is looking for your insights on any aspect of law librarianship. This is a one-time commitment.

Possible subjects include a legal interest of your choice, favorite resource, go-to stressbusters, starting a new role, leadership tips and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear on 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 [Heather Haemker](#), director of marketing & communications, with the subject line "New Voices Project" by **5:00 p.m. (CST) on December 3, 2021**.

KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBER POSTS

Members shared innovative content and started important conversations, including:

- Andrew Bennett [shared](#) advice on teaching legal resources and legal research for public librarians.
- Theresa Greco [recapped](#) the 2021 AALL Virtual Competitive Intelligence Foundations course.
- Elizabeth Graham [discussed](#) the struggle law librarians have with finding a name that best represents those working in libraries without an MLIS degree.
- Harris County (Texas) Hainsworth Law Library [celebrates](#) Native American history, heritage, and culture.
- Marcelo Rodriguez [discussed](#) researching presidential elections in Latin America.

OTHER LEGAL & GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UPDATES

- Cooley [launched](#) the Public Company Innovation Hub, a dynamic, cross-practice resource that gives companies the information they need to successfully navigate securities laws and increasing regulation.

- The Institute of Museum and Library Services, in partnership with Reinvestment Fund, **released** a new study, [Understanding the Social Wellbeing Impacts of the Nation's Libraries and Museums](#).
- *ABC News* **reported** on what's included in the new Infrastructure Bill.
- Law Technology Today **reviewed** the ABA Legal Technology Survey Report, which spans a vast range of topics from security and basic office software to technology budgets, marketing tools, and much more.
- CPO **examined** the legal and regulatory issues surrounding website “dark patterns.”

ABOUT KNOWITALL

KnowItAALL is a member benefit sent Monday through Friday. **Subscriptions are available** for nonmember individuals and institutions. Please email [Heather Haemker](#), director of marketing & communications, with your article and resource recommendations.

RECOGNIZING TOP CONTRIBUTORS

AALL highlights Top Contributors on [My Communities](#) in its monthly eNewsletter. Over the last month, these active members helped keep our community vibrant by earning points through their posts and connections. Points are earned by posting messages, responding to discussions, and by making connections with other members. The contributions these members have made to the community are outstanding. Below are our Top Contributors from October.

- [Katherine Orth](#)
- [Mandy Lee](#)

Thank you for all that you do—we appreciate your contribution.

MEMBER NEWS

- [Rebecca Plevel](#) was selected as the AALL Diversity & Inclusion Committee's November Librarian of the month.

AALL seeks more news about members' achievements, job changes, and connections with the legal information community. Please send your news to [Heather Haemker](#), AALL director of marketing & communications.



AALLNET MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE

In this month's member profile, [Edward T. Hart](#), assistant dean for the Law Library at the University of North Texas - Dallas College of Law in Dallas, Texas, discusses why he stays an AALL member and shares his favorite AALL memory.

See more [AALLNET Monthly Member Profiles](#) and view [AALL Spectrum Member](#) and [Leader](#) Profiles on AALLNET.

COMMUNITY CORNER

CHAPTER NEWS

- The [Mid-America Association of Law Libraries](#) (MAALL) 2021 Annual Meeting was a great success, with 131 law librarians from over 50 institutions across the nation attending the virtual conference, held over five days in late October/early November. The program included 24 scholarly presentations, panels, and workshops.

AALL seeks more news and announcements from chapters, caucuses, and special interest sections that may be of interest to all members. Please send your news to [Heather Haemker](#), AALL director of marketing & communications.

BRITISH AND IRISH ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIANS LEGAL REFERENCE MATERIALS COURSE / DECEMBER 7-8

The [British and Irish Association of Law Librarians](#) (BIALL) is holding its [Legal Reference Materials course](#) online, **December 7-8 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (CST)**, to allow overseas participants who might be interested in UK law the opportunity to participate. The session covers the English legal system, as well as UK legislation, and researching UK case law sections. There are presentations from UK law librarians followed by practical exercises. They will be offering the BIALL member rate for AALL members.

To receive the member rate, please enter "AALL member" in the Membership number field.

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REGISTER FOR TOMORROW'S PEGA-SIS WEBINAR: LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO, YOU WANNA APPLY FOR A PROMOTION? / NOVEMBER 19

When moving up in law librarianship there are different processes for each library type, but there are also some common issues and questions involved when applying for a promotion. Join [Eliza Boles](#) tomorrow from **12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CST)** as she speaks with a panel of four about their experiences in getting promotions and assisting people in that same goal. They will discuss topics such as preparing for the promotion application process, how to "make the case" for a promotion, things to be aware of during the process, and considerations for internal applicants. Panelists include an HR subject matter expert and law librarians in academic, firm, and government institutions.

Open to all AALL members.

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PEGA-SIS WEBINAR: LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO, YOU WANNA PRACTICE MINDFULNESS? / DECEMBER 8

With so much going on in the world, many of us are feeling burned out and exhausted. Can mindfulness be a tool to help us re-center? How is mindfulness different from meditation? Join [Savanna Nolan](#) on **Wednesday, December 8 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** as she discusses these questions with Mindfulness Caucus member and certified Koru Mindfulness teacher [Heather Simmons](#). What is a mindfulness practice and how is it different from meditation? What steps can we take today to live more mindfully?

Open to all AALL members.

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