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AALL Member Robert Mead Appointed to Depository Library Council by U.S. Government Publishing Office

CHICAGO – April 13, 2022 – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) today announced the selection of the [American Association of Law Libraries](#) (AALL) candidate Robert Mead as a new member of the Depository Library Council (DLC). He will serve on the DLC for the 2022-2025 term. He will be the fourth AALL member on the DLC. The members of the DLC advise the GPO director on future trends, innovations, and new concepts in libraries, public access to government information, and other policy issues related to the [Federal Depository Library Program](#) (FDLP).

Mead, an AALL member since 1999, is the state law librarian at the Washington State Law Library in Olympia, Washington. He is currently a member of the AALL [Government Relations Committee](#) (GRC). Mead is vice chair of the AALL Legal History and Rare Books Special Interest Section (SIS) and is a past board member of the AALL Government Law Libraries SIS. Outside of his volunteer roles in AALL, Mead is currently president of the Washington Courts Historical Society and vice chair of the Legal Information Preservation Alliance. Additionally, he is an active member of the Northwest Government Information Network and the Washington Library Association.

“I am excited to join the DLC and contribute my knowledge and expertise to discussions about the future of government information and the FDLP,” said Mead. “I look forward to providing my perspective on current issues facing legal information users and supporting the FDLP’s mission to provide free, ready, and permanent public access to federal government information. I am grateful to AALL for nominating me.”

“Robert will make a lasting contribution to DLC by applying his unique perspective as a state law librarian, along with his knowledge of issues facing government law libraries and the FDLP, and his enthusiasm for greater access to legal information and access to justice,” AALL President Diane M. Rodriguez said. “Robert is a respected leader and government information advocate, and we are incredibly proud as he takes on this new role on DLC.”

As a member of the DLC, Mead will provide guidance to the GPO’s leadership on issues related to future trends and innovations in libraries, public access to government information, and the evolving needs of libraries in the FDLP. The FDLP is a network of

more than 1,100 libraries—including 200 law libraries—committed to ensuring no-fee public access to government information.

About AALL

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is the only national association dedicated to the legal information profession and its professionals. Founded in 1906 on the belief that people—lawyers, judges, students, and the public—need timely access to relevant legal information to make sound legal arguments and wise legal decisions, its more than 3,500 members are problem solvers of the highest order. AALL fosters the profession by offering its members knowledge, leadership, and community that make the whole legal system stronger. For more information, visit www.aallnet.org.