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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

President's Message:

Kay L. Andrus, Creighton University School of Law

Greetings MAALL members! Time marches on, and my first message is due. While preparing an outline and again as I begin writing, a comforting and disconcerting question recurs in my mind -- does anyone besides the president read the President's Message? I hope each of you finds useful or at least interesting information here.

First, an important observation, "when you see a turtle atop a fence post, you know someone else is responsible for putting it there." Our current MAALL chapter has a rich history of people who are responsible for placing MAALL atop its pedestal as a dynamic and leading AALL chapter.

Among those is our past-president, Susan Goldner. In a gracious, patient, organized, and thoughtful way she helped us renew our chapter over the past year. Thanks again Susan.

As usual, many people cooperated to make our annual meeting, "MAALL Together in Norman, OK" very successful. The local arrangements committee, headed by Marilyn

Nicely, and all others at the University of Oklahoma was particularly effective. No important detail was overlooked. The meeting facilities were convenient, the food tasty and plentiful, the hospitality genuine, and the special events really were special. Lisa Bowles prepared an impressive program brochure with photographs of the stunningly beautiful, expanded, and renovated Law Library and College of Law building at OU. Joel Wegemer attended to every program media need and found time to present a program as well.

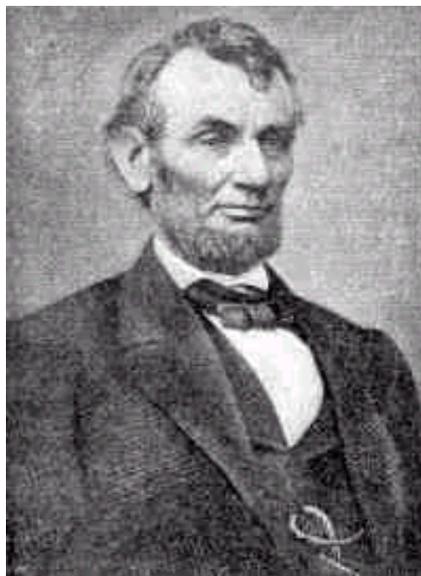
I know from past experience that you can depend on James Duggan, and he didn't disappoint us. In addition to serving on our education committee and organizing a program, James served as our official AALL visitor. He offered his AALL report to us in a humorous, memorable, brief, and economical way. Many MAALL members served as speakers or presenters. We've received sincere compliments on a truly useful educational program. Thank you one and all.

We missed those of you who could not attend our Norman meeting but hope to see you again at our joint MALL/MAALL (Minnesota Assn. of Law Libraries / Mid-America Assn. of Law Libraries) meeting to be held in Des Moines, Oct. 14 - 16, 2004. Save the dates and plan to attend. MAALL meetings are bargains in every aspect.

So, other than preparing for our next annual meeting, where does MAALL go from here? Yogi Berra supposedly said "Predicting is a tricky business, especially if it involves the future." MAALL has an excellent future if we attend to the fundamentals that make any volunteer organization effective. We need committees that function, more people who volunteer, and an even clearer vision of our purpose. As president, I intend to call at least two MAALL members each week to discuss briefly how our MAALL chapter might be enhanced. This is not a scientific method, nor is it the only method we will use to chart our future. However, it is a way for me to increase my circle of MAALL acquaintances and to get a better pulse on the needs of our organization. Thanks in advance to any of you who may receive a "random call from your MAALL president."

Finally, I direct your attention to our fine MAALL web site and our discussion forum. Posted on our web site is the framework of our 2004 MAALL Committees. It is not too late to obtain a committee appointment. E-mail, or phone me with your desire. I'm particularly interested in recruiting a *MAALL Markings*, newsletter editor. Steve Lambson has served very well as our editor for many years. He has requested and deserves a change, and someone else would benefit from this opportunity.

I'll end this message with a saying attributed to Abraham Lincoln, "The best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time." We cannot do everything at once, but we all have something to contribute. We only need to do a little every day in order to realize an even brighter future for MAALL. Keep smiling!



2004 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM PLANNING

The Education Committee will soon begin working on developing the programs for the 2004 Annual Meeting in Des Moines. If you have an idea for a program (even if you don't want to be a speaker) or know of someone who is a good speaker, please send that information to me at jmckinney@shb.com. Since we are meeting with the Minnesota group, we aren't responsible for planning all the programs at the meeting, but let's show them what we already know—that MAALL puts on a great conference!



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Iowa

Drake University

A dedication ceremony was held on September 19th to commemorate the opening of the Neal Smith Congressional Archives room in Drake's Dwight D. Opperman Hall and Law Library. Neal Smith, a 1950 alumnus of Drake Law School, served Iowa in the U.S. House of Representatives for 36 years and donated his Congressional papers to the Law Library when he left Congress in 1995. Among those in attendance for the Archives dedication were Mr. Smith, his wife Bea, Congressman Leonard Boswell (D-Iowa) and Senator Charles Grassley (R-Iowa). The Neal Smith Congressional Archives room was made possible with the support of the Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts law firm.

John D. Edwards, Professor of Law and Director of the Law Library, was reelected to a third term on the Clive (Iowa) City Council where he currently serves as mayor pro tem. He also was reelected Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Des Moines Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Susan N. Lerdal, Reference Librarian, will serve as Chair of the Iowa Library Association Public Relations Committee for 2004.

Kansas

University of Kansas , Wheat Law Library

On Friday, November 7, a party was held to commemorate KU Law's 125th anniversary. A presentation by several historical figures portrayed in period costume included several members of the law library staff. A large painting by Lawrence artist Stephen Johnson was unveiled. A library display, created by Lynne Fothergill, included pictures, text, and memorabilia from the history of the law school.

Missouri

University of Missouri-Kansas City -- Leon E. Block Law Library

Chris Le Beau, Business Reference Librarian at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Miller Nichols Library, is the new Kansas City contact person and Clinical Instructor for the School of Information Science & Learning (SISLT) at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Though the SISLT is located in Columbia, MO, due to a new agreement between locations the School has established a presence and appointed a position in Kansas City.

A large number of SISLT students are from the Kansas City metropolitan area and attend SISLT, **Le Beau** is available to answer any questions regarding the SISLT and its programs.

Le Beau is planning a holiday gathering for local alumni and alumnae and requests local address information of those interested.

She can be reached at the following address:

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Saint Louis University Law Library

Richard Amelung, SLU, reports that **Dean Jeffery Lewis** announced **Mark Bernstein** as Director of the Saint Louis University Law Library. **Bernstein** will assume his duties on July 01, 2004. Currently, **Bernstein** is Deputy Director of the Duke University Law Library. Prior to his appointment at Duke, he was Head of Reference at the Columbia University Law Library. For further information consult: <http://www.law.duke.edu/fac/mbernstein/>



NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

compiled by Charlie Condon, Northern Illinois University - DeKalb

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HALL

The Houston Area Law Librarians (HALL) Summer Newsletter offers these web resources in **Riva Laughlin's** "Research Tips" column:

For Canadian legal information, go to <http://strategis.gc.ca> and click on Strategies for Legal Research in the left-hand column. You can search Canadian copyrights, patents and trademarks, as well as incorporation information for Canadian companies.

For legal statistical data, go to <http://www.abanet.org/marketresearch/resource.html> to access the ABA's Market Research Department. Here you will find data showing the number of lawyers per state, court and caseload statistics, and rankings of law firms by size and revenue.

HALL welcomed new members **Cynthia K. Hansen**, a library science student at North Texas; **Andrew Jackson**, Library Assistant at Shell Oil Company Law Library; **Yuxin Li**, Coordinator of Cataloging and Serials Management at the University of Houston Law Library; **Lidia Pedraza**, Research Specialist at King & Spaulding; and, **Kathy Tulissi**, Library Assistant at Jackson Walker.

HALL also reports that **Mark Lambert**, Special Collections and Government Documents Librarian at South Texas College of Law has been accepted to law school and will begin his studies this

semester. Also, **Linda Will**, formerly of Greenberg Traurig, Miami, is moving to Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis.

Alice Fosson, HALL member, reports that she attended a popular and well prepared program at the SLA meeting in New York City. The SLA Tax Roundtable presented, *These Taxing Times: Taking Back our Roles*, featuring **Susan Klopper**, the Manager of Research Services for Goizueta Business Library at Emory University. Along with comprehensive and informative handouts, Ms. Klopper offered helpful tips about tax research including:

Most 1986 - present tax information is available electronically, but print resources are required for earlier materials.

The University of Mississippi now has the AICPA library collection.

Becoming a member of the SLA Tax Librarians Listserv is a lifesaver.

An efficient way to locate tax research pathfinders on Google is to do an advanced search for "tax research" in .PDF format in edu sites or domains.

Barbara Szalkowski, HALL Newsletter Editor, informs her readers that their newsletter is one of the few published in print these days, but that proposals are being discussed to change over to electronic format. A change in format may be in store for 2004 and the issue will be discussed this fall by the HALL Board. HALL Newsletter, Vol. 20 no. 4, July/August 2003.

LLAGNY

LLAGNY's Law Lines Newsletter reports that the Law Library Association of Greater New York is 65 years old as of November 17, 2003. In her President's Column, LLAGNY President **Alma De Jesus** dubs 2003 as the "year of the volunteer," and cites a cooperative effort between LLAGNY and SLA to present "Loss and Recovery: Librarians Bear Witness to September 11, 2001," an ALA-produced documentary which chronicled the personal stories of librarians who were very simply doing their jobs on that tragic day. Further activities for the year included a Basic Legal Research seminar presented by Ralph Monaco, Director of Library Services at New York County Lawyers' Association; a program entitled "Notary Law: How to Become a Notary," delivered by **Nathan Rosen**, V.P. of Credit Suisse First Boston; a Fordham University Law School presentation entitled "International and Foreign Law Series: Introduction to European Union Research." ; and the LLAGNY annual research program for law students planning to be summer associates entitled, "Bridge the Gap."

James G. Murphy wrote "Practical Tips for End User Training," consisting of a concise one page article on how to train adult users learning new programs on computers. His suggestions include making the material more relevant to the students, soliciting volunteers from the class, team teaching and encouraging cooperation between the students to facilitate learning from one another. This is the second installment of a series of articles on end user training.

Finally, LLAGNY published a memorial to the late **Lukwik A. Teclaff**, Professor Emeritus and former Director of the Law Library at Fordham University School of Law who died on May 29, 2003 after a long illness. **Janet Tracy**, Professor of Research and Library Services at Fordham, wrote the

moving tribute which chronicled the career of Professor Teclaff and recounted his many accomplishments. LLAGNY Law Lines, Vol. 26, no. 4, Summer 2003.

KCALL

Deborah Showalter-Johnson, U.S. Court of Appeals Library 8th Circuit branch librarian, reports that on December 04, 2003, KCALL is combining its annual holiday luncheon with a towel and personal care product drive for City Mission Union.

Thomas J. Marsh, Librarian at Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal and incoming KCALL president, is hosting the holiday bash. In addition to Marsh's firm, local underwriters include Thomson West, LexisNexis, BNA (Bureau of National Affairs and CCH (Commerce Clearing House).

Joan Thomas, Librarian at Polsinelli, Shalton & Welte, organized the "Splish Splash" bath towel drive in partnership with KCALL. In addition to towels, City Mission Union needs travel size soaps, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, disposable razors, disposable diapers, toddler pull-ups, and new socks.

Sharon Hom, KCALL president, thanks Sonnenschein and the area vendors for their generosity and contributions to the organization.

Many of these articles are available on the websites of the Chapters. For more information about any of these news items, please contact Charlie Condon, Northern Illinois University College of Law Library.

SUPPORTING NEW PROFESSIONALS: THE AALL ANNUAL MEETING GRANTS

The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to law librarians or graduate students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, AALL, and AALL individual members. Grants are awarded to cover the Annual Meeting registration fee or the registration fee for workshops presented at the Annual Meeting. Preference is given to applicants who are new to the profession and active in AALL or one of its chapters.

The AALL Grants Program began in 1952 and is one of the oldest and most successful AALL programs. More than 1,000 librarians have received funding to assist them in attending AALL educational activities. Many of those recipients are leaders in the profession today. For additional information, check out the application on the Association's web site. <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grants.asp>

In 2001, the Minority Leadership Development Award was created to assure that AALL's leadership remains vital, relevant and representative of the Association's diverse membership. The Award provides up to \$1,500.00 toward the cost of attending the Annual Meeting, an experienced AALL leader to serve as the recipient's mentor, and an opportunity to serve on an AALL committee during the year following the monetary award. For additional information, check out the application on the Association's web site.

http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_mlda.asp

Applications for both AALL Grants Programs must be received at the Association's headquarters by April 1, 2004.

Iris Lee
AALL Grants Committee Chair

THE AALL MENTOR PROJECT WANTS YOU!

The AALL Mentor Project:

- *Provides an informal, personal source of information for newer members
- *Provides an avenue by which experienced law librarians may meet promising new members of the profession
- *Provides a network for members who are contemplating a move to another type of library

Who should participate?

- *All experienced law librarians willing to share their time and wisdom
- *All enthusiastic newer members
- *AALL members considering a move to another type of library

2003 mentees benefit from guidance and support:

**While I have yet to meet a law librarian who wasn't willing to offer advice when asked, it is great to have someone who specifically wants to be asked. My mentor was also great fun to be around at the conference. She has continued to help me since, providing local introductions when I moved to San Francisco. Monica Donovan, Information Specialist, Jackson Lewis LLP.*

**My experience with my mentor has been great. We are both in similar situations and I know that I can always turn to her for advice and encouragement. Sarah Mauldin, Director of Library Services, Lionel Sawyer & Collins*

2003 mentors recommend the experience:

**Working as a mentor provides an opportunity for reflection and analysis about what's going on in law libraries and it makes you appreciate how much you have learned in your own career path. It's not rocket science and there's no right or wrong way to make it work. Even if your only time together is at the annual meeting, you have nothing to lose by trying it, but, potentially, a lot to gain. Susan Thorpe, Associate Director for Faculty, Research, and Instructional Services, University of Minnesota Law Library*

**I have been a mentor at the last two AALL conferences, and it was a great experience. In addition to sharing my knowledge and experience with others, I believe that I can always learn something new by listening to my colleagues, regardless of their level of experience. I find it refreshing to hear how other libraries approach common issues. Moreover, frequently we come to law librarianship after many years in other professions. Often these new librarian colleagues have experience and knowledge*

of their own that enriches me. Finally, I enjoy teaching and helping (that is, after all, why I do what I do for a living!), want to give back to the profession what I can, and never pass up the opportunity to network.
Barbara Traub, Head of Reference Services,
Rittenberg Law Library, St. John's
University School of Law

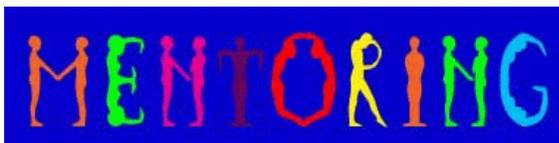
**For the past two years, I have had wonderful mentees who are interested in foreign, comparative and international law librarianship. As many times a newer FCIL librarian is the only subject specialist at his or her workplace, a mentor and professional connections are vital.* Stephanie Burke,
Senior Reference and International Law Librarian, Pappas Law Library, Boston
University School of Law

How can you join the Mentor Project?

To learn more about the AALL Mentor Project or to become a mentor or mentee, visit our website at:

http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/mentor_project.html

Mentors and mentees will be matched as closely as possible based on submitted applications.



THE CALL FOR PAPERS HAS BEGUN!

Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Maybe you just need a push to get started? Whether for fame or for fortune, this is your chance to enter the **AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers** competition.

The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

*Open Division for AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience

*New Members Division for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession less than five years

*Student Division for budding law librarians still in school (students need not be members of AALL)

The winner in each division receives \$750 generously donated by LexisNexis, plus the opportunity to present the paper at a special program during the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. Winners papers will also be considered for publication in the Association's prestigious Law Library Journal.

For more information, a list of previous winners, and/or an application, visit the AALL website at:

http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp

Submissions must be postmarked by March 1st

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, Kathryn Hensiak, khensiak@law.northwestern.edu or Virginia Davis, Davis@UH.edu.

Judy Harris, Director of Library Services at Bryan Cave LLP in St. Louis, MO, announces an opening for Library Assistant. Position summary: performs routine library tasks such as check-in and routing of library materials utilizing Inmagic library database. Assistant maintains electronic and print routing of office serials.

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No phone calls please

2004 MAALL MEMBERSHIP

Dues for membership in the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries are for the calendar year. The dues structure is as follows, from the MAALL By-Laws, Article III:

- a. The annual dues for individual membership and associate membership shall be \$10.
- b. The institutional membership dues shall be at a minimum rate of \$20, entitling one member; additional members will be at a rate of \$10, with no library to pay annual dues in excess of \$100.

One form per member, please. Each institutional-designated member should complete a form so that every person will receive a newsletter and entry in the Membership Directory.

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