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President's Message by Janet McKinney

Endings and beginnings. Summer school and fall semester. Summer associates and fall associates. Court sessions. Beginnings and endings ebb and flow into each other and, in the midst of them, we often share the unanswerable question, "how can X be here already?"

It's been slightly more than a month since the AALL annual meeting ended and yet it no longer seems recent. By the way, I enjoyed the MAALL luncheon and business meeting and hope the nearly 60 attendees did, too. Our table in the Activities Area stood out from all the others – in a positive way – thanks to the Public Relations Committee and Priscilla Stultz' access to a LexisNexis artist. MAALL continues to have a high percentage of members who are serving in AALL.

So many MAALL members have been looking toward the future for some time. Work on each AALL annual meeting begins prior to the previous year's meeting. We're looking ahead to the Centennial annual

meeting of AALL, hosted by MAALL. If you haven't yet volunteered, please contact Ann Fessenden or Phil Berwick.

On a smaller scale, but just as important, preparation for the MAALL annual meetings begins as much as 2 years in advance. In fact, some of the aspects of the 2006 meeting in Tulsa have already been planned, and we've just formally agreed on meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska in 2007.

It won't be long until the attendees, the Local Arrangements Committee and the Education Committee enjoy the potato chips of their efforts at the "Great Past – Grand Future" meeting. MAALL is entitled to and has requested an AALL Presidential visit, but it's still uncertain which President (past, present or future) will be attending. I don't know that there's a prefix to add to "centennial" to designate a third of a century, so I don't have an erudite way of saying we're celebrating MAALL's 30th anniversary as an AALL Chap-

ter. That won't dampen our spirits at all! As you all know, law librarians can par-tay! It will be a meeting of firsts: First time to meet in North Dakota, first time to alter the *beginning* and *ending* of the meeting (as far as I know), first time in many years that we'll have a contested election. First time Janet McKinney passes the presidential gavel to Brian Striman.

So as the sun of my administration begins to cast streaks of vibrant colors across the MAALL sky, I prepare to bid a fond adieu . . . Sorry – I just stepped in a pile of Splenda®. But, since this is my last presidential column I will take the opportunity to sincerely say that I'm proud of what you've accomplished this year. Because of your collegiality, your involvement, your friendship, and your knowledge and skills, this year has been fun and rewarding for me. Please make Brian's year the same. In conclusion,

MAALL rocks!

From the Vice-President & the 2005 MAALL Program Committee

Grand Forks is calling us! It's calling us to come and have a Grand time. This is "our" time to get together as an AALL Chapter and share our knowledge, talk shop and have fun doing it.

On the annual meeting program side of this event, I can tell you that our programs are many and the topics varied. There is something here for everyone and the MAALL Program Committee (Brenda Foote, Rhonda Schwartz, Jeri Hopkins and I) have put together an excellent program. Many kudos also go to Kaaren Pupino! Please go the MAALL 2005 website and look at the offerings:

http://www.unl.edu/lawlib_techser/maall.html



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Meet MAALL Members

Meet...Susan Boland

By Stefanie Pearlman

Susan and I met on the way to San Antonio. Specifically, we met during a seemingly endless delay at the Dallas/Fort Worth airport. So, I can personally vouch for her patience and good nature. In addition to these attributes, or maybe partially because of them, Susan has been an active member of the law librarianship profession for the past eight years.

Susan's roots in librarianship extend back to her mother, who was an elementary school librarian. Susan worked in a public library and a community college library before her love of legal research led her to law school and law librarianship. She is currently the Research and Instructional Services Librarian at Northern Illinois University College of Law. As part of her position, Susan teaches Basic Legal Research, gives seminar research talks, gives talks to non-law school graduate and undergraduate students, is the Webmaster for the College of Law, and has the rank of Associate Professor

Susan is active in AALL and MAALL. At AALL, she is heavily involved in the Computing Services SIS. Susan also has volunteered in many other capacities, including work with the Grants and Awards, Publications, and Strategic Plan committees. At MAALL, she has served on the Grants, Nominations, and Internet Committees and currently manages our listserv. She will also serve as a panelist at the "You Can Never Be Too Basic! Teaching First Year Legal Research." program at the MAALL Annual Meeting.

When not hard at work, Susan enjoys gardening, home improvement shows, reading, and a surprising array of music, such as jazz, rap, metal, and opera.

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Illinois

Diane Murley, Reference/Web Services Librarian at Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, is the author of "What's the Matter with Kids Today?", 13 *Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing* 121-124 (2005). This article offers ideas for using law student experiences with Internet research to help them learn the research skills that will be expected of them when they are lawyers.

Iowa

Granted phased retirement status, Mary Ertl (Acquisitions Librarian, University of Iowa Law Library) is on leave until December 31, 2005, when she will fully retire from the staff. Mary joined the Law Library staff in 1977, and managed acquisitions activity and serials/continuations receiving for over 28 years. During those years, the library's collection grew from 312,345 volumes to 1,070,108 volumes/volume equivalents—with virtually all of those pieces passing through her department in one form or another. During her tenure, Mary played a critical role in insuring the success of the Law Library's collection services activities. Mary was an able, kind and caring manager whose support for her colleagues will be missed.

Ted Potter has joined the staff of the University of Iowa Law Library as the Head of Public Services. Ted has B.A from the University of Illinois and a J.D. from the University of Toledo. He was the Assistant Law Librarian for Public Services at Toledo. Ted was Associate Director at Marquette University Law Library in Milwaukee for six years and former president of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin and the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries.

Druet Cameron Klugh has joined the staff of the University of Iowa Law Library as Senior Reference Librarian and Legal Bibliographer. She has both her B.A. and J.D. from the University of Iowa. Druet also did graduate work at Stanford and at Beijing University in Mandarin Chinese. Druet has worked as a Westlaw account representative, a law librarian in two New York law firms (Weil, Gotshal & Manges; Debevoise and Plimton), and one Denver law firm (Holm, Roberts & Owen). She comes to the University of Iowa Law Library from a reference position at the University of Colorado, where she has worked the last five years.

Kansas

Wheat Law Library, KU reports: A busy summer is over and a busier fall has begun! We're initiating e-reserves this semester. Recent staff changes include Marsha Tiemann's promotion to Cataloging Manager and the hiring of Allison Reeve, LA I. We, along with the rest of the law school, are preparing for our ABA site visit in the spring.

Nebraska

Richard Leiter, Sandy Placzek & Stefanie Pearlman (Schmid Law Library, University of Nebraska College of Law) presented *Basic Legal Reference for Non-law Librarian Librarians: An Outreach Program* at the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. New Reference Librarian Matt Novak joined the Schmid Law Library on September 1, 2005.

Mary Stultz (Baird Holm Library) will serve as President-Elect of the Omaha Law League in 2005-2006. Wendy Duplechain was awarded AALL's George A. Strait scholarship. Wendy is enrolled in the Masters of Library Science program at the University of Missouri/University of Nebraska at Omaha. Wendy recently left Baird Holm to move to Chicago.

North Dakota

UND-Thormodsgard Law Library reports: Thormodsgard Law Library is part of the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) and the migration to ExLibris Aleph library system software is complete. The North Dakota Supreme Court Library is also an ODIN library. The interlibrary loan feature is in place and library staff across the state are becoming familiar with it and learning how to use it, as well as the Course Reserves feature. In our library here at UND we are working on loading or fixing serial patterns and working with budgets in the acquisitions portion of the software. The library system formerly used was MSUS PALS-TAC which was also used by the South Dakota Library Network and many libraries in Minnesota. All three states have adopted the Aleph Library System

Oklahoma

Darla Jackson joined the Oklahoma City University Law Library on June 1, 2005 as a reference librarian. She received her J.D. from the University of Oklahoma and her LL.M. from the University of Georgia. Admitted to practice in Oklahoma, she practiced law in the U.S. Air Force for 13 years and also taught at the U.S. Air Force Academy. She anticipates finishing her M.L.I.S. in December 2005 at the University of Oklahoma. More information is available at <http://www.okcu.edu/law/lawlib/staff/darlajackson.html>.

Darin Fox is the new Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law at the University of Oklahoma Law School. He began in May of 2005. Professor Fox was formerly the Associate Dean for Information Technology and Law Library at the University of Southern California Law School. Prior to serving as Associate Dean, Professor Fox began at USC in 1994 as a Computer Services/Systems librarian. He served in many leadership roles at USC. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma Law School and the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Jennifer Gerrish became a reference librarian at the University of Oklahoma Law Library in April of 2005. Her undergraduate degree is from the University of Colorado. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma Law School and is a member of the Oklahoma Bar. She received an M.L.I.S. from the University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies. Prior to coming to OU, Jennifer had worked since September 2002 as a librarian for the Oklahoma City University Law Library.

The University of Tulsa School of Law's Mabee Legal Information Center sent seven librarians (Rick Ducey, Carol Arnold, Melanie Nelson, Courtney Selby, David Gay, Susan Julian and Faye Hadley) to the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio in July. The strong showing was due in part to the fact that two librarians (Courtney Selby and Susan Julian) received grants to attend. In addition to attending many informative sessions, the crew from the MLIC was well-represented in the planning and presenting of programs at the Annual Meeting. Courtney Selby assisted in planning and subsequently moderated the panel "Visionary Collection Development: Strategies for Building Legal Collections on Emerging Social Issues." David Gay coordinated volunteer efforts and Faye Hadley planned and moderated a panel "Creating a Native American Surplus Book Bank." Courtney was also very involved in the Social Responsibility-SIS. She has been chosen to serve as the Chair-elect for the Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues; her term of office will begin in 2006. Courtney also took photos for the daily AALLamo News and wrote a review of the panel "Realizing Visions and Valuing History: Twenty Years of the Standing Committee for Lesbian and Gay Issues" for the AALLamo News Blog. Faye Hadley continued her service with the Native Peoples Law Caucus: she published the NPLC annual newsletter, chaired the Caucus meeting, and staffed the NPLC table in the Exhibit Hall. Faye also volunteered to serve as reporter for the daily AALLamo News, covering the Association Luncheon and writing a report for the AALLamo News Blog. It was great to have so many Tulsa colleagues together in San Antonio. We look forward to an equally strong turn out for next year's meeting in St. Louis.

MAALL Conference News

Dear MAALL Members,

In the April issue of MAALL Markings you were given several wonderful places to visit while you travel North to Grand Forks for the 2005 Annual Conference. Soon you will be receiving registration information in the mail. The local arrangements committee is working with the UND Office of Conference Services to provide you with the location, travel and accommodation information you need as well as a preview of the program.

This year the conference will vary from the usual Thursday noon to Saturday noon schedule. The reason for this is primarily due to the Northwest Airlines flight schedule into Grand Forks. Most people will not be able to fly in until after lunch on Thursday, so we will begin the program with a dinner and keynote speaker to be held at the UND Hilton Garden Inn. The hotel has a certain number of rooms set aside for this conference and will release them after **September 15th** so you're your reservations before then. Be sure to mention that you are coming for the **MAALL CONFERENCE** to make sure you get the conference rate. Northwest Airlines announced that it would continue flight schedule despite the strike. If you choose to fly, **book your flights now** as they fill up quickly. The conference will then run until Saturday afternoon and as the schedule is still being finalized we are unsure when the last session will end.

Roger Jacobs will be the keynote speaker Thursday evening. He was president of MAALL and is the person who carried the petition, which formed MAALL as a chapter to AALL where it was adopted in 1975. This is our 32nd conference and our 30th year as an official AALL chapter. Our conference theme reflects this anniversary as "MAALL: Great Past, Grand Future!"

Be sure to bookmark the conference web page: http://www.unl.edu/lawlib_techser/maall.html. You will find hotel reservation information and a link to the page for the UND Memorial Union where the sessions and exhibit hall will be. Check the web page often for updated information.



Soaring Eagle Sculpture at UND

AALL's 2005 Annual Meeting, held in San Antonio, Texas, was a hot and happening time! The Riverwalk was busy with librarians shopping, dining and enjoying tasty margaritas. "Remember the Alamo" drew a number of AALL members to the local historic site. In addition to these San Antonio attractions, conference attendees had a plethora of sessions, meetings and workshops to choose from. And to further keep everyone busy, there was the exhibit hall filled with vendors, local AALL chapters and other organizations.

MAALL was not lost in this bustling crowd. As a matter of fact, the MAALL exhibit table, was a very active spot in the activities area. MAALL's Public Relations Committee (Steve Lambson, Chair; Jessie Crandall; Cheryl Gritton; and Priscilla Stultz) produced an exhibit that was full of information on the chapter's upcoming activities. Working with Kaaren Pupino (North Dakota) and Dorie Bertram (Missouri), the PR committee was able to showcase a number of future events. The October conference set in Grand Forks North Dakota, and the 2006 AALL Annual Meeting being held in St. Louis, Missouri, were two of the top activities. The outstanding signage was designed by graphic designer, Jeffrey Oelkers, LexisNexis, Chicago. The most popular attraction at the MAALL table were the 3 drawings held for gift bags of MAALL member states' goodies!

The gift bags held an assortment of items including South Dakota Corn Palace Coffee Mugs, Wizard of Oz holiday tree ornaments from Kansas and handmade soaps from Oklahoma. The three winners randomly chosen from a large number of entries were Jennifer Laws, US Court Librarian, 5th Circuit, San Antonio, Texas; Charlotte Henderson, Library Services Manager, Quarles & Brady, Phoenix, Arizona; and Patsy Bourke, Middleton Reutlinger. Did the winners enjoy the goodies? According to their comments, they did!

"I've enjoyed my MAALL goodies so much, I've already suggested we be sure to give away some good stuff at AALL 2006 on behalf of SWALL. How did you go about finding so much great stuff from each state? Is there some magic website with fun state souvenirs?" Jennifer Laws

"I received my lovely gift bag! Thanks so much! What a treat. I will proudly drink coffee from my 'corn palace' mug! Thanks very much for adding to an already lovely convention." Charlotte Henderson

"I've been wanting to send you a nice THANK-YOU note. Please feel free to use my name and let everyone know how nice the gift was." Patsy Bourke

Join MAALL this fall for another excellent conference and meeting of the minds. And quite possibly you may be a winner of some wonderful gifts from our great member state of North Dakota.

Priscilla Stultz
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