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## President's Message by Janet McKinney

Greetings from Des Moines! No, I haven't moved. I'm starting this column while I'm relaxing on the couch of my room at the Embassy Suites, not long after returning from the reception at the Iowa state capitol and law library. It's not that I'm so compulsive about my duties as MAALL President that I'm getting a huge head start. It is that I'm so pumped about the association because this annual meeting has gone so well and I've had such as good time. The success of this meeting on all fronts, the support I've heard from fellow members, and the willingness to serve has generated such optimism and enthusiasm in me that I wanted to get started.

I want to take this opportunity to let all our members know that the 2004 Local Arrangements Committee was nothing short of fantastic in the planning and execution of all aspects of its assignment. Even if I hadn't worked with them throughout this past year, I would've known how accomplished and competent they were by the fact that I didn't notice anything missing or not done; and that if anything did go wrong, they handled it without the rest of us knowing.

Unfortunately, the members of the LAC were unable to attend many of the educational programs. The programs I've attended so far have been well-presented and informational, and I've heard much the same from others around me. It was great to

have so many of our speakers come from the ranks of our newer members. The collaboration with the Minnesota chapter provided us more depth and breadth of programming and the opportunity to network with new friends and colleagues. May I express my heartfelt gratitude to the education/program committee members of both chapters and all the speakers!

We have the local arrangements well under way for the 2005 annual meeting at the University of North Dakota, in Grand Forks. Brian Striman is already brimming with ideas and plans for the programming. The annual meeting is the most obvious result of the work of the chapter, but many others will be busy in the intervening 51 weeks. In addition to the usual committee work, we'll start to consider the best way for us to go about strategic planning or perhaps "strategic thinking". Whether we develop a traditional plan or something more flexible, the intent will be to provide MAALL with a guide into the future. There will likely be another bylaws review, focusing on the election process. During the Executive Board's meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>, a special committee was formed to recommend policies related to the programming and local arrangements of the annual meeting.

I made a statement at the chapter's business meeting that I want to emphasize. MAALL is your chap-

ter. Please feel free to express your suggestions, comments, wishes, criticisms, etc., to any member of the Board. Unless we hear from you, we plan and arrange activities and services based on our own suppositions of your needs and desires. We risk projecting our own needs and desires onto the group as a whole. So – speak up!

It's always risky to thank some people and not others, but I'll step out on a limb this time. After a number of years of exemplary service, Steve Lambson has passed on the newsletter editor mantle to Stefanie Pearlman. Steve, thanks so much for keeping "MAALL Markings" alive and well! And thanks to Stefanie for taking it on!

[Skip forward...] Greetings from Kansas City in January, 2005! Everything I wrote almost three months ago still holds, so I don't have much to add. Again our MAALL colleagues have come to the rescue. I recently sent out a plea for committee involvement and the response makes me want to do another little Happy Dance. Almost all the committees would be willing to add members, so if there's a committee you're interested in serving on, please let me know. The Government Relations Committee and the Newsletter Committee in particular can use some help.

Here's wishing you personally and our Chapter a happy and prosperous 2005!

# From the Vice-President & the 2005 MAALL Program Committee

October 6-8th. Find the money in your budgets to come to Grand Forks for a Grand Time! Find the time to come to Grand Forks for some fun, food, chats with your cohorts, and entertainment.

We are working on developing some really great programs and I have been working with the LAC (Local Arrangements Committee) who are already very excited to be in the planning stages for our MAALL meeting.

I wrote down a lot of program ideas while in Des Moines and many colleagues were good about giving me ideas for programs as well. Members of the Program Committee for MAALL 2005 include: Brian Striman (Chair); Brenda Foote; Jeri Kay Hopkins; Kaaren Pupino; and Rhonda Schwartz.

We are looking at a balanced offering for programs, casting a wide net to cover public services, technical services, administration, and a couple of "fun"

programs, too. As they begin to emerge, watch your MAALL Markings and the MAALL list for updates.

Brian Striman  
Vice-President/President Elect

## MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

### Annual Meeting Income & Expenses

For October 14-16, 2004 Meeting

#### Revenues:

Registrations & Meals	\$	10,235.00	
Vendor Registrations	\$	3,150.00	
Donations:	\$	4,000.00	
Total Revenues			\$ 17,385.00
Total Expenses			\$ 12,294.15
Income from Annual Meeting			\$ 5,090.85
MALL Share			\$ 717.81

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Those wishing to submit items should contact the editor for policy and format information.

## Arkansas

The UALR/Pulaski County Law Library is hosting SWALL March 31-April 2 at the Doubletree Hotel. MAALL members may register at the SWALL member rate. We will provide more information in early February. On December 1, 2004, the UALR/Pulaski County Law Library received a \$5,000 grant and "We the People Project" certificate from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a project called "Rehousing Arkansas Supreme Court Briefs and Records." Kathryn C. Fitzhugh, Reference/Special Collections Librarian, is the project director.

## Iowa

Drake University

After 5 and 1/2 years of part-time study through Drake's Career Opportunity Program, Technical Services Librarian Julie Thomas received her J.D. in December. Julie is now preparing to take the Iowa Bar Exam in February, but she intends to remain in her chosen career of law librarianship at Drake and in MAALL.

## Kansas

Johnson County Law Library

Marquita Richards and Emily Nossaman have joined the Law Library as Information Specialists. Marquita worked previously with the KU Regents Center Library and has a variety of other library experience, including a law firm. Emily has previous library experience with Johnson County Library.

The Law Library is developing its own strategic plan and is participating in strategic and space planning with the District Court regarding a proposed new county courthouse.

Wheat Law Library, KU

We are pleased to welcome two new staff members. Stephanie Scurto, Technical Services Assistant, came to us in August. Most recently she worked at the Harvard Law Library. Christopher Steadham, Reference & Research Attorney, began working with us this summer. He is a recent KU Law grad.

Joe Custer, Associate Director, presented a paper, American Libraries and Intellectual Freedom: Selected Issues and the Present Day "Patriot Act" at Oxford Round Table: Freedom of Speech and Press: Trials and Tribulations, August 1 - 6, 2004.

## Missouri

UMKC Law Library, Kansas City, MO

Nancy Stancel, Director of Technical Services, completed the LEXIS/NEXIS Certificate of research in Global Law, News and Business Information.

U.S. Court of Appeals

8th Circuit Library, St. Louis, MO

We are pleased to announce the birth of our own library baby! Andrew James Voelker was born December 11 to Joan Voelker, Archives Librarian, and Jim Voelker, Deputy Circuit Librarian. All are doing fine. Joan will be on maternity leave until March; contact Ann Fessenden for any archive matters.

KCALL (Kansas City Association of Law Librarians)

2005 Officers:

Vice President/President Elect: Deanna Long, Spencer Fane Britt & Browne

Treasurer: Sandra Berman, UMKC Law Library

Secretary: Debbie Steele, Jackson County Law Library

Board Member: Frances Schach, Armstrong Teasdale LLP

The KCALL Holiday Party was hosted by Tom Marsh at the Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP on December 9th. This year's service project was a sock and underwear drive for the City Union Mission.

## Nebraska

### Law firms:

Anne Baumgartner, Co-Director of the Library, Baird Holm Law Firm, Omaha, NE, was appointed to the Business Continuity Team of the firm. Anne was recognized for her contributions to the firm after twenty years of service, with a digital camera in 2004.

Ceri Daniels, librarian at Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, L.L.P. in Lincoln is serving as chair of the Special & Institutional Section of the Nebraska Library Association. One of her goals for the year is improving communication among members. A highlight of 2004 was the completion of the law firm's library card catalog automation project. Library World software was used, and the firm's holdings can now be accessed from individual desktops.

Kutak Rock Law Firm, headquartered in Omaha will turn forty in 2005. Send your congratulations to Reference Librarians Kathie Fennell and Lynn Koperski and Library Systems Coordinator Brian Herman in the Omaha office.

### Courts:

Welcome Jeri Kay Hopkins to Omaha and MAALL! Jeri is the new Federal Court Librarian at the Omaha, Nebraska Branch of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. Jeri is currently a MLS student in the University of Missouri, Columbia program through UNO. Jeri earned her JD from UNL in 1990. She is a member of AALL, MAALL, Nebraska Library Association & the Nebraska State Bar Association.

### University of Nebraska, Lincoln:

We are pleased to announce that Matthew (Matt) Novak will begin his librarianship career as Reference Librarian. He will begin this fall, upon completion of his MLS. Matt was a UNL law grad in 1996. He replaces Terry Conaway, who accepted a position at Texas Tech Law Library; we wish Terry all the best.

Other staff news includes our part-time government documents assistant, Camille Main, who is leaving us after 15 years of service. She has our selective depository program on auto-pilot, including many shifts and a transition of records from print to online. She will leave us this spring. We wish her all the best in her new life as she moves from Lincoln with her husband who's accepted a position at Southern Oregon University in beautiful Ashland Oregon.

Rich Leiter's 5th ed. of "National Survey of State Laws" has recently been published. Congratulations to Rich!

### State Law Library

In March 2005 the Nebraska State Law Library, Lincoln, NE will be 150 years old. Send your congratulations to Marie Wiechman, Director.

## Oklahoma

### University of Tulsa

The staff at the Mabee Legal Information Center is already planning the MAALL meeting to be held in Tulsa in October 2006! They'll get a date out to you readers very soon! They received a preview of conference planning by inviting the Oklahoma Law Librarians and neighboring law librarians from Fayetteville (at the University of Arkansas, College of Law) for an all day meeting and luncheon on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Dual morning programs featured Dan Bell and Ramona Madewell McKewown. TU law librarian Dan Bell reported on the fall research assessment evaluations done by law librarian instructors for over 180 first year students, individually for an hour and twenty minutes each. Ramona Madewell McKewown presented on "Amigos for Law Firm Librarians." After a Thanksgiving style turkey luncheon sponsored by West, Professor Nickie Singleton spoke on "The Pros and Cons of Establishing an Official AALL Chapter." The group decided to keep the organization unofficial. For pictures and further information about the get together, see: <http://www.law.utulsa.edu:8080/library/oklawlib/>. Aren't you glad they decided they LIKE conference planning?

### University of Oklahoma

Professor Nickie Singleton, Director of the University of Oklahoma Law Library since 1994 will leave at the end of June 2005. Professor Singleton has accepted the position of Director of the Law Library at Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, Florida.

### **July 16-20, 2005 AALL comes to San Antonio, Texas! President Tory Trotta's theme? Strategize: Values, Visions, Vistas.**

As co-chairs of the Local Advisory Committee (LAC), you might say Mary Forman & I (a/k/a M&M) are already implementing Tory's theme as we "strategized" to gather chairs for the sub-committees. Well, we'll call it strategize, but others might say we got them at a weak moment! Either way we are now organizing for the first AALL annual meeting to visit Texas in 22 years!

Among the excellent programs and opportunities for networking, there will be time to discover the beautiful vistas of San Antonio and her surrounding areas, the ethnic diversity of the area, fabulous food, and historically significant sites. "But," you say, "Texas, in July!" Well there's not much we can do about the thermometer, but hey, Texas has some of the most efficient air conditioning in the country. You might need short sleeves outside, but you'd better pack a jacket for the inside! In the coming months we'll be sending out some survival tips (like drink lots of water, or other cold beverage of your choice, wear a hat, carry a portable fan, walk slowly and enjoy the smell of some of the best food south of the Red River) and we'll highlight the multicultural experiences that make up San Antonio.

The Preliminary Program will be out soon, so look for the fascinating library tours (one of which is the very private library at The Alamo), the fun trips like tubing down the Guadalupe River, and information about a fantastic closing banquet. Come visit San Antonio, relax, and enjoy our Texas hospitality!

### **Things Are Bigger in Texas**

"Things are Bigger in Texas!" Just take a look at the giant sized boots outside North Star Mall. A tribute to just two of my not so secret vices, shopping and shoes! San Antonio has fabulous shopping, and La Villita is next to the Hilton, a complex of 27 restored buildings on the site of a Coahuiltecan Indian Village. Each building showcases various artists. There's painting, jewelry, pottery and beautiful weavings, all unique to the region.

Just a short trolley ride down Commerce St. is El Mercado, a veritable warehouse of pottery, and then there's the farmer's market. If you don't get enough to eat browsing the stalls, then head to the restaurants. La Margarita is my favorite, and I can picture it now as the colorful waiter carries the sizzling fajitas platter, the steam streaming behind and, oh, the aroma!

But, for those with a car, head north on I-35 for about 30 minutes and be prepared to visit the mecca of all shopping. The factory outlet stores of San Marcos, hundreds of them, too many to mention, but definitely worth the trip when you consider the savings.

Ah, but I digress. For those who love shopping for footwear, there are marvelous bootmakers. Try Lucchese, hand made bootmakers since 1883, or Crazy Horse custom boots, both in San Antonio.

For me, shoes are everything, and the factory outlet shoe stores are an option. But, if you want something closer to the convention center, then Dillard's & the shops in RiverCenter have a wonderful assortment. When all are tried on and bought, there's nothing like relaxing at a table on the Riverwalk level, watching the tourists and the riverboats, sipping a Starbucks coffee, knowing that the bags surrounding you are full of shoes just waiting for the right occasion, like, the General Business meeting.

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## New Database for International Law - EISIL

There's a new free web resource that can help you with researching, teaching, and increasing your own knowledge in the field of international law. More than just a finding guide, the [Electronic Information System for International Law](#) (EISIL) can be used in classroom, law firm and non-legal environments as an educational or instructional tool. EISIL is available at <http://www.eisil.org>.

EISIL includes over 1,500 selected sources, organized into 13 subject groupings in a fully searchable database that provides access to the highest quality primary materials, authoritative Web sites and helpful research guides. For each source, EISIL also offers helpful background information for researchers, such as citations and references, dates when laws or treaties were concluded, and links to related resources.

For more information, and a one-page classroom handout, go to the [About EISIL](#) page, or, see the article on [LLRX.com](#).

EISIL is managed by the Washington D.C.-based American Society of International Law (ASIL). Founded in 1906, ASIL is the leading non-profit membership organization dedicated to advancing the study and use of international law. Additional information on ASIL is available online at <http://www.asil.org> or by calling 202-939-6000.

### Coming soon...

In the next MAALL Markings, we will begin a column entitled, "Meet MAALL Members." This column will introduce us to new MAALL members and reacquaint us with some of our "veterans".

Is there a MAALL member you would like to read about? Do you have a new colleague? Please send suggestions to [spearlman2@unl.edu](mailto:spearlman2@unl.edu).

## 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.

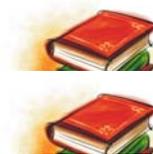
- The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:
- Open Division for AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience
- New Members Division for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession for less than 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 his or her paper at a special program during the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. 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 an application, visit the AALL website at [http://www.aallnet.org/about/award\\_call\\_for\\_papers.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp). Submissions must be postmarked by March 1.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, Chair, Virginia Davis, [davis@uh.edu](mailto:davis@uh.edu); Renee Rastorfer, [rrastorf@law.usc.edu](mailto:rrastorf@law.usc.edu) or Patricia Wellinger, [pwelling@law.du.edu](mailto:pwelling@law.du.edu)

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.



## 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](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, 2005.

Paddy Satzer, AALL Grants Committee Chair