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President's Message by John Christensen

In just a few days you will receive an e-mail with information about registering for the MAALL Annual Meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, Nov. 1-3, 2007! Already you can check out the preliminary program through the MAALL Web site at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall>. Click on "Annual Meeting" and then click on the highlighted link for the conference updates.

Lee Peoples (chair) and our Education Committee have assembled an exceptional array of substantive programs. I am impressed with the presenters and the depth and diversity of programs. Whether you work in an academic, firm, or court setting you will find useful programs to expand your competencies.

In addition to solid programs, there will be several special presenters. Rivkah Sass, *Library Journal's* Librarian of the Year (2006) will kick off our meeting on Thursday at lunch with "Risk Taking: Leader-

ship in Libraries." For a preview, check out the 1/15/2006 *Library Journal* article "Rivkah Sass - Librarian of the Year 2006: Risk Taker, Change Agent, Library True Believer."

Professor Roy Mersky will keynote our meeting on Thursday evening in conjunction with an impressive reception in the State Capitol building. There will be no need to eat dinner after this reception. Mersky will be speaking in the elegant old Senate chamber. Tours of the Capitol will be available to those interested. Professor Mersky is well known as a pioneer in law librarianship. He and Rich Leiter, who is the chair of the local arrangements committee, are founders of the "Spirit of Law Librarianship Award," usually awarded annually to law librarians who apply their professional skills in the service of others beyond their usual constituents. He has mentored scores of law school and other law library directors. For a glimpse of his impres-

sive background, check out his Web page at Tarlton Law Library, the University of Texas at Austin, <http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/mersky/>.

Friday at noon (following lunch) we will be honored to have the current AALL president, our own Ann Fessenden, make a presentation and answer questions as the official AALL representative to our meeting. Despite unbelievable demands on her time, Ann is making the effort to join with her colleagues to share insights and mingle with friends. See a brief profile at http://www.lb8.uscourts.gov/aboutus/ann_fessenden.htm.

Also on Friday, attendees will be able to tour the Joe Christensen facilities where most of the law reviews in the United States are printed and distributed. This is a "must do" opportunity. Sign up for a specific time slot when you check in at the conference registration desk. (continued on page 2)

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Meeting sessions on Thursday and Friday will be held at the conference hotel, the Holiday Inn - Downtown. On Saturday morning we will be at the University of Nebraska College of Law. As a thoughtful gesture, the local arrangements committee has arranged for "grab and go" lunches at noon so travelers can be on their way. See you in Lincoln!

The year has sped by and at the meeting in Lincoln a new Executive Board will take over the reins of our organization. I want to thank Mike McReynolds and the Elections Committee for bringing us a well-qualified slate of candidates and for overseeing the election process. I wish to congratulate Joe Custer of the KU Law Library on his election as vice-president/president-elect. He will chair the Education Committee for the 2008 Annual Meeting to be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas, October 16-18, 2008. Jan Medved from the Jackson County Law Library (KCMO) will assume treasurer duties for two years. Karen Wallace of Drake University was elected to a two-year term as a member at large on the Board.

It has been great fun (and a lot of work) to serve with your Executive Board this past year. We meet face to face via Vemics (videoconferencing) every other Thursday. Three members will be leaving the Board in November. Brian Striman (past-president) mentored me and has provided helpful counsel. Darla Jackson, our treasurer with an eye for detail, is absolutely dependable, and is not afraid to tell us what she thinks. Brenda Foote (Thompson Coburn, St. Louis) has excellent judgment and also voices her views vigorously. Come to think of it, there are NO shrinking violets on this Board.

Continuing to serve next year with the newly elected officers will be Lee Peoples, president; Liz Glankler (St. Louis U.), member at large; and Marilyn Nicely (U. Oklahoma), Secretary.

One of the issues the board has discussed is the need to have committees organized BEFORE the annual meeting so that they can meet there and begin work immediately in the new MAALL year. Lee Peoples will be (if he isn't already) contacting folks about their willingness and interest in continuing to serve in their current committee assignments. Current committees should not give up the ghost. A lot can be done in two months and that's the time we have before we meet in Lincoln on November 1.

From the Vice-President by Lee Peoples

2007 Annual Meeting Programs ... The Possibilities Are Limitless

The Education Committee has been busy assembling a slate of programs for the annual meeting. A list of these programs is available from the Web site for the Annual Meeting: http://www.unl.edu/LawLib_Techser/maall2007/index.html. Our keynote speaker is Roy Mersky. He will deliver his talk on the role of legal dictionaries in the research of law following the opening reception to be held in a regally appointed chamber of the Nebraska State-house. We will also have a plenary address on risk taking and leadership in libraries from Rivkah Sass, director of the Omaha Public Library and *Library Journal's* librarian of the year 2006.

The committee has worked hard to put together a wide variety of programming that should appeal to the varied interests of the membership. For the technophiles, we have programs on e-Book readers, using technology in legal research instruction, relevancy ranking and search engines, law practice technology, authority control, and several programs on electronic resources. Administrators will appreciate the programs on new employee orientation, access services departments, and working with Gen X, Gen Y, & Millennials. History buffs and rare book lovers will enjoy programs on promoting rare books, the history of the Nebraska Supreme Court, and institutional repositories. Authors, aspiring authors, and researchers should appreciate the programs on writing for publication, empirical research, initiative and referendum research, and a presentation on a law librarian's recently published non-fiction book, *The Book Thief*. State, court, and county librarians should enjoy the programs on maximizing branch libraries and a roundtable discussion on undiscovered resources at state law libraries. Make plans now to attend this exciting conference!

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The Way We Were

I don't know why, but at this year's New Orleans AALL (the 100th), I found myself reminiscing in amazement at today's law library world. So I thought I would share in MAALL Markings a few of the key differences between then and now as I am completing my thirty-first year as a law librarian (it only *seems* like a hundred years).

In the 60's when I was in college, there were no photocopy machines in the library or anywhere else that I know of. To write a paper, one took notes on 4 x 6 cards and then when composing the paper, shuffled the cards into the order you wished to write the information. In 1968 when I worked at the main library at Arizona State University, the cutting edge technology was a Minolta photocopy machine used to make cards for the public catalog, which we dutifully filed "above the rod," to be dropped later by a professional librarian. By the time I left to go to library school in 1973, the ASU library had advanced to OCLC terminals and received printed cards in the mail.

When I arrived at the University of Oklahoma Law Library in 1976, the staff was just beginning to use OCLC. The catalog librarian commuted to the main library to use a terminal there. It was very good news when we received our first OCLC terminal in the law library. Of course, I was the acquisitions librarian, and there was still no automation in that department.

In acquisitions we typed orders on 3 x 5 multiple order forms. We called them MOF's. If we were lucky, we found a proof slip (we paid for LC cataloging copy printed on 3 x 5 pieces of paper), which we could attach to the library copy of the order form and file in a little drawer and thus help the cataloger. We typed and mailed letters asking for prices and also mailed our order forms to vendors and publishers. I kept track of the money in pencil on ledger paper.

When computers began to arrive on the scene, only secretaries had them. The rest of us handwrote reports and letters and turned them over to the secretary to be produced in word processing on the computer. Then we would proofread and return the documents to the secretary for corrections. I can't really remember getting my first computer. But as computers began to be available to us, we used them to place orders using special vendor software. We also used an OCLC acquisitions program for fund accounting.

In the early 80's I was asked to lead a cutting edge project to create a union list on OCLC. This project was the brainchild of the Mid-America Consortium, and I believe ours was the first union list in OCLC that was cooperatively created rather than input by a single person. Richard Amelung, Kaye Stoppel and I wrote an article that appeared in a 1983 issue of *Law Library Journal*. Librarians had two training sessions provided in Carbondale and in Tulsa by AMIGOS. Then technical services librarians worked together at their own library to input records into the list on OCLC. In so doing we created a bond among us that still exists today.

In the 90's I worked on creating a Web site to put Native American constitutions and codes online (The Native American Constitution and Law Digitization Project available at <http://thorpe.ou.edu>). With the help of techie student workers, we built the Web site. Nobody told me then that it was too big a task, and so it just grew and grew. But there are no bells and whistles such as animation or music. It has good information but looks quaint.

Now we're in the twenty-first century. Think how many things are available to us now. What will the future bring? It is all moving so fast—too fast for me in some ways. I still use phone books and head for the stacks when answering a reference question. The generational differences between me and our students are very apparent. But it is exciting to be participating in so much technological change even though I routinely have to get help the first time I use a computer application. I don't have an iPod and have no idea how to work one, but I might get an iPhone when the price goes down. You can teach an old dog new tricks, it just takes a while.

By: Marilyn Nicely
Technical Services Librarian, University of Oklahoma Law Library

Oh, What a Difference a Year Makes

Last year, I was a newly minted librarian. In May of 2006, I graduated from library school and by July 1 was ready to attend the AALL Annual Meeting to begin my professional career. This year, I again attended the Annual Meeting, but my perspective and purpose had changed.

Last year, I attended the Annual Meeting in St. Louis for the sole purpose of interviewing. I had two informal interviews arranged before I arrived and scheduled four more by the time I left. My additional interviews were a result of placing my resume in employers' folders or having my resume in the Placement binder.

This year, I was on the other side of the interview process as Southern Illinois University sought to fill an open Web services/reference librarian position. We scheduled informal interviews with two candidates before the meeting and arranged an interview on site with another candidate.

Last year, I was nervous for every interview I scheduled. I knew that although these were informal interviews, they could lead to formal interviews and possibly a job. I wanted to make a good impression on each person I met, but I knew my nervousness was apparent. Actually, two of my co-workers recently told me they knew I was nervous. However, I impressed them by being prepared. For the two interviews I scheduled before the Annual Meeting in St. Louis, I visited each library's Web site and the law school's Web site. If I knew who I would be interviewing with I tried to find out some information from the sites about each person. I made sure to have questions ready. My questions were not only generic questions to ask any of the libraries I interviewed with, but also specific about what I had noticed or found interesting on their Web sites. For the interviews I arranged on site, if I had time I tried to access the library Web sites of each either from my hotel or at the computer lab in the exhibit hall. I felt it was important to at least know a little bit about the library before I went into the interview.

This year, my preparation for interviewing was part of a team effort. At Southern Illinois University we interviewed our candidates as a collective group. This year there were four of us, Doug Lind, James Duggan, Neil Pereira, and myself, conducting the interviews. Since we all had programs and meetings to attend, James created a master schedule of our available dates and times to interview candidates before we left for New Orleans. Using the master schedule, Doug contacted and scheduled the interviews with two of our candidates who were attending the Annual Meeting. Doug also contacted the placement office and arranged the room for our interviews and arranged the onsite interview with our third candidate. Although I had read the cover letters and resumes of the candidates before the interviews, my role in interviewing the candidates involved asking them questions about their reference experience and skills and abilities when it came to providing reference services. After each interview we briefly discussed each candidate.

For me, it was interesting to see how they prepared for our interview. I believe all of our candidates noted they had visited our Web site. Two of our candidates either brought examples of their Web design experience or provided URLs of their Web design work.

I also attended more programs and meetings this year in New Orleans than I did in St. Louis. Last year I attended only one program because I wanted to be available to interview if and when I was called. This year I attended CONELL, the ALL-SIS Middle Managers breakfast and program, the MAALL meeting and luncheon, the NALLM/Mentoring program, the ALL-SIS Reception and Awards Ceremony, and many programs. As a result of attending more events, I met more people in New Orleans than I met in St. Louis. One of the great aspects of any association or organization is the network of people to interact with and call on if one has any questions or wants to collaborate with on a project. I met so many wonderful and talented people at the New Orleans Meeting that I hope to someday have the pleasure of working with them on a committee or a caucus.

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MAALCO Pursues Cooperative Projects and Negotiates with Vendors

MAALL academic law libraries work together on many cooperative endeavors facilitated by the Mid-America Law Library Consortium (MALLCO). Although originally organized as the Mid-America Law *School* Library Consortium (MALSCLC), the name was revised a little over a year ago as the group considered expanding the scope of its membership (and providing a more pronounceable name). The consortium engages in a variety of cooperative activities and projects to benefit the members, including the negotiation of special pricing with vendors. For the history of that work see <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/maalco/consorthistory.htm>.

A current project that members may see in action in Lincoln is the use of videoconferencing. MALLCO contracted with Vemics to provide economical and streamlined videoconferencing capabilities to libraries in MAALL. Although more information will be available in Lincoln, the Vemics LiveAccess site provides an overview at http://www.vemics.com/collaboration_solutions.html.

One example of a successful vendor agreement is with YBP Library Services for buying monographs and continuations. Members were pleased with the past service and discounts and chose to renew the contract this year. In addition, the consortium secured discounted pricing for special features of the YBP bibliographic database GOBI. Although the basic functions of viewing approval plans, generating reports, searching slips, searching titles, ordering, and sending e-mail messages are part of the standard package, enhanced features that facilitate usage are now discounted to MALLCO. For more information regarding GOBI see <http://www.ybp.com/gobi.html>.

MALLCO's initial agreement with YBP was in 2001 and has been renewed twice since then. Currently, fifteen MALLCO member libraries have accounts with YBP. All but one of these libraries has book or notification slip plans; three of the libraries have continuation/standing order accounts. The vast majority of the spending with YBP is for monograph firm orders and notification slip orders.

Reports from YBP indicate that the libraries make great use of the services available. Over the past three years spending has increased steadily. Ten of the sixteen libraries increased spending with YBP in 2006-07, with overall spending increasing \$100,500 over the previous year. As part of a review of its strategic plan, MALLCO is looking at whether membership should be enlarged to include affiliate members who could take advantage of some of the benefits of membership, such as consortium pricing. YBP indicates they would be willing to consider an expansion of the MALLCO agreement to affiliate members. The strategic plan will be discussed further at the MAALL meeting in Lincoln in November.

YBP has indicated further enhancements are planned for the coming year. The GOBI database will be upgraded so searching will be faster and more functions can be incorporated. GOBI upgrades and additional ebook aggregators should be "live" for all GOBI password holders. EBL and ebrary titles will be in the database, along with those of NetLibrary added in 2005. YBP staff plan to demonstrate these features of GOBI at the fall MAALL meeting in Lincoln. YBP staff will also have literature available about services that were made available early in 2007: e status reports and electronic invoicing available for III Millenium libraries. For a description of the subscription options of GOBI and the pricing terms available to MALLCO members, contact YBP Midwest regional sales representative Jean Eaglesfield jeaglesfield@ybp.com.

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Member News

Arkansas

A cooperative agreement to digitize historical farm legislation and legislative history was awarded to the National Agricultural Law Center at the University of Arkansas School of Law by the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, MD. Sally Kelley, center librarian and research professor, is the project coordinator. The materials will be available on the Center Web site along with previously digitized farm bills at <http://www.nationalaglawcenter.org/farmbills>. The material will also be available through AgNIC.org, the Web site of the AgNIC Alliance cooperative reference service.

Sally Kelley is also the author of *Federal Legislative History: A Guide to Resources* at http://www.nationalaglawcenter.org/assets/articles/kelley_legislativehistory.html. It covers print, fiche, and electronic collections available on the Fayetteville campus, as well as free Internet materials.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, whose background is in agricultural law, visited the National Agricultural Law Center at the University of Arkansas School of Law on April 12. Events included a luncheon with the agricultural law community and remarks at a public forum at the Law School.

Illinois

Douglas W. Lind joined the Southern Illinois University School of Law faculty as a tenured associate professor of law and director of the Law Library, effective July 1, 2007. Doug ably served the Georgetown University Law Library since June 1994 as bibliographer/reference librarian (1994-2001) and head of collection development (2001-present). He also served short stints as acting acquisitions librarian and acting head of patron services. Doug holds a JD degree from Valparaiso University and a Masters in Information & Library Studies from the University of Michigan. His publications include the groundbreaking *Bibliography of American Law School Casebooks, 1870-2004* (Hein, 2006). He has been an active member of AALL, the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C., and the South Eastern Association of Law Libraries.

Frank G. Houdek, director of the Law Library and professor of law at Southern Illinois University School of Law since 1985, became associate dean for Academic Affairs at SIU, effective July 1, 2007. Frank is a former AALL president (1996-97) and will complete thirteen years as editor of *Law Library Journal* with the publication of the Fall 2007 issue in November.

Kansas

Johnson County Law Library

Bonnie Kanter, assistant to the librarian, received her fifteen-year service pin from Johnson County Government. Bonnie actually started working at the law library before 1992. She was a contract employee starting in 1990. Sheida Bates, information specialist, received her five-year service pin from Johnson County Government. Sheida started working at the law library this last year and previously worked at the Johnson County Library, Corinth Branch.

The law library staff has drafted a simple index to better access the Kansas Judicial Council's Statutory Forms. The index link is available on our links page above the statutory forms link at <http://lawlibrary.jocogov.org/links.htm>.

Washburn University School of Law Library

Martin Wisneski and Barbara Ginzburg from Washburn University School of Law Library have, since August
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2006, been cataloging on a volunteer basis the library collection of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site. They have recently completed the print collection consisting of approximately 900 titles. The Brown library is an OCLC member. In addition to being reflected in OCLC, holdings are also accessible in the Associated Topeka Libraries Automated System at <http://lib.wuacc.edu> and the National Park Service Catalog at <http://www.library.nps.gov/>.

Wheat Law Library, University of Kansas

Tammy Steinle, our new information technology and digital librarian, came to us in July from the University of Missouri - Columbia. We're happy to have her join us. Chris Steadham, faculty services and research, has finished his classes at Emporia State University/SLIM and has received his MLIM. Congratulations, Chris! Library Assistant Allison Reeve coordinated the details of a donation of books to the United Arab Emirates University College of Law. Over 600 law books were shipped by ocean freighter earlier this year, and we received a nice letter with pictures of their new home once they arrived.

The library has undergone an "extreme" makeover in the last several months. The finishing touches are being done as we speak, and the students will find a very different space when they return for classes next week. The entire process is keeping the library staff very busy, but we're looking forward to the new and improved surroundings. None of us need to join a gym to stay in shape this year!

Missouri

KCALL (Kansas City Association of Law Libraries) celebrated its twentieth anniversary on August 7, 2007, at a meeting hosted by Ruth Gervais at Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus. Brian Larios from Lathrop & Gage presented a retrospective look at the organization's history.

Nebraska

George E. Butterfield is joining Creighton University on Monday, August 27th as the new legal reference librarian. George has recent experience providing legal reference assistance at the Denton County Law Library in Denton, Texas. Prior to that time he practiced law in Texas for three years. Earlier, from 1987-95, George served as legal services director for the National School Safety Center based in Westlake Village, California. George and his wife Deb are excited about relocating to Omaha. George is filling the position formerly held by Patrick Charles, who left to become the associate law library director at Gonzaga University School of Law Library.

Brian Striman received an Employee Service Award for years of service to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Brian is celebrating twenty-five years of service to the university.

The Nebraska State Library has received a grant to automate the library. The Records Board of the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office provided the grant. Marie Wiechman, deputy state librarian, is searching for a suitable software program. The state library plans to have part of the card catalog online by spring 2008.

Stephanie G. Rogers is the new library assistant at Baird Holm Law Firm Library. She replaced Erica Rose, who left to finish her MLS studies. Stephanie graduated from UNO in 2006 with a B.S. in Journalism.

Baird Holm LLP received a Silver Well Workplace Award from the Wellness Council of the Midlands and WELCOM in the spring 2007. Mary Stultz co-chaired the Wellness Committee or Better Health Team at Baird Holm.

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News From Other Chapters

Call (Chicago Association of Law Libraries)

Call Bulletin <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/publications/callbull203.pdf>

Spring 2007 Number 203

This issue covers the interface updates on HeinOnLine and Smart Books as well as the latest trends in cost recovery tools and sources for e-mail alerts.

LLAM (Law Library of Maryland)

LLAM News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llam/publications/llamnewsletter/publication1c.pdf>

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Joseph Bennett tells of his journey from page to library director at the Baltimore Bar Library as he ponders whether one can say, "I think I am a librarian, therefore I am a Librarian." Catherine McGuire gives an overview of the challenges facing Maryland County Court Libraries with a focus on St. Mary's Law Library. "Law Librarians, Lend These Podcasts Your Ears" by Jenny Smith, surveys the law related podcasts and blogs/blawgs available to the legal community.

LLAW (Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin)

LLAW Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llaw/publications/index.htm>

This chapter publishes two columns in each newsletter that are worthy of review. "Sites Worth Sharing" points to Web sites and "Recommended Readings" offers an extensive bibliography of current writings, print and electronic, of interest to law librarians.

LLNE (Law Librarians of New England)

LLNE News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/LLNENews/PDF/2007v26.Gaz.pdf>

2006-2007 Volume 26 Election Gazetteer issue

"What's This About Second Life?" written by Stephanie Hudner, explores the virtual world of Second Life, an online, interactive "metaverse" of four million residents.

LLOPS (Law Librarians of Puget Sound)

LLOPSCited <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llops/committees/newsletter/summer07.pdf>

Summer 2007 Volume 17 Issue 4

Katie Drake provides an excellent article detailing the sources for the legislative history in "Researching Washington State's Enabling Act." "Marketing Matters: Email Etiquette in 10 Easy Steps: Or, When Hitting 'Send' CAN Hurt You!" is practical advice to avoid embarrassing yourself.

LLSDC (Law Librarian's Society of Washington D.C., Inc.)

Law Library Lights http://www.llsdc.org/lights/pdf/50_3.pdf

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Researching special areas is the theme of this issue. Patent research, election law, communications law, government contracts, criminal background checks, international development banks, advanced interlibrary loan and manual research are the topics covered.

MALL (Minnesota Association of Law Libraries)

MALL Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/news341.pdf>

July/August 2007 Volume 34 Issue 1

The Summer Conference issue focuses on the AALL meeting in New Orleans.

ORALL (Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries)

ORALL Newsletter <http://www.orall.org/index.htm>

June 2007 Volume 2007 Number 2

In the President's Column, Miriam Ann Murphy discusses the benefits of collaboration between libraries,

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including the Legal Information Gateway Web page (www.indylaw.indiana.edu/LIG) put together by area librarians from a public library, the state library, two court libraries, and an academic law library. Deborah Denison reviews a workshop on planning digital projects, and Laurel Murdoch advises librarians on how to make a case for time off and funding to attend a conference.

SCALL (Southern California Association of Law Libraries)

SCALL Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/newsletter.htm>

May/June 2007 Volume 34 Number 5

Brian Keefe describes the addition and renovation of the Orange County Public Library. The article includes plenty of photos.

SEAALL (Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries)

The Southeastern Law Librarian <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/newsletter.htm>

Spring 2007 Volume 32 Number 2

Meg Kribble discusses Web and Library 2.0 noting some sites of interest to law librarians: civil law dictionary project wiki, the del.icio.us law library, GovDoc Covers pool on Flickr and YouTube, and UB Law Library @ MySpace.

SFALL (South Florida Association of Law Libraries)

SFALL Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sfall/newsletter.htm>

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In "Ethics and Pro Bono Law Librarianship," Alexandra Olson explores issues of professionalism, particularly as they apply to legal reference work.

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Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma Law Library has received a gift of the personal papers of Dean Julien C. Monnet, the first dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. There are twelve boxes of papers ranging in date from 1898 to 1910. The collection is termed "personal" papers of Dean Monnet because much of the material relates to his private practice before coming to Oklahoma. However, the papers do include some material relating to OU. The University of Oklahoma School of Law was founded in 1909. So, these papers cover the year leading up to the founding of the school and the first year of its operation.

During the summer of 2007, the University of Tulsa Mabee Legal Information Center's carpet was replaced. The project drew to a close just as the new students arrived for the fall semester. With beautiful, new carpet, incoming students probably thought the library was brand new! The job was ably coordinated by librarian Carol Arnold, who kept two companies of carpet layers going simultaneously, and the University's Physical Plant movers preceding and following the carpet layers with expert precision in timing of those furniture moves! Staff and student journals and organizations all were displaced temporarily. It was the biggest project management exercise since the former library was renovated and expanded back in 1999. Library functions and book storage spread out in five locations on campus and off site. Needless to say, the staff and patrons are happy with the fresh look and equally glad it's over!

Meet...Ann Fessenden

By Stefanie Pearlman

This issue we meet fellow MAALL member and current AALL president Ann Fessenden. Ann is the circuit librarian for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, located in St. Louis, Missouri. She enjoys her work as a law librarian because, “it’s constantly interesting and challenging, and you get to work with a lot of intelligent, well-educated and nice people!”

Ann became fascinated with the law at a young age, when her mother expressed a desire to have gone to law school herself. As a natural organizer and reader, Ann decided law librarianship was a perfect fit. She has been a member of AALL since 1978 and of MAALL since 1985. She has been active in both organizations. Ann was an AALL Executive Board member, Local Advisory Committee co-chair, and chair of the Recruitment and Placement Committees. She was an Executive Board member for the State, Court, & County SIS. She also served as MAALL president in 1993/1994.

In her life outside the library, Ann is an accomplished bassoonist who has played in a community orchestra for seventeen years (although she is currently on leave to meet her AALL responsibilities this year) and plays in a woodwind quartet. In addition to her musical interests, she is on a quest to see all of Shakespeare’s plays performed. She has currently seen thirty-two of them.

Finally, to close with a piece of trivia: What MAALL member did Ann hire for his/her first law library job? Ann hired James Duggan, who will succeed Ann as AALL president, as a student assistant at the University of Mississippi Law School Library.

Oh, What a Difference a Year Makes *(continued from page 5)*

As I reflect on the two Annual Meetings I have attended, I know both yielded positive returns for me. Of course, my first Annual Meeting led to my current position at Southern Illinois University. And I will not forget how when I left St. Louis I was excited to be joining a profession where even in a large convention hall I felt a strong sense of community and purpose. This year, I was more a part of the community and I had more of a sense of purpose for my profession. This year, I attended the New Orleans meeting as a law librarian.

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Treasurer's Report by Darla Jackson

MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES Statement of Revenues, Expenses & Bank Balances For the Period Ending July 16, 2007

Balance in All Accounts on October 18, 2006		\$ 17,400.38
Revenues:		
7/13/07 AALL MAALL Luncheon Receipts	\$ 1000.00	
7/13/07 Receipt of Dues	\$ 3040.00	
2/26/06 Funds from MAALL Annual Mtg.	\$ 3196.55	
10/26/06 Funds from MAALL Annual Mtg.	\$ 2232.00	
11/17/06 Funds from MAALL Annual Mtg.	\$ 2650.00	\$ 12,118.55
Expenses:		
2/02/07 Leadership Grant (Lee Peoples)	\$ 500.00	
12/11/06 Refunds for MAALL Annual Meeting	\$ 150.00	
11/15/06 Insurance Premium	\$ 225.00	
10/19/06- MAALL Annual Meeting Expenses 1/30/07	\$ 11,606.50	
10/19/06 Grants for MAALL Annual Meeting	\$ 1,500.00	
7/13/07 Electronic Election Set up Fee	\$ 250.00	
7/13/07 Missouri Sec. of State Registration	\$ 10.00	
7/16/06 A/V Charge for AALL New Orleans	\$ 129.21	
7/16/07 MAALL Luncheon at AALL New Orleans	\$ 2,292.45	\$ 16,663.16
Available Funds		\$ 12,855.77