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## President's Message by John Christensen

It has been three months since we gathered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for our annual meeting to "Educate," "Celebrate," and "Collaborate." What an outstanding job by Rich Ducey, Lou Lindsey, and the local arrangements committee! They have set the bar high, but I understand that Rich Leiter and the local arrangements committee for next fall's meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, are up to the challenge to meet and exceed our high expectations. Lee Peoples and the education committee are already organizing programs and arranging speakers to stretch our minds and strengthen our professional competencies—see Lee's article, "Call for 2007 Annual Meeting Program Proposals," in this issue of the newsletter. Mark the dates: Thursday, November 1 through Saturday, November 3. The annual meeting Web site, although still under construction, is available at [http://www.unl.edu/LawLib\\_Techser/maall2007/index.html](http://www.unl.edu/LawLib_Techser/maall2007/index.html).

We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Downtown in the historic Haymarket Square District. A "Google" search enabled me to preview photos of the hotel, guest rooms, pool, and ballroom and to check out the amenities (e.g., free wireless Internet) and nearby attractions. The staff at U of N recently toured the Joe Christensen facilities where many of the nation's law reviews are printed, and Rich Leiter indicates that we

have an invitation to do the same.

Before we meet in November in Lincoln, we will be having our traditional luncheon and business meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans (Saturday, July 14–Tuesday, July 17). Please take note of the new, shortened format. Since there will NOT be a general opening luncheon on Monday, your MAALL Executive Board has submitted a request to have our luncheon and business meeting begin at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, July 16. Be aware that some Special Interest Sections may also schedule meetings during that time.

Much of the work of AALL and of MAALL is carried out by committees. I am so impressed by the willingness of so many to devote time and talent to increase the influence of this voluntary association and to foster individual professional improvement! Thank you for pitching in. Each of us has to juggle the demands of our day jobs, families, religious, and other commitments. I must be candid in saying that I have not met my own schedule for seeing that all MAALL committee appointments are made in a timely fashion. Chairs for all existing committees have been appointed. Elsewhere in the newsletter is a list of the committee appointments accepted to date. I am pleased to report that the Local Arrangements and Education Committees are fully staffed

and functioning. I am also pleased to note that the MAALL Government Relations Committee, under the leadership of David Gay, has a representative from every MAALL state (except for Iowa—any volunteers?).

While chairs have been appointed, there is still need for MAALL members to serve. If you have an interest in any of the following committees, please let me or the committee chair know of your interest:

I am anxious to appoint people to serve on the Library School Relations Committee, chaired by Barbara Ginzburg. My understanding is that we have about six library schools in our region. Coordinating with these specific schools can be mutually beneficial. This committee is also interested in promoting law librarianship as a career option for interested law school students.

The Bylaws Committee, chaired by Joe Custer, could use one more member.

Pam Tull, chair of the Service to the Public Committee, needs members to assist in developing means for MAALL libraries to support the legal information needs of the general public.

A new committee, for which no chair has been appointed, is the Digitization and Regional Retention Coordination Committee.

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## President's Message *(continued from page 1)*

I believe it is very important for us and our libraries to respond appropriately to the challenges presented by digitization, physical space limitations, and the transition from hard copy to electronic resources. Inspired by LIPA and the program presented by Kent McKeever at our meeting in Tulsa, I see a need for the academic and state law libraries in our region to coordinate the selective retention of hard copy collections and the preservation of "born digital" resources as we face the future.

Kat Green will chair the Membership Committee, which is developing a MAALL brochure as well as contacting prospective members (law librarians, other interested librarians, staff members, vendors, and law and library school students) in the MAALL region. They coordinate with the Internet Committee and Treasurer to ensure that the MAALL Directory and MAALL discussion forum are accurate, current, and complete.

Mike McReynolds, chair of the Nominations Committee, needs the help of a few "seasoned" MAALL members who know our members and can help propose a slate of officers for the upcoming annual election. If you have interest in running for office, contact Mike—no need to form an exploratory committee.

Needra Jackson, chair of the Grants Committee, could use two members. This committee establishes criteria for awarding grants, publicizes availability, and selects the recipients. They work with the President and Executive Board to determine the number and amount of grant awards each year.

Don't be shy. Please contact me if you have interest in serving on a specific committee, or if you are willing to serve where needed but don't have a preference. Also, please notify me if you thought you were already a member of a specific committee and your name does not appear on the list. It is easy to make mistakes in this type of work. We have lots to do and need many hands. Committee service is a great way to have fun and foster friendships while enhancing our profession. Thanks again for your willingness to serve!

I extend best wishes to each of you for a personally and professionally rewarding year as we begin 2007!

## From the Vice-President by Lee Peoples

### Call for 2007 Annual Meeting Program Proposals

The Education Committee invites program proposals for the 2007 MAALL meeting scheduled for November 1–3rd in Lincoln, Nebraska. The theme for the 2007 meeting is MAALL: The Possibilities are Limitless. This is a play on the Nebraska state theme: Possibilities ... Limitless.

We are interested in programs that appeal to the various types of member libraries in varying formats and varying lengths. We plan to make use of videoconferencing at the meeting so even if you don't plan to physically attend the meeting you can still virtually present a program.

Please submit program proposals using the form available at the MAALL Web site: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/pgproposals.htm>. If you have an idea that is just percolating feel free to discuss it with a committee member:

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## MAALL 2006 Tulsa Annual Meeting Report by Brian Striman

As many of you weren't able to attend the October 2006 meeting, I thought that you might enjoy an informal executive summary of the meeting. We were hoping for over 100 to attend, but settled for 81. In terms of dollars, the meeting pretty much paid for itself, with the frugal discipline of the Local Arrangements Committee, the University of Tulsa College of Law, the generous sponsorships from our faithful law partners, and the meeting registration revenue.

Thanks to Liz Glankler, the 2006 MAALL meeting survey was posted earlier, and the results have been compiled, making this report much more accurate. There were 38 respondents to the survey, which is an impressive 47% response! Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey. Below is my summary of the results with my observations sprinkled throughout for comic relief.

### VALUE

I was especially interested in determining whether attendees considered the 2006 MAALL meeting a valuable experience. In order to cut to the chase, I included the following question in the survey: *Considering the costs to attend and time away from work, relative to what you got from the meeting, please rank your overall satisfaction.* Of the 35 respondents to this question, 10 felt the meeting "was of high value, one of the best MAALL meetings," 15 rated the meeting as "Above Average," and 10 said it was a "Good Value." None of the respondents indicated that the meeting was of "Little or No Value." I will also add that I had many colleagues come up to me the last day with kudos about what an excellent conference this was, including several vendor representatives, and AALL's Darcy Kirk, and Mary Alice Baish.

### PROGRAMS

Fifteen programs were offered this year. For the category, *Coverage of the Topic*, the average ranking (1-5, with 5 being the highest) of all 15 programs was 4.6. This is most excellent and directly reflects the high ranking under "Value" as well. In terms of number of programs, approximately 30 respondents indicated that the number of programs was just right. We tried a couple of videoconference programs this year, and the survey results indicated this was a success, and that it should be continued. The town hall strategic plan program was not well attended, and so it was decided to hold off for strategic planning until we had more "live" direct member input.

My favorite annual meeting story surfaced on the final day, just as we were thinking everything had gone so smoothly. The president of OKLL, Ann Walsh Long, was to give a presentation that morning. Shortly before she was to speak, I popped my head into the hallway and noticed a flurry of activity! Rick Ducey was rushing down the hall heading out of the building with car keys clanging in hand, while Dan Bell, David Gay, and Lou Lindsey were scurrying about like they were on a hot sandy beach with no sandals. There was an air of uneasiness. With all this action, I just *had* to figure out what was going on. Blythe McCoy, Elizabeth Cavendish, Gayle Lynn-Nelson, and I huddled to discuss the situation. Amidst our speculation, we soon discerned that Ann was a *long* way from being at the podium getting ready for her part of the presentation. Her car had run out of gas several miles from the conference hotel! We all felt so bad for her... she must be totally distraught, feeling totally helpless sitting there next to her motionless car. But WAIT! She had her cell phone. She had her presentation ready to go. Well sir, it wasn't too long before her voice came over the microphone in the room. YES INDEED, I kid you not—there he was, Local Arrangements "disaster hero" David Gay, the one who knew how to enable the cell phone's speaker phone, standing next to the microphone at the podium, and Ann did her cell-presentation *long* distance. None of us had ever heard of such a thing, but it was quick thinking and technology to the rescue!

### FACILITIES and LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Attendees who filled out the survey rated the hotel at 4.1, the food at 4.4, and the always-popular hospitality suite at 4.7. For the category *Local Arrangements*, the exceptional rate of 4.7 was well deserved. Unless

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you've done it, it's hard to comprehend how much work Local Arrangements had done to make the annual meeting so good, but certainly it was a monumental team effort. One unsung hero who needs to be recognized is Carol Arnold. She worked so tirelessly to ensure that all the hundreds of details were checked and taken care of for all the rest of us. Thank you Carol!

I really enjoyed our hotel. It was a quick walk to the Oklahoma Aquarium. Wow! And speaking of the aquarium... our Thursday evening dinner event was unforgettable. It was like dining under the sea, near a coral reef! The food and drinks were great, and everyone had a marvelous and relaxing time. But I digress. The hotel was nice and compact, with the meeting rooms being close to the exhibit area and close to the main area for our keynote luncheon.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

The keynote speaker and luncheon was also memorable. Bill Bernhardt played an electric piano, sang a song, and spoke about his path to becoming an award-winning novelist. There was the Beth Mobley lecture and ribbon cutting event for the Lillie Goldstein Judaica traveling collection, which was very interesting to learn about. There was the wonderful reception in the Law Library, with the musical talents of the Trio Tulsa playing a variety of classical pieces for our listening pleasure. The food was, again, top rate! The dine-around on Friday night was fun, with people deciding on what different places and foods they wanted to try. Darcy exclaimed to me that she's been to a lot of AALL chapters and never heard of the dine-around idea. She loved it! Oh, and the Manager's Reception with the tote bag contest was another great way to relax and have some fun. The Friday morning breakfast, and the MAALL business meeting, plus Darcy Kirk's update on AALL activities were splendid.

### FINAL THOUGHTS

Going through all the great photos that Liz has on our MAALL Web site really captures the essence of what a wonderful group of professionals we have in our chapter. I was proud to be your vice-president and Education Committee chair, then your president, and now, past president. I encourage you to take a break from your busy workday and view the slideshow of photos that were taken at our annual meeting. They are wonderful! The slideshow is easily accessed on our MAALL Web site and once begun, the photos just run automatically. Hey, if you're attention deficit prone, do it now, then come back to finish reading the rest of this scintillating report.

When you are called upon to serve in some capacity, and especially to put yourself out as a candidate for an office of MAALL, please say yes and give it a go. You have all these colleagues standing by who will help you do things you didn't think you could do.

Once more I send out my heartfelt *thank you* to the many sponsors who help our chapter by underwriting, in substantial measure, the costs of our special events at the annual meetings year after year. This thank you also applies to the many MAALL speakers, coordinators and moderators who step up to present educational programs. We would be in a world of hurt without these crucial elements that make this AALL chapter special.

Let's turn our focus now to our new 2007 MAALL Board and John Christensen and Lee Peoples to raise the bar higher in service to our profession. The 2007 MAALL membership forms have been posted on the MAALL discussion list, and should be available on our Web site. Please fill it out and send in your dues as soon as you can—don't wait until June or October to become members. Doing it now helps the Board and Local Arrangements plan with more accuracy for things like the AALL MAALL luncheon, and how much we can subsidize for travel grants for members-in-need to attend our chapter events.

## Member News

### Illinois

Candle Wester-Mittan joined the Southern Illinois University School of Law Library faculty as access services librarian and assistant professor on December 4, 2006. Candle is a recent MSLIS graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and received a J.D. from the University of Nebraska and a B.S. in business administration from Nebraska Wesleyan University. Candle will also be teaching research in the school's lawyering skills program.

### Iowa

Sharon Kern has retired from her position as Information Services Manager at the Des Moines law firm of Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts.

Kathy Foley has retired from her position as Legal Librarian for the Des Moines law firm of Dickinson, Mackaman, Tyler & Hagen.

Linda Robertson has retired from her position as Law Librarian for the State of Iowa's Law Library in the state capitol building.

### Kansas

Blake Wilson has joined the staff of Wheat Law Library, University of Kansas, as the new Instructional and Research Services Librarian. He is settling in during the semester break, but is looking forward to working with the students and faculty soon. Construction of faculty offices is progressing on the 4th and 5th floors of the library. Lots of changes in the works!

### Nebraska

Stefanie Pearlman, Assistant Professor of Law Library and Reference Librarian at Schmid Law Library, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, recently had a program accepted for the 100th AALL Annual Meeting and Conference. The program is "Librarians, Vendors, or Both? Who Should be Teaching Westlaw and LexisNexis to First-year Law Students?" Stefanie will serve as coordinator and speaker. Also presenting will be Joseph Gerken, University of Buffalo; Ronald Jones, University of Cincinnati; and Sheri Lewis, University of Chicago. Matt Novak, also from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, will be the moderator.

### Oklahoma

Darla Jackson is now the Head of Reference and Access Services at Oklahoma City University Library. Lee Peoples is Associate Director of the Law Library.

The traveling Lillie Goldstein Judaica Collection from Touro Law School is supporting the first ever course in Jewish Law at the University of Tulsa College of Law. The course, entitled Philosophy and Law: Maimonides' Rationalization of Divine Law is being taught by visiting scholar Professor Menachem Lorberbaum of Tel Aviv University. A ribbon cutting dedication of the Judaica collection by Dean Robert Butkin occurred on October 20, 2006, as part of MAALL's annual meeting in Tulsa, following a presentation about the collection by Associate Director Beth Mobley of Touro.

## The LLMC – LIPA Connection

On March 6, 2003, representatives from various law libraries met for a conference at Georgetown University Law School. The title of the meeting was “Preserving Legal Information for the 21st Century: Toward a National Agenda.” Information regarding this meeting can be found at [http://www.aallnet.org/committee/lipa/Georgetown\\_Conference.html](http://www.aallnet.org/committee/lipa/Georgetown_Conference.html).

This meeting gave rise to the Legal Information Preservation Alliance (LIPA). The newly formed alliance set several goals for itself. Among these was the “coordination, selection, gathering, cataloging, access, storage, preservation and/or conversion” of print analog as well as digital resources ([http://www.aallnet.org/committee/lipa/LIPA\\_Conference\\_Report.pdf](http://www.aallnet.org/committee/lipa/LIPA_Conference_Report.pdf), p. 5). In the seeming flurry by law libraries to discard traditional “low-traffic” materials, and as part of these group goals, LIPA determined that it would be best to ensure that at least five copies of these works be retained in different repositories around the country.

Enter the Law Library Microform Consortium (LLMC). LLMC was founded in 1976 with the purpose not only to ensure a wider dissemination of uniquely held materials, but also to improve the efficient storage of legal materials by reformatting them on microfiche. As part of the creation of the LLMC Digital database, the Consortium discovered that, rather than convert the images from microfiche, advances in technical applications now made it essentially more cost-effective to generate the images from the original print. This economic reassessment coincided with the desire, and often necessity, of member libraries to rid their shelves of the very printed texts that LLMC needed to build content on the LLMC Digital site.

In the process of using this advanced technology, LLMC guillotines off the books’ spines and feeds the loose pages through high-speed scanners. The result is a remaining text block of loose pages that has been vetted to ensure that no pages are missing and that the images are of acceptable quality. What to do with the resulting text “bricks”? The answer came from the preservation experts: shrink wrap. Once a text has been approved and mounted on the LLMC Digital site, the original text is shrink-wrapped for retention in a “dark storage” facility. The intention is that the volume will be recalled only if it is necessary to rescan the material.

Tracking the sets of materials that libraries were offering LLMC became quite a daunting task. In order to ascertain which library was contributing which set of volumes, LLMC developed a webpage (<http://www.llmc.com>) that addressed this need. In addition to displaying the information that the Consortium needed to manage its data needs, LLMC struck an agreement with LIPA to track materials that would be held as “copies of last resort” by concerned libraries. In the example of the Dakota Reports (see p. 8), one can identify the title, the number of pieces of microfiche, if the images were derived from the fiche, and which of the volumes are available online. The preservation aspect is dealt with in the remaining columns. In the case of the Dakota Reports, LLMC does not have the “Paper Backup.” However, Columbia University has agreed to retain its copy. As other libraries assume responsibility for retaining this title, more columns can be added to the right.

For LLMC’s part, in August 2006, representatives of the consortium identified a storage facility in Hutchison, Kansas that will hold in dark storage mode the text blocks that were used when titles were imaged from the original print copies. LLMC has signed a 20-year lease of space with Underground Vaults & Storage, Inc. Information regarding Underground Vaults & Storage, Inc. is available from the company’s Web site at <http://www.undergroundvaults.com/index.cfm>.

In this way aspects of the mission of both LLMC and LIPA are fulfilled in a transparent, accessible and low-cost manner.

Further questions may be directed to the author at [amelunrc@slu.edu](mailto:amelunrc@slu.edu).

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## Dakota Reports

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LLMC Definitions

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**Paper Backup:** LLMC has a preserved hard copy of the volume. Blank indicates that LLMC does not have a copy and is looking for one.

LIPA Holdings Quality Schedule

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**N (None):** Library in question has no copy

**Blank:** No information available

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## Reports from Grant Recipients to the MAALL Conference 2006

The programs were very informative, but weren't so full that I felt overloaded or rushed. The discussions that followed the sessions were just as helpful as the sessions themselves. One of my favorites was "Beyond Google" presented by Susan Boland from Northern Illinois University College of Law. She covered many Web sites that I had never heard of, and the handouts were very helpful. Another program that I found beneficial was "CSI Legal Researchers" presented by Lee Peoples and Darla Jackson from Oklahoma City University School of Law Library. In this session, Lee and Darla pointed out how law students tend to rely on online products more than print. They asked our opinions through out, and were very interested in what the private law libraries experiences were once the students were in a real practice.

I found Tulsa to be very welcoming. The special event at the Oklahoma Aquarium was very nice, and a beautiful location for dinner. Again, thanks to the local arrangements committee. I felt very honored to be able to attend the ceremony for the Lillie Goldstein Judaica Collection at the University of Tulsa College of Law. All in all, I thought the entire conference was a very rewarding experience.

*By: Marcia Green  
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I would like to begin by thanking the Grants Committee for awarding me a travel grant to attend my first MAALL conference. As a first year law librarian, this was a valuable experience and a wonderful opportunity—I made some great connections and returned to work rejuvenated.

While I took something away from all the sessions I attended, the one that impressed me the most was the AALL Leadership Roundtable. I enjoyed hearing the panelists discuss how their involvement in professional organizations, AALL and MAALL, has enriched their lives professionally and personally. It was echoed throughout the group that although involvement and leadership are very challenging, it can also be very rewarding. It has made me consider what I might do some day to become more involved with MAALL. I thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed my opportunity to go to Tulsa to attend the MAALL Annual Meeting. And, for those of you who were in the hospitality suite with me and saw how excited I was when the Cardinals won the NLCS, you should have seen my excitement the following week when the Cardinals won the World Series!

*By: Geri Short  
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I was very grateful to have the opportunity to attend the MAALL conference my first year working as a professional in a law library. It was an enriching experience for me, both personally and professionally. I especially enjoyed the Leadership Roundtable where I was able to learn about the career paths of MAALL members who have gained leadership experience at the national level. Hearing how others have been able to make their mark in law librarianship both regionally and nationally helps me, as someone new to the profession, to see how I could also become involved. By far the most beneficial aspect of the conference was the opportunity to meet peers as well as leaders in the region (and nation). I was able to establish friendships that will likely last throughout my career.

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## News From Other Chapters

### **ALLUNY (Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York)**

*The ALLUNY Newsletter* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/newslett.html>

December 2006 Volume 31 Issue 4

Current issue only available to ALLUNY members

This issue contains comments about the successful ALLUNY fall annual meeting in Corning, New York that occurred in September. Included in the issue is the ALLUNY Annual Meeting Report. This issue also contains an article written by Katherine Rosin, Reference Librarian at the Miami office of the law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, entitled, "The Law Firm Librarian's Essential Contribution to the Law Firm."

### **CALL (Chicago Association of Law Libraries)**

*CALL Bulletin* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/publications/pubsindex.html>

Winter 2007 Issue No. 202

Current issue only available to CALL members

This issue has three very informative articles concerning competitive intelligence by Monice Kaczrowski, Aleksandra Chernin and Maria Willmer. Debbie Ginsberg of Chicago-Kent College of Law writes about her experiences at the annual CALI Conference that was held at Nova Southeastern University Law Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

### **CoALL (Colorado Association of Law Libraries)**

*CoALL Scuttle* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/scuttle.htm>

Fall 2006 Volume 17 Issue 1

This issue includes a recap of the fifth annual "Bridge the Research and Analysis Gap" (BRAG) program that was held in Denver on June 1. This article also discusses the redesign of the CoALL Web site.

### **DALL (Dallas Association of Law Libraries)**

*DALL Advance Sheet* <http://www.dallnet.org/>

October/November 2006 Volume 30 Number 4

Issues only available to DALL members

This issue has an article about EBSCO Patent Monitor, a new patent monitoring, alert, and research tool. Barbara Fullerton has a report about her attendance at "Internet Librarian 2006" held in Monterey, California. In addition, DALL has a blog called *Lex Scripta* that is extremely informative and updated on a daily basis. *Lex Scripta* can be found at <http://dallnet.blogspot.com/>.

### **HALL (Houston Area Law Libraries)**

*HALL Newsletter* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/newsletter.htm>

November/December 2006 Volume 23 Number 6

This issue contains an article about a recent program sponsored by the Houston Bar Association, the Houston Area Legal Administrators and HALL concerning substance abuse in the legal profession. The program was entitled, "Working With the Impaired Lawyer."

### **LLAGNY (Law Library Association of Greater New York)**

*LLAGNY Law Lines* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llagny/LawLines.html>

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This issue contains an update on the LLAGNY's new Electronic Union List.

### **LLAM (Law Library Association of Maryland)**

*LLAM News* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llam/publications/llamnewsletter/LLAMApril06final2.pdf>

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Maxine Grosshans and Jenny Smith detail how to find trial court dockets in "Maryland Provides Electronic Access to Trial-Level Case Records". Sitting "At the Reference Desk" is Janet Sinder and she relates how to find the political composition of each of the United States Courts of Appeal in the judicial biography section of the Federal Judicial Center Web site.

### **LLOPS (Law Librarians of Puget Sound)**

*LLOPSCited* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llops/committees/newsletter/llopscited.asp>

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Rita Kaiser tells of her experience initiating "Podcasting at the King County Law Library." She describes the process of gathering approval and assembling a team. Links to some of her favorite podcasts and directories are provided. "The SU Law Library Renovation: Lessons Learned from Squeezing a Lemon" by Bob Menanteaux relates results of good planning by the Seattle University Law Library. The administration "presented their plan to repurpose a portion of the Law Library" which was answered with a "bolder

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## News From Other Chapters *(continued from page 10)*

plan for change” from the library. It was a win/win for both teams. “Information Architecture: Applying Theory for Use in the Law Library” by Kate Stockert is an introduction and overview of new concepts for organizing information. Linda Falken writes of the value of electronic newsletters in “Marketing Matters: Using Electronic Newsletters to Promote Your Library.” Sources for content, software choices, distribution and enhancements are the topics covered.

### **LLSDC (Law Librarians Society of Washington D.C., Inc.)**

*Law Library Lights* <http://www.llsdc.org/lights/>

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Titled “The Technology Issue,” it does not disappoint. Frances Brillantine has authored two articles helpful to those working with students, “Using Technology to Assist with the Management of Student Workers” and “Using Surveys to Improve Service to Students: A Comparison of LibQual+™ and Survey Monkey.” Jennifer McMahan writes of the advantages of QuestionPoint and the Ask a Librarian program in “Questioning Virtual Reference.” Mary Dzurinko outlines points to consider when “In Search of the Perfect Library Management System.” Are you familiar with ERP? Read Donald Coney’s article, “Law Firm Librarians and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP),” to decide if this system has a place in your firm. Craig Lelansky tells of “Williams Web---Georgetown Law Library’s Intranet” and Roger Skalbeck offers “Some Miscellaneous Thoughts on Today’s Technology.” Susan Chinoransky helps you find the 362 field in “Serial Records—Dates in the Record” and Billie Grey discusses “The Pace of Change in Legal Literature.” Training tips for legal secretaries is the focus of Scott Wales’ article “Reference Sources at Your Fingertips: Sheppard Mullin’s Training for Legal Secretaries.”

### **MALL (Minnesota Association of Law Libraries)**

*MALL Newsletter* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/mnews.htm>

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Frances Singh discusses the pros and cons of “Technical Services in a Consortial Environment.” She points out the challenges and opportunities and finds the positives outweigh the limitations. “Teachable Moments: Changes in Legal Research Instruction” is a survey of the instruction programs at three law schools. Three librarians share their experiences as they make tactical shifts in focus and emphasis in the curriculum and in the integration of electronic with print resources.

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

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

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This issue provides easy access to two articles originally published elsewhere.

In “Law Library Marketing: the Fundamentals,” Stephanie Fox provides background on marketing, suggests marketing strategies, and offers an annotated bibliography. The focus is on firm libraries, but much of the advice applies to libraries of all types. This article was originally published in *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* (September/October 2006). In the second article, “Staying on Top: Electronic Current Awareness Resources for New Law Professors,” Lisa Smith-Butler describes electronic tools to help law professors and librarians stay abreast of new developments in areas of interest. The listed tools cover electronic discussion lists, blogs, legal periodicals, other publications, and working papers. This article was originally published in the *AALS Newsletter for New Law Professors* (November 2006).

### **SFALL (South Florida Association of Law Libraries)**

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

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In the first of a two-part series (with the conclusion to appear in the next SFALL newsletter), Katherine Rosin describes the value that a law librarian contributes to the firm in “The Law Firm Librarian’s Essential Contribution to the Law Firm.”

### **WESTPAC (Western Pacific Chapter of AALL)**

*WestPac News* <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/newsletter.htm>

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This issue contains several articles, including: “What Happens in Vegas, Doesn’t Have to Stay in Vegas: Tips for Future Conferences I Learned While Organizing the 2006 Annual Conference.” Someone planning a meeting, especially for the first time, might find Paula Doty’s tips useful. Her seven points relate to obtaining institutional and organizational support, fund-raising, assigning responsibilities, taking photographs at the meeting, networking with other planners and planning support people, taking advantage of others’ experiences and meeting planning manuals (which touts the MAALL Local Arrangements Manual), and effectively using technology. Another article in this issue is “Federated Searching: The Hidden Costs—Translators.” In this article, Dennis Sears describes the near and costs of translators in federated search engines and suggests ways to minimize these costs. A third article, “KCLL at an iPod near you!” is a report on the King County (Washington) Law Library’s foray into podcasting on their Web site. See <http://www.kcll.org/aboutus/publications/podcasts/index.html> for the podcasts themselves.

## Grants Available!

The AALL Grants Committee invites qualified applicants to apply for AALL's Annual Meeting/Workshop Grants and the Minority Leadership Development Award. 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. Vendors, AALL, and AALL individual members provide the funds for grants.

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. **Annual Meeting and Workshop 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 are active in AALL or one of its chapters. For additional information, check out the application on the AALL Grant Committee's web site at [http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grant\\_application.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grant_application.asp).

In 2001, an additional Grants Program, the **Minority Leadership Development Award**, was created to ensure that AALL's leadership remains vital, relevant, and representative of the Association's diverse membership. The award provides up to \$1,500 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 Grant Committee's web site at [http://www.aallnet.org/about/award\\_mlda.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_mlda.asp). **Application deadline: April 2, 2007.**

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## Mid-America Consortium Hires Executive Director

The Mid-America Law Library Consortium (MALLCO) has hired Robert F. Rowell as its Executive Director. Rowell initially will work part-time to coordinate activities of the Consortium, negotiate subscription agreements, maintain communications among member schools, spearhead initiatives of the Board of Directors and seek grants. The Consortium includes nineteen law schools in nine states: Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and South Dakota.

Bob Rowell comes to MALLCO with a wealth of experience in association management. He serves on the executive management council for the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). His previous executive director positions include service to the Insurance Scholarship Foundation of America (ISFA), the National Art Materials Trade Association (NAMTA) and The Institute for Space Technology (IST). Prior to joining IST Rowell served as the Director of Development for the Society of Logistic Engineers (SOLE) and worked for NASA and the Air Force.

Today's technology is one of the reasons Rowell was able to consider the position. He will continue to work from his home base in North Carolina and do much of his work via electronic communications. He will travel to Consortium and other meetings, such as AALL and MAALL. His first meeting with the full board was when the Consortium convened in January during the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) conference in Washington, D.C.

For additional information about MALLCO please visit <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/maalco/consorthistory.htm> or contact Bob Rowell at [rfrowell@inssfa.org](mailto:rfrowell@inssfa.org). The MALLCO president is John Edwards.

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### Meet...Rich Leiter

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I speak with Rich Leiter, my library's director, almost every day. My favorite discussions with him are not about libraries, however, but about music. Rich is a true music-lover and his tastes run from Bob Dylan ("our era's equivalent to Shakespeare") to Junior Brown and Modest Mouse. Although I have never been disappointed in his choice of music, his taste in food has not left such a positive impact. Rich has, shall we say, an adventurous palate. His fondness for a fruit named durian, native to equatorial Africa and Southeastern Asia, caused quite a stir in the Schmid Law Library. He brought one in to share with us and the smell was so overwhelming that one of our colleagues came running to the break room, worried that there was sewage backing up in the library.

Rich started his career in law librarianship simply because he needed a job. A temp agency sent him to work as a law library messenger for a law firm while he was trying to get work as a writer. He fell in love with it, obtained his law and library degrees, and has been in the field ever since. Rich has been the Director of the Schmid Law Library and Professor of Law at the University of Nebraska for the last six years. He has been a law library director for about 15 years and a law librarian for over 25 years.

Some of his favorite aspects of law librarianship are reference, law library management and writing about legal bibliography and law librarianship. He especially enjoys the "instant gratification" that you get when people come in with a question and leave satisfied that they have found what they need.

As a member of AALL for 25 years, Rich has served on several committees. Currently, he is the Chair of the LLJ/Spectrum Editorial Advisory Committee. He is also the Chair of the MAALL Local Arrangements Committee for the 2007 Annual Meeting in Lincoln. As such, Rich encourages everyone to attend the Annual Meeting and promises to share his latest discoveries in music and, if you are not careful, a slice of durian.