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President's Message by Darla Jackson

Sponsorship of Legal Information & Technology eJournal

Randy Diamond and Lee Peoples, two of our MAALL members and leaders, are the editors of the Legal Scholarship Network's (LSN) *Legal Information & Technology eJournal*. Featuring the work of law librarians and other academics, the aim is to allow contributors to obtain feedback on works in progress, further develop the profession's scholarly agenda, and provide a forum for presenting our work to a wider audience. Initially sponsored by MALLCO, the Academic Law Library Special Interest Section and MAALL are the current sponsors of the journal. Thanks to the work of our members, this is just one example of how MAALL is working to advance the profession of law librarianship.

MAALL at AALL in Denver

We are currently working to schedule our annual MAALL business

meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting. The first choice for a meeting time is Tuesday, July 13 at 11:45 a.m. While our hope is that every MAALL member would plan to attend the business meeting, we realize that unavoidable conflicts may prevent some from participating who otherwise would do so. Based on last year's survey of members, the current economic situation, and the continuing high cost of meals at the professional meetings, the Executive Board has voted not to hold a luncheon at the AALL meeting. Like last year, we plan to hold a business meeting. After the business meeting, we are encouraging members to informally meet for lunch; however, because we know that many of our members will need to meet with MAALL committees or go directly from the business meeting to other activities, we will not make formal plans or reservations at local restaurants. However, if you would like to volunteer to host a small lunch group, please contact Darla

Jackson
(djackson@okcu.edu).

MAALL Annual Meeting in Iowa City, Iowa, Oct 14-16, 2010

It is not too early to begin planning for the annual meeting in Iowa City. Mary Ann Nelson, chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, has made arrangements for the conference to be held at the Sheraton Iowa City Hotel. The Hoover Presidential Library Museum and the Hoover Birthplace Cottage lie within the 186-acre Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, located in West Branch, ten miles east of Iowa City. The Local Arrangements Committee is obtaining information about the possibility of holding an event at the site. Look for a more detailed report at the MAALL meeting in Denver.

The Education Committee is busy reviewing program proposals for the 2010 Annual Meeting. If you have an idea for a program, consider

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submitting a proposal. Information regarding proposal submission is available at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/pgproposals.htm>.

Committee Work

Speaking of committees, work is going on behind the scenes, and as president I wish to express appreciation to all those who have committed personal time to serve our association. If you are not serving on a committee, consider doing so. As I recently advised by message to the membership, MAALL is considering establishing a new committee charged with preparing a regional inventory of state primary legal materials. If formed, the committee would document which MAALL states are publishing their materials digitally, in what formats and what protocols for authenticating and preserving these materials are being utilized. If you would be interested in volunteering to work on the new committee or another committee, please contact Darla Jackson (djackson@okcu.edu).

Lou Lindsay, chair of the Nominations Committee, will, in the near future, oversee the important work of identifying members of our association willing to serve as members of the Executive Board. I'm sure she would be pleased to receive any suggestions you might have for colleagues you believe have the ability, interest and willingness to serve.

MAALL Executive Board Using Ning

I am pleased to work with a diverse and energetic Executive Board. In the past, MAALL shared the cost of HearMe, a video conferencing tool to coordinate issues and facilitate the meeting of the board. This year we are trying to coordinate our efforts using a free social networking tool, Ning. Instead of meeting on a scheduled basis, members of the board can post to forums or the blog on the Ning network at any time. Other board members can post their responses as well. So far, this has worked out well and provides an available record of the Executive Boards discussions.

I look forward to seeing each of you in Denver and/or Iowa City!

From the Vice-President by Richard Leiter

[Do you want to influence the programs presented at the MAALL Annual Meeting?](#)

Here's your chance. The 2010 Annual Meeting Program Committee eagerly solicits your ideas for programs at this year's annual meeting in Iowa City. The theme is, "Building and Preserving Information Bridges," which means that you can let your imagination run wild!

We're especially looking for newer librarians who are looking for a friendly environment to present ideas about law librarianship, legal information and professional development. Please consider submitting an idea for a program – even if you are not interested in presenting or coordinating a program, the committee can take your good ideas and solicit members to participate.

If you have questions about a program proposal or would like to discuss a program idea, please contact an Education Committee member:

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We look forward to a wonderful line-up of programs for the 2010 Annual Meeting!

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Publication Schedule

MAALL Markings is published in electronic format in January, April and August by the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries.

Submission Deadlines

V.20:no.1 (Jan. 2010).....25 Jan. 2010

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

News From Other Chapters

CALL (Chicago Association of Law Libraries)

CALL Bulletin <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/publications/callbull214.pdf>

Winter 2010 Number 214

CALL devoted its whole winter issue to collection development and whether law libraries should have print, digital, or both format types. Examined from various perspectives, the question of “rebalancing the library’s collection” caused law librarians in and around Chicago to approach the issue with patron needs, budgetary constraints, and ABA accreditation requirements in mind.

HALL (Houston Area Law Librarians)

HALL Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/Newsletter/MarApr10.pdf>

March/April 2010 Volume 27, Number 2

Program summaries from HALL’s spring seminar dominated this issue. Among the programs offered were global business, treaty research, Islamic finance, legal research in China, the Brazilian legal system, oil and gas legal research in Brazil, and legal research in the European Union. In addition, Mary Ann Wacker interviewed fellow member Laura Edstrom.

LLNE (Law Librarians of New England)

LLNE News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/LLNENews/PDF/2010v29n1.pdf>

Volume 29 Issue 1

Looking for an innovative way to welcome students back for the fall Semester? Consider Harvard’s “Love Your Library Fest” article for ideas. Librarians from the Western New England College School of Law Library give pointers on how to get your PDF’s indexed by Google. Tips include: OCR the PDF document before making it available online, enter a meaningful title in the document’s internal metadata, and ‘Save As’ Fast Web View so that the first page of the document opens immediately for the user while the rest of the document loads.

LLOPS (Law Librarians of Puget Sound)

LLOPSCited <http://llops.org/wordpress/>

The original newsletter published by LLOPS has gone the way of the dinosaur and been replaced by a blog. Some of the most recent blog topics include law firms and their use of Twitter, one law firm’s handling of a water disaster, and a book review of a recent book by Marilyn Johnson about librarians and their use of technology. Sign up for RSS feeds from LLOPS here <http://feeds.feedburner.com/llops>.

MALL (Minnesota Association of Law Libraries)

MALL Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/news364.pdf>

January/February 2010 Volume 36 Issue 4

Hamline University Law Library becomes the “Master of Their Domain” (apologies to Seinfeld) with an implementation of LibGuides, using it to create online research guides as well as provide a Web page for the Law Library.

ORALL (Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries)

ORALL Newsletter <http://orall.org/newsletters/2010-03.pdf>

March 2010 Volume 2010 Issue 1

Ken S. Kozlowski, Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library, asks the question, “Is it really a threat for official government publications to move to an electronic format?” He advocates being part of the solution rather than standing in the way of progress.

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SANDALL (San Diego Area Law Libraries)

SANDALL News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sandall/newsletter2010-01.pdf>

January 2010 Volume 12 Issue 3

John Adkins tackled the topic of e-readers in an article about a recent e-reader project at the University of San Diego, while Tina D. Jagerson gave a thorough update on the AALL Government Relations Committee. In the spirit of community service, a group of law librarians participated in a beach cleanup project. Lastly, SANDALL held an online community-building summit where the chapter discussed social media and how they could harness it to share information and communicate.

SCALL (Southern California Association of Law Libraries)

SCALL Newsletter <http://aallnet.org/chapter/scall/newsletter/NewsletterJanFeb2010.pdf>

January/February 2010 Volume 37 Number 3

Previously discussed in other chapters' newsletters, Tina D. Jagerson also recapped her experiences at the AALL leadership academy. Next, if you have never visited the old Orange County courthouse, Tracie Hall provided fantastic pictures and narrative about the historic building. As always, Larry Meyer gave chapter members another jam-packed "Heard About Town" column with plenty of news and gossip.

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

The Southeastern Law Librarian http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/newsletter_archives/seaallv34n3-4.pdf

Summer/Fall 2009 Volume 34 Issue 3/4

James M. Donovan, from the University of Georgia School of Law Alexander Campbell King Law Library, writes a thought-provoking essay about the philosophy of collection development and the effect digitization is having on our libraries. Is your library a reflection of your organization? Should you remove physical items in favor of electronic access?

WestPac (Western Pacific Chapter American Association of Law Libraries)

WestPac News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/newsletter/no34-1.pdf>

Winter 2010 Volume 34 Issue 1

Stephenie Midkiff, reference librarian at the University of Oregon, discusses the effect that cancelling print state codes has had on law review students checking cites in print per *Bluebook* Rule 12.3.2. She offers several possible ways to assist, although none is without cost.

WPLLA (Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association)

WPLLA Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/wplla/newslettersp10.pdf>

Spring 2010

For those looking for an innovative way to teach, look no further than this issue of WPLLA. Sallie Smith provides a strong outline and bibliography for using comic books and graphic novels to illustrate legal concepts.

Member News

Iowa

The Drake University Law Library is saddened to report that Susan Nissen Lerdal, reference librarian at Drake from 2001 until her retirement in 2008, passed away on March 20, 2010 after a brief illness. Those fortunate enough to have known Sue will remember her constant efforts to improve library services, her zealous promotion of information literacy, and her enthusiastic involvement in professional organizations. She was active in AALL, MAALL, and the Iowa Library Association (ILA), and was instrumental in the creation of an Iowa chapter of the Special Libraries Association (SLA), also serving as its first president. Before coming to Drake, she was a school librarian in Washington and Montana, legal librarian/researcher for the Montana Power Company, and library associate for the School of Journalism and Communication at Iowa State University. Sue will always be remembered fondly as a skilled librarian and a dear friend. For more about Sue, go to: <http://www.law.drake.edu/newsEvents/details.aspx?eventID=lerdal>.

Kansas

Wheat Law Library (KU)

Congratulations to our Associate Director, Joe Custer, on his upcoming move to St. Louis. He will be the director of the Saint Louis University Law Library beginning July 1, 2010. We wish you all the best Joe, but we'll miss you at KU!

National Library Week will be celebrated in our library with decorations, cake, guest VIP circulation assistants, and other activities. Always a fun time!

Meet MAALL Members

Meet ... Randy Diamond
by Stefanie Pearlman

With the 2010 MAALL Annual Meeting fast approaching, I was reminded of how much fun the 2009 meeting in Columbia was. Who better, then, to interview than Randy Diamond, director of the law library at the University of Missouri School of Law.

Randy has been their director since 2006 and was associate director from 1997 to 2006. He loves teaching and his courses include Advanced Legal Research and Law Practice Management. He will start teaching Electronic Discovery in fall 2010. For any of you who want to see the connection between electronic discovery and computer-assisted legal research, Randy recommends reading Judge Grimm's decision in *Victor Stanley v. Creative Pipe*, 250 F.R.D. 251, 259-263 (D.MD. 2008). In addition to teaching, he enjoys working with his "incredibly talented and dedicated staff" and mentoring students.

Randy will be attending both the AALL and MAALL annual meetings this year. He is especially excited for the MAALL meeting, as his wife is from Iowa City. Speaking of the MAALL Annual Meeting, if you happen to see Randy make sure to ask him about some of his interests: Lou Reed, Joe Paterno, indoor rowing, the *Sunday Times*, Winston and Lacey (dachshunds), David Letterman, *The Departed*, *Sopranos*, Joseph Conrad, *The Pretenders*, Roberto Duran, Oscar Hijuelos, and the original *Twilight Zone* television series. I'm also told that should we see Cindy Shearrer, we should ask about researching squirrel law. If there is a hospitality suite in Iowa City, I know I'll have a lot to discuss with the group from Columbia!

AALL Announcements

Get a Free Year of AALL Membership with Nonmember Annual Meeting Registration

New this year AALL is offering nonmembers a complimentary one-year membership when they register for the [AALL Annual Meeting and Conference](#), to be held July 10-13 in Denver. The membership includes:

- Career resources, such as the online AALL Career Center and continuing education to help you learn new skills to advance in your career
- Access to specialized information created just for law librarians, such as the *AALL Biennial Salary Survey* and the AALL Price Index for Legal Publications
- Subscriptions to the monthly magazine, *AALL Spectrum*, and quarterly journal, *Law Library Journal*, to help you keep up on the latest trends in law librarianship
- The opportunity to network and connect with other law librarians from across the country who share similar interests and are facing the same challenges
- Discounted rates on all AALL products and services, such as publications, webinars, and online job postings

Annual Meeting [registration](#) is now open. **Register by June 1 at the early bird rate and save \$100.** Be sure to take advantage of this special offer for nonmembers.

June AALL Webinar: Thinking about the Future with Stephen Abram

The world is constantly changing, and few years have brought as much change to law firms and their libraries as the past year. How can we anticipate and prepare for the next time the earth shifts? How do we lead our libraries and firms into the future? Join AALL for the **June 10 webinar**, “Interpreting the Tea Leaves: Thinking about the Future” with Stephen Abram, **at 12 p.m. EST** as we interview Abram, named by *Library Journal* as one of the top 50 people influencing the future of libraries. We’ll find out how this visionary thinker gathers information, formulates predictions based on current trends and events, and identifies what it all means for libraries. Plan to leave the session energized and armed with ways to see more clearly into the future.

[Register](#) by June 3.

Renew Your AALL Membership by May 31 for a Chance to Win a Free AALL Webinar

In May the second round of AALL dues invoices for 2010-2011 will mail out to all library directors for their institutionally paid memberships and to all other individual members. The deadline for membership renewal is May 31.

This year, when you renew by May 31 you'll be entered in a drawing for a free AALL webinar of your choice in 2010-2011. Following is the 2010 membership renewal schedule:

- **May:** Second dues invoices mailed out.
- **June:** Final dues invoices mailed out.
- **July:** Expiration notices e-mailed to all members—individuals and those paid by institutions.
- **August 1:** Expired members deleted from the AALL membership database and access to the AALLNET Members Only Section and *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* subscriptions discontinued.

For more information or to renew your membership online, view the [application form](#) on AALLNET. If you have any questions about your membership renewal, contact AALL Headquarters at membership@aall.org or 312/205-8022.

AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL’s Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: [Create Comprehensive Online Tutorials the Easy Way](#).

Steve Mirsky, library specialist at the Connecticut State Library, provides an overview of the basic steps involved in choosing an online tutorial product (whatever it may be) and producing a tutorial from start to finish. To create a tutorial on the legislative process, Mirsky first looked for a stand-alone package that would be inexpensive, easy to use and maintain, and interactive in order to provide just-in-time learning tools for his website. This June 2008 webinar is Mirsky’s clear and concise introduction to producing online tutorials.

Find this and more than 60 other free continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members on [AALL2go!](#)