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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As many Presidents do, I have been reviewing past MAALL Markings newsletters for inspiration in writing this column. I discovered that, when we last had an annual meeting in Illinois, we had a series of resignations due to unexpected life events just like we did this year with the local arrangements committee? Amazing! History does repeat itself!

This year the annual meeting will be in Chicago, Illinois. Come learn new ideas, meet old friends and enjoy the beautiful excursions planned by the local arrangements committee such as a trolley car ride through downtown Chicago! Registration is available at <http://maall.wildapricot.org/event-784056>.

During the business meeting, we will be voting on a couple of bylaw changes: dues increase and antidiscrimination based on gender identity. The antidiscrimination change is to bring our bylaws in compliance with AALL's bylaws. As reported in the last newsletter, the membership dues increase of \$5 has been proposed to keep up with expenses and to fund additional travel grants.

Since this is my last column, I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make MAALL great this year. I would especially like to thank the staff at the Northern Illinois University College of Law Library who stepped up and helped us out of a crisis this year! Also, a heartfelt *thank you* to the members of the Education Committee who were called upon to handle much more of the annual meeting planning than they expected when they agreed to be on the committee. The committee chairs independently managed to accomplish many wonderful projects as well. Ted Potter was especially helpful with his well-timed discussion and background reminders keeping me on track!

Finally, I'd like to thank all the members of the executive board. You came up with new initiatives and thoughtfully discussed ideas so that we could accomplish all that we did.

Again, thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to serve MAALL this year.

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Cindy Bassett

MAALL Vice-President / President Elect & Electronic Services Librarian, University of Missouri School of Law Library

Hello MAALL!

So, here we are. Just a few more days from the Annual Meeting in Chicago and you know that I am really excited about it. I hope you are, too! We have [a stellar lineup of presenters and events](#), all designed to educate and inform. I hope to see as many of you there as can possibly make it! I also hope that the Chicago air traffic control center disaster won't deter anyone, or spoil anyone's plans or travels.

As I'm getting closer to transitioning to being President, I find that my attention is shifting direction. I just attended the Chapter Summit and Leadership training for chapter leaders at the AALL meeting in San Antonio. This was the first year that AALL held a Chapter Summit and the purpose of that event was to bring together chapter leaders and AALL leaders and staff to communicate about the future of law librarianship and what our part in shaping that future might be. I heard a number of presentations about what other chapters are doing (mostly successfully as no one really wants to talk about things that don't go well, even if that would be as or maybe even more instructive), and it all left me thinking quite a lot about our future. That, of course, led me to ponder what we can do to help position us for what lies ahead in the near and the distant future. After the Summit, I reflected on Steven Covey's advice – Begin with the End in Mind – and started a document I titled MAALL Annual Report 2015. It is helping me think about what my part needs to be in shaping our work in the coming year.

I do want to share with you a couple of ideas that I came away with at the Chapter Summit that pertain to MAALL as a whole. They include:

- Engaging our new members - How are we serving our new members? Are we making them welcome at the Annual Meeting? Do we communicate what MAALL has to offer them?
- Strategic Planning for MAALL – Where are we headed as an organization? What goals do we want to set to get us there?
- Advocacy efforts – To be 100% completely and totally honest, I have given almost no thought previously to advocacy efforts. But I can see now that I was misguided in this. Advocacy is one area we use to leave a positive legacy behind us.
- Collaboration – Developing partnerships with each other and like-minded organizations can help all of us do more. Who can we partner with to bring greater value to MAALL members?

Never fear – I am clear on the fact that it isn't all about me and what I think. I want to hear from you about what you think the goals are for our organization and how we might achieve them. I'll be searching out ways to include you in this process as we move into future.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Nominations Committee

Ted Potter (Chair), Darla Jackson, and Troy Johnson

Congratulations to our new board members! Thanks to all for your willingness to serve in MAALL!

Vice President/President-Elect: Jennifer Prilliman

Secretary: Erika Cohn

Executive Board Member-at-Large: Therese Clarke Arado

Of the 249 members, 75 voted in the election (about 30%). Many thanks also to Nancy Strohmeier, Southern Illinois University who ran with Therese. Please say “yes” when a member of the Nominations Committee calls *you* to volunteer to be on the voting ballot.

NEW MEMBERS



Lindsey Carpino,
*University of Illinois
Graduate School of
Library & Information
Science, Student*



Jacquelyn McCloud,
*Bloomberg BNA, Law
School Relationship
Manager*

Heidi Kuehl, *Northern
Illinois University College
of Law, Director of the Law
Library & Associate Professor of
Law*



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*Northern Illinois
University College of Law,
Reference & Instructional
Services Librarian and
Assistant Professor*



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*Wolters Kluwer Law &
Business, Research
Librarian*

Candle Wester,
*University of South
Carolina, Assistant
Director for Faculty
Services*



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MAALL.newsletter@gmail.com.

MAALL Markings staff plan to use this account for correspondence and take advantage of Google Drive for a streamlined editing process. You can still send questions and publication ideas to the Editor in Chief or individual Markings staff, but please send article submissions to MAALL.newsletter@gmail.com.

MEMBER NEWS

Northern Illinois College of Law



Clanitra L. Stewart joined the NIU College of Law Library faculty in May 2014 as a Reference and Instructional Services Librarian and Assistant Professor. She provides legal reference assistance to faculty, students, and other library users. In addition, she teaches legal research. Prior to joining the Law Library faculty, she practiced law at the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center, where she provided local and statewide policy advocacy on behalf of low-income communities in the areas of affordable housing, homelessness, hunger, and community economic development. She was also an attorney at the Georgia Legal Services Program, where she represented indigent clients in a variety of civil cases. She is admitted to the Georgia Bar and the South Carolina Bar.

University of Iowa Law Library

The University of Iowa Law Library is pleased to welcome Mr. Matthew (Matt) Braun as the Head of Electronic Resources and Computer Services. Matt has been a law librarian for 9 years, with 5 ½ years of experience at the Law Library of Congress, and 3 ½ years at the Jacob Burns Law Library at The George Washington University Law School. Matt held a variety of positions at the Law Library of Congress, but he was primarily a legal reference librarian. At GW, Matt was the intellectual property law librarian, where he managed the library's extensive electronic and print holdings in copyright, patent, and trademark law, and where he regularly taught research sessions to JD and Master level law students. He also taught an advanced legal research seminar in The Catholic University Department of Library and Information Science for the past 2 years. Matt may be reached at (319) 335-7736 or at matthew-braun@uiowa.edu.



Drake University Law Library

Karen Wallace, Circulation/Reference Librarian at the Drake Law Library, was on sabbatical during summer 2014. As her primary sabbatical project, she conducted an empirical study of the documents the Iowa Supreme Court has cited when using Iowa legislative history as part of statutory interpretation. This research formed the basis for an article, currently titled, "Does the Past Predict the Future?: An Empirical Analysis of Recent Iowa Supreme Court Use of Legislative History as a Window into Statutory Construction in Iowa," that will be published in the first issue of the next volume of the Drake Law Review.



Wheat Law Library – University of Kansas

The Wheat Law library has welcomed 2 new faces to their library staff this fall. They are Lindsey Collins, Senior Faculty Services Researcher, and Melissa Doebele, Library Assistant.

8th Circuit Library

Jim Voelker, currently the Deputy Circuit Librarian at the U.S. Courts Library 8th Circuit in St. Louis, will be retiring on September 30. Jim had a great 29-year career in Court service, serving as deputy for 23 years, as well as having previously been the CALR librarian in the 6th Circuit at Cincinnati. As a result of Jim's retirement, the 8th Circuit Library is discontinuing the position of Deputy Circuit Librarian (clearly Jim is irreplaceable), and is instead creating a Research Services Librarian position.



Saint Louis University School of Law Library

Kathleen Casey has been promoted to Head of Reference & Faculty Services.

This position became vacant when Peggy McDermott retired on July 1st of this year, who worked at the law school for 18 years. Kathy Patrylo, who worked as an Administrative Assistant for 14 years, also retired on July 1st.



University of Nebraska Schmid Law library

A new position was created in April by splitting a position and moving some budget from one place to another for this support staff position. The new Circulation Supervisor/Loose-leaf Services Filer is Brian Hobbs who comes to the Schmid Law Library from their main library on the city campus. Brian continues to learn about the completely different culture in an academic law library. For current news about the Schmid go here for their informal

“newsletter”: <http://schmidlawlibrary.wordpress.com/>

Oklahoma City University Law Library

Oklahoma City University Law Library successfully moved their print library collection to their new downtown Oklahoma City location. The law library staff and the remainder of the law school will move to their new building in December.



WILD APRICOT - MAALL'S NEW MEMBERSHIP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

This is an article regarding Wild Apricot, MAALL, membership, and what that has to do with YOU. I'm republishing this topic in case you are not yet aware of the changes in the membership renewal process. [editor]

At the Membership Committee's recommendation, the Executive Board purchased Wild Apricot, a platform for managing MAALL membership that automates much of the process. Members will know when their renewal submissions have been received and payments have been processed. Upon approval of their membership, new members will automatically be added to the MAALL directory. Each member will also be able to edit his or her individual profile after setting an individual password to access the system.

The privacy of membership directory information (name, title, and contact information) can now be set at the individual level rather than needing to be the same for all members. During the renewal period, January to March 15, we ask each member to determine his or her desired privacy settings. During this transition period, the membership directory will stay in the members-only section of the MAALL site. The default settings for the directory will be that members' names can be viewed by all visitors to the site, but titles and contact information can only be seen by other MAALL members. If you would like to alter any or all of that, you can change those settings as part of the renewal process.

Membership and the Treasurer has set up the system and created training materials for the new renewal process at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/newsite/membership/renew.shtml>.

Please note the emails you get about renewal will come from this address: Mid-America Association of Law Libraries MAALL@wildapricot.org.

MALLCO MUSINGS

Susan Goldner

Executive Director of Mid-America Law Library Consortium



By the time this newsletter is published, the MALLCO Ebook Project will be live in a number of libraries, making thousands of legal ebooks available to their patrons. Several of the librarians will report on our project during a program at MAALL in October.

For the first time (at least in recent memory), MALLCO awarded travel grants to attend the MAALL Annual Meeting and MALLCO Roundtables. We are very pleased to announce that the winners are:

Susan Boland (University of Cincinnati)

Hyla Bondareff (Washington University)

Heather Buckwalter (Creighton University)

Back by popular demand, the MALLCO roundtables will meet on Sunday morning, October 5, before the MAALL Opening Luncheon. There is no registration required and no fee to attend. Each of our five Interest Groups will hold two roundtable sessions. The first is open only to MALLCO Member librarians/staff. The second session will be open to anyone who is interested. Please see the MAALL agenda for a list of topics for each session. After these roundtables, I will lead a session about MALLCO – reporting on our current activities and answering questions.

If your library is a MALLCO member and you are not signed up for at least one Interest Group (IG), there is no time like the present. Just email me at sdgoldner@ualr.edu, telling me that you want to join one or more of the IGs: Acquisitions & Collection Development, Institutional Repository, Interlibrary Loan, Reference & Faculty Services, and Web & Technology. IG membership is free, so there is no reason to delay.

After two years as an excellent webmaster, Resa Kerns (Missouri) stepped down. Fortunately, Barbara Ginzburg (Washburn) volunteered to take over the position. Please join me and thank both Resa and Barbara.

NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

Rebecca Lutkenhaus
Reference Librarian,
Drake University Law Library

Law Librarians of Puget Sound

LLOPS Blog <http://llops.org/>

Recent entries report on the Pennsylvania legislature enacting UELMA and provide tips for more effective presentations.

Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York

ALLUNY Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/2014-02summer.pdf>

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Amanda Steinbacher's "Miscellaneous Citings" offers citations to reviews as well as articles for professional development, technology, and resources. The round-up includes items on Congress.gov, the LC classification system, and Black's Law Dictionary.

This issue also includes an update on ALLUNY's efforts to get UELMA enacted in New York.

Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin

LLAW Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llaw/publications/briefs/newssummer14.pdf>

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The "Recommended Readings" column alerts readers to recent articles discussing developments in librarianship and the law. It includes items on mobile apps for law students, competitive intelligence, and cost-effective marketing.

HELP NEEDED FOR LISP'S "PUBLIC LIBRARY TOOLKITS"

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Legal Information Service to the Public has a collection of Public Library Toolkits <http://www.aallnet.org/sections/lisp/Public-Library-Toolkit>. They are designed to help librarians working in public libraries help their pro se patrons. We are in the middle of a project to update them all, and I am looking for a few more volunteers from our region and other parts of the country. And a couple of states still don't have one at all. I'm looking at you Dakotas. As to format, we started with a checklist list of resources, see Nebraska <http://www.aallnet.org/sections/lisp/2014nebraska.pdf>, but some states have contributed full LibGuides, see Oklahoma <http://law.okcu.libguides.com/content.php?pid=274398>.

If you work in a law library or knows someone who works in a law library in one of these states, please email to me at hsimmons@illinois.edu to volunteer:

Nevada
New York
North Dakota
South Dakota
West Virginia

I'm setting a deadline of January 15 so you can work on this during that time in December when everyone else is on vacation.

Thanks to the MAALL members who have contributed to this project. I'd list them but I don't want to risk leaving anyone out.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Brian Striman

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First thing you'll notice about this issue is that it lacks articles. Sorry about that. No one submitted an article. We are all busy and stressed and stretched and tired and it's really hard to carve out time, let alone *think* of a topic, for an article. I get that. I'm going to help you with the TOPICS part, if you can help me with the WRITING part. Deal?

The upcoming December issue reports on programs and events of our annual conference. Those who received grants are required to write about their experience for Markings readers. There are 21 programs and I've asked for volunteers to use SignUp Genius to commit to a program that they are willing to write up a report. If you write an article with 6 paragraphs (an average paragraph is about 150 words), then the report would be 800-900 words. That's a good size. It's doable. Please watch for Brian's listserv postings to sign up for a program and sign up for a program, or two. You don't need to be a good writer. Accuracy of content is important and your thoughts and ideas that came out of the presentation are important too. But the Markings staff will polish your writing up to make you look good.

Finally, I want to direct your attention to where to go if you want to find out more details about Markings; including guidelines for submission, submission deadlines, stylistic conventions we use, and a listing of all the issues in PDF going back a few years. These are also available in HeinOnline, and our MAALL website. We have built-in redundancy in case we need the redundancy to save us from something being deleted or a website or vendor going away.

As promised: a few topics to write about. [With permission from Cindy Bassett]:

Collections

- Archives Innovations Using Technology
- Book Repair and Preservation
- Deep Dive into Scholarship Repositories
- Creation and Management Electronic Resource Management Systems
- Managing Cancellation Projects
- Managing Metadata for E-book Collections Patron Driven Acquisition
- Transitioning to (Almost) Exclusively Electronic Collections

Facilities

- Redesigning Library Spaces

Instruction

- Designing and Delivering Successful CLEs
- Instructional Assessment
- Law School Distance Education in Action
- Team-Based Learning in the Classroom
- Technology Musts for Firm Associates and Clerks
- Using Citation Management Software for Legal Resources

Management

- Data Driven Decision Making
- Designing Ongoing Training Programs for Student Workers Leading from the Middle
- Measuring Return on Investment



Marketing

- Google Analytics for Librarians
- Innovative or Interactive Library Exhibits/Displays
- Professional Development
- Fine-Tuning Presentation Skills Research Methods for Librarians

Public Services

- Customer Service
- Library Self-Service
- New Ideas in Embedded Librarianship

Technical Services

- Evolving Roles and New Relevance in Technical Services
- Library of Congress Resource Description and Access (RDA)
- Transitioning to a Shelf-Ready Books Program

Technology

- Addressing Encryption and Privacy Concerns
- Cool Tools
- Copyright and Fair Use in the Digital Age
- iPads for Practice
- Open Source Tools in Libraries Productivity Apps

Other Ideas of General Interest

- Book or Video Discussion Salon
- Emotional Labor in Law Librarianship
- Grant Writing and Funding Sources
- New Realities, More Demands, Fewer Resources
- Networking
- Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Douglas McArthur
- Robert E. Lee
- Colin Powell

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