President’s Column

When Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan starred in Sleepless in Seattle in 1993, the entire country was just waking up to the beauty of the Northwest.

This October 9-11, Bonnie Geldmacher, Chair of the Education Committee, and Alana Carson, Chair of Local Arrangements, will dazzle us again to the uniqueness of the Northwest with the 2014 WestPac Annual Conference at the University of Washington School of Law in Seattle, Washington.

2014 WESTPAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SEATTLE, WA

Starting with Thursday evening’s reception at Burke Museum, guests will experience the Ethnobotanical Garden with plants important to the Native Americans of the Northwest and exhibits including the Museum’s rare object collection.

Alana has gone the extra step for local arrangements, choosing food items familiar to the Northwest and selecting comfortable accommodations. Dine-arounds are planned for Friday night. Of course, you won’t be sleepless at the elegant Watertown Hotel, although there are a limited number of contracted rooms available, so please book now. The Watertown Hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to points of interest including the close by law school and downtown.

For those of you who have never experienced the wonders of the Gallagher Law Library, Penny Hazelton, Associate Dean for Library & Technology Services, will be hosting the lunch and business meeting in the library main study area surrounded by glass walls overlooking the campus. The educational sessions are held in the law school.

The sessions, organized by Bonnie with the Education Committee, range from Marijuana Law to Cyber Law, Legal Research Habits of Attorneys and How to Launch a Virtual Advanced Legal Research Class. I invite you to read both Alana’s and Bonnie’s articles in this issue, and to register as early as possible. Registering early for the conference, as well as for the hotel, helps a great deal with planning.

RECENT WESTPAC BUSINESS LUNCHEON IN SAN ANTONIO AT AALL

Tawnya Plumb, WestPac Secretary, provides the Minutes for the San Antonio Business Meeting in this issue of WestPac News. Unanimous approval was given for a modest dues increase, and next year, we will add PayPal as one of our registration options. I want to thank everyone who was at the Ācenar for lunch and participated in the vote, as well as those who gave committee reports.

Peter Howard, our Treasurer, and Tawnya recently reviewed the entire membership list to bring it up to date with active members. The newly formed Membership committee, chaired by Laura Tretter with Nyssa Walsh and Stephanie Midkiff, is in the process of taking over promotion of membership, as well as moving our listserv to the AALL official listserv site later this year. You will receive advance notice of the shift of the listserv to AALL and it will require no action on your part. Right now the WestPac listserv is hosted by Willamette with me as the moderator, and we need to give it to the membership committee as moderator at the AALL website for Chapter listservs.

2015 WESTPAC CONFERENCE IN HAWAII

Vicki Szymczak, Director of the Law Library in Hawaii, hosts our joint conference with CAFL in Honolulu, October 8-10, 2015. The Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries (CAFLL) is a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Pennsylvania since February, 2010. As described in their Vison Statement, CAFL works to strengthen the rule
President’s Column, continued

of law in China and the United States by recognizing the central role that professional law librarians play in collecting, organizing, and making accessible each nation’s legal information. More information can be found on CAFLL at http://caflinet.org/

Bob Hu, Co-chair of CAFLL came up with the idea over a year ago, and Vicki graciously accepted the offer, and Roberta Woods made the announcement about the joint conference last October in Vegas at our Annual Conference. Since then, we have come a long way in the early planning.

MUSINGS AND PHOTOS
As most of you do, I remember topics and details of educational programs at WestPac conferences going way back. In fact, often people note how the more intimate Chapter conferences allow us to network and learn more. Our friendships over the years continue to benefit us professionally.

I have included a photo of Bonnie, our current Vice President, and me from 1994 at the Wort Hotel in Jackson Wyoming. If you were there, you may recognize me as Rowdy at the infamous murder mystery dinner, where I dazzled Bonnie with card tricks to deflect any accusations of murder. Little did Bonnie and I know that 20 years later, the two of us would be VP and P, respectively.

In addition I have attached some recent photos. The three University Law Libraries in Oregon recently got together outside Salem for a day retreat hosted by Willamette up the mountain at a cabin. The three Directors, Tami Gierloff, Assistant Dean and Professor at Lewis and Clark, Ann Kitchel, Law Library Director at Willamette, and Mary Ann Hyatt, Director at University of Oregon appear with Willie.

Also at the retreat, Willie and I posed with Mari Cheney, Digital Resources and Reference Librarian at Lewis and Clark. Mari is our incoming Vice President/President. Willie never misses and opportunity to ham things up.

WESTPAC NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE
The unsung hero and heroines of WestPac are newsletter editors and webmasters. Thank you Harriet and David for once more putting out a dazzling edition of WestPac News.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the greatest webmaster of all time, Laureen Urquiaga. Laurie is thinking of making the site more responsive so that it will flow better on mobile devices, and she would like help from someone who may know something about building web-accessible databases from scratch. One idea is to add a social media editor and eventually convert the print newsletter into a blog. Let’s talk about all of her ideas at the Business Luncheon in Seattle, and feel free to email Laurie if you can help.

THE PRESIDENT’S PROJECT
This is my last column as President. I have worked with a lot of great people over the last two years on the Board and with the committees. WestPac is amazing! I urge anyone who has not run for office to seriously consider it. It is a great feeling to accomplish so much with so many great people.

I am thinking about starting a President’s Project. I would like to collect photos and essays written by past Presidents, describing their time with WestPac and what they are doing now. Who inspired us, what were things like, and where are we now!! That is the idea for the project. Eventually, when we have received a good number of President’s essays, we can post them on our website. If you know of any President who may not see this issue, please let them know about this project, and if you have been President, please start thinking about what you want to say. Feel free to contribute your musings. You know how to reach me, tkelly@willamette.edu

Please register now for the Seattle conference. It is better than Excedrin for the many event planners.

Thank you to the many who helped me as President.

What current or past president of WestPac braved the cold Santiam River in Oregon at a library retreat?
Thanks to David McClure and Buck Sterling for the photos.
AALL 2014 Exhibit Hall Excites and Educates Librarians

By Philippe Cloutier, Lane Powell, PC

My third annual conference was a whirlwind tour lasting Friday to Tuesday. As the newly minted President of The Law Librarians of Puget Sound (LLOPS), I had two full days of training and meetings on Friday and Saturday prior to the normal conference start. The Chapter Summit and Council of Chapter Presidents Business Meeting ignited ideas and motivations for the year to come. While I attended a number of programs and the keynote, this is the first time I really dived into the exhibit hall. This year I made it my goal to meet and thank exhibitors when possible. I spoke with some vendors in which my firm, Lane Powell PC, already has a relationship and with those the library might consider. Speaking with vendors is a great way to learn about the new tools out there and to show exhibitors that their contributions to AALL are appreciated too. I was also glad to find that the latest legal database competitor, Ravel Law, had a booth. They have been all the rage and I wanted to hear from them what makes their product top-notch. I also found that The Legal Marketing Association had a booth, and in keeping with the ideas from the Chapter Summit, I gave them my information so that our local chapters could collaborate. Not two days after the end of the conference, we are already emailing!

The exhibit hall also allows members to meet informally. It was there that Bonnie, WestPac President, and I talked about many things library and the upcoming WestPac Annual Meeting in Seattle. Talking to other local chapters, special interest sections, caucuses, etc. is also an invaluable part of the exhibit hall experience. AALL itself has a lounge and booth where people often meet and go over their conference schedules and happenings. The entire setting is abuzz. Last but not least is the exhibit hall’s poster session where librarians share their research and ideas. During lunch on Tuesday the poster making librarians were on hand to answer questions and detail their posters further. The poster session is a relatively new addition and the conference is definitely better for it. For years to come I look forward to developing and using the information and general inspiration/enthusiasm gained during AALL 2014. I am thankful to be a part of the law librarian community and am extremely thankful to WestPac and the grants committee for supporting me this year. I hope to see you in Seattle!

Grant Committee Report — Jaye Barlous

I’m excited to tell you about the winner of our AALL grant, awarded to Philippe Cloutier at the WestPac business meeting during AALL. Philippe joined WestPac in 2011. He is currently a librarian at Lane Powell, PC, in Seattle, Washington. Philippe began his law librarian career in 2008 after completing his MLIS at Syracuse University. One of his colleagues had this to say about him: “Philippe is a newer law librarian in a private law library and his level of commitment to both the local and national organizations is rarely seen this early in a professional career. He has been instrumental in the development and ongoing success of our LLOPS chapter blog. In response to his dedication and hard work in LLOPS, Philippe was asked to run for Vice-President/President-Elect after only a few years in the chapter. He currently is the Vice-President/President-Elect of LLOPS and has recently returned from the AALL Leadership Academy...” Additionally, his current manager had this to say about him: “Philippe is an excellent librarian and a delightful colleague. Within the firm, he has proven adept at managing projects, strategic in setting priorities, articulate and generous in his communication and knowledge-sharing, and intuitive in his ability to work with diverse personalities. In our professional community, he has been a ‘doer’ since the beginning – volunteering for committees, and actively participating in meetings and events.” Philippe is an obvious “winner” in many ways. Please join me in congratulating Philippe Cloutier, as the 2014 recipient of WestPac’s $750 grant to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

New Committee Member! Brian Huffman (University of Hawaii) has joined our illustrious Grants and Awards Committee team. Thank you Brian for volunteering! We lost Tawnya Plumb, who is now busy as WestPac Secretary. I want to thank Tawnya for her volunteer spirit, cheerful attitude, and all her steadfast hard work put forth towards updating the Grants webpages.
WestPac Grant Supports Member at AALL 2014 Leadership Academy

– Michele Knapp, Reference & Interlibrary Loan Librarian,
  University of San Diego Legal Research Center

The WestPac Grants and Awards Committee generously awarded me a grant to attend the AALL Leadership Academy in Oak Brook, Illinois in April. Thirty-four law librarians were selected from across the country, representing academic, government, and private law libraries. Participants came from all library departments and ranged from relatively new law librarians to directors and others with several years’ experience. Gail Johnson and Pam Parr of Face to Face Communications and Training, Inc. led the conference, combining lecture, group discussion, and activities. Gail and Pam were engaging, funny, and skilled in teaching the attributes of great leaders. Topics covered include leadership styles, communication skills, and motivation. Discussion of how each of us can be a leader every day, regardless of whether we hold management or supervisory positions, was particularly interesting.

Communication is key to strong leadership. Participants discovered where we fall on a spectrum of assertiveness and responsiveness. From there, we learned whether our dominant communication style is expressive, analytical, driver, or amiable and how to work with people whose communication styles are different than our own. Another interesting presentation focused on what motivates employees. It surprised me to learn that, typically, financial incentives do not work and that employees will do what they want to do. Most people want relevancy, pride, and security. This is good news given the current state of library budgets. However, it means administrators and department heads must know how to offer those less tangible rewards and which of them matter most to their staff.

The academy learning experience continues even since we have parted ways. Each participant was appointed a mentor – someone in a leadership position in a similar type of library as the participant, who can offer guidance and advice. We have assignments each month, wherein we comment on a reading or discuss examples of leadership that we have observed. Academy participants and mentors post comments to the 2014 AALL Leadership Academy Mentoring Program Community. Members have shared ideas they have put to use in their libraries, thoughts on how they can implement stronger leadership throughout their institution, and suggested good reads. Some recommended titles from the program and postings include:


Thank you to the WestPac Grants and Awards Committee for supporting my participation in the AALL 2014 Leadership Academy. All in all, it was a fantastic experience. In addition to acquiring new tools for working with colleagues and patrons, I established relationships that have already proven fruitful, both professionally and personally. I encourage others to apply to attend the Leadership Academy in the future, whether they aim to become a supervisor or not. The skills I learned and rapport I built have enhanced my performance and enriched my career.

Apply for a WestPac Annual Meeting Grant by August 25!

We have two grants of $500 each to be awarded to attend the WestPac Annual Meeting in sunny Seattle! No, that’s not an oxymoron! Seattle can be sunny – may be sunny – could be sunny in October. And when it’s sunny in Seattle, it’s beautiful! But you’ll never know if you don’t go, so apply now!

Of the two grants, one is unrestricted (meaning it’s available to any WestPac member) and the other is dedicated to the DJ Morrison Grant, to provide financial assistance to attend WestPac’s annual meeting for those members pursuing careers or having job responsibilities in the area of electronic services.

For more information about the grants and to access the application forms, please check out our webpage at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/grants.asp.

The WestPac Grants & Awards Committee is comprised of: Alicia Brillon, Stacey Gordon, Hilary Hardcastle, Brian Huffman, Jaye Barlous.
Greetings from Local Arrangements.

Now that AALL is behind us, we are full speed ahead with this year’s WestPac conference. We are really excited to be hosting this year’s conference at the University of Washington School of Law, and wish to extend our gratitude to Penny Hazelon and her staff at the Law Library for all of their support.

Remember to book your hotel early, as there are a limited number of contracted rooms available. If you wish to stay either pre or post conference, please call the hotel directly to get the WestPac room rate. The Watertown Hotel is conveniently located just a few blocks from the law school, and offers great amenities, such as free Wi-Fi, shuttle service to the UW and downtown Seattle, a great on-site café, free underground parking (limited spaces), and a bicycle checkout program. October can be absolutely beautiful in Seattle, and seeing it by bike is a real treat!

Our opening reception will be held at the Burke Museum, which is also within walking distance from the hotel, adjacent to the law school. Guests can mingle with colleagues, enjoy food and beverages, and view some of the permanent and special collections of the gallery. One such exhibit is the Monster Snake, said to be the largest snake ever discovered, found in a Columbian coal mine. Please visit the Burke Museum website for a full listing of permanent, special, and traveling exhibits.

Speaking of food and beverages, we plan to offer a sample of the flavors of the Pacific Northwest. Breakfasts will be bountiful, snacks healthy (who says cookies can’t be healthy ☺), and we hope to offer something for everyone (vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options will be available). If you have any dietary needs and/or restrictions, please contact Alana Carson, Local Arrangements Chair before October 6. We will do our best to accommodate you!

We are also very excited about our tours this year. In addition to the tours of the law schools (both beautiful campuses), we will be going to the Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum. Dale Chihuly is a Washington native, and has made an enormous impact on both the glass making and art communities. His work is featured all over the world, and he is well known for putting together some very large art installations. The tour takes place Saturday after the conference. Though we do have a shuttle, seating is limited, so make your reservations early.

And because Seattle is one of America’s greenest cities, we are doing what we can this year to conserve and promote environmental awareness. We are asking all conference attendees to recycle your old badge holders and lanyards from prior conferences, rather than purchasing new ones. If you don’t have any floating around, don’t fret – we will have a few at the Registration desk. If you have been collecting these over the years and wish to donate them, we will take them off your hands. We are also using compostable silverware and plates, and will have bins available at all meals.

Finally, for you Seattle natives, we are planning on doing some dine-arounds. If you have a favorite place and would like to show off your city, please contact Alana Carson. We will post information on the restaurants as they become available.

Cheers!
ON TAP for SEATTLE
- Bonnie Geldmacher, Vice President/President-Elect

Join us for a wonderful program at the WestPac annual meeting in Seattle, Washington on October 9-11, 2014 at the University of Washington, School of Law.

Ryan Calo, an assistant professor of law at the University of Washington, will be the keynote speaker. Ryan specializes in CyberLaw, privacy, robotics, and torts.

The first program is on marijuana law. Washington is the second state after Colorado to allow legal sales of marijuana. Four experts, including a representative from the Solicitor General’s office, will discuss implementation of the law, medical aspects, and issues surrounding the AG opinion that local authorities can opt out and ban sales in their jurisdictions.

Jean McElroy and Paul A. Bastine will discuss the Limited License Legal Technician (LLLT) program in Washington which authorizes non-attorneys who meet certain educational requirements to engage in the limited practice of law advising and assisting clients in approved practice areas of law. They will talk about implementation of the program, changes in the bar and legal practice, and issues related to implementation.

An important goal of legal research education is to prepare students to be successful researchers outside of the confines of law school. To help accomplish this goal, legal research professors should be familiar with the current state of legal research practice in firms and other employment settings. Shawn Nevers, Carissa Vogel, and David Armond will present a program which explores the results of recent surveys of practicing attorneys and law firm librarians regarding the legal research practices of attorneys and will suggest what these results mean for legal research education.

Do you need to research a business or individual? Kim Osis will provide tips and tricks of open source searching. Many organizations cannot afford to subscribe to paid information databases for background searching. Additionally, more and more information is not found in a subscription product but in a savvy searching of social networks and publicly accessible databases. Participants will learn how to find sources of free and reliable background information online to create a personal profile, research criminal and courts background, and more!

Patrick Charles will discuss how academic and law firm librarians can generate ideas for articles dealing with legal research and how those articles can be published. He will discuss brainstorming for article ideas and the various types of legal periodicals that will publish these articles. His focus will be on both scholarly and non-scholarly articles with tips and techniques to get them published in different types of legal periodicals.

The final program will be presented by Hilary Hardcastle, Barbara Swatt Engstrom, and Suzanne Mawhinney. They will discuss the process of transforming an in-person advanced legal research course into an online course. Their program will present the preliminary considerations involved in planning an online ALR course, as well as the librarians’ actual experiences teaching online courses. It will conclude with a discussion of the pros and cons of the distance learning format and consideration of whether all ALR courses should be taught online.

We hope you will be able to join us this year in Seattle for “what will be a thought provoking, informative and entertaining conference.”
WestPac Business Luncheon—Meeting Minutes, July 12, 2014
Submitted by Tawnya Plumb, Secretary

Present: 25 WestPac members and Thomson Reuters representative, Heather Heen

I. Introduction
Bonnie Geldmacher welcomed all to Ácenar and thanked Heather Heen from Thomson Reuters for their contribution to the WestPac luncheon. Bonnie then invited everyone in attendance to self-introduce and share something that they are good at. WestPac members are good at making babies, cooking, cycling, taking care of pets, organizing, caring for grandchildren, gardening, and much, much more.

II. Treasurer’s Report
Bonnie handed out the Treasurer’s report on behalf of Peter Howard.

III. Secretary’s Report
Tawnya Plumb reported that WestPac has 73 renewed members which includes 6 new members. In addition, WestPac has 29 life members. Our renewed membership is about 30 shy of last year, so Peter and Tawnya emailed members who have not yet renewed. Initial response from the email campaign was positive with many individuals and institutions replying that they would renew.

IV. Nominations Committee
Debora Person spoke for the Nominations Committee on behalf of Tami Gierloff. Tami shares her thanks to those who voted and to those who ran in the elections.

V. Public Relations Committee
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson encouraged everyone to stop by the WestPac table in the exhibit hall. She thanked Alana Carlson for providing Seattle conference materials to make for a great table.

VI. Membership Committee
Bonnie announced that Laura Tretter is the new chair of the Membership Committee. Laura will be working on converting the WestPac email distribution list from Willamette to the AALL service.

VII. Grants and Awards Committee
Jaye Barlous shared the many changes to the committee roster and requested a volunteer to fill a vacant seat. Prior to departing from the committee, Karen Selden worked with the committee to revise their webpage. As part of this project, Jaye and Tawnya combed through newsletters to compile a list of grant winners to add to the website. The paper trail is sometimes sketchy, so expect an email from Jaye to invite you to catch what was missed. There will also be a new webpage on how to apply for grants. The WestPac annual meeting will be in Hawaii in 2015, so the committee expects a lot of action. In 2014, two $500 grants will be available for the conference in Seattle, the WestPac annual meeting grant and the DJ Morrison grant.

VIII. Government Relations Committee
David McFadden asked the committee representatives in attendance to raise their hands and thanked them for their work. He then announced that the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA) has been enacted by WestPac member states California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, and Oregon. Work for adoption is underway in Utah and Washington. He also mentioned a post he sent to the WestPac email list regarding HR 4195 which proposes the elimination of print CFRs and indexes. David encouraged everyone to send a letter to their representatives in opposition.

IX. Newsletter Committee
David McClure shared co-editor Harriet Zook’s thanks to those who have contributed to the newsletter. He encouraged members to think about making a contribution to the newsletter with all things fun or frivolous. Members may be contacted for a WestPac Q&A column. The next newsletter will arrive in August, with submissions requested by the end of July. The committee asks that members please share their ideas.

X. Site Selection Committee
Bonnie thanked Dennis Sears for his work on the Site Selection Committee. The 2015 annual meeting will be a joint conference in Hawaii with the Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries (CAFLL). The meeting will be held October 8-10th (Thursday through Saturday), and members are encouraged to plan a cruise afterwards. Conference planners are looking into housing opportunities.

XI. Other Announcements
• Bonnie passed around brochures for the WestPac annual meeting in Seattle to be held Oct. 9-11th, 2014. Ryan Calo from the University of Washington will be the keynote speaker. Program topics include marijuana law legislation, limited license legal technicians, legal research practices, open source searching, getting published, and the flipped classroom. Bonnie concluded with the praise “Alana is awesome!”
• Kathy Carlson shared that WestPac Willie now has a hat thanks to Harriet Zook.
• Bonnie thanked all committees for their work.

XII. Presentation of Grant
Jaye presented the 2014 AALL Conference Grant to Philippe Cloutier of Lane Powell, PC. Philippe received his Masters in Library and Information Science from Syracuse University in 2008 and previously interned at Perkins Coie. Jaye reported that Philippe’s colleagues said his level of commitment is rarely seen this early in a professional career and referred to him as a delightful colleague. Congratulations, Philippe!

XIII. Voting on Dues Increase
Bonnie read the rationale of increasing WestPac dues. Dues for Active Members would increase from $15.00 to $20.00 and dues for Associate Members (those not officially connected with a law library) would increase from $20.00 to $25.00. Annual dues for Student and Retired Members would remain the same at $12.50. Life members are not required to pay dues. David McFadden moved to vote on the increase, and Brian Huffman seconded. Without discussion, the motion passed in a unanimous oral vote. A quorum of over 20 renewed members were present.
Registration is Open for Mastering the Art of Budgeting: A Librarian’s Approach

With the constant pressure to utilize dollars effectively, librarians need to understand what it costs to run their department. According to a recent Citibank survey, library expense is one of the top five expenses for a law firm. Most of our libraries have budgets that are larger than the majority of small businesses in the U.S. Join us for our September webinar, Mastering the Art of Budgeting: A Librarian’s Approach, on Thursday, September 18, at 11 a.m. CDT where three panelists will discuss budgeting processes, why it’s important for librarians to be involved, and insights from finance about what’s important to the firm. Librarians should be seen as fiscally responsible when it comes to preparing and administering the library budget.

Registration is now open. This webinar is $30 for AALL members and $60 for nonmembers, and site registration (one per physical location) is $150.

Save the Dates for the AALL Management Institute:
March 26-28, 2015

The 2015 AALL Management Institute will be held at the Palomar Hotel in Chicago. The management institute will provide participants the opportunity to build management skills, collaborate with colleagues from different types of libraries, learn in a small group setting, and develop techniques to manage with confidence. More information will be available soon!

Pick of the Month - What Makes a Librarian Worth a Million Bucks?

AALL’s Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: What Makes a Librarian Worth a Million Bucks? Valuing Staff, Resources, and Services When Dollars are Scarce

In recent years, libraries have been faced with ever-increasing budget cuts. Therefore, librarians must be able to accurately and concretely demonstrate the value of the library to their law firms and law schools. In this presentation, two law firm library managers provide a practical, dollars-and-cents approach to determining and demonstrating the value of your library. The presenters demonstrate how to apply the “Value Assurance Cycle” (Audit > Align > Appraise > Act) to your library’s elements: staff, resources, and services. The presenters include worksheets for accurately calculating costs and value. They also provide creative tips for demonstrating and highlighting the value of your library’s assets, including soft skills, through use of charts, graphs, and storytelling.

Find this and more free continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members on AALL2go!
Call for Nominations for the Distinguished Member Award

The Grants and Award Committee is accepting nominations for the Distinguished Member Award. This prestigious award recognizes a history of service to the Chapter or exceptional service and/or achievements in the profession. The award is presented at the annual fall meeting. Nominations should include an outline of the individual's achievements, an explanation of why the individual should be considered, and 3 letters of support. Only WestPac members may be considered. Current officers and board members are not eligible. One or more of the following criteria must be met: (1) special or exceptional service to the Chapter; (2) sustained record of service to the Chapter; (3) sustained achievement in the profession.

Applications are due by Tuesday, September 2, 2014. So that gives you the whole holiday weekend to complete this — no excuses. For more details, and to see last year’s amazing honorees, click on this link: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/distinguished.asp.

Publicity Committee — Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson

If you're new to WestPac and don't know the story of our furry and famous mascot, Willy, or even if you've been around for a while and need a smile, check out this link: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/willy.asp

Here you can learn the history of Willy and even better, see Willy in action, as you scroll through the "Where in the World is Willy WestPac" PDF. That hoofed creature has seen some travels, that's for sure. And it's great to see some old friends. It might be time to send Willy on some further WestPac adventures ... what do you think?

Internet Stumble —

I stumbled across this the other day. It is a free web application that lets you create a digital picture of your own customized catalog card. You just fill in the form and "make it." I thought it could be used for any number of different things — greeting cards, announcements, promotions or whatever your imagination comes up with.

Check out the Catalog Card Generator.
CALIFORNIA

The Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento is celebrating. Fall 2013 marked the beginning of its 90th academic year, with the law school being chartered in November of 1924. Harriet Zook is astounded that she has been working at McGeorge for over a third of that time. – Harriet Zook

IDAHO

John Hasko retired in June as the Director of the University of Idaho Law Library and is moving to Durango, Colorado. We welcomed Helane Davis (formerly Albany Law School) as the new Director of the Law Library on July 7. – Ruth Funabiki

OREGON

Lysa Hall retired in April from Willamette University College of Law Library in Salem. Joni Herbst at University of Oregon in Eugene retired but was under contract until July. Mary Rumsey (formerly Foreign, Comparative & International Law Librarian at University of Minnesota Law Library) will join the public services team on reference the last week of August.

UTAH

Librarians at the University of Utah Law Library have been busy weeding the entire collection this summer as they prepare to move into their new building next spring. Gems that were discovered (and then discarded) include “Microcomputers for Lawyers” from 1983 and “The Truth About Drugs” from 1971, complete with a Glossary of Drug Users’ Slang. The new library will be integrated into the new building with books and study spaces located on all floors. – Suzanne Darais

The S.J. Quinney Law Library at the University of Utah, was also awarded an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant of $45,181 to digitize Utah Supreme Court briefs from 1929-2000 and make them publicly accessible on the web. The Howard Hunter Law Library at Brigham Young University is partnering with them in the Utah Supreme Court Briefs Digitization Project. Anyone with questions about the project is welcome to contact Valeri Craigie at the Quinney Law Library, who is heading up the project. Or read more about it here. – Melissa Bernstein

WASHINGTON

Kristin Cheney, Seattle University School of Law, retired at the end of June. Kara Phillips is the new director at Seattle U.

WESTPAC NEWS ARCHIVE PROJECT COMPLETED

The scanning of the older issues (pre-1997) of WestPac News has been completed. The issues will be available on the website by the first of September.
A column featuring WestPac members and the five questions. This issue’s Q&A is Kerry Fitz-Gerald. After deciding practicing law was not for her, Kerry started her library career as a part-time law librarian at the Public Law Library of King County. With their encouragement, she got her MLIS and became a reference librarian at the Seattle University Law Library in 2002. In addition to her reference work, she co-teaches a variety of advanced legal research courses. In her spare time, she cooks, eats, and thinks about food.

1. **What is the best advice you ever received about working as a law librarian?**

   I started my career at the Public Law Library of King County. The fabulous folks there taught me that it’s ok to respond to a patron by saying “I don’t know. Let’s see if we can figure something out. Perhaps you can tell me more about what you’re looking for.” I can’t count the number of times this has helped me either to understand what the real reference question is (which is often not what the patron starts with) or to buy enough time to figure out a strategy.

2. **What is your favorite app?**

   I’m not a big app user—I only recently upgraded from my dumb phone to a smartphone—but I was pretty appreciative of the WatchESPN app during the World Cup.

3. **What book title best represents your day-to-day work life?**

   Hmm, this is a hard one, since on any given day there might be a dozen different titles that could apply. I think I’ll go with *Alice’s Adventures In Wonderland* since it so aptly captures the logic, absurdity and puzzles that characterize law librarianship.

4. **If money was not an issue, what new library service would you offer in your library?**

   If money were not an issue, I’d hire more librarians. And with those librarians, I’d add reference desks in other parts of the law school. We have a separate building, known as the Annex, which houses our clinics, externships and journals. I love to be able to put a librarian there to make it easier for students to get help with their most research intensive work.

5. **What is something important you have learned at a WestPac Annual Meeting?**

   I love WestPac meetings not only for their programming—some of the most interesting programs I’ve attended over the years were at WestPac—but also for the community. I’ve always come away from meetings thinking ”Wow, those are some terrific people.” Maybe it’s the smaller size of the organization, maybe it’s that people from the Western Pacific region are just inherently cooler, but I’ve always felt connected and welcomed at meetings.
Sue Ludington
– Assistant Law Librarian, Washington County (OR) Law Library

Is this your first law library position?
I was able to get my foot in the door at the Washington County Law Library (WCLL) as a part-time library assistant starting in August 2012. In July 2013, the full-time, Assistant Law Librarian position opened. I eagerly applied and was ecstatic to eventually be offered the job. So technically I’m in my second position at this law library, but I still feel like a newbie Law Librarian!

What did you do before coming to your present position? School, work, etc.? I received my MLIS from the University of Washington’s Information School in 2002, and enjoyed a decade as a public librarian primarily involved with teen services. In 2011, I decided I needed a change and liked how county law librarianship would allow me to continue serving the public but with increased intellectual challenges (which I’ve learned I need in my work life!). I completed a Paralegal Studies program around the same time I began as a paraprofessional at WCLL.

Any particular surprises you’ve encountered in the profession? Perhaps naive, but I expected that attorneys, particularly ones with a few years under their belt, would know how to research legal materials better than I (at this stage in my career, anyway 😉). However, I’ve discovered this isn’t always the case. Similarly, I once assumed all attorneys, at least every so often, conducted legislative histories and was surprised when I – with only 8 months’ experience – could actually teach one particular lawyer (who’d been practicing for years) the basics!

What do you enjoy doing when you’re not at work? A typical Northwesterner, I love hiking/climbing, yoga, crossword-puzzling, and reading. I also enjoy bird watching and seeing live music.

Last book read? I recently finished both A Supposedly Fun Thing I’ll Never Do Again by David Foster Wallace and Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann this past month.

Last movie seen? Searching for Sugar Man (in theaters – a long time ago, now!) and Copyright Criminals, Bernie, and Catfish (on DVD)

Nyssa J. Walsh
– Electronic Services Librarian, State of Oregon Law Library

Is this your first law library position? It is!

What did you do before coming to your present position? School, work, etc.? Before I came to the State of Oregon Law Library I worked mostly in academic libraries. My previous position was at the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine—quite a culture shift!

Any particular surprises you’ve encountered in the profession? My biggest surprise was meeting our Supreme Court Justices. I don’t know what I expected, but all of them have been welcoming, kind and helpful. They always introduced themselves by their first names, so I often didn’t know I had met a Justice until I read their name in the newspaper!

What do you enjoy doing when you’re not at work? I love spending time with my one year old daughter! She’s learning to run so it’s always an adventure trying to keep up with her!

Last book read? I just finished Lexicon by Max Barry. I definitely recommend it!

Last movie seen? Just re-watched Star Trek: Into Darkness.
WESTPAC TREASURER’S REPORT

Submitted by Peter Howard, Treasurer

ACCOUNT ACTIVITIES FROM APRIL 1—JULY 7, 2014

I. Business Checking Balance as of July 7, 2014 $12,395.70

Receipts
  AALL Business Meeting Luncheon; sponsorships, membership dues
Total Receipts $2,344.43

Expenditures
  Annual Meeting expenses, chapter reception (San Antonio; filing fee, PO rental
Total Expenditures $935.22

II. Business Market Account

Balance as of July 7, 2014 $10,827.76

III. CD

Balance as of July 7, 2014 $0 (closed)

Notes to be reported during the 2014 Business Luncheon:

- Our 12 month CD matured at the end of June. This account and our Business Market Account have provided us with similar rates of return, yet the CD included limitations on accessing funds in the account. Because the CD Account was not providing any recognizable benefit beyond what our Business Market Account was, we closed the account July 1, 2014 during our annual 7 day grace period. Funds from the CD ($5,547.70) were rolled into our Business Market Account.
- We had 28 attendees for our Annual Business Meeting Luncheon at Acenar Hotmex during AALL last month in San Antonio, TX. Thank you to everyone for participating in the Meeting and helping make it a success!
- In case you haven’t heard, registration for the 2014 WestPac Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA is now open. Registration and payment can be completed entirely online (http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/2014seattle/index.asp). Early-bird registration lasts until Sept. 9.

Job Opportunity

RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTION LIBRARIAN

The Howard W. Hunter Law Library at Brigham Young University seeks applicants for the position of Research and Instruction Librarian, a professional faculty position (continuing status track), to begin January 2015. The position is open until filled. Application review begins on September 2, 2014.

A full job description is available at: https://yjobs.byu.edu/postings/4359

This position requires a Juris Doctor degree, and a Master of Library Science degree (or equivalent) is preferred. Relevant experience in an academic law library is also preferred. Applicants must have significant experience conducting in-depth legal research. Qualified applicants must also possess strong interpersonal communication skills, both oral and written; a deep commitment to providing excellent service to faculty, students, and the general public; a proven ability to work effectively in a team; creative problem-solving skills; and competency in using both electronic and print legal research sources, as well as relevant technologies.

For further information contact Shawn Nevers, Search Committee Chair, at neverss@law.byu.edu

Save the Date
WestPac Swims Ashore in Oahu, October 8-10, 2015

In 2015, WestPac and the Chinese American Forum on Legal Information and Libraries (CAFLL) will host a joint conference on the beautiful island of Oahu. The two organizations held an initial planning meeting in San Antonio at the AALL conference and are excited to announce an extended meeting of three full days, rather than WestPac’s usual day and a half. The program will begin on Thursday morning, October 8, with an opening reception that evening, and conclude after a full day of programming on Saturday. If you’re lucky enough to have Columbus Day off, you’ll have the rest of the long weekend to enjoy a Hawaiian vacation.

WestPac and CAFLL will work together on programming. Do you have an idea the education committee should consider? Submit it to Mari Cheney, incoming Education Committee Chair.
Aloha West-Pac! The Aloha State is excited to greet you for the October 2015 Annual Meeting!
—Vicki Szymczak, Director of the Law Library in Hawaii

Many people know of the word “aloha” and know it to be used in greeting or when saying farewell. But aloha is more than just a word of greeting. It is an expression of love and of a way of life that is sometimes called the Aloha Spirit. The way of aloha is deeply rooted in Hawaiian tradition. It is so deeply rooted that we have a law requiring everyone in Hawaii to practice aloha. It is called the Aloha Spirit Law and it has quite a “spirited” legislative history (Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 5-7.5). Codification of indigenous law is just one of the fascinating features of Hawaiian law that delights legal scholars and researchers from all over the world! We can talk story about Hawaiian legal history all day – and I know you would be captivated - but let me help orient you to our 50th state in preparation for your 2015 visit.

The annual meeting will be held on the island of O‘ahu, one of the eight main islands in the Hawaiian archipelago. Oahu was known as “the gathering place” by native Hawaiians, making it a fitting location for our 2015 meeting. The local arrangements committee (that would be everyone who works at the William S. Richardson School of Law Library) is currently scouting “gathering” locations on the University of Hawaii campus, downtown Honolulu, and Waikiki. In Hawaiian, Waikiki means “spouting waters” and refers to the streams and rivers that ran through the area prior to development. Waikiki is a neighborhood within the city of Honolulu, which means “sheltered bay,” of which there are very few on O‘ahu. The University of Hawaii campus is located in the neighborhood of Mānoa at the edge of the rainforest overlooking Honolulu. Whatever the location, I am sure you will be comfortable.

Frequently, visitors do not venture off the beaches of Waikiki. The beaches are lovely and safe, the hotels are never more than two blocks from the surf, you can take a surf lesson or paddle a canoe in the morning, and then stroll down Kalakaua Avenue past Gucci, Rolex, Prada, and Coach... well, and you get the picture! We hope to lure you to parts less frequented during our down time. As we get closer to our conference date, please look for an email asking West Pac members to crowd source our extracurricular activities. We can stroll through Waimea Valley, take a historic walking tour of beautiful downtown Honolulu, enjoy a sunset dinner cruise, attend a Hawaiian music concert, visit the state archives where Hawaiians trace their genealogy, and hopefully, visit LLMC. That’s right West Pacers – the venerable LLMC to which we are all indebted to for their preservation efforts is located on the windward side of the island in Kāne‘ohe. When the call goes out for crowdsourcing, please make your voice heard as there are so many possibilities and we only have a few days! Not to mention our educational activities...

West Pac will be holding a joint conference with the Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries (http://caflnet.org). It promises to be a historical event and provides opportunities for us to share information about our libraries and our profession with deans and librarians from Chinese law schools, and to learn how legal education is transforming throughout the Asia Pacific region. As a member of both professional groups, I know that the educational programming at the 2015 annual meeting will be exciting and transnational. We will be the envy of all AALL chapters!

To help you get ready for your trip to Hawaii, you will need to expand your vocabulary. The Hawaiian language is composed of 13 letters including the 5 vowels. The result is that there are a lot of words with lots of vowels in them. When in doubt about how to pronounce a word, pronounce each letter and you have a better than 50% chance that you have said it correctly. I recommend Ulukau to help you make a translation: http://wehewehe.org > select English Text on top.

See you in Seattle kokua! (Don’t know what kokua means? Look it up!)
Blast from the Past

A LAW LIBRARIAN’S DECALOGUE

1. Thou shalt be slow to judge a fool, lest his wisdom exceed his knowledge and thou be condemned by thine own judgment.

2. Thou shalt not be wise in thine own conduct; thy wages are paid thee for knowing these things.

3. Thou shalt curb thy zeal; a small stream quencheth the thirst, but a flood washeth away the camel.

4. Thou shalt not swat a fly with a sledge-hammer.

5. Thou shalt give food and drink unto the wayfarer lost within thy gates.

6. Confess thine imperfections that all men may know thee as brother; be not proud in perfection, lest all men turn and rend thee.

7. Thou shalt do equal justice to all; if thy rule be evil, change it, but make thou no exceptions.

8. Thou shalt not harden thy heart against those seeking knowledge, but deal with them in loving kindness.

9. Thou shalt serve all people gladly, for out of the common treasury cometh thy food and raiment.

10. Thou shalt remember that there are no little people or unimportant questions, but thy brother seeking help.

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