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President's Column:

It seems such a short time since our highly successful September meeting in Iowa City. But, a month has transpired and projects for the new year beckon, even insist that we give them our attention. Priorities for the new year in the Mid-America chapter include

1) resource sharing in the broadest sense
2) more formalized communication to enhance both the resource sharing and our cohesion as a group.

The resource sharing is yet to be defined by the group. It may be brief and occasional staff exchanges to effect professional growth and to transfer technical expertise from one library to another; alternatively, such sharing may be limited to new information contributed by members of this association to the Newsletter editor and disseminated through the medium of that publication. The Newsletter itself, of course, is the vehicle for more frequent and formal communication among us.

MAALL Committees 1980-81

A list of committees and their members for the 1980-81 year is appended. Many MAALL members have agreed to serve on these committees to bring their good ideas and energy to the task. If there is anyone whose name does not appear on the list who is interested in working on a committee, that individual should call Liz Kelly at (618) 536-7711.

Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson:

Laurel Wendt
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois

(Laurel's present charge is to recommend only changes which will conform our document to our practice.)

Directory Committee:

Cheryl Rae Nyberg, Chair
University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

Dale Magariel
Morrison, Hecker, Curtis, Kuder and Parrish
Kansas City, Missouri

Mark Linneman, Ex-Officio
University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

(Cheryl and her committee will be compiling a directory of 1980 and 1981 paid members.)
Local Arrangements Committee:

John Christensen, Co-Chair
Washburn University Law Library, Topeka, Kansas

Roger Brooks, Co-Chair
Kansas Supreme Court Library, Topeka, Kansas

Membership Chairperson:

Avis Forsman
Kutak, Rock & Huie, Omaha, Nebraska

(MAALL members, please advise Avis of any new librarians who are not members of MAALL. She will send them a letter about the association.)

Placement Chairperson:

Lori Hunt
Shook, Hardy & Bacon, Kansas City, Missouri

(MAALL members, please advise Lori of any librarian positions which become vacant in your area. The Newsletter will carry any position advertisements which employers submit.)

Program Committee:

Kit Kreilick, Chair
St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

Tranne Pearce
May Department Stores Company, St. Louis, Missouri

Sharon Pickett
Davis, Hockenberg, Wine, Brown and Koehn, Des Moines, Iowa

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Local Arrangements 1981 MAALL Meeting
Law Library Director
Washburn University Law Library, Topeka, Kansas

Ann Puckett
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois

Carol Boast, Ex-Officio
University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois
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Eileen Searls, Chair  
St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

John Edwards  
University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri

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University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

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University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

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University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri

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University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Missouri - Bruce Frost  
Missouri Supreme Court, Jefferson City, Missouri

Nebraska - Patti Carstens  
Baird-Holm, Omaha, Nebraska

(The next issue of the newsletter will appear in January, 1981.  
January 9 is the deadline for state liaisons and any other  
contributing member to get their information to Tom Hanley at  
University of Missouri-Columbia Law Library.)

(MAALL members, please advise your state liaison of any local  
professional employment news, notes on items in the professional  
literature, calendar items, etc. Keep an eye open for brief  
items which might be of interest to others and which could be  
reprinted in the Newsletter.)

Fall Meeting 1981:

Mark your calendar now for the 1981 Annual Mid-American  
Meeting which will be in Topeka, Kansas, September 11 and 12. A  
tentative prospectus from the Local Arrangements Chairpersons is  
elsewhere in this newsletter. Kit Kreilick and her committee  
will be working on the program and would welcome your input.
Fall 1981 MAALL Meeting Plans

The 1981 annual meeting will be held Friday and Saturday, September 11 and 12, in Topeka, Kansas.

The Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by John Christensen and Roger Brooks, is already at work to ensure that your stay in the Sunshine State's Capital will be affordable as well as memorable.

Lodging prices will be modest at the Ramada Inn Downtown. Special features of the meeting will include cook's tour of the new 200,000 volume Supreme Court Law Library and Washburn University's Law Library.

Friday evening, September 12, will be all pleasure and no business with a cash bar and dinner-theatre at Warehouse-on-the-Landing.

Program content is the province of the committee chaired by Kit Kreilick. MAALL members will be surveyed for suggestions and preferences for extending the meeting length. Tentatively, therefore, the schedule for Friday and Saturday will be:

11 Sept:  **Friday morning**

- Council of Mid-America Law School Librarians
  - (7:30 - 9:00)
- Registration
- Tour of Kansas Judicial Center with emphasis on Kansas Supreme Court Law Library
- Luncheon

**Friday afternoon**

- Program
- Tour of Washburn Law Library

**Friday evening**

- Cash Bar and Dinner-Theater
- Hospitality Suite at Ramada

12 Sept: **Saturday morning**

- Breakfast
- Program
- Business Meeting

**Saturday afternoon**

- Closing luncheon

More details will be announced later.
The 8th annual business meeting of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries was convened at 10:45 a.m., Saturday, September 13, 1980, at the University of Iowa Law School, Iowa City, Iowa, with Robert Kelly presiding. Charlie Dyer gave the treasurer's report. Dues paid at the annual meeting or in contemplation of it apply to the next fiscal year. As of September 11, 1980, the Chapter's balance was $1,400.00.

Bruce Frost, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee to Discuss Terms of Service of Elected Officers, gave his report. Five of eight regional chapters have two-year terms. His report was accepted and a proposal to leave the M.A.A.L.L. officer terms as are passed. Bruce gave the Nomination Committee's report as published. The following nominees were elected to office:

Carol Boast       Vice President and President-Elect
Joanne Vogel     Secretary
Mark Linneman    Treasurer

Robert Kelly turned the gavel over to the new chairperson, Elizabeth Kelly. She introduced Frances Gates, President of A.A.L.L. He reported on the major activities of the association. A Task Force on Law Libraries is being set up to study a proposal for a National Law Library. Elizabeth Kelly announced the committee structure for the next year. The meeting was adjourned.
MAALL Placement

The MAALL Placement Committee will function as a clearinghouse for openings in the membership area. These positions may be professional, paraprofessional, full or part-time, for any type of law library. In order to be effective, we will need help from prospective employers to keep us posted on positions to be filled.

Anyone interested in law library positions is invited to register with Placement. Job notices will be sent to registrants as soon as they are received by the Placement Chairperson.

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20th Floor Mercantile Bank Tower
1101 Walnut
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
(816) 474-6550

From Arkansas-Fayetteville

The most important activity so far this Fall has been the curriculum-related development of the collection. The Law School has begun a new Agriculture and the Law Program, and the library has received a $30,000 budget supplementation to purchase materials in this area. The library is also building collections to support two courses which will be offered for the first time next semester: Commodity Future Contracts and Trading (apparently the only course in the country on this subject), and International Protection of Human Rights.

From University of Illinois Law Library

Carol Boast was appointed Acting Law Librarian as of August, 1980. Nancy Johnson assumed the role of Acting Head of Reference, also effective August, 1980. Cheryl Nyberg returned to the University of Illinois, after a year as Circulation Librarian at the University of Kentucky. Cheryl is presently Circulation/Reference Librarian. Fortunately, the various departments in the library acquired additional clerical and student help, thus enabling the professional staff to provide additional public services.

The University of Illinois Library acquired Illinois Supreme Court Records and Briefs from 1930-1960. If you are in need of these materials, supply Nancy Johnson with the appropriate docket numbers.

From University of Missouri-Columbia

UMC is in the process of acquiring an OCLC terminal in anticipation of doing its own cataloging and automated inter-library loan.
From Southern Illinois Law Library

Elizabeth Matthews just returned from two weeks in Greece. Liz Kelly reports that the staff is busy selecting furniture and equipment for their new building. It is refreshing to hear that the building plans are on schedule.

CORRECTION!!

A mailing from John Christensen to Mid-America Law School Librarians on October 3 contained an incorrect telephone number. Washington University Law Library's phone number should be 889-6459 on the "consolidated list" and on the "St. Louis phone numbers" list.

On the same mailing, the Dean of the Drake Law School should be listed as Richard Calkins.
Membership Form - Mid-American Association of Law Libraries - 1981 Calendar year

Name______________________________________________________________

Employer__________________________________________________________

Title_______________________________________________________________

Street________________________________________________________________

City________________________State_________________________Zip Code_____

Business Phone #____________________________________________________

Please enclose a five dollar ($5.00) check payable to the Mid-American Association of Law Libraries and send to: Mark Linneman, MAALL Treasurer, University of Iowa Law Library, Iowa City, Iowa 52242. THANK YOU.

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M.A.A.L.L. MEMBERSHIP

Now is the time to renew or begin your membership in M.A.A.L.L. Membership in our association brings, beside the camaraderie and contact with other law librarians in the region, tangible benefits easily worth more than the annual fee. The five dollars ($5.00) brings a subscription to this Newsletter, a reduced registration fee for our annual convention, and receipt of our new membership directory. This directory, to include all members, will allow easier access to other law librarians in the region.

Those who paid their fee at the convention are fully paid through the 1981 calendar year, no additional dues are necessary.
It's been less than a month since we met in Iowa City, but the planning for our next meeting is already under way. One concern at the last get-together was over the lack of time—both scheduled and unscheduled—and so we are thinking of expanding the time frame a bit next year. Because what we decide upon for a schedule may determine if you can attend, we'd like to have your input. And since 'tis the season to be polling, we're asking for your views by means of the following questionnaire. If you could respond by November 1, I would be most grateful.

Thanks.

Kit Kreilick, Program Chair, 1981 Meeting

1. Do you think we need more meeting time?  ____ Yes  ____ No

2. If we expand our time frame, which option would your prefer?
   ____ Begin earlier (e.g., 9 A.M. on Friday and wind up by noon on Saturday
   ____ Begin at noon on Friday and continue into the afternoon on Saturday

3. How would you prefer to allocate the extra time?
   (Choose any that apply)
   ____ More presentations
   ____ More informal question and answer sessions following presentations
   ____ More break/unscheduled time
   ____ More time for the Business Meeting
4. Please indicate the type of library your represent:

___ Academic
___ Law firm
___ Court or Bar
___ Corporate

5. ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIANS:

Assuming the Academic Law Libraries Group will continue to meet at MAALL, which meeting time would you prefer?

___ Friday morning before MAALL General Program (assuming we start as noon)

___ Saturday afternoon after lunch (assuming MAALL Program ends at noon)

___ Saturday evening (if MAALL Program continues into Saturday afternoon)

6. Comments or other suggestions regarding scheduling:

PLEASE COMPLETE BY NOVEMBER 1 and return to:

Kit Kreilick, Assoc. Law Librarian
St. Louis University Law Library
3700 Lindell Blvd.
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Survey on Topics for Discussion at the Fall '81 Meeting
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The deadline for information to be printed in the May newsletter is Friday, May 8. The newsletter will be sent out Friday, May 15.
Dear MAALL Colleagues:

I am writing this on a chilly Carbondale day wondering if we will all find the travel money to get to Washington, D.C., this summer. My travel agent told me she expected air fares to be up by 35% by mid-June. I don't know whether to believe it or not! But, I did discover I could buy the ticket now and have it billed to the library and freeze the price. Later, I can change the routing, the dates, even the traveller's name, still maintaining the original price. If that is news to any of you, perhaps you can use it to make more predictable your summer convention costs.

The convention program looks like it will be worth the price of admission; of course, the city itself is an attraction second to none. By now you know the program will have a heavy practical orientation as will the Institute preceding the Convention, which will be at the University of Virginia Law School this year, on the topic: Management of the Computerization of Library Processes. A mailing on the Institute is due shortly. The practicality of both programs may well help our members justify travel funds.

Chapters have been advised that Monday, June 29th is the day for Chapter breakfasts. The two least expensive breakfasts are 1) coffee, juice and danish, which will probably cost about $6.00 and 2) scrambled eggs, bacon, coffee, juice and pastry for about $10.50. I foresee a heavy loss of breakfast companions to SWALL on Monday morning because of the high degree of overlap between SWALL and MAALL. Yet, we had a fine turnout for our first breakfast in St. Louis last year, and it seemed to be enjoyed by all. Therefore, I have developed an alternative time with the approval of Program Chair Betty Taylor: Wednesday, July 1, at 7:30 a.m. I have tentatively reserved a room and selected the cheaper menu after an informal unscientific survey of some MAALL members. Perhaps, after a demanding convention schedule and gastronomic indulgence, Wednesday morning's continental breakfast will draw together a goodly company of MAALL members, even those with dual chapter membership. Please plan on joining us. Reservation forms will be in the May MAALL Newsletter.

More anon,

(signed) Elizabeth Slusser Kelly
President, Mid-American Association of Law Libraries
"LEXIS Phone Calls"

When using the LEXIS phone system through St. Louis, allow at least twenty rings of the phone before giving up and hanging up. Many of the LEXIS phones are in out of the way places in their respective libraries and take time to reach. If we are to use these phones effectively for interlibrary loan contacts and other possible cooperative projects, we have to give each other the opportunity to get to the phone. - ed.

ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE CHANGES PROPOSED FOR AALL

Following is a letter from David A. Thomas, Professor of Law and Law Librarian at Brigham Young University, addressed to Robert Oakley, and circulated to chapter presidents by AALL President, Francis Gates.

June 25, 1980
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Friends:

What I have learned from our annual meeting in St. Louis persuades me that several factors have now brought us to an extremely important juncture in the development of our association. I describe these factors as the following:

* The governance relationship between the association and its chapters and special interest sections is to be studied and possibly modified in the next year or so.

* The education committee is attempting to develop a comprehensive and systematic philosophy and program for educational efforts of the association, seeking particularly to determine if these educational endeavors and certification should become interrelated.

* A thorough revision of the association's constitution and bylaws is nearing its final stages.

* In addition to the chapter and special interest section issue referred to above, the constitutional revision effort must respond to suggestions that association membership be more restrictive in order to raise the level of professionalism among the members.

* With the rapid growth in association membership and proportionately fewer opportunities to serve in association assignments that are national in scope, the task of the nominating committee to find and put forward the most qualified candidates for association office has become much more difficult.

* The creation of the Executive Director position for the association is a development with much more potential, although the responsibilities for this office are as yet undefined.
The association finds itself now, as at all times in its history, faced with the challenge of improving the recognition of professional status accorded its members.

In my judgment, these important factors can be brought together in a manner that will go far toward meeting that challenge. What I propose below for consideration may look like the work of a futurist, which I am not, yet I am convinced that these long-range implications must be considered now in order to make the wisest choices in resolving the issues confronting us. The proposal below would indisputably insure our recognition as a profession by assisting its members to be genuinely professionally qualified. It would insure that the association would play a meaningful, essential role in its members' professional development. It would also disturb the professional complacency and comfort of many. I hope that not only can the following be viewed as a vision of the future, but as a program for immediate planning and progress toward that revision.

I propose the following as an integrated approach to the issues we must shortly resolve:

1. Under guidelines adopted by the association, law librarians should be invited to seek certification and recognized specialization. Requirements for these designations would be a combination of education, experience, in-service continuing education and examination. The executive director, in consultation with all interested members and groups, would be responsible for proposing designations, requirements, standards and evaluation instruments and procedures. As general guidance, it would be specified that new members would be simply designated as "members" and would be granted a period of time in which to either certify or move into "associate member" status. Certified members would have full activity and voting privileges. Members with lesser formal education attainments could achieve certification by meeting heavier continuing education and examination requirements. Present members would face less onerous requirements for achieving certification and specialization but should in most cases probably not be altogether exempt therefrom.

2. The chapters would be the primary instrumentality for administering the certification and specialization programs, both in the educational and evaluation aspects. The special interest sections would remain extant only in those subject areas reflected in the recognized specialties and certification requirements. They would be the resources used by the executive director in refining the educational requirements and programs, and section members in each of the chapters would be the primary resources for providing specialized continuing education within the chapters. Probably the present type-of-library special interest sections would no longer exist. Chapters would also assume association responsibilities for recruitment and placement.

3. Chapters would retain much autonomy, but their creation
would be more closely governed by the association officers, and, in order to be recognized as chapters they would have to make commitments to fulfill specified educational, recruitment and placement functions for the association. It would probably be appropriate to require the chapter officers be certified librarians and members of the association. To confer some guidance as to chapter creation, it could, for example, be specified that

a. a proposed chapter cover an area that includes no less than 5% association members;

b. petitions for any such new chapters contain signatures of at least one-third of the association members in the proposed chapter area;

c. existing chapters affected by such a proposed chapter would include at least 5% of association membership immediately after such a division;

d. a chapter should include the area of at least one state, should have boundaries conforming to state lines and, if it includes interstate metropolitan areas, should include the entire states involved in those areas;

e. the executive board may consider creation or dissolution of chapters on its own initiative or in response to member petitions, but should only take action if it is in the best interest of the chapters involved and of the association as a whole. The action of the executive board could be submitted to the membership for final disposition.

4. The chapter presidents should all serve terms of the same length and season. Each term the group of immediate past presidents should select two of its members to serve a term of the same length on the executive board. The board should further consist of four at-large members (for two staggered terms) and the officers as now constituted.

5. Nominations for officers and at-large board members should be by an anonymous, self-nominating process with primary elections administered by the chapters. In this way, more willing and able candidates will be exposed to the election process and the nominating committee's twin problems of excessive influence and insufficient acquaintance with the membership would be eliminated along with the committee.

6. After the matter of membership certification and specialization are stabilized, the executive director could turn attention to the matter of "certifying" or "rating" law libraries based on criteria of quantity and quality resources and services with respect to the user base being served.

If all of this seems drastic, at least the changes could be gradual.
Failure to move at least a little in these directions will consign law librarianship to more years of malaise.

MAALL '80 PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE
On September 12-13, 1980 the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries held their eighth annual meeting in Iowa City on the campus of the University of Iowa. The program sparked much interest within and without the regional association and thus a decision was made to publish the proceedings. The theme of the conference was "Changing Technology and the Law Library." the presentations were as follows:

- Computerized Research and Legislative Materials
- An Update on RLIN
- WESTLAW and LEXIS: A Comparative Update
- Word/Data Processing Applications for the Law Library
- Creating a Model Information System for the Special Library

A limited number of copies of the proceedings were produced. One copy was sent to each attendee of the meeting. There are a few copies left which are available for purchase. Send $3.00 in check payable to Mid-America Association of Law Libraries to Kathie Belgum, Law Library, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242. The proceedings will be supplied on a first come-first served basis.

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ILLINOIS

Catalog Librarian: The College of Law of Northern Illinois University seeks a full-time Catalog Librarian.

Qualifications: M.L.S. or its equivalent from a school accredited by the American Library Association; training or experience in LC cataloging and classification; organizational and supervisory skills. Familiarity with OCLC or other automated systems and law library experience are desirable.

Send resumes to Professor Stanley E. Horst, NIU College of Law, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137.

The college will move to the main campus in DeKalb by the fall of 1982. NIU is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer.

Application deadline December 12, 1980.

MISSOURI

Acquisitions Librarian: Law Library, University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Requirements: M.L.S. from an A.L.A. accredited school.

Responsibilities include: Bibliographically search and generate
all new Law Library acquisitions; establish headings and
maintain quality control for in-house records; supervise the
processing of new titles received; expedite cooperative
procedures with law cataloger; assist in collection
development.

Salary: $12,400 minimum.

Contact: Michele M. Finerty, Technical Services Librarian, UMKC
Law Library, Kansas City, Missouri 64110, (816) 276-1650.
Application deadline: January 3, 1981.

Law Instructional Services Librarian: Law Library, University of
Missouri-Columbia.

Requirements: ALA accredited M.L.S. and J.D., Experience in law
librarianship and teaching legal bibliography and legal
research. Experience with LEXIS preferred.

Responsibilities include: In-depth reference service, including
some evening hours, teaching legal research, supervising
LEXIS activities, preparing bibliographies and displays,
interlibrary loan and participation in professional
activities.

Salary: $16,000 minimum.

Contact: Susan D. Csaky, Associate Professor of Law and Law
Librarian, Law Instructional Services Librarian Search
Committee, 205 Tate Hall, School of Law, University of
Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri 65211.
Application deadline: March 15, 1981

Law Librarian: Lewis, Rice, Tucker, Allen & Chubb.

Requirements: Undergraduate degree in Library Science.

Salary: Negotiable.

Contact: Ann Hellman, Personnel Manager, Lewis, Rice, Tucker,
Allen and Chubb, Suite 1400 Railway Exchange Building, 611
Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. (314) 231-5833.

Reader Services Librarian/Assistant Librarian: St. Louis
University.

Requirements: M.L.S. from accredited Library School, and some
library experience; J.D. desirable, but not necessary.
Duties: Administers Readers Service programs including circulation, stack maintenance, reference, interlibrary loan (OCLC), copy service, reserves and LEXIS Assistance. Has primary responsibility for reference function, and in-house LEXIS training. Supervises and trains Readers Service staff. Assists Law Librarian in Library administration generally. Works some weekends or evening hours.

Salary: Negotiable, depending on background and experience.

Fringe benefits: Qualified applicants may attend Law School with tuition remission. One month vacation.

Available: January 5, 1981

Contact: Eileen H. Searls, Law Library, St. Louis University, 3700 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63108. (314) 658-2755.

From the Field

Illinois News:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:
Has signed a contract with AALL to collect, organize, and service the AALL Archives. The collection will be located in the Law Library. Watch for Details to be published in the next AALL Newsletter.

Lynn Foster and Carol Boast's book on compilation of state laws will be available in February from Greenwood Press.

The Depository Library Council to the Public Printer will meet in San Antonio, Texas on April 12-14. Nancy Johnson is presently a member of the council and would like to hear from you concerning any problems or questions dealing with federal documents. Your concerns will be discussed at the meeting in April. All librarians are encouraged to attend the Council meetings.

Missouri News:

Legal Aid of Western Missouri

Kathy Doyle and her husband are expecting a baby in August. Legal Aid puts out a newsletter; one can get on the mailing list by writing Kathy.

Missouri Court of Appeals, WD:
Construction workers have started tearing down the building to make room for the new courthouse. The proposed completion date was May '81; they expect to push this back.

Kansas City Area Libraries:

The KC area law librarians group has been meeting informally. They are working on a union list of loose-leaf services available in the KC area.

Stinson, Mag Law Firm, Kansas City:

Robert Stivers has assumed the newly created position of Librarian for the firm (Aug. 1, 1980). Bob comes from Middletown, N.Y. He received his law degree from St. John's School of Law. Bob nearly has the library organized the way he wants it. His firm has agreed to bill clients for the time he spends doing research. Bob feels this is a selling point that can be used by attorneys and non-attorneys alike when applying for professional librarian positions.

University of Missouri - KC Law Library:

Michele Finerty started as the technical services librarian in the fall of '80. She comes from the University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign where she was the assistant government documents librarian.

May Department Stores Co., St. Louis:

Tranne Pearce assumed the position of Manager of Legal/Tax Resources as of September 1, 1980. Tranne reports that the Downtown library group is meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The group is working on a union list of loose-leaf services. Tranne also reports that the printer still has some plates left over of the restaurant guide that was distributed at the national convention last summer. Multiple copies of this guide can be ordered by talking to Margaret Goldblatt at Washington University.

St. Louis University Law Library:

Ann Maloney has left the library to practice law with the firm of Igoe & Igoe. Kit Kreilick is now head of technical services. The Library has an acquisition list that includes a subject bibliography. One can get on the mailing list by contacting the library.

Washington University Law Library:

Barney Reams and his wife, Bridgett, had a baby boy Jan. 3, 1981. Both mother and baby are doing fine. Washington U. has an acquisition list that usually includes a special subject bibliography. The last one, prepared by Pat Aldrich,
was on nuclear reactors. The acquisition lists are available by writing the library. The library has recently become a depository for Missouri state publications.

Missouri Court of Appeals, SD:

Carol Wingert reports that the Green County Bar Association which used to maintain its collection with the court's library now maintains its own collection. The Bar's collection is still housed in the Woodruff Building. The Court of Appeals Library has the first series of the national reporter system on ultrafiche, with the exception of the first series of S.W. and Fed. Rptr.

Monsanto Company Law Library:

Betty Buffa reports that she is back on the job after suffering a back and pelvic injury. She also reports that Monsanto is looking for a patent law librarian.

Missouri Supreme Court Library:

Bruce Frost and his wife, Cyndi, are expecting their first baby in early May.

Nebraska News:

Omaha Law Librarians have formed an informal organization. They plan to meet four times per year. The next meeting is scheduled for some time in February. A Preliminary Draft of an Omaha Union List is in preparation and will be circulated to special library librarians in the city in the near future.

U.S. Court of Appeals 8th Circuit Library:

Margaret Angela Krieger has assumed the position of Assistant Librarian (LEXIS-Reference) for the library in Omaha, Neb. She comes from Creighton University Law School. She started Jan. 5, 1981.

Program Survey for MAALL '81

Before I ask for more input from you for this year's program, I suppose I should report the results of the last survey. Out of 15 total responses, 13 persons voted for more meeting time, and the same number felt that the meeting should begin earlier on Friday. In allocating the extra time, there were 12 votes for
longer informal question and answer sessions, 7 for more presentations, and 3 apiece for more breaks and lengthening the business meeting time. Seven of the 25 responses were from academic libraries, 3 from law firms, 4 from court/bar libraries and one from a corporate library. Three of the 4 academic law librarians responding to question 5 (meeting time for the Resource Sharing/Academic Library Group) preferred Friday morning. So while the response was not overwhelming, those who did respond seem to endorse the tentative schedule devised by the Local Arrangements Committee.

Now the question is: what shall we talk about when we get to Topeka? One SIS report in the last AALL Newsletter (Dec. 1980, p. 49) suggested that national convention topics be repeated at chapter meetings for wider dissemination. This strikes me as a good idea so long as chapter members are interested in those topics; while economic and work factors are usually the most persuasive, it may be that many AALL members do not attend the annual meeting because the program holds no interest for them. I would like your thoughts on this, as well as any thoughts you have as to topics of interest to you. The survey below contains some ideas of my own; if anything looks useful or otherwise appealing, please check it. Otherwise, tell us in the comments section what you would like to see on the program.

I am hoping that the response to this survey will be larger than the last one. Although I have every faith that the Program Committee can come up with an interesting and relevant bunch of presentations (especially with two successful past Program Chairs
in the group), it should be the membership at large who determine the focus. So please give us your input on topics, speakers, formats or anything else that comes to mind. If you invest a little time now, we might all be the better for it come September!

As before, please send your responses to me at:

St. Louis University Law Library,
3700 Lindell Blvd.,
St. Louis, Missouri 63108

By March 1st, please. Thanks!

Kit Kreilick
Program Chair

John Christensen, Local Arrangements Co-Chair in Topeka, asks that members give special attention to the Program Committee's questionnaire, because final arrangements may depend on the results of the questionnaire. –ed.
PROGRAM TOPICS SURVEY

I. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

_____ Personnel issues: being boss and being bossed
_____ Coping with inflation and cutting costs
_____ Convincing higher-ups that you need more...
    (fill in the blank!)
_____ Public relations -- both in-house and outside
_____ Inter-library cooperation
_____ Impact of automation on law libraries (this could be a follow-up to Iowa City and the Washington convention)
_____ Non-legal data bases
_____ Comprehensive computer systems
_____ Selecting equipment and software
_____ Word processing

II. PUBLIC SERVICE ISSUES

_____ Teaching the non-lawyer how to use the library
_____ Teaching the lawyer (!) how to use the library
_____ Keeping up with the information explosion

III. TECHNICAL SERVICE AND OTHER ISSUES

_____ Federal/state government documents: location, selection, acquisition, management
_____ AACR II after nine months: learning to cope
_____ Retrospective conversion projects
_____ Establishing authority files for bibliographic
IV. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS: (attach extra sheets if necessary)
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UM-C Law Library joins OCLC
Anne Butler, in her capacity as Chair of the AALL Nominating Committee, is seeking suggestions for nominations to the Executive Board of AALL. The Nominating Committee is charged with presenting a slate of candidates to the Executive Board at its meeting in January 1982. The officers to be selected are one candidate to serve as Vice-President/President-Elect and two candidates for each of the two positions on the Executive Board (available 1982). The Committee is looking for candidates willing and able to serve. Please contact Ms. Butler or any of the other members with your suggestions. The Committee's first meeting will be in Washington at the national convention.

The committee membership includes:

Alan Holoch
University of Southern California Law Library
University Park
Los Angeles, California 90007

Anne H. Butler
Alston, Miller & Gaines
1200 Citizens & Southern National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

John A. Sigel
California State Supreme Court Law Library
4241 State Building Annex
San Francisco, California 94102

Elizabeth S. Kelly
Southern Illinois University
School of Law Library
Carbondale, Illinois 62901

Vicki Ward
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
1800 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Lorraine Kulpa, Editor of the Law Library Journal, will be resigning her position in the coming year. Roger Jacobs, Vice-President/President-Elect of AALL is seeking assistance in locating candidates who are willing and able to serve in this most challenging and responsible position. Roger asks that members publish the vacancy and encourage the application of highly qualified colleagues.

Roger has appointed an advisory committee to assist him in screening applicants and make recommendations to him. The members of the committee are the following:

Penny Hazelton, Chair
Sue Dyer
Connie Bolden
Pat Kehoe

A letter of application to Roger or any member of the committee will be sufficient, at least initially, to cause the individual to be considered.
PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

I got a limited number of responses from the program topics survey. I'm not sure if the cause was apathy, or the fact that the deadline for responses came before the newsletter was distributed. Nevertheless, we do have some feel for areas of interest, and will begin the nitty-gritty of putting together a program. The topics we will be working with are:

1) Administrative issues in coping with inflation, cutting costs, justifying requests, dealing with personnel, etc.;
2) Keeping up with the information explosion;
3) Non-legal data bases, and
4) Retrospective conversion projects.

Suggestions for speakers are heartily welcomed! Let's hope I can report substantial progress at the Washington, D.C. convention. See you there.

Kit Kreilick, Program Chair

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Washburn University School of Law Library will host a Lockheed DIALOG training session on Thursday, September 10, 1981, just prior to the MAALL annual meeting. The training session will consist of two separate seminars. An afternoon lecture seminar will run from 2-5:30 p.m. and cover government documents data bases available on DIALOG (PTS Federal Index, PAIS International, GPO Monthly Catalog, CIS Index, and NEWSEARCH).

A "hands on" tutorial seminar for users who already possess basic DIALOG search skills will run from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. This seminar, which will provide an opportunity for instructor-aided online use of the data bases discussed in the afternoon, will be limited to the first twelve registrants.

Registration details will be available at the MAALL chapter meeting at the Washington convention in June or by contacting David Ensign, Assistant Librarian, Washburn University School of Law Library, Topeka, KS 66621 (913) 295-6688. The cost is $25 per seminar.

John Christensen

DIRECTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1980-81 MAALL Directory will soon be distributed to all members included in the directory. Since only dues-paying members appear in the directory, some readers of this newsletter may not receive a copy. Please contact

Cheryl Rae Nyberg
University of Illinois Law Library
NEWS FROM THE FIELD:

From Arkansas

David Cowan, Assistant Law Librarian (Reference & Circulation), University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, is moving to the University of Missouri-Columbia, effective July 1, 1981. David will be the Law Instructional Services Librarian. He will assist in reference, supervise LEXIS training, and teach legal research and writing.

Gary Hartman, Assistant Law Librarian, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, has resigned his position to attend law school at Georgetown University. He will be leaving for Washington, D. C. in May.

Melanie Nelson, (Secretary of SWALL), UALR School of Law Library, Little Rock, is the author of an article entitled Lobbying for Libraries which was published in 38 Arkansas Libraries 9 (1981).

From Illinois

Elizabeth Matthews of Southern Illinois University will be on sabbatical beginning July, 1981. Her research plans include a study of LAWNET.

Richard H. Surles will be Director of the University of Illinois Law Library effective August, 1981.

Cheryl Nyberg has accepted a permanent appointment as Assistant Law Librarian and Assistante Professor at Illinois.

From Iowa

Kaye Stoppel has been promoted to Assistant Librarian at the Drake University Law Library.

From Missouri

Hallmark Cards Legal Library, Kansas City

Pat Dagenais reports that the library is setting up their new WESTLAW terminal.
U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit Library, Kansas City

Robert Winicki reports that he is leaving at the end of June and that the new senior law clerk, Harlene Hipsch becomes the new librarian. Bob is going to Miami to teach at the University of Miami.

Shook, Hardy & Bacon Law Firm Library, Kansas City

The library has recently become a member of the Kansas City Network. Lori Hunt feels being a member of a network has sped things up considerably. They are trying the network for a six-month period to see if they save money. Lori feels they have already saved money.

Lori also reports that Nancy Officer, former librarian at Gage & Tucker law firm, is now the LEXIS representative for the KC-St. Louis area.

Stinson, Mag Law Firm Library, Kansas City

Bob Stivers reports that the KC Area law librarians are still trying to get together a union serials list. Some have already completed their list, and they have already proved helpful. The KC Area law librarians meetings average about 15 or 20 people per meeting.

Jackson County Law Library, Kansas City

Vivian Shaw reports that she would like to see combined efforts by the law librarians of Missouri to get the Attorney General opinions published.

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, St. Louis

Patti Monk reports that Russann Sandstedt has left the library and a new person, Fiona Turnbull has taken her place.

Patti also reports that Judy Gutglass, formerly at Washington U. Law Library will be coming to the court library as a full-time LEXIS operator.

Monsanto Company Law Library, St. Louis

Bette Buffa reports that the library is adding LEXIS.

The University of Missouri-Columbina Law Library is now the proud owner of its own OCLC terminal. The staff has been trained on the Interlibrary Loan subsystem and is eager to practice what it has learned. UM-C Law Library’s OCLC symbol is LMU. For those of you with a LEXIS phone connection to St. Louis, UM-C will take interlibrary loan requests on either the LEXIS phone or OCLC. For those with no LEXIS phone connection to St. Louis, you will have to rely on OCLC, if you have it.
Also please be aware that prior to July 1, 1981, the University Library has done all of the cataloging for the UM-C Law Library also. If you find the OCLC symbol MUU on a record for a law related book, request it from the Law Library direct, LMU.

From Nebraska

The Douglas County Law Library has received the opportunity of having a public Westlaw terminal installed in their library through an agreement with the Omaha Bar Association.

The Westlaw contract was signed by the Omaha Bar Association to install and maintain a public Westlaw terminal located in the Douglas County library for the use of all area attorneys by appointment.

This installation will take place in late May or early June.

Area law firms and firm librarians wish to express their thanks to the joint efforts of Carol Genler, the Douglas Co. librarian, the Omaha Bar and the ad hoc committee for their decisions to install a CALR unit for the benefit of all area attorneys.

It is hoped, once the spring rush is over, the Omaha/Council Bluffs Metro Law Library group will meet for lunch to discuss Avis Forsman's diligence and effort on the Union List. It is tentatively hoped that this group could meet at the end of May. The Union List is near completion, and some details need to be discussed.

It is also in the wind that one to two additional law firms are investigating CALR. It is hoped that by next newsletter we can announce the addition of CALR units in those firms.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Effective Monday, March 16, 1981, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc., will be relocated in its new office space. Please note the new address and phone number:

NEW ADDRESS: P.O. Box 4999A, Field Station
625 North Euclid Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63108

NEW PHONE NUMBER: (314) 367-1700

OLD ADDRESS: 607 N. Grand Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63103

OLD PHONE NUMBER: (314) 533-3000

PLEASE NOTE: It is very important that the P. O. Box
number and Field Station appear on your correspondence addressed to Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. Thank you for your cooperation.

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ARKANSAS


IOWA

Reference and Circulation Librarian. Drake University. Requirements: MLS or JD required, both degrees preferred. Faculty rank and tenure track. Duties: Supervise desk attendants and shelvers, assist library users, supervise Research Room operations, and participate in limited reference work
including LEXIS training. Salary: $12,000 - $15,000 depending on qualifications and experience. Apply: immediately. Contact: Professor Juan F. Aguilar, Drake University Law Library, Des Moines, IA. 50311. An Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer.

MISSOURI

Reference - Reader's Services Librarian. Washington University Law Library, St. Louis. Available June 1, 1981. Masters in Library Science from ALA accredited program essential plus some knowledge of legal bibliography. Responsibilities include service as a legal reference librarian, maintenance and supervision of circulation desk and reserve collection, supervision of full-time circulation/reserve clerk, supervision and scheduling of student pages, direction of shelvers and maintenance of general collection, training for LEXIS, and control of interlibrary loan, including the OCLC ILL subsystem. Salary commensurate with qualifications. Equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. Send resume to: Professor Bernard D. Reams, Jr., Law Library, Campus Box 1120, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri 63130.


Legal Librarian. The May Department Stores Company. Requirements: JD/MLS degrees coupled with two to five years administrative experience in a law library. Excellent management and supervisory skills are also essential as is currency in law librarianship. Duties include selecting, training and supervising staff; providing legal and non-legal reference and research support; recommending changes in policy and procedures; suggesting new materials for purchase. Salary commensurate with abilities and experience. Contact: Manager of Corporate Personnel, The May Department Stores Company, 611 Olive Street, Suite 1350, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

Reader Services Librarian/Assistant Librarian. St. Louis University. Requirements: MLS from accredited Library School, and some library experience; JD desirable, but not necessary.
Duties: Administers Readers Service programs including circulation, stack maintenance, reference, interlibrary loan (OCLC), copy service, research and LEXIS assistance. Has primary responsibility for reference function, and in-house LEXIS training. Supervises and trains Readers Service staff. Assists Law Librarian in Library administration generally. Works some weekend or evening hours. Salary: Negotiable, depending on background and experience. Qualified applicant may attend Law School with tuition remission. Other fringe benefits include 1 month vacation. Available: January 5, 1981. Contact: Eileen H. Searles, Law Library, St. Louis University, 3700 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63108. (314) 658-2755
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Topeka. I think you will find this meeting to be one of the most valuable you can attend this year. The first speaker on the Program will be Richard Boss one of the foremost library consultants in the business today. Mr. Boss spoke at both the Pre-Convention Institute in Charlottesville and the A.A.L.L. Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Boss will discuss the kinds of uses law libraries ought to be making of word processors in their firms or schools, etc., that are not exclusively or directly under the control of the library. Mr. Boss will also field questions on decisions to be made on purchasing or delaying purchasing of automated equipment and computer equipment in relation to applications, both new and in prospect, to library operations.

Elizabeth Slusser Kelly

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

There are still some time slots available for the Lockheed DIALOG training sessions being offered just prior to the MAALL annual meeting. Openings exist in both the Thursday afternoon lecture seminar and the Thursday evening "hands-on" tutorial seminar. The cost is $25.00 per seminar. Due to the lateness of the day, it is suggested you contact Lockheed directly to register for these seminars. Lockheed's toll free number is (800) 227-1927.

John Christensen, Local Arrangements Co-Chair

DEPOSITORY LIBRARY NEWS

The Fall meeting of the Depository Library Council will be held in Alexandria, Virginia from September 28-30. Nancy Johnson of the University of Illinois Law Library is a member of the Council and will attend the meeting. If you want further information on the meeting or want some concern expressed at the Council meeting, contact Nancy at Illinois.

PRIVATE LAW LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Sarah Dowdey is the new editor of the PLL Newsletter. Sarah asks that anyone with news of interest to the private law library community pass the news along to her for inclusion in the PLL Newsletter. You may write to the following:

Sarah Dowdey
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
1800 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
FROM THE FIELD

IOWA

University of Iowa:

The University of Iowa Law Library has a new head of Cataloging. Her name is Renee Chapman. She comes to us from the Drake Law Library.

Drake:

Drake has a new Circulation Reference Librarian. Her name is Susan Catterall. She has a Library degree from the University of Iowa. She will be an instructor in librarianship at Drake.

Drake also has a new Technical Services Librarian. Her name is Shirley Fosher. Her degree is from Indiana University at Bloomington.

MISSOURI

From St. Louis:

Missouri Court of Appeals - Eastern District
Librarian: Tranne Pearce

Tranne hosted a group of St. Louis law librarians in the new Court of Appeals library June 9th. I have heard many comments that the library is beautiful.

Washington University School of Law Library

Peggy McDermott, new member, joined the staff of the Washington University Law Library on August 3 as Public Services Librarian. Peggy received her BA degree from Barat College and her MLS degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Peggy had been Reference Librarian and Political Science Bibliographer at the main library at Washington University since 1971.

Carol Gray, new member, joined the staff of the Washington University Law Library on August 10 as Government Documents Librarian. Carol received her BA degree from Southern Illinois University and her MS degree from Louisiana State University. Carol was formerly Assistant Director of the Social Work Library, George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University.
From Kansas City:

Morrison, Hecker, Curtis, Kuder, & Parrish

Dale Magariel is no longer with the firm. She left to have a baby. She is expecting around mid-September. Bruce Miller is the new librarian; he starts around the end of August. Bruce comes from the University of Missouri-Columbia Law School Library.

Legal Aid of Western Missouri
Librarian: Kathy Doyle

Kathy is on a 3-month leave from the library. She had a baby girl (Megan Elizabeth) August 2, 1981.

University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Library
Librarian: Charles Dyer

The library has a new acquisitions librarian, Annabelle Beach. She started this spring. Annabelle comes from the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library, however she has law library experience having worked at a law firm library.

Charles Dyer is the new editor for the Law Library Journal.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

Acquisitions Librarian. The University of South Dakota School of Law. Requirements: MLS from ALA accredited library school; acquisitions experience in law library preferred. Some knowledge of or experience with legal research desirable. Duties: Full responsibility for all acquisitions procedures, including bibliographic searching, processing of purchase orders, maintenance of purchase order files and other essential acquisitions records, and handling of problems and claims. Salary: $14,500 - $16,000 depending on qualifications and experience. Available: immediately. Submit letter of application and resume by October 15, 1981 to Dr. Eileen C. Bouniol, Law Librarian, McKusick Law Library, The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota 57069.