

MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION
OF LAW LIBRARIES

M.A.A.L.L. N E W S L E T T E R

Number 1, March 1980

(You may consider this a quasi-newsletter if you recognize this first attempt as less than polished.)

Herein you will find:

1. A letter from President Bob Kelly,
2. Instructions to officers and chairpersons regarding program planning for the AALL Annual Meeting in St. Louis.
3. A program survey for the MAALL Annual Meeting in Iowa City (Note the short deadline!), and
4. A reminder if you haven't paid your dues.

Notice:

The MAALL Chapter needs a news letter editor starting this fall, preferably someone with access to word-processing equipment to cut down on the clerical time required for addressing and mailing. If you are such a person, or, if you know someone who fills the bill, please contact Elizabeth Kelly, MAALL Vice-President/President Elect, School of Law Library, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901.

We look forward to seeing you in St. Louis and in Iowa City!



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February 15, 1980

Dear M.A.A.L.L. Members:

The Seventh Annual Meeting of this association is history. Highlights were the passing of a resolution of approval of the appointment of an executive director for the American Association of Law Libraries and the appointment of an ad hoc committee to study the length of terms of office of the M.A.A.L.L. On the educational side, the program committee gave fifty participants a fine seminar on "Library Management." The Mayfair Hotel and Washington University overflowed with hospitality.

The chapter meeting was just a dress rehearsal for the upcoming A.A.L.L. meeting in St. Louis, June 22-25, 1980, when M.A.A.L.L. will have its Chapter Breakfast, Monday, June 23, 8:30 a.m., in the Chase Plaza Hotel, specific area will be assigned later to us by Marcia J. Koslov, A.A.L.L. meeting Hotel Arrangements Committee. Please circle this date now. Speaking of the A.A.L.L. meeting in St. Louis, Betty Buffa would appreciate the assistance of more volunteers to extend hospitality to out-of-towners in St. Louis for the A.A.L.L. meeting; please contact her if you can help visitors to see the real beauty of the Gateway City.

One final word concerns the next meeting of M.A.A.L.L. on the beautiful campus of the University of Iowa, September 12-13, 1980. Last month, George Strait, after the meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, in Phoenix, emphasized to me how much he and Kathie Belgum and their entire staff are looking forward to greeting us "where the tall corn grows."

Finally, from the snow-covered hills of Omaha...keep warm sentiments in your heart for M.A.A.L.L.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Q. Kelly
President
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Law Libraries

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March 31, 1980

TO: M.A.A.L.L. Members

FROM: Eileen Searls, Fellow M.A.A.L.L. Member and
Local Arrangements Chairperson,
A.A.L.L. 1980 Convention

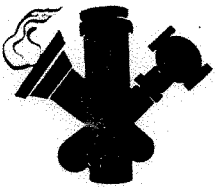
HELP! HELP! HELP!

The number of people available to help in convention arrangements for this summer's meeting is relatively small for such a large convention. It is not necessary to know the city in order to help the Transportation Committee to load people on and off the special events buses on time, or to collect tickets at doorways for the Special Events Committee or the Banquet Committee, or to house-sit for an hour and a half in a mansion for the House Tour Committee. If you do know the city, please volunteer for the Hospitality Committee so you can advise visitors and respond to their questions.

The Local Arrangements Committee will have a suite in the hotel where you can change clothes for special events.

We are sure there is no shortage of hotel space. We have blocked 750 rooms in the main convention hotel, 100 rooms in the Bel-Air and 75 rooms in the Forest Park and 200 dormitory rooms at Washington University and 29 hotel-style rooms at St. Louis University. This would permit us a convention of 1400 people and we are only expecting 1200. If, by chance, the convention goes over 1400, the Chase can get an additional 100 rooms at a nearby hotel with its own courtesy van for transportation to and from the convention hotel. So, unless we exceed 1500 convention attendees, we should have no trouble with hotel space.

To be sure you get the space you want, return your registration card immediately.



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March 7, 1980

To the MAALL Membership:

The Program Committee would welcome comments and suggestions regarding the program for our annual meeting, September 12-13, in Iowa City. Tentative plans call for a format similar to the 1979 meeting; i.e., several speakers on Friday afternoon, an afterdinner speaker and/or program Friday night, a breakfast speaker and business meeting Saturday morning.

The following topics have been suggested. Please indicate your interest (or lack thereof), and include possible speakers for each topic if you know someone who would be particularly expert in that area.

- 1) An explanation of frequently-used computer terms.
- 2) A comparison of OCLC and RLIN.
- 3) A comparative update on LEXIS and Westlaw.
- 4) Word-processing and data-processing applications in law libraries.
- 5) How to design a total information system for a special library.
- 6) Introduction to a new bibliography of compilations of state laws and discussion of the methods to use in compiling state laws.

- 7) Communication: (credibility, accountability, believability)
law firms, court libraries, law schools.
- 8) Agricultural law, cooperatives, tax and estate planning:
reference tools, sources.
- 9) Administrative codes, registers, rules, decisions: state and
federal.
- 10) Conservation and preservation of the collection.
- 11) Computer access to legislative materials in the MAALL states.

Please add the other topic ideas and possible speakers (include the address and phone number if that is not in the MAALL directory). I would like your responses by April 15 (just like IRS).

Sincerely yours,



Ann Puckett, Chairperson
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March 26, 1980

Dear Colleague:

Your friends in Mid-America Association of Law Libraries miss you as a member, and we would like you to join us in Iowa City for an excellent professional program in September. Won't you, please, remit dues of \$5.00 for calendar year 1980 and plan to join us in the fall for a good meeting in Iowa?

Sincerely,

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