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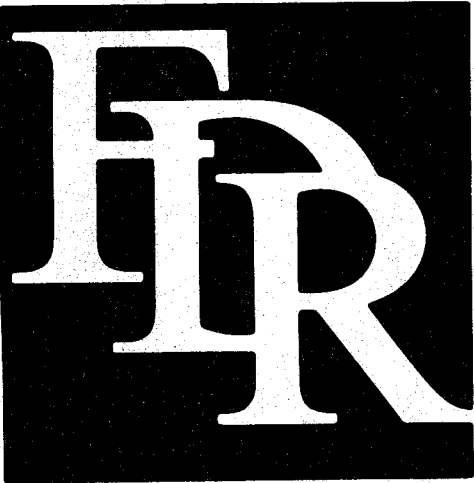
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

We close our fourth volume with a new masthead, a new color, and the beginnings of a new format. Also, with this issue, the MAALL Newsletter becomes a first class, as well as a first-rate newsletter. It is a first-rate newsletter because that is what I inherited from our past editor, Jo Ann Humphreys. We owe Jo Ann a terrific debt for bringing the newsletter thru its trying infancy. It is the beginning of any endeavor which often poses the most difficult and trying times, because it is then, that an enterprise must so often go where it had never gone before. While a newsletter may evolve, it can do so only after it has grown strong under the care and guidance of an able "captain" such as Jo Ann.

Jo Ann, I am sure that everyone in MAALL joins me in thanking you for your services to the newsletter and, that we are all glad you are leaving for only a year (otherwise we would never let Scotty beam you to Costa Rica).

HAPPY, MERRY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!



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## Minutes Of the 1984 Annual Meeting.

On October 12, 1984, at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, the annual meeting of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries was opened by President Eileen Searls, St. Louis University Law Library. Under the MAALL by-laws, President Carol Boast had been required to resign on August 21, 1984, when she left the law library field to become the Agriculture Librarian at the University of Illinois Library.

Charles Dyer, UMKC Law Library, reported for the nomination Committee, composed of Mr. Dyer, Robert Stivers, Elizabeth S. Kelly and D.A. Divilbiss, that the following slate had been assembled by the committee:

Vice-President-President-Elect  
Kathie Belgu[m], University of Iowa Law Library;

Treasurer Sharon K. O'Donoghue, Gage and Tucker;

Secretary Avis B. Forsman, Kutak Rock and Campbell.

Nominations from the floor were requested. There were none. John Edwards moved, and Sharon Kern seconded, that the slate be accepted by acclamation. The motion was approved by voice acclamation.

President Searls introduced AALL President, Jacquelyn Jurkins, Multnomah Law Library. Ms. Jurkins spoke of her goals for the AALL. A principal concern is AALL activities in education and the establishment of standards of competency for law librarians. Ms. Jurkins reported that the ABA Committee on Legal Education and Accreditation is considering standards for academic law librarians. She asked for input from Chapters and individuals.

Ms. Jurkins attended a "think tank" sponsored by the Association for Library Information Science Education to discuss accreditation and standards for library schools

and to identify core competencies. This Association is establishing a federation of specialized groups to provide input on developing an education program for core competencies. AALL should contribute.

Ms. Jurkins has asked the president of the Private Libraries section of AALL to appoint a committee to design a model for standards for corporate/firm librarians to be considered by the Association of Legal Administrators.

Ms. Jurkins announced that Jim Werner resigned from the Executive Board of AALL for health reasons and has been replaced by Dennis Stone. Don Ziegenfuss has resigned as chairman of the Scholarships and Grants Committee. Pat Kehoe replaces him.

The President reminded us of the AALL Winter Institute on Management to be held January 7 and 8. This institute will be funded in part by AALL.

Diana Vincent-Davis is program chairman for the New York AALL annual meeting with the theme "Law Librarianship: A Wider Perspective," AALL will sponsor a contest for those who have been members for less than five years to prepare papers for presentation at the New York meeting.

Ms. Jurkins also stated that there has been some discussion of videotaping workshops so they could be presented at chapter meetings.

The unified statistics form sent out recently by David Thomas generated a great deal of furor at AALL headquarters. Ms. Jurkins urged everyone to return the questionnaires even though the deadline may have passed. It is a starting point for AALL statistics.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Sharon Kern. The report was accepted after some discussion about what constitutes the fiscal year for MAALL. Laurel Wendt of the

Constitution and Bylaws Committee stated that the fiscal year is January 1 through December 31. Sharon O'Donoghue, the incoming Treasurer, suggested that MAALL might want to consider changing the fiscal year to more closely correspond to the final report timing which is traditionally the time of the annual meeting.

John Christensen reported for the Mid-America Law Consortium that a hard copy of the union list will be available for purchase for \$50, probably in November. A grant from AALL will permit a study of the impact of the facsimile transmission project on participating academic libraries and of an outreach program to court, bar and firm libraries during the project's continuation over the next two years. The system will be publicized in bar newsletters and journals.

President Searles introduced the local arrangements committee for the 1985 meeting in Tulsa: Edward Fishpaw of Oral Roberts University and Marian Parker of the University of Tulsa. The meeting will be held in the Sheraton Kensington on October 24 - 26, 1985.

Sharon O'Donoghue and John Edwards of Drake University will be in charge of the program. They are doing a survey to generate ideas. Financing is available for parallel programs.

David Cowan of the University of Missouri-Columbia is the new placement coordinator. He suggested that people contact him by phone, through facsimile transmission or through OnTyme if they are interested in using MAALL's placement service. Information from AALL is frequently past deadline by the time MAALL's newsletter comes out. MAALL accepts all types of library positions, not just degreed professional spots.

Glen Ahlers is the new editor of the MAALL newsletter. He would like contributions. New liason persons are needed for Nebraska and

Missouri. President Searls requested that Laurel Wendt continue with the constitution and Bylaws Committee and that the committee reexamine the bylaw which requires resignation if a librarian leaves the field of law librarianship. Volunteers are still needed for other committees.

As there was no additional new business, President Searls closed the meeting.

Avis Forman, MAALL Secretary, received a copy of a survey from the National Conference of State Legislatures regarding the availability of online access to state statutes. A table from that survey is reproduced on the following page. Ms. Forman has a copy of the survey, as does the newsletter editor (thanks to the university of Illinois law library). While space limitations make it impractical to reproduce the survey in full, that the information was available at all, seemed important enough to inform MAALL members of. The survey indicates the type of information available online in each state, for example, bill status and bill history, to whom the information is made available, and at what cost. Thank you, Madame Secretary.

# 50 STATE SURVEY: PRIVATE SECTOR AND NON-LEGISLATIVE AGENCY ACCESS TO ON-LINE DATA BASES

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National Conference of State Legislatures

July 12, 1984

## Summary: Private Sector and Non-Legislative Agency Access (7/84)

### States Allowing Both Private and Public Sector Access \*

Alaska	New York
Florida	New Hampshire
Illinois	North Dakota
Kansas	Oregon
Montana	Virginia

### States Allowing Public Sector Access Only

Connecticut	Mississippi
Hawaii	South Dakota
Indiana *	West Virginia
Iowa	Wisconsin
Louisiana (House)	Wyoming
Maine	

### States Allowing Limited Public Sector Access Only

Colorado	Ohio
Georgia	Oklahoma
Maryland	Pennsylvania
Massachusetts	Texas
Missouri	Utah
North Carolina	Washington

### States Allowing No Access to Either Private or Public Sector Users

Alabama	Kentucky	New Mexico
Arizona	Michigan	Rhode Island
Arkansas	Minnesota	South Carolina
California	Nebraska	Tennessee
Delaware	Nevada	Vermont
Idaho	New Jersey	

MAALL members who attended the fall conference in Champaign saw Kristy Elam from St. Louis University Law Library demonstrate the LAW:LIBRARY automated conferencing system. One feature of the system is the ability of participants to send messages to each other, much like electronic mail. Because LAW:LIBRARY is currently funded by a grant, use of the system is free to participants. LAW:LIBRARY offers an opportunity for MAALL librarians to use free electronic mail service for the life of the grant, which Kristy expects to be another six months. Members who would like to take advantage of this opportunity should contact Kristy to request a password. This is just one component of a system that is entertaining and rewarding to use.

In order to send a message to another LAW:LIBRARY participant, enter a t at the DO NEXT? prompt. If you wish to send a message to someone at another MAALL library, and you are unsure whether anyone at that library is a participant, you may want to enter p all first, to get a complete and current list of participants, together with their introductions. If you know that someone is a participant, but are unsure how often they log onto the system, you may enter p [name] to command the system to display that participant's introduction, including the date and time he or she last logged on. It is not necessary to enter the participant's full name. You may use enough of the first or the last name to uniquely identify the participant. After you enter t, the system will instruct you to enter your message. As you come to the end of each line and press the return key, wait for the system prompt ( > ) to appear to begin typing a new line. When you have completed your message, press the return key twice. The system will ask a series of questions to which you may respond "y" for yes, or "n" for no. It will ask the name of the participant to which you wish to send the message. You should enter the name in the same form used by the participant in his or her introduction. You may send a message to more than one participant if you wish by entering another name at the system prompt.

To read incoming messages, enter either new or m new at any DO NEXT? prompt. The command messages will display a summary of both new messages, and any old messages that have not been deleted from the system.

Below is a list of commands used by LAW:LIBRARY in sending and reading messages:

PARTICIPANTS -- to see a current list of names of participants

P ALL -- to see a list of participants, complete with introductions

P KRISTY ELAM -- to see Kristy Elam's introduction, including the last time she logged into the system

T -- to begin transmitting a message

MESSAGES -- displays a list of all new incoming messages, and old messages that have not been deleted

NEW -- to view (in order) new messages, new responses to items, and new items

M NEW -- displays new incoming messages

Below is a list of MAALL members currently participating in LAW:LIBRARY :

Glen Ahlers (Washburn)  
 Richard Amelung (St. Louis)  
 Pat Anderson (St. Louis)  
 Douglas Clark (St. Louis)  
 Pat Court (Univ. of Missouri, Kansas City)  
 Tom Eicher (Iowa)  
 Kristy Elam (St. Louis)  
 David Ensign (Washburn)  
 Michele Finerty (Univ. of Missouri, Kansas City)  
 Margaret Goldblatt (Washington)

Peggy McDermott (Washington)  
 Jim Milles (St. Louis)  
 Doug Murdock (Creighton)  
 Marilyn Nicely (Oklahoma)  
 Eileen Searls (St. Louis)  
 Joanne Cognac Vogel (St. Louis)  
 Martin Wisneski (Kansas)

## MAALL PLACEMENT

The MAALL Placement Office acts as a clearinghouse for job 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 need help from prospective employers to keep us posted on positions to be filled. Some of the listings may have been filled by publication date. This is due to the time lag between submission of the list and publication date.

Any law library that has a position that needs to be filled should contact the Placement Chairman. 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 Chairman.

Contact: David G. Cowan, Chair, MAALL Placement	314 882-4597
Law Library	Telefax Phone: 314 874-2412
University of Missouri-Columbia	E-Mail ONTYME Address: MLMU
Columbia, MO 65211	

Feel free to contact David about resumes currently on file. As of December 10, 1984, positions known to be available include:

### ARKANSAS

Assistant Law Librarian for Public Services. University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville. Requirements: JD and MLS from accredited schools. Two years minimum law library experience, preferably in law school setting. Teaching knowledge of LEXIS and/or WESTLAW. Ability to supervise full-time clerical and large student assistant staff. Effective communication skills with faculty, students, bar and lay users. Duties: Directs personnel, assists in policy formulation, and implements procedures for day-to-day operations of circulation, reserve room, stack maintenance, and phone-in photocopy service to bar. Assists in reference to all patrons and research guidance to active faculty. Shares LEXIS and WESTLAW instruction. Handles two evening reference duties weekly. Salary: Highly competitive. Available: Immediately. Send letters of application, resume and reference list to: George E. Skinner, Law Librarian, University of Arkansas, School of Law, Waterman Hall, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701. (501) 575-5604.

### ILLINOIS

Reference Librarian. School of Law Library, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Requirements: JD and MLS (or equivalent) from accredited schools, thorough research skills and an aptitude for public contact work. This faculty position, which anticipates scholarly writing and professional service activity for tenure, is one of four law-trained librarians on a staff of six professionals and twelve technicians, all of whom share a strong service orientation. While substantial time will be spent in reference work, with some evening hours during the school term, candidates can expect to be involved in a wide range of library's activities. The autonomous law library is a vital component in a relatively young state law school. The library serves a faculty of 28 and a law student enrollment of 350, with frequent use by faculty and students from other disciplines, the local bench and bar, and the general public. Responsibility for teaching the introductory and advanced legal research courses rests with the law library, as does the provision of all audiovisual services, including videotaping. The collection of some 230,000 volumes includes large microform holdings. LEXIS, WESTLAW, OCLC, and microcomputers are used daily, and the law

## ILLINOIS (cont.)

### Reference Librarian (cont.)

library is participating in an experimental telefacsimile-based outreach program. The new building is in a university town in scenic surroundings within easy reach of recreational facilities and two-hours drive from St. Louis which combine to offer an attractive physical setting. The entire campus is accessible to those in wheelchairs. Salary: Competitive. Starting date is January or February, 1985. Application deadline is December 31, 1984. Contact: Professor Laurel Wendt, Associate Librarian, Lesar Law Building, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901, phone 618 536-7711. SIU-C is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

## IOWA

Technical Service Librarian. Drake University Law Library. Tenure track position with faculty rank. Requirements: ALA accredited MLS; experience with automated cataloging. Academic library experience desirable. Duties: Catalog using LC, AACR II and OCLC; acquisitions; supervision of support staff. Some reference work. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications. Available: Immediately. Contact: John Edwards, Law Library, Drake University, Des Moines, IA 50311.

## KANSAS

Assistant Law Librarian (half-time, evenings and weekends). This professional position will provide an opportunity for a qualified librarian to work half-time while pursuing the JD degree. (Admission to the Law School is a requirement for successful candidates.) Requirements: MLS from an ALA-accredited library school; academic law library reference experience. Completion of a legal bibliography course, or equivalent knowledge of legal research materials and methods may substitute for the required reference experience. Duties: Provide evening and weekend reference assistance to law school faculty and students, members of the Kansas Bar and other library patrons; supervise evening and weekend library staff and operations; act as library liaison to individual faculty members; prepare pathfinders and assume other duties as assigned by the Assistant Director or the Director. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Send resume and names of three references by 31 March 1985 to: Glen Peter Ahlers, Assistant Director, Washburn University of Topeka, School of Law Library, Topeka, KS 66621, 913 295-6688.



## ACQUISITIONS AGENTS

The Mid-America Law School Library Consortium Acquisitions Agents Group was established at the 1984 MAALL Meeting in Champaign-Urbana. During the annual meeting the directors and acquisitions personnel of consortium libraries convened. Fritz Snyder of the University of Kansas and Connie Fennewald of the University of Missouri-Columbia were elected to co-chair the group. Members present also reviewed the highlights and strengths of the consortium libraries' collections.

Regular communication will be established between the agents regarding future plans for acquiring items costing \$500 or more. Such communication will be carried out via electronic telecommunications of some sort, and will be coordinated by co-chairs Snyder and Fennewald. Following is a preliminary list of the Acquisitions Agents identified at the annual meeting. Please address all inquiries, corrections or suggestions to either of the co-chairs.

University of Arkansas-Fayetteville	No one designated
University of Arkansas-Little Rock	Jada Aitchison
University of Illinois	No one designated
Southern Illinois University	Heija Ryoo
Drake University	Kaye Stoppel
University of Iowa	Donna Hirst
University of Kansas	Fritz Snyder
Washburn University of Topeka	Glen Peter Ahlers
University of Missouri-Columbia	Connie Fennewald
University of Missouri-Kansas City	Annabelle Beach
St. Louis University	Chris Morton
Washington University	Margaret Goldblatt
Creighton University	Bob Kelly
University of Nebraska	Brian Striman
University of Oklahoma	Marilyn Nicely
Oklahoma University	No one designated
Oral Roberts University	Chris Fernandez
University of Tulsa	Sue Sark
Northern Illinois University	Gary Vander Meer

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