

MAALL MARKINGS

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President's Message by Richard Leiter

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Masthead

Nearly three-fourths of our association-year is over, and much of our association activity is focused on two big events coming up: the AALL Annual Meeting in a week and the MAALL Annual meeting being hosted jointly with SWALL in early November.

Of all the events taking place in MAALL this year, none has been as important as us losing a very valuable chapter and board member: Courtney Selby is leaving the Midwest for the northeast as she assumes the job as Associate Dean for Information Systems and Library Director at Hofstra Law School. Courtney will assume her new position in mid May, and she's resigned her position as treasurer for MAALL effective May 1. After studying the bylaws, the board determined that the vacancy in treasurer's position may be filled by presidential appointment. In consultation with the board, we decided that Ann Kitchel, of Creighton University Law Library, would fit the bill nicely and I appointed her to serve as MAALL Treasurer for the rest of this fiscal year.

In the meantime, planning for this year's annual meeting in Lawrence, Kansas is proceeding apace. I encourage you to keep watching the MAALL website for approved programs and local arrangements news as they develop.

Speaking of annual meetings, For the Philly meeting; packed into the networking, partying, discussions, planning, dashing, I hope that you all have set aside an hour or so at noon on Monday, July 25, for the MAALL Business Meeting.

We have more than a few important items to cover, including an update on the upcoming joint conference with SWALL in Lawrence, KS. The Education Committee and the Local Arrangements Committees have been doing an excellent job planning a memorable event. We'll also vote on some new bylaws and hear updates about new membership guidelines and the new Archives policy.

As usual, we decided to forgo paying for an expensive banquet lunch for the AALL MAALL business meeting and will leave you all free to find your favorite stall in Central Market.... or make plans to go out with friends. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in Philly. For those who can't make it-- have a great summer.

As many of you know, AALL will be completing its national survey of digital primary legal materials this summer. Chris Steadham and Matt Novak, co-chairs of the Government Relations Committee are grateful to all those who participated in this worthwhile project. It was a lot of work, and kudos to Matt and Chris for their leadership on this.

MAALL is a great chapter in AALL and it's because of our terrific members. Keep up the good work.

MAALL IN PHILLY



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

A G E N D A

MID AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Noon-1:15PM

Monday, July 25th

Marriott-Liberty Ballroom Salon A

I. Call to Order, Stefanie Pearlman

II. Approve Minutes of October 15, 2010 Annual Meeting, Iowa City, IA by Jeri Kay Hopkins

III. Treasurer's Report by Ann Kitchel

IV. Old Business

A. By Laws Committee Report/Action, Randy Thompson

V. Committee Reports

A. Nominations Committee Report, Pam Tull

B. Membership Committee, Karen Wallace & Ann Kitchel

C. Education/Program Committee Report for Annual Meeting, Lawrence, KS, Stefanie Pearlman

D. Local Arrangements Committee, Joyce McCray Pearson

E. Update on Annual Meeting 2012 - St Louis, Here we come!

F. Miscellaneous.

From Stefanie Pearlman, Vice President/President-Elect and Chair of the 2011 Education Committee:



The 2011 annual meeting will be bigger and better than ever, as we join our SWALL colleagues for a joint meeting in Lawrence, Kansas. In preparation for this meeting, we created an eight-person education/programming committee that contains members of both chapters. We are working hard to coordinate MAALL and SWALL traditions, so that everyone will feel "at home" in Lawrence. Our committee received many program proposals and will finalize the program during the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in Philadelphia. Thank you to all of the MAALL and SWALL members who spent so much time developing program proposals!

We look forward to seeing you in Lawrence!

MAALL MEMBERSHIP NEWS

KANSAS



Chris Steadham, formerly the Faculty Services & Research Librarian, Wheat Law Library, KU is the new Associate Director. Everyone there is busily working on local arrangements for our joint meeting with SWALL on November 3-5, right here in Lawrence. It should be a great meeting and we'd love to see you here!

MISSOURI



Richard Amelung was appointed Director of the Saint Louis University Law School's Center for International and Comparative Law this past December.

OKLAHOMA



Prof. Darin Fox, Director, University of Oklahoma Law Library, was appointed to the Law Libraries Committee of the ABA Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar. Prof. Fox was also named to the Executive Committee of the Section on Law Libraries for the Association of American Law Schools.

IOWA



Rebecca Lutkenhaus became Reference Librarian at Drake University Law Library on June 1. Rebecca had been the Electronic Services Librarian at the University of Iowa Law Library since 2006. She started her career in law librarianship at Drake as Acquisitions Librarian a dozen years ago after she earned her law and library science degrees at the University of Iowa. After leaving Drake she gained additional experience at the University of Northern Iowa and Thomson West. She and Drake are pleased to have her back in Des Moines. She fills the position vacated by Sara Lowe who is now the Electronic Resources Librarian at the Claremont University Consortium.

IOWA



John Edwards, Associate Dean for Information Resources and Technology and Professor of Law at Drake University Law Library, and Karen Wallace, Circulation/Reference Librarian and Professor of Librarianship, are coauthors of *Iowa Legal Research*. The book is part of the Legal Research Series by Carolina Academic Press. It is the first of the series to have four coauthors, which includes Melissa Weresh, Director of Legal Writing and Professor of Law at Drake, and Sara Lowe, former Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor of Librarianship (now Electronic Resources Librarian at the Claremont University Consortium).



~ IN OTHER "MEMBER" NEWS ~

MALLCO (Mid-America Law Library Consortium) has four new members, all from Chicago:

**Chicago-Kent College of Law
DePaul University
John Marshall Law School
Loyola University Chicago**



It's wonderful that they have joined MALLCO!! In fact, this deserves a drum roll. These are the first new members since North Dakota joined in 1995.

They are joining MAALL too and a librarian from each school attended the meeting in Iowa City. It will be great to see more Chicago librarians at future meetings. It's possible they might host a MAALL meeting in Chicago sometime! MALLCO website at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall/mallco/Members.html>



The MAALL Nominations Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates to the MAALL membership:

Vice President/President Elect.....Ted Potter

Treasurer.....Therese Arado, Liz Glankler, Ann Kitchel (incumbent, special appointment for partial term)

Member-at-Large.....Cindy Bassett, Barbara Ginzburg, Brian Striman

The election will be held online in August so please renew your membership soon if you haven't done so. Candidate biographies and further details about the election will be forthcoming.

Thanks and congratulations to all the candidates!

MAALL Nominations Committee

Pam Tull, Richard Amelung, Troy Johnson, Lorraine Lorne, & Cindy Shearrer)



Meet... Joyce McCray Pearson

Want one more reason to attend the MAALL-SWALL Annual Meeting in Lawrence, Kansas? You will have the opportunity to speak with Joyce McCray Pearson. Joyce is the director of the University of Kansas School of Law Wheat Law Library, a position she has held since 1997.



As a law librarian for 21 years, Joyce enjoys working with students, whether in her law and literature class, independently on research projects, or as faculty advisor for the Black Law Students Association. Her newest interest is developing a course that trains law students on the effective use of technology in law offices and the courtroom. In addition to helping students, she is excited about the role the law library plays in shaping the scholarly agenda of the law school and in assisting the faculty through their faculty liaison program.

As a director, Joyce feels that: "My greatest joy is watching and helping others obtain their goals in terms of advancing in their careers, promotion and tenure or of accomplishing an on-the-job project or program." Joyce is also active in several professional organizations and has served on committees for the Association of American Law Schools, AALL, and MAALL.

As current co-chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, Joyce is busy making plans for the upcoming annual meeting. As she is also a member of the Moody Bluebooks, a band made up of law faculty, staff, students and alums, one cannot help but wonder: will Joyce be able to book the Moody Bluebooks for the annual meeting? Plan to attend the MAALL-SWALL Annual Meeting in Lawrence in November and find out.



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**Learn to Create
Effective Employee
Manuals**

August 17 - Webinar

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Learn to Create Effective Employee Manuals

Your staff procedure manual and staff policy manual provide the foundation for good communication throughout your organization. Join **Holly Ann Lakatos**, law librarian at the California Court of Appeal - 3rd District, for the **August 17 AALL webinar**, [Documenting Your Success: Creating Employee Manuals](#), at **11 a.m. CST**, and learn how to maximize this important documentation in your library. Topics will include: workflow descriptions, policy alignment, consistency, and specific language for difficult problems.

[Register by August 10.](#)

(Calendar Event link: <http://www.aallnet.org/Home-page-contents/Events/Documenting-Your-Success-Creating-Employee-Manuals.html>;
Registration: <http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=989218>)

AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: [Why Don't I Get Easy Questions Anymore?: The Changing Nature of Reference and Patron Services](#).

This one-hour MP3 recording features **Kay Samuels** as the moderator and **Joan Shear** and **Jeanette Bosschart** as speakers. During the program the speakers discuss how they receive fewer easy reference questions than in the past but that the questions they get are of a different nature.

Find this and more than 80 other free continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members on [AALL2go!](#)

<http://www.softconference.com/aall/sessionDetail.asp?SID=175513>

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REMARKS FROM OUR MAALL GRANT RECIPIENT 2010

Jennifer Prilliman

Reference and Student Services Librarian

Oklahoma City University



"It's not easy being green." Kermit the Frog meant this literally, but its metaphorical implications resonate with anyone who has ever been new at anything and felt a little overwhelmed. So tonight, as I struggle through my first collection review, I thought taking a break and writing about my MAALL experience would be both a nice change of pace and a little cathartic.

I graduated from library school this past May. In July I received a great job offer to work at Oklahoma City University's Law Library. I felt very confident through my interview process, but that confidence quickly evaporated when I reported for duty in August. My only library experience, other than being an avid user of the library, was a legal internship with the Oklahoma State Courts Network (where I did data entry

more than anything else and updated pocket parts), and being a library assistant in the seventh grade. Through the course of my MLIS program I learned how to build digital collections, read the writings of scholars like Belkin and Bates, learned more than I ever wanted to know about MARC records, learned the ins and outs of Dublin Core, and dabbled with institutional repositories.

We talked about the theories of collection policy, but I had never performed conducted a collection review and in my first week at OCU I was assigned two. We talked about the reference interview. However, unlike most first year law students, my reference class partner was very forthcoming and clear with her information request whenever we practiced reference interviews in class. Getting to her precise information need usually only took a few minutes and never required explaining the difference between an annotated statute and an *American Law Reports* annotation. To add to my lack of library experience was my weak memory of basic tools like digests and loose-leaves. More than once in those first weeks and months, I had the sinking feeling that I was in way over my head and that my new employers would realize it soon.

Fortunately, they have been very gracious and helpful as I have found my footing at OCU. This willingness to assist a new librarian seems to be a shared characteristic among law librarians in general, or at least this was my experience with MAALL members. I was nervous about my first MAALL conference. I take a while to warm up to new people and environments. However MAALL members are a friendly bunch and I soon felt more at ease. By the end of the first day I had two new twitter friends and had connected with a number of great librarians across the region.

Beyond networking, I also gained many new skills and ideas through thanks to the programming sessions. For example, Resa Kerns' session "Managing the Mountain" has completely changed the way I organized my work day for the better. Our library is testing out Gimlet, the reference tracking tool highlighted by Darin Fox. Troy Johnson and George Butterfield provided some really useful insight into the ups and downs of timed research lessons. Karen Wallace and Sara Lowe's presentation about one-shot research sessions not only was insightful, but and even though the session was not about LibGuides, I left inspired by their LibGuides and look to them as quality examples as I prepare my own.

Richard Leiter's podcast is a new addition to my podcast listening schedule. I especially enjoyed sharing ideas about teaching at the "Unconference." Cindy Basset did a wonderful job moderating the discussion. For a new librarian, hearing a diversity of perspectives from experienced librarians on legal research education was invaluable.

Mostly though, it was nice to spend time sharing ideas and learning from other like-minded individuals. I can guarantee you that this Thanksgiving my family members will not be interested in discussing the merits of information literacy instruction or having a robust debate on the whether print digests are worth teaching. It will be the usual football, politics, and more football. So they opportunity to spend a few days immersed in the library world each year before the holiday season will provide enough "food for thought" for me to muse I am really appreciative of the Grant Committee's generosity in providing scholarships for new and experienced librarians alike. It is hard sometimes to feel comfortable in new environments and with new groups, but MAALL members are very welcoming. I am looking forward to attending many

Mid-America Law Library Consortium
Executive Director Report
Susan Goldner
April 3, 2011



This report covers the first quarter of 2011*

E-Resources Committee

At the last meeting, the board approved creation of an E-Resources Committee, whose charge is to serve as advisers to the Executive Director by recommending products to pursue, assisting with offer evaluation and helping to identify licensing problems. The committee members are Katherine Greene (Kansas), Gwen Gregory (John Marshall), and Jennifer Prilliman (Oklahoma City). They have already been very helpful with a number of specific questions.

Strategic Planning Committee

This committee has begun to tackle some difficult questions for the consortium. At the April board meeting, Lee Peoples will report on our activities.

WorldCat Collection Analysis (WCA)

A product specialist at OCLC held a WCA webinar for our members on Feb. 9, 2011 and will hold a second one on April 6, 2011. The first one was not an unqualified success for a couple of reasons. Oddly enough the first reason was the weather, because there was widespread, significant snow that caused some institutions to close that day. The second reason was that the content of the webinar was not tailored to the needs of our group. I worked with the specialist and hope that this second session will be more beneficial.

Travel

Due to a last minute, family emergency, I was unable to attend the MALLCO meeting during AALS in person, but did participate by phone. I attended the annual North American meeting of the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) in Austin, Texas, March 21-23. This year approximately 85 people attended, representing consortia of all sizes, from very large (e.g. Lyris, ARL and California Digital Library), to foreign country-wide consortia, to small consortia like ours. Of particular interest to me were sessions on inter-consortial licensing, Ebook patron driven acquisition models, brainstorming about updating ICOLC's preferred practices for vendors, and strategic planning and assessment techniques. I have not written a complete report of the meeting, but include my notes as an attachment. Hopefully they will give you a flavor of what was discussed. Please contact me if you want to discuss any of the topics in more detail.

Print Repository Summit

I am invited to attend a print repository summit organized by LIPA and NELLCO on May 2-3, 2011 in Chicago. Approximately 25 people from around the country were invited. Here is a description of the summit from Margie Maes "*We are bringing together a lot of the people who are working on print retention/repository projects or who are potentially interested in participating in a collaborative repository project for legal information. The first day will help us develop a common knowledge base about the state-of-the-art, ownership models, funding models, copyright issues, access and delivery issues, and obstacles to building a shared collection. On Day 2 (which will be a half-day), we will focus on legal information and the questions that we must answer in order to make a decision about going forward with our project, including what other partners we might identify for the next phase of our work.*"

Cooperative Purchasing: Recent Activities

The [Group Discounts, Licensing and Trials](#) page on our website is always the place to find complete information about our offers, subscriptions and trials. Keep in mind that most of our subscriptions are open to new subscribers during the year. There are also some ongoing discounts that are available throughout the year. A copy of the page was sent as a separate attachment with this report. The main activities from the past three months are as follows:

1. Gale's MOML collections: *MOML 5* (25% discount), *MOML 4* (21.8% discount) and *MOML Trials* (22.5% discount) are available at reduced prices through June 10, 2011.
2. Oxford University Press had two significant discounts available through March 31, 2011. They were for *Oxford Digital Reference Shelftitles* (30% discount) and *Oxford Scholarship Online*, Law module (25% discount for frontlist and 65% discount for archive purchase).
3. H.W. Wilson's Retro databases were available at a 15% discount through March 31, 2011.
4. *LibGuides* was renewed by eight libraries at the same price as last year.
5. Significant discounts for National Business Institute publications continue.
6. An order was placed for eight libraries, who received a 29% discount from Cassidy Cataloging for the Aspen treatises in *LoisLaw*.

During a visit in my office, Vincent Vessalo from Gale described their pricing model for MOML databases. He said that their lowest price is offered right before the database is released.

Every year after that the discounted price will tick up, until the price is so close to the list price that they no longer offer it as a discounted price. He told me off the record that if a library is going back to earlier databases to fill in gaps, they may work with us on the price. Feel free to contact me if you are interested in "filling in gaps" and I will see if I can help with the price. *As you deal with our vendors, please be sure to mention how much you appreciate their willingness to work with MALLCO.*

Cooperative Purchasing: Looking Ahead

Four of our current subscriptions are up for renewal between now and our July meeting: *Current Index to Legal Publications* and *Smart CILP* (June 30), *Fastcase* (May 5), *Index to Legal Periodicals* (June 30), and *LoisLaw* (June 30). The *Fastcase* details are available now; the rest will be available within a few weeks.

I am working with Gale again, hoping to be able to offer discounted pricing on LegalTrac and Legal Forms. They offered us discounts earlier this year, but the discounts were only for new subscribers. After discussing the offer with the E-Resources Committee and Executive Committee, I declined that offer. We determined that we are only interested in subscriptions that offer benefits to all of our members and that continue into the future.

In December, 2010, I had conversations with Shannon Hein about our new MALLCO members. The bad news is that he investigated Hein's records and responded that MALLCO does not have a discount for the core HeinOnline package. There is an ongoing 6% discount, which began as an offer to MAALL libraries in 2000(?). It continues for the libraries that participated initially, but Hein does not consider it a MALLCO discount and will not extend it to new MALLCO members. The good news is that in February Shannon Hein and Steve Roses spoke to me about structuring discounts for HeinOnline databases. They have not yet extended an offer to us, but they assured me that an offer for MALLCO is in the works.

During the last year, two vendors approached me with offers for video products: Swank and H.W. Wilson. Recently, I had a conversation with our Associate Dean about faculty use of video in the classroom and found that they are very interested in a video clipping service. The E-Resources Committee and I will look at video products that are available and hope to generate an offer that will be appealing to MALLCO members. If you have a particular need or know of a useful video product, please let me know.

Please continue to tell me about vendors and products that interest you.

Financial Matters

This year, I took over responsibility for sending our dues invoices and receiving payments, in the same way that I handle invoicing for our group purchases. June Stewart, the Treasurer, continues to deposit the checks and keep MALLCO's financial records.

Web Site (mallco.org)

The web site is the place to go for information about MALLCO. Liz Glankler and I strive to keep it up to date. At the request of the Personnel Committee, we enhanced the Executive Director Documents page by adding the 2010 projects list and my employment agreement. *Please let me know if there are other things you would like to see posted.*

* [editorial note: minor changes made for this issue of MAALL Markings, with permission.]

2010 MAALL MARKINGS READERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

Here are the MAALL Markings survey results from surveymonkey.com. As expected the number of respondents was pretty low. You can see that the following selected things could be brought to light from the results; 1). A "conference issue" is desired, 2) Most everyone reads every issue, 3) Make it more online oriented with fewer multiple-column pages, 4) Many respondents volunteered to help by submitting articles, 5) Nearly 20% like the news from other chapters, and finally, 6) Keep it as a PDF for quick printingout and readability.

		Response %	Response Count
2	1. Do you find MAALL Markings valuable?		
3	I'd be lying if I said "yes." It's not a publication that's valuable to me.	18.50%	12
4	Yes, I really enjoy the publication. No need to change it.	15.40%	10
5	Yes, but it needs more articles.	23.10%	15
6	Please have a "conference issue" reporting on the MALL Annual Meetings so we know what we missed	52.30%	34
7	Yes, I'd like to see it grow into something more substantial	32.30%	21
8	It needs a complete revamping	4.60%	3
9	It needs a new title	6.20%	4
10	Let's work to get it like the SCALL Newsletter (Brian's choice).	10.80%	7
11			
12	Answered question		65
13	skipped questions		7
14			
15	2. How do you read MAALL Markings? Editor-in-Chief needs honest answers!		
16		Response %	Response Count
17	I don't read MAALL Markings.	14.10%	10
18	I read MAALL Markings once in a while	35.20%	25
19	I only read the President's Message.	1.40%	1
20	I read most of each issue.	56.30%	40
21	I enjoy the News from Other Chapters.	19.70%	14
22	I read the "Meet the Members" only.	4.20%	3
23	I read the "Members News" only.	5.60%	4
24	I read the Committee news.	4.20%	3
25			
26	Answered question		71
27	Skipped question		1
28			
29	3. What Format Would you Prefer?		
30		Response %	Response Count
31	Keep it pretty much the same. I like the PDF and make a printout of the issues to read later. I like the 3-column format for the cover page.	32.80%	22
32	Make it more formal.	1.50%	1
33	Needs more photographs.	23.90%	16
34	Needs more graphics	10.40%	7
35	Make it more online oriented. I want to read it online. Don't have any 3-column pages, or jump pages to continue an article.	49.30%	33
36	Needs new products and vendor spots.	4.50%	3
37	Keep it ad-free; no advertisements.	31.30%	21
38			
39	Answered question		67
40	Skipped question		5
41			
42	4.Can you help improve MAALL Markings? You want to be part of the editorial staff?		
43		Response %	Response Count
44	Contact me for authoring some articles. I'll commit to cranking out some articles for upcoming issues.	76.90%	10
45	I'd like to be your Layout Editor	0.00%	0
46	I'd be glad to be the Webmaster.	0.00%	0
47	I can help you as Associate Editor to help with proof-reading and help the Editor-in-Chief with policies, procedures and help get the issue deadlines met.	30.80%	4
48	I'd like to be the Compiler Editor to scan other selected AALL Chapter newsletters for ideas and additional conten news.	15.40%	2

MAALL Chapter Newsletter Summaries

01/03/2011

CoALL (Colorado Association of Law Libraries)

CoAll Scuttle <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/scuttle.asp>

Fall 2010 Volume 20 Issue 4

Janet Ellen Raasch, a writer, ghostwriter and blogger who works closely with professional services providers – especially lawyers, law firms, legal consultants

and legal organizations – to help them achieve name recognition, writes on the movement of attorneys laterally through firms. She offers tips on how to improve retention and success of this group of new hires.

LLNE (Law Librarians of New England)

LLNE News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/LLNENews/index.htm>

Nothing new since last reviewed issue of Volume 29 Issue 2

MALL (Minnesota Association of Law Libraries)

MALL Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/mnews.htm>

Nothing new since May/June 2010 Volume 36 Issue 6

NOCALL (Northern California Association of Law Libraries)

NOCALL News <http://www.nocall.org/nocallnews/archives.html>

November/December 2010 Volume 31 Issue 2

David Holt and Ellen Platt at the Santa Clara University School of Law Heafy Law Library review a variety of tech tools. David explains an easy way for students to create a table of authorities using a LexisNexis add-on. He also comments that their LibGuide on how to read a citation is their most popular guide. Sometimes, basic is best.

ORALL (Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries)

ORALL Newsletter <http://www.orall.org/>

September 2010 Volume 2010 Issue 3

SaraJean Petite, librarian at the Judge Ben C. Green Law Library at Case Western

Reserve University, encourages law librarians to offer library science students practicum opportunities by outlining the benefits to be had for library and student.

December 2010 Volume 2010 Issue 4

Maureen Anderson, Reference Librarian, Zimmerman Law Library, University of Dayton, reports on a program presented at the ORALL Annual Meeting by Amy Burchfield, Access and Faculty Services Librarian, from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Ms. Burchfield applied the “slow food” concept to that of libraries, encouraging a shift away from a harried mindset into one that allows time for communication and teamwork.

SEAALL (Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries)

The Southeastern Law Librarian <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/newsletter.htm>

Spring 2010 Volume 35 Issue 2

Nothing of interest

Summer 2010 Volume 35 Issue 3

Are meetings the bane of your work life? Carol A. Watson, Director of the Law Library, & Wendy E. Moore, Acquisitions Librarian, Alexander Campbell King Law Library, University of Georgia School of Law, outline the “Four F’s of Facilitation” that can lead to more successful meetings. This article is chock full of good advice for keeping meetings manageable.

Fall 2010 Volume 35 Issue 4

Nothing of interest

WestPac (Western Pacific Chapter American Association of Law Libraries) *WestPac News*

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/newsletter.asp>

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CoALL (Colorado Association of Law Libraries)

CoAll Scuttle <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/scuttle.asp>

Winter 2011 Volume 21 Issue 1

In January 2010, the Westminster Law Library at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law was awarded a Wolters Kluwer Law & Business Grant. The goal of the project funded by this grant was to reintroduce the value of law librarians to public librarians. The article describes the methods they used to improve their relationships.

LLNE (Law Librarians of New England)

LLNE News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/LLNEnews/index.htm>

Volume 30 Issue 1

Meg Kribble, Harvard Law School Library, kicks off her first technology column with this advice: "Kill the Buddha." No one knows your library like you do, so don't take 'expert' pronouncements to heart when thinking about technology implementation in your library. Even hers!

Harvard hosted an LLNE Faculty Services Showdown to highlight best practices in supporting faculty scholarship. Links are provided for interesting projects from Yale Law School and Chicago – Kent College of Law.

MALL (Minnesota Association of Law Libraries)

MALL Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/mnews.htm>

Fall/Winter 2011 Volume 37 Issue 1

Nothing of interest

NOCALL (Northern California Association of Law Libraries)

NOCALL News <http://www.nocall.org/nocallnews/archives.html>

January/February 2011 Volume 31 Issue 3

Amanda Takemoto Sacramento County Public Law Library discusses a program about providing good customer service to individuals with mental health impairments. Helpful suggestions include using a low, calm voice, setting boundaries about physical proximity, and repeating a phrase with the same wording if needed.

ORALL (Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries)

ORALL Newsletter http://orall.org/?page_id=20

No new issue since December 2010 Volume 2010 Issue 4

SEAALL (Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries)

The Southeastern Law Librarian <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/publications/newsletter.html>

Winter 2011 Volume 36 Issue 1

Kathryn Crandall, a Florida State University JD/MLIS Student describes the "twilight zone" that JD/MLS students find themselves in terms of job networking. She offers other students advice on ways to reach out to the law librarian community.

WestPac (Western Pacific Chapter American Association of Law Libraries)

WestPac News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/newsletter.asp>

No new issue since Fall 2010 Volume 34 Issue 2

WPLLA (Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association)

WPLLA Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/wplla/wpllapubs.html>

No new issue since Spring 2010

ALLUNY (Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York)

ALLUNY Newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/newslett.asp>

Volume 36 Issue 1

Issue contains article on RDA (Resource Description and Access)

Technical Tips: How is your library handling RDA?

Morris Cohen

There is also a mention of the passing of Morris Cohen in this issue. Pictures of a display about Mr. Cohen are shown in the piece. The display is at the University at Buffalo Charles B. Sears Law Library.

LLAGNY (Law Library Association of Greater New York)

Law Lines http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/lлагny/Law_Lines/LI_Fall2010.pdf

Volume 34, No. 1 Fall 2010

Issue contains a *legal bibliography on bedbugs*. You have probably seen news stories about the growing problem of bedbugs. As the problem has grown so have lawsuits related to bedbugs. See this bibliography for more information.

There are also three articles that deal with library marketing

- *Marketing the Law Firm Library*
- *5 Tips for Marketing Library Workshops to Law Students*
- *Using the Academic Law Library Webpage as a Marketing Tool*

Issue also contains a good article about public access to primary law: *"Free, Official, Authentic": The Move For Public Access To Primary Law*

LLAM (Law Library Association of Maryland)

LLAM News <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llam/publications.htm>

March 2011

Articles of note in this issue:

GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) America's Authentic Government Information

Ideas in Client Service: Assisting New Associates with Business Development

LLSDC (Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C.)

Law Library Lights <http://www.llsdc.org/lights/>

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Articles of note in this issue:

A Tale of Two Cities: Managing Two Branch Offices*

Technical Services by the Seat of Your Pants: A Brief Outline of Technical Services Responsibilities

Why Do We Need to Learn This?: Dealing with Questions in the Classroom

Learning on the Job

Interlibrary Loan from Around the World

Mobile Legal Research: Do we NEED an app for that?

VALL (Virginia Association of Law Libraries)

VALL is maintaining a news blog at <http://valltalk.blogspot.com/>

"Other Duties as Assigned"

by

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Other Duties as Assigned

The job duty wasn't really assigned to me, I took over. I couldn't help myself, my work and training in retail before I went to library school made me do it, all I was missing was a mannequin and some clothes. I'm talking about the Library's display case. When the library was renovated they installed a wall mounted glass front display case. The decision was made that the display case would house faculty publications. At first the Director of the library took responsibility for the display case, gathering materials, laying out the display and writing a policy. As I watched the Library Director fit yet another task into his busy day, my fingers itched to rearrange the case. Eventually, I found an opening where I could suggest that I help with the case. From there it was only a matter of time before I had taken over.

At first it wasn't difficult to maintain the display in the case. The Library Director and I tweaked the policy so that it was very clear as to what would go into the display case. As new faculty arrived I would add their publications to the display case. This meant rearranging the case, making new signage and generally just making sure all was well. Then the university held their first **University Research Day - Celebration of Scholarship**. For this event we emptied the display case and created a display that would fit on a six foot table located in a large ballroom on campus. After this event the publications went back into the display case, but with a different arrangement and a change in policy. We had too many pieces for the case and had to rewrite the policy to fit a new arrangement.

With our recent change in Deans, a decision was made to move faculty publications back into the Law Schools display case which meant thinking of new ways to utilize the library's display case. With the help of two of the library staff, Susan Yirak and Andrea Hogrefe, we were able to come up with three displays; one for each section of the case. Since this change we have swapped out each display at least once. The displays have included themes on "Surviving your first year in law school," the Law School, "How to study for and take exams," material from the Law School's Archives, and materials related to Banned Books Week. The plan is to create and rotate displays every few months to keep the material fresh. I am still responsible for maintaining the Law School's faculty publications display.

Even though I have assumed responsibility for the display cases, I enjoy arranging the displays with the help of staff. It allows me to do something that is not part of my typical day and lets me be creative. One of the big challenges with display cases is where to get ideas and keeping the displays fresh. Sometimes those "Other Duties as Assigned" can be fun.



Library Display Case



Faculty Publications Display Case

Editor's Notes

This is the "corrected" issue for summer 2011. It was the first of the new look MAALL Markings, and I learned that I must send the PDF version to the Associate Editor for proofing and layout suggestions, rather than the MSWord .docx file. I apologize for bringing forth the previous version with a few minor omissions. One glaring omission was to not include the page having MAALL's Board current members, as well as MAALL's current committees and their members. Below is the original version of my Editor's Notes - Brian 7/20/2011



Executive
Board

This issue has been long in coming, and I apologize for the delay. Our newsletter will be moving toward a true "web-based" publication. This means that traditional multi-column per page format leaves us, and there are now more photos and more images, with more eye-pleasing *white space* throughout.

The PDF format for newsletter-type publications is a standard that offers many advantages, such as simple, stable archiving of the files.

Since MAALL Markings is not intended as a venue for more in-depth or scholarly publishing, we will retain the more casual tone of its content as a true newsletter. However, it should also be seen as a publication that needs to contain articles from its Chapter membership that promote professional development, educational enrichment, and a venue for discussions of issues in the arena of our regional law librarianship profession.

The publication's enumeration has changed from the traditional "volume and number" to "seasonal" to allow for more flexibility for timing variances with MAALL's activities during the summer AALL, and MAALL's fall annual meetings. The tech services staff in your library can make note that the last enumerated issue was volume 20 no. 2 (April 2010).

The MAALL Markings staff and Newsletter Committee members (listed on the next page) will be more in touch with me now that this issue is out. I want to thank all the colleagues who have helped getting this issue published!

Please contact me, or whoever is the current newsletter liaison to the Executive Board, or any of the Committee Members about any questions or ideas you have about MAALL Markings. I hope you enjoy the new look!

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Members: Janet McKinney, Jesse Burchfield, Gary Vander Meer

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(Board Liaison, Rhonda Schwartz)

Charge: Monitor proposed legislation affecting law libraries making recommendations for appropriate action concerning the desirability of such legislation. Ideally the committee will have one member from each state that is part of MAALL.

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Members: Cathy Chick, Mary Kay Jung

Internet Committee

(Board Liaison, Jeri Kay Hopkins)

Charge: Evaluate and manage MAALL's web page and web presence.

Chair: Resa Kerns

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Members: Cindy Bassett, Jenny Rempel

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(Board Liaison, Darla Jackson)

Charge: Encourage the involvement of library school students in MAALL and in law librarianship in general.

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Ex Officio: Stefanie Pearlman

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(Board Liaison, Jeri Hopkins)

Charge: Encourage law librarians, law library staff, and library school students in our region to join MAALL, coordinates with Treasurer and Internet Committee chair to ensure MAALL directory listing on the website and the MAALL discussion list names is accurate, contact members who fail to renew, coordinate the Mentoring Program, and revise the MAALL brochure.

Chair: Karen Wallace

Members: Cindy Shearrer, Karen Wallace, Ex Officio for the Membership Committee

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(Board Liaison, Kathryn Hahn)

Charge: Publish the quarterly newsletter, MAALL Markings, on the Web and explore ways of expanding it's content.

Chair & Editor: Brian Striman

Members: Andrew Evans, Jennifer Prillman

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(Board Liaison, Darla Jackson)

Charge: Submit announcements for inclusion in AALL Spectrum and prepare MAALL table for AALL exhibit hall.

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(Board Liaison, Stefanie Pearlman)

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