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## Presidential Address

*"The Carbondale meeting  
was a resounding success"*

Judith Morgan, Director, Oklahoma City University Law Library

The semester is fast approaching its end, the usual signs are present. The computer lab has capacity attendance and reams of paper are disappearing into the printers; anxious students are copying "old exams"; luncheons are held honoring faculty and librarians - the nicest part! As the semester ends the MAALL year is beginning. The Carbondale meeting, hosted by Frank Houdek and Southern Illinois University was a resounding success. The hospitality was outstanding thanks to the hard work of local arrangements-Laurel Wendt, Jean McKnight, and James Duggan. A magic show on Thursday evening brought out the child in all of us. Friday's Buffalo Tro began with an Indian ceremony held in a misty rain in the piney forest and continued with the blue grass music of Carter & Connelly, which set feet tapping and hands clapping.

The program committee planned interesting and informative sessions and everything went smoothly thanks to Sharon Hom, Susan Goldner, Jean McKnight, Mary Stultz, and Glen-Peter Ahlers. A special thanks and appreciation to all the speakers and moderators without whom there could be no program. A summary of the program appears in this issue. To all participants who traveled to Carbondale, thank you for coming. Without attendees there would be no meeting.

With the new MAALL year starting, plans are already underway for the 1997 meeting which will be hosted by Kay Andrus and Creighton University Law Library in Omaha, Nebraska. James Duggan, of Southern Illinois University and MAALL Vice-President will chair the Program committee. Please contact him if you have ideas for a theme or programs you would like to see.

The success of any organization is dependent on the efforts of its members. As you begin the new year, both MAALL's and 1997, consider volunteering to serve on a committee. Service on committees is a good way to meet people, get to go to meetings, and enhance your resume. A committee appointments form is in this issue!

Again thanks for your support of MAALL. If you have any suggestions for the coming year, please let me know. I hope to see you in Baltimore this summer and Omaha next October.

Holiday greetings and best in the new year.

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## ***MAALL Home Page Now Available***

The MAALL Internet Committee announces the availability of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Home Page located at: <http://www.siu.edu/offices/lawlib/MAALL/>. This page provides links to the MAALL Membership Directory, newsletter, bylaws, history, discussion group, MALSLC Home Page, and AALLNET. The MAALL Home Page will also contain Annual Meeting information and information of special interest such as the currently linked Government Documents presentation notes from the Carbondale meeting. Contact an Internet Committee member with questions or comments.

## ***Survey on Faculty Internet Use Distributed***

A survey on faculty Internet use for instructional purposes at MAALL academic institutions was distributed via email on November 11, 1996. This survey was prepared by Sally Kelley with the assistance of the MAALL Internet Committee. Please return these surveys to Sally at [skelley@mercury.uark.edu](mailto:skelley@mercury.uark.edu). In addition, please forward updated MAALL institution home page URL's to the same address.

## ***Markings To Have New Ad Manager***

Beginning with the March, 1997 issue of *MAALL Markings*, Beth Smith of the University of Nebraska Law Library will take over the responsibilities of Advertisement Manager. Her contact information is listed towards the bottom of page 2. Thanks to the current Ad Manager, Sally Kelley, for her excellent work.

### ***Contributions Are Welcome***

If you wish to submit material for publication in the *MAALL Markings*, please contact the editor prior to the submission deadline.

## ***Vendors Support MAALL Meeting In Carbondale***

Several companies helped MAALL immensely by sponsoring programs and activities at the annual meeting in Carbondale. Listed below are companies and the events they supported. Their contributions enabled MAALL to keep its registration fee at \$75, which included most meals. Without their financial support, the registration fee easily could have exceeded \$100. If you have a chance to thank these sponsors, please do so. If they believe MAALL members appreciate their support they will be more likely to provide assistance in the future. The following vendors provided assistance.

### **Matthew Bender & Co.**

Provided the Opening Luncheon on Thursday, transportation for the luncheon speaker, coffee breaks on Thursday afternoon, and the Opening Reception.

### **West Publishing Company**

Provided the Friday Luncheon.

### **LEXIS-NEXIS**

Provided meeting buses/shuttles.

### **Fred B. Rothman & Co.**

Provided the Hospitality Suite on Thursday and Friday evening.

### **William S. Hein & Co.**

Provided all coffee breaks on Friday.

### **Congressional Information Service**

Provided the Saturday continental breakfast.

### **Midwest Library Service**

Provided the coffee break Saturday morning.

# Highlights from the 1996 MAALL Annual Meeting in Carbondale.

## THURSDAY

Beautiful fall weather greeted us in Carbondale, as Southern Illinois University hosted the 1996 MAALL meeting. The theme based on the logo MAALL - *The Millennium: Assessing Advancing Leading Libraries* was carried out in programs on issues of interest to librarians as we approach the 21st Century. Summaries of the sessions have been prepared by the program committee and presenters for those who could not attend.

The conference began with the opening lunch. The featured speaker was Jean Simon, Chair of the *U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science*. She spoke of the importance of the Commission's work and the need for continued funding.

Thursday afternoon's plenary sessions were on telecommunications and legal publishing. Prof. Robert Spellman of the SIU School of Journalism gave an informative talk on the legal ramifications of the recently enacted *Telecommunications Act*. Legal questions of jurisdiction, existence of a forum where information is stored or downloaded, the application of long arm statutes, copyright, "fair use", and libel on the Internet made for an interesting session. James Duggan concluded the session with comments on the *Communications Decency Act of 1996* and its implications for law librarians and their computer labs. Are libraries responsible for content on student web pages? University and library computing policies are very important.

The second plenary session, coordinated by Jack Montgomery, addressed the current state of legal publishing, a matter of concern to law librarians with all the current buyouts of legal publishing companies. Representatives from CCH, Matthew Bender, LOIS, and West discussed the probable changes to their companies. Librarians were very interested in the effect on legal formats, for example more publications on CD-ROM and the change from pocket part or compression binder to looseleaf. The standard for CD-ROM and the effect of having different search engines for different publishers was discussed. Would West continue Premise or would it move to a Folios based product? Time will tell. Panelists were: Christopher Ainsley CCH, Inc., Kenneth L. Halajian, Matthew Bender & Co., Dave Hoover, LOIS, Inc., and Todd Daubenberger, West Information Publishing Group.

## FRIDAY

### *Buildings Part I: Designing the New Library*

Coordinator: Judy Morgan

Panelists: Ray Greco, Leonard Parker Associates, Rick Ducey, Ann Fessenden, Susan Siebers.

In this session Ray Greco, whose firm designed the Drake Law Library, gave an overview of trends in design, and how to work with the architecture team in planning for the new building.

## ***The Internet: To Catalog or not to Catalog, That is the Question.***

Panelists Katherine Tooley, Martin Wisneski, and Lorraine Lorne.

1. Change HOW materials are cataloged.
2. Be selective! Only catalog what is relevant for your site.
3. Decide who chooses what, when, how.
4. Evaluate those choices repeatedly.
5. Issues that must be addressed FIRST: Time, \$, staff, & technology available at your site.
6. Evaluate who your primary users are and the types of access they need.
7. What are the limits of the general public's access & how will you deal with that.
8. Involve/consult heavily with reference and public services staff before beginning a project.
9. This too will change!

## ***Interns, Externs, and Summer Associates: Are they ready to face the real world?***

Coordinator: Sharon Hom

Panelists: Patricia A. Ellingson, Shirley G. Canup, Laurel Wendt

Pat and Shirley both spoke about their experiences with interns and summer associates in their libraries. Pat passed out a handout on the library orientation she does at Northwestern Mutual, and described some of the problems and gaps in education and research she has seen among the students she has worked with.

Shirley talked about both summer and first year associates, and in what ways they differed or were much the same. She works with over 230 attorneys in the home office, plus those in four branch offices. Back to basics were emphasized; both how they arrived at the place they are now, and suggestions for matters to consider when teaching legal research to those going from law school students to practicing attorneys. Laurel outlined the old program and the recently revised program the SIU law librarians work under to teach first year law students. Instead of big group lectures and mass projects, each librarian works with a number of small groups to individualize and personalize using legal research skills. Examples were given of incidents in the law school library that help them to understand where the students are lacking in skills, knowledge, and/or initiative to develop their abilities more. All agreed that many law students and recent graduates were lacking in legal research skills, and that more could be done by law faculty, librarians, and the students themselves to improve the situation.

## ***Buildings Part II: Designing the New Library***

The discussion continued with panelists drawing on their experiences in planning a new library. Rick Ducey discussed space - law library, faculty, student organizations and administration space. He also provided sample Facility Program descriptions for different spaces such as the Circulation and Reserve area.

Ann Fessenden gave an informative talk on the types of shelving including compact shelving. A glossary of shelving terms is included in her handout.

Susan Siebers emphasized how important it is that all constituents be informed of the building project and be advised of its progress. In the law firm, all departments should be aware of the necessity for the project and the impact it will have upon them.

## ***Format Integration and Integration of Formats into Our Collections, or What Do We Do With All the Staff.***

Panelists: Heija Ryoo, Marilyn Nicely, and Susan Goldner, coordinator

The program began with an overview of the changes brought about by USMARC Format Integration, phases 1 and 2. The remainder of the program discussed a wide range of options available for handling CD-ROMs, software accompanying books, and other “surprise” formats. There are no right ways of coping with the material. Each library must decide on its own policies and procedures for acquisition, cataloging, processing, and circulation or network access. The handouts included a summary list of changed MARC coding, a bibliography, and procedures used at UALR and SIU.

## ***Tension and Teamwork: Librarians' Partnerships with Information Systems Managers and Other Computer Personnel***

Panelists: Faye E. Jones, Mary K. Dzurinko, and Aris L. Woodham.

Faye spoke from an academic perspective, and talked about developing an in-house library computing capability with little or no extra staff. She also covered the prejudices of consultants and consulting firms, and problems with a centralized computing authority. Finally, various methods to encourage cooperation, such as technology round tables, defining jurisdictional lines, and negotiation strategies were revealed.

Mary had previously been the law librarian at Covington and Burlington in Washington, DC, and started by showing us a section of the film “*Revenge of the Nerds*.” Her experience with working with MIS personnel allowed her to talk about the different perspectives and functions of librarians and computer people, and how not to let the MIS department take over library projects. She advised getting as involved and educated as you can, and “programming” MIS personnel to work with librarians in any setting.

Aris ended with her varied experiences at three different academic law libraries. Her counsel included settling turf wars and reconciling the technical vs. service perspectives of each group. We can help the process by learning to speak “computerese” and teaching them to see our concern; being direct in expressing our needs and the needs of our patrons; knowing their agenda as well as ours; and determining the roles and status of each group in relationship to each other.

## ***Designing and Marketing your Website to Enhance the Library's Perception Within the Community.***

Eric Cooper discussed the following points for librarians wanting to create a useful and viable website to enhance the library's image within their legal community.

1. There are many communities of legal professionals we should be aware of as we maintain websites. Depending on which community we focus upon, different information resources are needed.
2. Designing and Marketing our websites based on our community focus will increase access for users of our website and increase the visibility, credibility, and respect of law librarians.
3. To appropriately design your website, you must make sure your files are easily accessible and the contents within those files are well organized and clear.
4. Include contents appropriate for the community(s) you are focusing upon. Think of content in terms of primary materials, services, and library specific information.

5. Market your site specifically for targeted communities through the Internet and community publications/events.

6. One way to apply our knowledge of organization and user needs to technology is through the medium of web construction. This will benefit our libraries and librarianship in the age of technology by increasing the perception communities have regarding our technological skills.

***GPO Access: an Overview of the Service, Information on the Issues Surrounding It, and an Update on the Latest Information on GPO and FDLP.***

Coordinator/Panelist: Brian Striman

Panelists: Melanie Nelson, Carol Moody

The program opened with a short, humorous slide show providing a unique historical look at GPO materials and how users and librarians have dealt with them—to a tongue-in-cheek take-off of *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Then the panelists did a short, humorous skit which outlined several issues surrounding the transitional problems of having to provide access to electronic resources while maintaining FDLP status (Federal Depository Library Program). Issues in the skit included such things as being able to afford the computer hardware, Internet access to meet minimum requirements for an FDL, other Internet access problems, time needed to train staff, patron frustration with searching and printing; and how data will be permanently archived for future generations.

Melanie Nelson discussed many of the skit issues in light of the responsibilities of Depository Libraries. She also evaluated the costs and benefits of law-selected depository libraries remaining within the FDLP. She concluded by speculating on what the future holds for depository libraries with the increased dependence upon electronic sources for government information.

Carol Moody spoke about the October 1996 Federal Library Program meeting. She said she was very impressed with the new direction and enthusiasm of the GPO staff. There are many decisions librarians will have to make concerning limited printings of paper copy titles and their associated costs. Carol's report included so much information it cannot be highlighted in this summary. More detailed notes can be accessed at <http://www.siu.edu/offices/lawlib/MAALL/govdocs.htm>.

***“Introduction to Web Page Design: A Beginner's Guide or “Dragged Kicking and Screaming into the New Millennium, HTML and Web Page Authoring for the Luddite.”***

Coordinators/Panelists: Melissa Serfass and James Duggan

This was a hands-on session consisting of an on-line tutorial covering the basics of hypertext markup language and participant creation of a text file and web page.

**SATURDAY**

***CD-ROM Networks - What Works, What Doesn't, Problems/Solutions***

Panelists - Mark Folmsbee, Sally Wise, and Aris Woodham.

Mark Folmsbee began the session with a concise and clear explanation of network components including servers, topology, and operating systems. Some steps to follow in designing the network are: buy mail order and return it if it doesn't work; decide on the CD-ROM network first, then purchase the hardware; speak with technicians; and make the search engine the deciding force. Aris Woodham then personalized the discussion by discussing what UMKC is doing with CD-ROM networking. At UMKC, data is loaded into a server instead of utilizing a CD-ROM tower. Sally Wise discussed the experience at the University of Nebraska. Nebraska is on an ethernet network which is really the

university network. Sally cautioned to make sure you have the proper licensing agreements before proceeding to network CD-ROM's. It is often necessary to get very specific with vendors as to what is licensed, how many users, and which users can access the product.

### ***How To Manage Your Boss***

Panelist - Janis L. Johnston discussed 9 principles for managing the boss:

1. Take responsibility for building an effective working relationship with your boss.
2. Learn what your boss's goals and objectives are and support achieving those goals.
3. Understand the pressures under which your boss operates.
4. Evaluate whether you help or hinder your boss's effectiveness.
5. Learn your boss's preferred work habits.
6. Know your boss's strengths and weaknesses.
7. Keep the boss informed.
8. Manage the flow of information to the boss.
9. Make decision-making easy.

Janet passed out a worksheet to facilitate thinking about the various facets of these principles and a bibliography of resources to read more about the topic.

The programs and events of the 1996 MAALL meeting proved very helpful, entertaining, and successful. Many thanks to all who planned, participated in, and attended the conference.

Judi Morgan, MAALL President

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# SWALL/AzALL JOINT ANNUAL MEETING

The Southwestern and Arizona Association of Law Libraries Joint Annual Meeting scheduled for April 3-5, 1997, in Tucson, Arizona promises a dynamic and varied program. The theme, *Looking Back and Moving Forward*, reflects the diversity of programs to be offered. The Opening Luncheon features D.W. Fitzsimmons, prize-winning political cartoonist of the Arizona Daily Star, of whom it has been said that "no one in public life or seated in the audience is safe from this cartoonist's pen." Featured speaker during the afternoon session, which is focused on Securities Law, is University of Arizona College of Law Dean Joel Seligman, a noted securities law authority. His talk is preceded by a demonstration by Disclosure. Participants will have an opportunity to tour one of four local law libraries at the end of the first day's sessions: University of Arizona College of Law Library, Pima County Law Library, U.S. Courts Library, or the O'Connor Cavanagh Molloy Jones law firm library.

Keynoting the Joint Annual Meeting will be Clifford Lynch, Director, Library Automation, Information Systems & Administrative Services Division, University of California Office of the President. Following Lynch's keynote address, there will be three concurrent sessions with such various topics as Acquisitions Function and Elder Law.

Friday afternoon offers concurrent sessions of interest to everyone. Distinguished panelists, C.D. Hurt, Carla Stoffle, and Rachel Anderson will debate the *Changing Role of Librarians/Information Professionals*. Concurrently, Francisco Avalos and Dr. Jesus Lau will focus on successful strategies for locating foreign and international resource materials. Friday's session concludes with two concurrent programs: *Court Kiosks*, presented by Noreen Sharp together with Pat Jacobs; and *Taking a Look Behind Us to See Where We've Been* will be presented by Mike Chiorazzi and Frank Houdek. That evening, participants can tour the world-class Arizona Sonora Desert Museum and partake of a southwestern style dinner.

Following the continental breakfast Saturday morning at the College of Law, there will be a demonstration of the Law College Courtroom of the Future. Concurrent sessions to conclude the meeting offer three hands-on Internet technology sessions with WWW experts Karen Warren, Ann Eagan, or Dr. Yvonne J. Chandler who will conduct a guided tour of favored WWW sites.

Registration packets will be mailed soon after Christmas. For more information, check our home page at <http://www.law.arizona.edu/azall/azall.htm>. We look forward to seeing you in Tucson!

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Mary Louise Gilman, editor of the *National Shorthand Reporter* has collected courtroom bloopers in 2 books *Humor in the Court* (1977) and *More Humor in the Court*. Here are examples:

Q. What was he doing with the dog's ears?

A. Picking them up in the air.

Q. Where was the dog at this time?

A. Attached to the ears.

Q: ...any suggestions as to what prevented this from being a murder trial instead of an attempted murder trial?

A: The victim lived.

Q. Doctor, did you say he was shot in the woods?

A. No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region.

Q: Do you drink when you're on duty?

A: I don't drink when I'm on duty, unless I come on duty drunk.

Q. And who is this person you are speaking of?

A. My ex-widow said it.

# Membership News

Prepared By Margaret Bearse  
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## ARKANSAS

### UALR/Pulaski County Law Library

It was a dark and stormy night. Most of the librarians had just returned from MAALL. The problem started with a plastic bag. The bag blew onto the only drain in a small roof area over the computer lab. The roof area, with its two foot walls, filled with water running down a three story wall of glass. The water finally found a place to break through, poured onto the computers in the lab, and covered the floor of the lab within minutes. It then spread to the director's office, LAN room, and part of the stacks.

By the end of the week the network and Innovative system were back online. Before the end of the second week, the building repairs were complete and half of the computer lab was in service. We want to thank everyone for their kind wishes and offers of help.

## KANSAS

### University of Kansas

**Peter Schanck**, Director of the Law Library, has accepted a new position as director at Marquette. We wish him well. **Mon Yin Lung**, Public Services Librarian, has been appointed Interim Director.

### Washburn University

Washburn University Law Library has several new staff. **Rebecca Alexander**, previously at the Univ. of the Virgin Islands, joins the staff as a Cataloger/Reference Electronic Services Librarian. **Nancy Gray**, previously at the Univ. of Arkansas Little Rock main library, joins the staff as the Circulation/Faculty Services Librarian. Gary Vinson will assist in maintaining the UNIX systems and other computers at the Law School.

Carol Crocker has left Washburn to join the staff at the Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas.

## MISSOURI

### University of Missouri-Columbia

**Jack Montgomery**, Technical Services and Collection Management Librarian recently gave a presentation to the Charleston Conference entitled "*Nothing so certain : the process and management of change in technical services and library organizations.*" The presentation outlined the principles and management of change as an ongoing phenomena in library organizations, often taking the form of reorganization, outsourcing, and reengineering. The presentation was from the standpoint of a middle manager and focused on working with staff to insure their incorporation and involvement into the process.

### University of Missouri-Kansas City

**Aris Woodham**, previously Electronic Services Librarian at UMKC, has been promoted to the title of Director of Electronic Communications.

## NEBRASKA

### Creighton University

**Heather Farnan** is the new Serials/Acquisitions Librarian. She received her B.A. in 1986 and her M.L.S. in 1991—both degrees were awarded by the University of Michigan. Before coming to Creighton, she served as Manager for Library Services and Administration at the Detroit Bar Association.

**Hua Li**, the new Catalog/Reference Librarian received her Bachelor and Master of History from People's University of China in 1983 and in 1989. She also received her MLIS from the University of Texas at Austin in 1996. Ms. Li served as an Assistant Archivist at the Chinese Academy of Sciences from 1983-1986 and as a Lecturer and Associate Director of Archives Administration at People's University of China from 1989-1992. She served her librarian

practicum at the East Asian Library Program of Perry-Castañeda Library in 1996.

**Paul Hill**, Reference Librarian, will be retiring in June, 1997. He has worked as Creighton's Legal Reference Librarian for over 22 years. He has authored four books, and is now working on his fifth. Paul is not likely to slow down after June. He has extensive cross-country bicycling trips planned, and will continue to write and publish.

### **Legal Information Services**

**Carol Gendler**, President of Legal Information Services/L.I.S., gave a presentation entitled *Legal Information on the Internet*, at the Oct. 25th Nebraska Association of Legal Administrators Seminar.

### **University of Nebraska**

**Rebecca Trammel** has accepted the position of Director of the Law Library at the University of Orlando.

**Mike Matis** is a new Reference Librarian at Schmid Law Library. He received his J.D. from University of Buffalo in 1990, and his MLS from University of Albany in 1996. Mike formerly practiced law with the Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service in Washington D.C.

**Sally Wise**, **Rebecca Trammel**, and **Beth Smith** presented an Electronic Legal Research workshop in October at a Nebraska Continuing Legal Education Seminar. Beth Smith recently published an article, *Accessing Federal Legislation on the Internet*, in the Nebraska State Bar Ass'n September newsletter.

Two Schmid Law Library staff gave presentations at the MAALL Annual Meeting. **Brian Striman** presented at the GPO Access program and **Sally Wise** was a speaker in the CD-ROM Networking program.

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

### **University of North Dakota**

We are experiencing many changes at the Law Library. **Dennis Fossum**, Acquisitions

Librarian, retired on August 31 after 18 years of service. **Donald Olson**, Cataloger, retired Oct. 15 after 25 years of service. **Tim Mulligan**, Attorney Services Librarian, accepted a new position beginning Oct. 1st at the University of Houston as Foreign/International Law Librarian.

**Kaaren Pupino**, who has been with the law library since December of 1976, will receive her MLS degree from Emporia State University this December. Kaaren has been promoted to Head of Acquisitions and Serials.

### **United States Courts Library, Eighth Circuit**

**Suzanne Morrison**, 8th Circuit Courts Librarian for North and South Dakota, has completed a MLS through Emporia State University's regional weekend program and now serves as the North Dakota liaison for the MAALL Newsletter Committee.

## **OKLAHOMA**

### **Oklahoma City University**

**Judy Morgan** was Program Chair for the MAALL meeting - *The Millennium: Assessing, Advancing, Leading Libraries* - held in Carbondale from October 24-26, 1996. Other members of the committee were: **Glen Peter Ahlers**, **Susan Goldner**, **Sharon Hom**, **Jean McKnight**, and **Mary Stultz**.

**Judy Morgan** is a new member of the Law Library Microform Consortium.

The OCU Law School/Law Library Home Page is at [www.okcu.edu/~law/home.htm](http://www.okcu.edu/~law/home.htm). This address is a change from the address the campus computer center originally assigned.

The telnet address for the OCU On-Line Catalog is [library.okcu.edu](http://library.okcu.edu). Please advise if you have any problems connecting as a firewall is being installed. Additionally, the university library system O-Lib now has an on-line ILL form for its own students, staff and faculty only.

The new reference librarian is **Joel Wegemer**. He attended the 1996 MAALL Meeting in Carbondale.

## University of Tulsa

The University of Tulsa College of Law Library brought up Innovative Interfaces, Inc. circulation and OPAC on Nov. 1, 1996. Acquisitions and serials will follow early in 1997.

**Leslie McGuire** accepted a librarian position with the Federal Courts in Tulsa.

An active search is underway for a Media/Electronic Services Librarian. A J.D. degree is required. For more formation, please contact The University of Tulsa, Office of Personnel Services, 600 South College Ave., Tulsa, OK 74104-3189 and see page 13 of this newsletter.

The law library web page is at <http://www.lib.utulsa.edu/law/lawhome.htm>. The law library is in the first stage, the design phase, of what will be a significant renovation/expansion.

*If you have membership news to include in the MAALL Markings, please contact Margaret Bearse at:*

**(913) 864-3025**

*or*

***mbearse@kuhub.cc.ukans.edu***

*by the 10th of the Month prior to publication.*

## Contributions Are Welcome

If you wish to submit material for publication in the *MAALL Markings*, please contact the editor prior to the submission deadline.

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# Placement News

Prepared By Mary Kay Jung (mkjung@ix.netcom.com)  
Thompson Coburn, St. Louis

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## Reference/Documents Librarian University of Missouri-Columbia Law Library

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**DESCRIPTION:** This is a new, entry-level position. The Reference/Documents Librarian will join a team of six librarians, two of whom focus primarily on reference and research services. We expect the Reference/Documents Librarian to participate in providing high-quality and wide-ranging services to the law faculty of approximately 30, law student body of approximately 500, and other Law Library users including University faculty, staff, and students, members of the local bar, and members of the public. The law library's collection numbers slightly over 300,000 volumes and includes a wide range of electronic research sources. The law library is a selective depository for United States and Missouri government documents.

**DUTIES:** Responsible for providing reference assistance to law students, faculty, staff, and other library users (including some evening and weekend hours); conducting in-depth research for faculty; providing instruction in use of on-line legal research services; preparing user guides; and overseeing U.S. and Missouri government documents collections: including acquisition, collection maintenance, instruction, and research assistance.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** MLS from ALA accredited institution required. *Required experience and skills:* excellent legal research skills, using both print and electronic sources. Thorough knowledge of government publications and federal and state depository program regulations. Excellent oral and written communication skills. Demonstrated commitment to providing high quality service. Ability to function effectively as a member of the law library's reference team

and to participate in a collective decisionmaking process with all librarians. Commitment to continuing professional education and development. *Desirable experience and skills:* academic law library experience; teaching ability; experience with Innovative Interfaces, Inc. automated library system; supervisory experience.

**SALARY AND BENEFITS:** Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University of Missouri offers a generous benefits package including medical, dental, and life insurance plans, educational assistance, retirement, etc. This is a 12-month position with standard vacation and sick leave.

**AVAILABLE:** January 2, 1997.

### APPLY TO:

Martha J. Dragich  
Director of the Law Library &  
Associate Professor of Law  
University of Missouri-Columbia Law Library  
226 Hulston Hall  
Columbia, MO 65211

Please submit a letter of application, resume, and names of three references by December 16, 1996. The University of Missouri is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Applications from women and minorities are invited and encouraged.

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## Media/Electronic Services Librarian University of Tulsa Law Library

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**RESPONSIBILITIES** include developing and teaching of computer assisted legal research instructional programs; planning, implementing, and maintaining law library computer hardware and software resources, including networks;

overseeing of media services and student computer lab; planning the design and function of an "electronic classroom" along with other computer resources in the library's renovation/expansion program; developing and implementing library-related copyright policies and procedures; and serving on reference rotation, including nights and weekends. This individual will present some classroom lectures and will supervise one support staff member and student assistants.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS** include a Juris Doctorate degree from an accredited school; advanced knowledge and experience of LEXIS, WESTLAW, and other on-line databases and legal software; demonstrated experience in computer support, long-range planning, and implementation of new technology; effective oral and written communication skills; and a strong service orientation. The preferred candidate will possess experience in system administration; programming legal software; and knowledge and experience in intellectual property law and applications to libraries, as well as to electronic resources in a higher education environment. Previous experience in teaching, supervision, and in utilization of media resources in a legal context is highly desirable.

The University of Tulsa is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Screening of applications will commence immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applicants should forward a cover letter, resume, and names, address, and telephone numbers of three references to:

The University of Tulsa  
Office of Personnel Services  
600 South College Avenue  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104-3189  
FAX (918) 631-2058.

## 1996-97 AALL Scholarships

Last year, AALL awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships to deserving individuals. Awards are available in the following categories:

### **Type I:**

For law school graduates working towards a degree in accredited library schools.

### **Type II:**

For library school graduates working towards a degree in an accredited law school who have meaningful law library experience and have no more than 36 semester (54 qtr) hours remaining before qualifying for the law degree.

### **Type III:**

For college graduates with meaningful law library experience who are degree candidates in accredited library schools.

### **Type IV:**

For library school graduates who are candidates in an area, other than law, which will be beneficial to the development of a professional career in law librarianship. (*This is a new scholarship*)

### **Type V:**

For law librarians with a degree from an accredited library or law school who are registrants in continuing education courses related to law librarianship. (*This is a new scholarship*)

### **George A. Strait Minority Stipend:**

For college graduates with law library experience who are members of a minority group as defined by current US government guidelines and degree candidates in accredited library or law schools

Completed applications must be received by **April 1, 1997**. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope indicating which type of scholarship application you would like to:

Scholarships, AALL  
53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 940  
Chicago, IL 60604

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## News From Other Chapters

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The **Houston law librarians'** newsletter includes a column entitled, "*Treasures from the Trunk...*," covering some law related history in that area. In the most recent issue, **Christopher Anglim** published the first of 3 articles detailing the history of the three academic law libraries that serve the Houston area. Anglim, Christopher, "*Heart of the Law School*": Houston and its Academic Law Libraries, Part I: South Texas College of Law Library," HALL Newsletter, vol. 13, no. 5, Sept./Oct. 1996, pgs. 1, 8-9.

Former MAALL member, **Cheryl Nyberg**, continues her work of apprising librarians of changes in state laws with an annotated bibliography published for the Puget Sound law libraries. Nyberg, Cheryl Rae, "*Only a Handful of States Have Laws on...*": A Brief Bibliography of Recent Subject Compilations of State Laws," LLOPS Cited, vol. 7, no. 4, Summer 1996, pgs. 1-4.

The **Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL)** and the **Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL)** successfully sponsored legislation in California to help insure access to and preservation of public information in that state. An interesting "legislative history" was written by one of the SCALL members familiar with the struggle to pass this important bill. Rose, Carolina, "*SCALL & NOCALL's Public Records Bill Generates Fireworks But Nears Passage*." [It did pass], SCALL Newsletter, vol. 24, no. 1, Sept. 1996, pgs. 3-4.

### *And on the Internet...*

A Colorado law librarian discussed a number of useful general reference sites that can be found on the Net. Cullen, Terry, "*Non-Legal Resources on the Internet*," CoALL Scuttle, vol. 6, no. 4, July '96, pgs. 14-15.

Several newsletters reprinted a useful article from the PLL Perspectives newsletter which discusses various sites on the Net that provide company information. I will only cite one of the reprints. Chick, Cindy, "*Company Information on the Internet*," NJLLA In Brief, vol. 9, no. 5, June/July 1996, pgs 7-8.

For copies of articles cited in this column, contact  
**Mike McReynolds at:**  
(913) 451-6060 or  
m72349@tyrell.net

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## Editor's Column

Since the MAALL meeting, I have had a chance to think about the library conferences I have attended ( I believe that is somewhere in the neighborhood of 6). I thought about what's good, what's not, what doesn't matter, etc. Nearly all aspects are good. Conferences provide an opportunity to learn and network at the various programs and events. They provide an opportunity to have a good time with many people you do not see on a daily basis - my favorite aspect. However, amidst all these benefits is one thought that keeps haunting me: Where's the milk?

I generally find a nice array of fruit juices, carbonated beverages, and teas at conferences. Sometimes, I even find other drinks to help tide me over. But I'm a growing boy, I need milk (preferably skim). During my job interview at Illinois, I asked for milk and still hear about it today. Is it so wrong to want this calcium-filled drink? Is it library taboo? Maybe I just don't understand the social etiquette of milk drinking.

Our vendors do a wonderful job providing food, drinks, and transportation at conferences (see pg. 3). But maybe our future meetings would benefit from the added support of dairy product vendors. That way, the other milk-lovers and I will be able to enjoy dairy products such as milk. Did I mention sundaes? Just a thought.

By the way, did someone say were meeting in Wisconsin in 1998?

Eric Cooper, *Markings* Editor

# In Memoriam

## **Jo Ann Humphreys 1954-1996**

MAALL lost one of its most dedicated members on October 19, 1996. Jo Ann Humphreys passed away just one week before she would have completed her second term as MAALL Secretary. She served MAALL in many ways and the MAALL Directory was perhaps one of her most recognized and appreciated projects. It is a mark of Jo Ann's dedication that she completed the 1996 Directory even though she was quite ill. Jo Ann also was an editor of the MAALL Newsletter. As a permanent tribute to Jo Ann, the travel grant which enables the Newsletter Editor to attend the MAALL annual meeting will now be known as the Jo Ann Humphreys Award. The minutes of the business meeting in this issue elaborate further on Jo Ann's dedication and commitment. The two organizations to which memorials can be sent reflect her desire to help those in need: Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 10197, Columbia, MO 65205 and Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home, 264 Road 142, Clark, MO 65243.

Although a longer memorial should appear in the next MAALL Markings, I wanted to share a few thoughts about Jo Ann. Jo Ann and I began our professional careers at the University of Missouri-Columbia nearly twenty years ago. Jo Ann impressed me not only by her tremendous professional competence but by her compassion, understanding and dedication. I cannot recall ever hearing her say an unkind word about anyone. She always did her best to meet the needs of others. Jo Ann was at MU throughout her professional career except for a year of service as librarian at the Seminario Teologico Bautista de Costa Rica. She began as Public Services Librarian and advanced to Associate Law Librarian in 1989 after three years as Computer Lab Coordinator/Government Documents Librarian. Jo Ann and I had the opportunity to meet many times at MAALL and AALL after I left MU. As I look back now, I recall what a pleasure it was to talk to Jo Ann about her interests and what she was doing. Although I did not really notice it at the time, the discussion often moved to activities and projects that benefited others. Her service to those in need is one of the most lasting memories I always will have of Jo Ann.

John Edwards, Director  
Drake University Law Library

## **Evelyn M. Gardner 1944-1996**

The following letter was received by Judy Morgan from Evelyn's mother.

Dear Judy Morgan and Friends;

I want to thank you for the lovely plaque you gave me in memory of my daughter Evelyn M. Gardner of Creighton Law Library, Omaha, Nebraska. This plaque was a wonderful way of remembrance.

Gratefully yours,

Flossie Jones



# MAALL Committee Volunteer Form for 1997

Please check the committee(s) that you would like to be on or send an email message to  
Judi Morgan at [jmorgan@lec.okcu.edu](mailto:jmorgan@lec.okcu.edu).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Library \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Fax# \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Bylaws:** Propose and submit any changes, additions, deletions to MAALL's bylaws.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Directory:** Prepare the MAALL Directory.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Grants:** Establish criteria for award of grants, publicize availability, and select recipients.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Internet:** Examines ways that the Internet can be better integrated into the work of MAALL and its members.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Local Arrangements:** Prepare local arrangements for Omaha, 1997 meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership:** Identify and contact prospective members.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Newsletter:** Work with the MAALL Markings Editor and be liaison to gather membership information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Nominations:** Select slate of candidates for elected officers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Placement:** Maintain active resume file for employees and prospective employers. Publicize information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Pro Bono Project:** Explore and develop ways law librarians can provide pro bono services.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Program** Prepare the 1997 Program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Resource Sharing:** Explore and develop ways that the membership may more effectively share information resources.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **AALL PR Liaison:** Liaison from MAALL to work with the AALL Public Relations Coordinator, Hazel Johnson.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Library School Liaison:** Assist Membership Committee in recruiting new members into MAALL and the Law Library profession.

*Please return the completed form to:*

Judith Morgan, MAALL President  
Oklahoma City University Law Library  
2501 North Blackwelder Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73106  
Phone (405) 521-5062, Fax (405) 521-5172

# MAALL Committee Activity for 1996

MAALL is successful to a large extent due to the work of committee volunteers. The reports which follow show some of the committee accomplishments for the year and what projects are continuing. If you would like to serve on any of the MAALL committees, please use the form on page 17 or contact Judi Morgan.

## ***Directory Committee***

The Directory was mailed to 149 members at the end of May. According to information supplied by the treasurer, there have been 56 paid memberships added to the rolls as of October 1, 1996. The 1996 MAALL Directory has been added to the MAALL Homepage at <http://www.siu.edu/offices/lawlib/MAALL>. Although the Directory committee has made an effort to ensure the currency and accuracy of each listing, please bring any corrections to the attention of the committee.

A special thanks to Jo Ann Humphreys who was the chair of this committee for several years and to Mary Ann Samson for her proofreading efforts.

- ***Needra Jackson*** for  
Jo Ann Humphreys, Chair

## ***Internet Committee***

### *1996 Projects:*

1. MAALL home page. A home page for the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries was created. It is currently maintained by Jean McKnight of Southern Illinois University at <http://www.siu.edu/offices/lawlib/MAALL/>. Contents include the 1996 directory, which includes by-laws and MAALL history, as well as membership information; MAALL Markings; MAALL electronic list information; MAALL officers and committee members; and links to AALLNET, MALSLC, and the MALSLC library web site.

2. Survey of Internet use for classes. In order to learn in what ways the Internet is being used for instructional purposes in MAALL academic libraries, a survey was prepared. These uses may include electronic listservs and usenet groups for classes, electronic casebooks on the Web, and home pages for instructors. The survey was posted to the MAALL list on November 11 and is due back on December 2.

### *Activities for the future include:*

1. Compile survey results, publish them in MAALL Markings, and post them to the MAALL list.
2. Obtain home page addresses of all MAALL libraries and prepare a page of links for the MAALL home page.
3. Continue to maintain, update, and upgrade the MAALL home page.

- ***Sally Kelley, Chair***

## ***Membership Committee***

One of the membership committee's major activities this year was the redesign of the MAALL brochure. I would like to again thank James Duggan for his assistance with the creation of a new brochure. It was distributed at the MAALL information table in the Activities Area at AALL.

In several *MAALL Markings* newsletters I encouraged current members to send me the names of new personnel in their libraries who were not members so I could send them information on how to join MAALL. I also posted the same announcement on the MAALL listserv. As a result, several new people joined MAALL. MAALL members and those on the committee forwarded names to me via e-mail throughout the year of people interested in joining MAALL. I followed up by sending our new brochure, a newsletter, and a membership form.

In November, I sent several newsletters, membership dues forms and brochures to Nancy Ogg at the Missouri Supreme Court Library. She distributed them at the library school at the University of Missouri - Columbia, where she was giving a presentation. Hopefully we will get some new student members through the distribution of those materials.

I started a project, that I hope the membership committee will continue next year, in which I compiled a list of AALL members from the MAALL region who are not currently members of MAALL. I would be glad to assist next year's committee to complete the project.

In closing, I would like to thank John Edwards for helping us identify perspective members and Jack Montgomery for providing me with updated list of dues paying MAALL members. I enjoyed serving as chair this year and would like to acknowledge the hard work of the late Evelyn Gardner who provided me with all the membership committee materials, disk, directories and files from her previous years as chair.

**- Joyce Pearson, Chair**

### ***Nominations Committee***

The MAALL Nominations Committee [Rick Ducey, Nickie Singleton and Mary Kay Jung] nominated two MAALL members for positions as officers of MAALL. James Duggan was nominated for Vice President/ President-Elect. Marilyn Nicely was nominated for Secretary.

At the Breakfast & Business Meeting held in Carbondale during the 1996 Annual Meeting, the members of MAALL who were present voted in favor of these nominees. Congratulations to James and Marilyn on your election as officers of MAALL.

**- Rick Ducey, Chair**

### ***Pro Bono Committee***

The MAALL Pro Bono Committee has not yet established a chapterwide pro bono program, but still seeks to do so. A survey listing possible pro bono activities and seeking suggestions from librarians was printed in the September 1995 *MAALL Markings*. Unfortunately, there was no written response to this survey, although a few librarians expressed verbal support for any potential project or projects.

In the meantime, the University of Illinois Law Library has expanded its own service to provide legal research assistance to prison inmates. Under this program, the law library provides up to 20 pages of free photocopying of articles, cases or statutes for inmates. The U of I program had been in place before (as noted in "*Directory: Law Libraries Offering Services to Prisoners*," reprinted in Werner's *Manual for Prison Law Libraries*). However, in the summer of 1995, after talking with an employee of the federal prison library at Greenville, Ill., I formalized and publicized the program. Needless to say, word spread fast among Illinois federal prisoners, and requests for help have been growing since.

Other MAALL libraries are welcome to participate in such a program. The Pro Bono Committee also solicits suggestions for other pro bono projects and, of course, invites new members to join. The committee now has only two members: Sue Hemp, University of Illinois Law Library in Champaign, Ill., Chair, and Avis Forsman, Kutak Rock in Omaha, Neb.

**- Sue Hemp, Chair**

### ***Program Committee (1997)***

Preliminary work has already begun on program planning for the 1997 MAALL Annual Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. If you would like to propose or coordinate a program, have an idea for a theme, or would like to make a suggestion, please contact a program committee member. Members are: Joe Custer (University of Kansas); Ann Fletcher (Creighton University); Jack Montgomery (University of Missouri-Columbia); Melissa Serfass (University of Arkansas-Little Rock) and James Duggan, Chair (Southern Illinois University). We hope to add a court/law firm member soon.

### ***Public Relations Liaison Report***

In addition to submitting and publishing an article about MAALL in every "Chapter News" column of the AALL Newsletter, I set-up a MAALL table in the Activities Area of the Indianapolis Convention Center at the 1996 AALL Annual Meeting; participated in MAALL's gold medal winning decathlon team; and designed a door-prize give-away for MAALL members at the MAALL Business Meeting. In conjunction with the MAALL membership committee, I designed a new MAALL membership brochure, and distributed them at the AALL Annual Meeting.

***- James E. Duggan***

### ***Resource Sharing Committee***

The Resource Sharing Committee distributed applications at the annual meeting in Indianapolis and the form was printed in the September 1996 issue of *MAALL Markings*. The committee encouraged members to take advantage of the \$200 travel grant that is available by submitting an application. No one has been a recipient of the grant since 1992. One suggestion for a project for next year was to contact former participants in the exchange program and have them tell how they benefitted from the program. These summaries could be included in an issue of the newsletter.

***- Needra Jackson, Chair***

### ***Newsletter Committee***

The Newsletter Committee has undergone several changes during the past year. The newsletter itself has seen three editor's during 1996. Anne Burnett of the University of Georgia edited the March issue and Melissa Serfass of the University of Arkansas at Little-Rock edited the June issue. In August, Eric Cooper of the University of Illinois took over the editorial duties. Also in August, Beth Smith of the University of Nebraska was appointed Assistant Editor and will take over the duties of Advertisement Manager for the March 1997 issue. Sally Kelley served as Ad Manager during 1996. In addition, Suzanne Morrison of the University of North Dakota recently began serving as the North Dakota Liaison.

The Newsletter Committee encourages submissions of articles and other information which would be of particular interest to members of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries.

***- Eric A. Cooper, Chair***

## **Minutes of MAALL Business Meeting**

***Friday, October 25, 1996, Southern Illinois University Student Center, Carbondale, IL***

The meeting was called to order by MAALL President John Edwards at 8:30 am. John said this had been a very memorable year, with many accomplishments made possible by volunteers. Volunteers are appreciated. A sign-up sheet for volunteers for next year is available. Plans are underway for a

Midwest regional conference in 1998 in Milwaukee with the Wisconsin group. Our contingency location is a meeting in Kansas City for just MAALL in 1998. The Association is in good shape financially. Receiving \$2000 for winning West's Law Library Decathlon at AALL helped the treasury a great deal..

This has been a difficult year in terms of losing Evelyn Gardner and Jo Ann Humphreys. A plaque from MAALL in memory of Evelyn Gardner will be displayed permanently at the Creighton University Law Library. The Newsletter Editor Travel Grant will now be known as the Jo Ann Humphreys Award. This grant enables the Newsletter Editor to attend the annual MAALL meeting. Jo Ann is a former MAALL newsletter editor who was serving her second term as MAALL Secretary at the time of her death. Her many contributions to MAALL will long be remembered. The MAALL Directory was perhaps one of her most recognized and appreciated projects. .

Needra Jackson was asked to speak about Jo Ann. She said Jo Ann appreciated the cards and e-mail during the last months of her illness. Jo Ann's funeral was Wednesday (October 23). Needra quoted the pastor as saying, "she simply lived, simply loved, and simply served." She was very focused, served unselfishly in her profession and in her community. She loved life and loved her profession. She was willing to give of her time and energy. She was very humble. Needra said Jack Montgomery has a handout with information about two organizations Jo Ann supported: Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 10197, Columbia, MO 65205 and Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home, 264 Road 142, Clark, MO 65243.

President John Edwards called for approval of the minutes as published in the September, 1996 *MAALL Markings*. The minutes were approved as published.

Jack Montgomery gave the Treasurer's Report. As of October 15, 1996 there is an account balance of \$14,199.55. He said the Rothman donation reported is not included in this period's total because it was added in during the previous period.

#### Committee reports

Local Arrangements 1996: Laurel Wendt introduced members of the local arrangements committee. She said there were 91 people in attendance. The meeting is within budget. Laurel explained that a buffalo tro is an outdoor cookout.

Program 1996: Judy Morgan said there were good programs at the meeting thanks to the program committee and to the speakers. She said there is a new opportunity to participate in special interest sections. Sign up for a discussion group and sign up if willing to chair a discussion group.

Local Arrangements 1997 (Omaha): Kay Andrus said the date is tentatively set for October 16-18 in Omaha. Omaha has the world's largest indoor jungle, Mutual of Omaha, and the market area. Omaha is on the east side of Nebraska. It's easy to get to. Average highs and lows for mid-October range from 43 to 63.

Grants: Melissa Serfass reported that the Grants Committee awarded five travel grants for the fall meeting in Carbondale. Four of these grants were for \$300 and the Editor's grant covers up to \$300. The following members were awarded grants: Crata Castleberry, U.S. Court of Appeals Library, Little Rock, AR; Sharon Hom, U.S. Court of Appeals Library, Kansas City, MO; Anna Wyatt, Oklahoma City University Law Library; Gina Sorenson, University of Missouri Law Library (Recipient of the Marian Gallagher Award); Eric Cooper, University of Illinois Law Library (Editor of *MAALL Markings*). Thanks to the Committee: Mary Ann Nelson, Chair, Joe Custer, Janet McKinney, Melanie Serfass.

Membership: John Edwards reported the committee has been actively soliciting memberships.

Newsletter: John Edwards requested contributions to the newsletter be sent to Editor Eric Cooper prior to the mid-November deadline.

Placement: Shirley Canup reported on Placement for Mary Kay Jung. Shirley said people could give their resumes to her. She said Placement is conducted through MAALL and the Internet.

Pro Bono: No report

Resource Sharing: Needra Jackson reported that applications were distributed in the September issue of *MAALL Markings*. \$200 is available for people to visit another library for resource sharing. 1992 was the last time the program was used.

While Jo Ann Humphreys chaired the Directory Committee, an additional 56 members were added, bringing the total to 205 members. Jean McKnight is in charge of inputting the directory to the Internet.

Internet Committee: Sally Kelley reported on 2 projects: creation of a home page for MAALL and preparation of a survey on how faculty at MAALL academic libraries use the Internet. Future projects are putting the 1996 directory on the MAALL home page; and sending out, compiling, and publishing (in *MAALL Markings* and on the MAALL list) the results of the survey.

Liaisons: No report

Public Relations: James Duggan reported that every AALL Newsletter issue had something about MAALL. Winning the Decathlon was good P.R., except the Minnesota Association MALL got credit by mistake. James encouraged us to write or call Minnesota to denounce this trickery.

Mid-America Consortium News: Kay Andrus announced the Consortium meeting from 3:45-5:00pm Friday in the Saline Room.

Special Presentation in Memory of Evelyn Gardner: The plaque reads: In memory of Evelyn M. Gardner / whose outstanding work; and excellent service at / Creighton University Law Library 1972-1996 / will be remembered forever by all who knew her / Presented by her many friends in the / Mid-America Association of Law Libraries / October 25, 1996. Kay Andrus accepted on behalf of Creighton a memorial plaque to Evelyn Gardner. He stated Evelyn was most humble and selfless. Creighton Law Library will display the plaque prominently.

Nominating Committee Report & Election: Rick Ducey announced the nominee for Vice-President/President to be James Duggan and the nominee for Secretary to be Marilyn Nicely. John Edwards asked for nominations from the floor for Vice-President/President-elect. Frank Houdek moved election by acclamation, seconded by Susan Goldner, the motion carried. John Edwards asked for nominations from the floor for Secretary. Frank Houdek moved election by acclamation, seconded by Katherine Tooley, the motion carried.

After thanking the nominating committee, John Edwards said he leaves office with great regret that the year passed so quickly but is pleased that Judy is prepared to take over..

Judy Morgan, the new President, came to the podium. She thanked everyone for electing her President and said that John will be a hard act to follow, especially after the Decathlon. She asked for a show of hands in favor of the Midwestern Region meeting in Milwaukee. All were in favor. Committee sign-up sheets will be posted and there will also be individual sign-up sheets. Contact James Duggan for program suggestions. Judy asked for introduction of new members. Among those the Secretary was able to record were Anna May Wyatt, Joel Wegemer, Jim Jackson, Nancy Ogg, Heather Farlin, and Charlotte Condon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn K. Nicely, Secretary

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January 3-7:	AALS Annual Meeting, Washington DC
January 23-25:	SLA Winter Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL
February 14-20:	ALA Midwinter Meeting, Washington DC
April 3-7:	SWALL/AzALL Joint Annual Meeting, Tucson, AZ
April 11-14:	ALA/ACRL National Conference, Nashville, TN

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