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## *Presidential Address*

*"Even with today's busy schedules, many of you decided to volunteer for MAALL committee work..."*

**James Duggan**, Southern Illinois University Law Library

Volunteerism is a wonderful thing. Even with today's busy schedules, many of you decided to volunteer for MAALL committee work, and Mary Kay, Judy, Marilyn, Janet and I, are extremely grateful. I am pleased to include the latest listing of committee members for 1998 in this newsletter. Note: If you volunteered for a committee, but your name does not appear on the committee roster, please give me a call (some of the committee sign-up sheets disappeared while in Omaha).

Some other housekeeping notes:

- Please look for a poll later this spring on the MAALL listserv about menus for our July Business Meeting in Anaheim.
- Mary Kay Jung and her Program Committee are zooming along with their work for the Regional Chapter meeting, "*Libraryfest Midwest: Law Libraries and Change in the Information Age*," to be held October 8-10, in Milwaukee. Please give her a call if you have any program suggestions.
- Future Meetings: Ann Fessenden has suggested that MAALL may want to consider scheduling upcoming MAALL meetings in selected cities or regions for the next several years so that members (and the potential local arrangement committees) will have advance notice of where MAALL will be in a particular year. Many chapters (including SWALL) do this already. I plan to discuss this at the July Business Meeting in Anaheim.
- St. Louis has been identified as a likely venue for a AALL Professional Development Committee-sponsored copyright workshop. Please let me know if you would be interested in coordinating such an event.

Finally, hats off to Eric Cooper for his work with *MAALL Markings*. Eric, who is celebrating his second year as editor, has done a wonderful job. Our newsletter continues to sparkle!

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## *Grants Support Attendance at AALL Meetings and Institutes*

Grants covering registration costs are available to support attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting this summer in Anaheim from July 11-16 as well as at AALL Institutes and Workshops. The purpose of the AALL Grants Program is to financially assist librarians who hold promise of future involvement in the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, AALL, and AALL members. Grants cover registration costs at association-sponsored educational activities. Preference is given to newer, active members of AALL or chapters. Prior recipients are ineligible.

The AALL Grants Program began in 1952 and is one of the oldest and most successful AALL programs. More than 1,000 librarians have received funding to assist them in attending AALL educational activities. Many of those recipients are leaders in the profession today.

Grant applications may be obtained from AALLNET (<http://www.aallnet.org/services/grants.html>), as a return fax from AALL's Fax-on-Demand service (730-544-5901) or by contacting AALL HQ at (312-939-4764). With the change in format of the association newsletter, the *AALL Spectrum* will not be printing grant applications. Candidates must include two letters of recommendation and should ensure that all materials arrive at AALL headquarters by the **April 1st** deadline.

Contributions to support the grants program are always welcome. Checks may be sent to AALL headquarters with a notation that the donation is for Grants. Please contact Grants Committee Chair Grace Mills at the University of California School of Law Library (510-642-4046 or email [gmills@library.berkeley.edu](mailto:gmills@library.berkeley.edu)) with questions.

## *AALL Scholarship Applications Now Available*

Applications for American Association of Law Libraries scholarships, providing financial support for graduate study in law and law librarianship, are available.

This year, with the addition of the newly named James F. Connolly Congressional Information Service Scholarship (CIS), a total of seven scholarship categories are offered. **The James F. Connolly CIS Scholarship** will be awarded to a law librarian who is interested in pursuing a law degree, with preference given to those demonstrating interest in government publications.

**The George A. Strait Minority Stipend** will be awarded to degree candidates in accredited library or law schools with law library experience who are members of a minority group.

Other scholarships made possible by funding from **The John Johnson LEXIS-NEXIS Memorial Fund** will include: Type I, Library Degree for Law School Graduates; Type II, Library School Graduates Attending Law School; Type III, Library Degree for Non-Law School Graduates; Type IV, Library School Graduates Seeking a Non-Law Degree; and Type V, Law Librarians in Continuing Education Courses.

Application forms are available at the American Association of Law Libraries Web site, AALLNET ([www.aallnet.org/services/scholarships.html](http://www.aallnet.org/services/scholarships.html)) and from the AALL Executive Staff Office (312-939-4770, ext. 24). The **deadline** for all applications is **April 1st, 1998**.

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## Membership News

*Prepared By Margaret Bearse  
University of Kansas Law Library*

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### ARKANSAS

#### University of Arkansas Law Library

**Michael Strickland**, our Government Documents Specialist, has resigned to take a position as Librarian with Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Michael is scheduled to graduate with an MLIS from the University of Oklahoma in May.

**Sally Kelley** is the author of "The United States Code on the Web: Where to Find It, Its Currency, and How to Update It," 1997 *Arkansas Law Notes* 127. Sally has also been appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee on Technology of the American Agricultural Law Assoc.

**David Gay** will be nominated for Vice-President/President-Elect of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL) at its March meeting in Houston.

**Glen-Peter Ahlers** coordinated two meetings: "*Twenty First Century Scholarship: Legal Knowledge Systems on the Internet*" and "*Funding Legal Information Technology in Law Schools*" at the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Meeting in San Francisco. In January of this year, Ahlers became the Chair of the AALS Section on Libraries.

### ILLINOIS

#### University of Illinois Law Library

**Linda Defendeifer** began as Reference Librarian on January 21st, 1998. Linda earned her JD from Yale University and MSLIS from the University of Illinois. Before arriving in Illinois, she practiced law in California.

### KANSAS

#### Johnson County Law Library

**Bill Breyfogle** returned to work afternoons after a 3-month hiatus due to cancer surgery. He is glad to be back and his staff is glad as well. March 1st was the 25th anniversary of his hiring. **Kathy Nelson** joined the staff and works part-time in reference and circulation.

#### University of Kansas School of Law Library

The law school lab expansion project continues. Students will have access to over 35 laptop and desktop computers. Various walls on the third floor have been wired with Ethernet connections with access to all of the databases available in the lab.

Fourteen laptops can be checked out from circulation. Six of the computers have word processing only and can be used anywhere in the library. The other eight can be used for full LAN/Internet database access at designated Ethernet connections. Several desktop computers will also have LAN/Internet database access and will be housed in carrels or on tables on the third floor.

### MISSOURI

#### Federal Court Libraries

The federal court libraries for the 7th, 8th, and 10th Circuits are in the process of implementing an integrated library system using SIRSI's Unicorn system. SIRSI was selected as the ILS vendor for a national contract for all federal court libraries. The libraries will first implement the cataloging, acquisitions, and online catalog modules. Additional modules will be acquired at a later date. The libraries in Omaha and Kansas City will serve as "pilot" branches for the 8th Circuit and receive the system first.

#### Peper Martin & Jensen, St. Louis

**Leann Genovese** has been chosen to participate in TRIPLL (Teaching Research in Private Law Libraries). Now in its eighth year, TRIPLL, sponsored by Lexis-Nexis, is a bi-annual seminar designed to help law librarians

interested in exploring the unique challenges and opportunities of instruction and learning in the private law firm environment.

#### **Saint Louis University Law Library**

The Saint Louis University Law Library recently hired **Ting James**, formerly Cataloging Librarian at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

### **OKLAHOMA**

#### **Oklahoma City University Law Library**

On February 13-15, 1998, the OCU Law School and Library hosted the Midwest Regional Jessup Competition.

#### **University of Tulsa Law Library**

Ground breaking for the renovation/expansion of the Law Information Center is scheduled for June, 1998.

*If you have membership news to include, contact Margaret Bearse at: (913) 864-3025 or [mbearse@kuhub.cc.ukans.edu](mailto:mbearse@kuhub.cc.ukans.edu) by the 10th of the Month prior to publication.*

## ***Staff Exchange Program***

The **MAALL Resource Sharing Committee** would like to encourage members to participate in the Staff Exchange Program. An application form for the staff exchange program and travel grant is included on page 7. The committee would like to hear from schools who are involved in projects that would be of interest to others in the MAALL region. Please take a moment and let MAALL members know what's happening in your organization. If you have questions about the program, contact:

Needra Jackson, Chair  
MAALL Resource Sharing Committee  
University of Missouri Law Library  
226 Hulston Hall  
Columbia, MO 65211

## **Placement News**

*Prepared by Mike McReynolds  
Shook, Hardy & Bacon, Kansas City*

### **OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY LAW LIBRARY**

#### ***Electronic Services/Reference Librarian***

Provides instruction in, and installs computer applications. Technical support of PCs and peripherals. Some evening and weekend computer and legal reference work in rotation. Excellent computer skills with proficiency in NT, Win 95, WordPerfect, Word, e-mail, FTP, and Web. Train in legal reference / computer applications. MLS from accredited library school, may substitute computer science BS or MIS degree. JD a plus. Salary range \$30,000+. Send resume and 3 letters of reference to:

Director of Personnel,  
Oklahoma City University, 2501 N. Blackwelder,  
Oklahoma City, OK 73106.

Applications considered until position is filled.

## **MAALL Membership Committee Annual Report for 1997**

During 1997, the Membership Committee identified members of AALL in the MAALL geographic area who were not members of MAALL and sent out MAALL brochures with cover letters to those individuals. There was some favorable response to the mailing.

During 1998, the Committee hopes to update the membership brochure and investigate the possibility of collaborating with the Library School Liaison Committee on garnering memberships from students in library schools located within the MAALL region.

*- Joe Custer, Chair*

# MAALL Internet Committee Annual Report for 1997

## 1. MAALL Home Page

Several new pages were developed for the MAALL Home Page (<http://www.siu.edu/offices/lawlib/MAALL/>) in the last year. These include pages of links to MAALL libraries (<http://www.siu.edu/offices/lawlib/MAALL/maallpgs.htm>), links to MAALL library catalogs (<http://www.siu.edu/offices/lawlib/MAALL/mlibcats.htm>), and the Class Use of the Internet (<http://www.siu.edu/offices/lawlib/MAALL/classuse.htm>) page (see below). In addition, other pages such as the membership directory were updated and improved. It is hoped that the links to library catalogs should facilitate interlibrary sharing and especially make it easier for small libraries not having OCLC to learn of the holdings of the larger MAALL institutions.

Jean McKnight maintained the Home Page throughout 1997. Eric Cooper has also made significant contributions to it by upgrading some of the pages. Eric has taken on the maintenance of the Home Page for at least January-June, 1998.

Patti Monk has been compiling nonacademic MAALL institution URL's.

## 2. Class Use of the Internet

The other project of the Committee was the Class Use of the Internet Survey. The purpose of the Survey was to learn in what ways MAALL academic institutions are using the Internet in classroom instruction and to learn the role of librarians in class Internet applications. The hope was that MAALL institutions would share this information about each other's activities and serve as resources for each other. The Survey was distributed in winter 1996-97. Seventeen out of twenty MAALL academic libraries responded. Responses were compiled and an article was written. These were loaded on the MAALL Home Page. A summary article was written and published in *MAALL Markings*. A Class Use of the Internet web page (<http://www.siu.edu/offices/lawlib/MAALL/classuse.htm>) was created and linked to the Home Page. Besides links to the Survey articles, the page has two other sections. One contains examples of class use and the other contains links to tools and resources to use in planning Internet instructional applications. Hopefully this page will be of use to law professors and law librarians who are planning Internet applications. We hope academic member web sites will link to this page to enhance access for law faculty.

Sally Kelley conducted the Survey, compiled the results, wrote the full and summary articles, and created the Class Use of the Internet web page.

### *MAALL Internet Committee*

Sally J. Kelley, Chair

Eric A. Cooper

Jean Sinclair McKnight

Patricia R. Monk

The Committee requests that MAALL institutions help keep the links to member libraries and library catalogs up to date by informing the Committee of any changes or additions. The committee would also like to have your suggestions for making the Home Page more useful to MAALL members. Please send updates, changes, or suggestions to Eric Cooper ([ecooper@law.uiuc.edu](mailto:ecooper@law.uiuc.edu)), Sally Kelley ([skelley@mercury.uark.edu](mailto:skelley@mercury.uark.edu)), or Patti Monk ([pmonk@lec.okcu.edu](mailto:pmonk@lec.okcu.edu)). Jean McKnight is on leave.

- Sally Kelley, Chair

## **MAALL STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_ Since \_\_\_\_\_  
Library \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Library to be Visited \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed dates of visit: 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Departments of interest:

All \_\_\_\_\_ Administration \_\_\_\_\_ Cataloging \_\_\_\_\_ Circulation \_\_\_\_\_ Reference \_\_\_\_\_  
Acquisitions \_\_\_\_\_ Serials \_\_\_\_\_ Computer Services \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Work Experience: If you have law library experience prior to your current employment, please list.  
Include employer, position, and dates:

Education: List education beyond high school. Include schools attended, dates, and degrees awarded.

Are any of the following prerequisites for the visit?

- a. Housing provided by host library or staff member? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_
- b. Some meals provided by host library or staff member? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_
- c. Receipt of a MAALL travel grant? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

If not, would you prefer to:

- a. Have accommodations provided by the host library or staff member: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_
- b. Have some meals provided by the host library or staff member: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Do you need someone to meet your: plane/train/bus? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Estimated time of arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ departure: \_\_\_\_\_

## **MAALL STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAM TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION**

Are you a member of MAALL? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ If so, when did you become a member? \_\_\_\_\_

List current and previous MAALL activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received a MAALL travel grant previously? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you employer pay any of your travel expenses to visit another library? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

If so, what portion? \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated travel expenses and means of transportation: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated distance to travel \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose a one page or less description of how the MAALL Staff Exchange Program will benefit you and/or your library and a brief statement of your career goals. Also include two letters of recommendation from: 1) your library director, and 2) someone who knows you professionally. RETURN TO:**

Needra Jackson, Chair, MAALL Resource Sharing Committee,  
MU Law Library, 226 Hulston Hall, Columbia, MO 65211

# News from Other Chapters

## *Technology and Education*

One law librarian discusses opportunities now available for online distance education. She provides web addresses to get readers exploring this new world of convenient continuing education. **Liebert, June**, "Take a Course Over the Internet and Save Yourself Time and Money," *SCALL Newsletter*, Vol. 25, no.2, p.4, Nov. 1997. In the same newsletter, another librarian discusses the tremendous changes in the use of technology in legal education since he started law school "way back" in 1989! **Fox, Darin**, "Have Computers Changed Legal Education in the Last Ten Years? Consider this...", *SCALL Newsletter*, Vol. 25, no. 2, p.5, Nov. 1997.

A Colorado librarian attended the Internet Librarian '97 Conference in California. Her article briefly discusses each of these topics from the conference: Internet Myths, Intelligent Agent Profiling, New Roles for Technologies, Managing Organizational Knowledge, "Just in Time" Library Services, Transitions in competencies of Information Professionals. **Walker, Camilla**, "Internet Librarian '97 Conference — Monterey, Calif.," *CoALL Scuttle*, Vol.8, no. 2, pgs. 7-8, Jan. 1998.

## *Internet Resources*

A University of Richmond law librarian discussed his favorite Internet sites for foreign and international law in an annotated bibliography. **Quarles, Brandon**, "Foreign and International Law on the Internet," *Southeastern Librarian*, Vol. 22, no. 4, p. 4, Summer/Fall 1997. Another Virginia librarian compiled an annotated bibliography of recent articles on Internet and related technologies. **Wilson, Debbie**, "News Reviews," *VALL Newsletter*, Vol. 13, no. 2, pgs. 5-6, Fall 1997.

## *Public Access to Legal Information*

As anyone who works in a publicly accessible law library knows, there is a large group of people not adequately served by the legal profession. A Milwaukee librarian discussed efforts by the Wisconsin Bar to bridge this gap. He mentions efforts by concerned bar members, the role law librarians play in meeting this need and the distinction between providing "legal advice" and "legal information." **Matthews, Richard**, "Facilitating Access to Justice," *LLAW Newsletter*, Vol. 15, no. 3, p. 15, Fall 1997.

## *Training Tools*

A law firm librarian put together a one page information sheet explaining the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations, what they are, are not, and how one uses both to access U.S. Federal regulatory information. **Hightower, John**, "Federal Register & Code of Federal Regulations," *Law Libraries Association of Alabama*, pgs. 9-10, Fall 1997.

## *Preservation*

In an attempt to raise consciousness about valuable and historical materials, one librarian has published a list of the holdings in the Special Collections Department at the University of Richmond Law Library. The article includes a preservation question and answer checklist. **Berriman, Whitney**, "VALL Tech Talk," *VALL Newsletter*, Vol. 13, no. 2, pgs. 7-11, Fall 1997. In a blending of old and new resources, the same author provided a list of web sites dealing with preservation issues. **Berriman, Whitney**, "Preservation Q & A," *VALL Newsletter*, Vol. 13, no. 3, p. 8, Winter 1997.

For copies of cited articles, contact *Chapter News* author **Mike McReynolds** at:  
Shook, Hardy & Bacon, 73023.164@CompuServe.com or (913) 451-6060.



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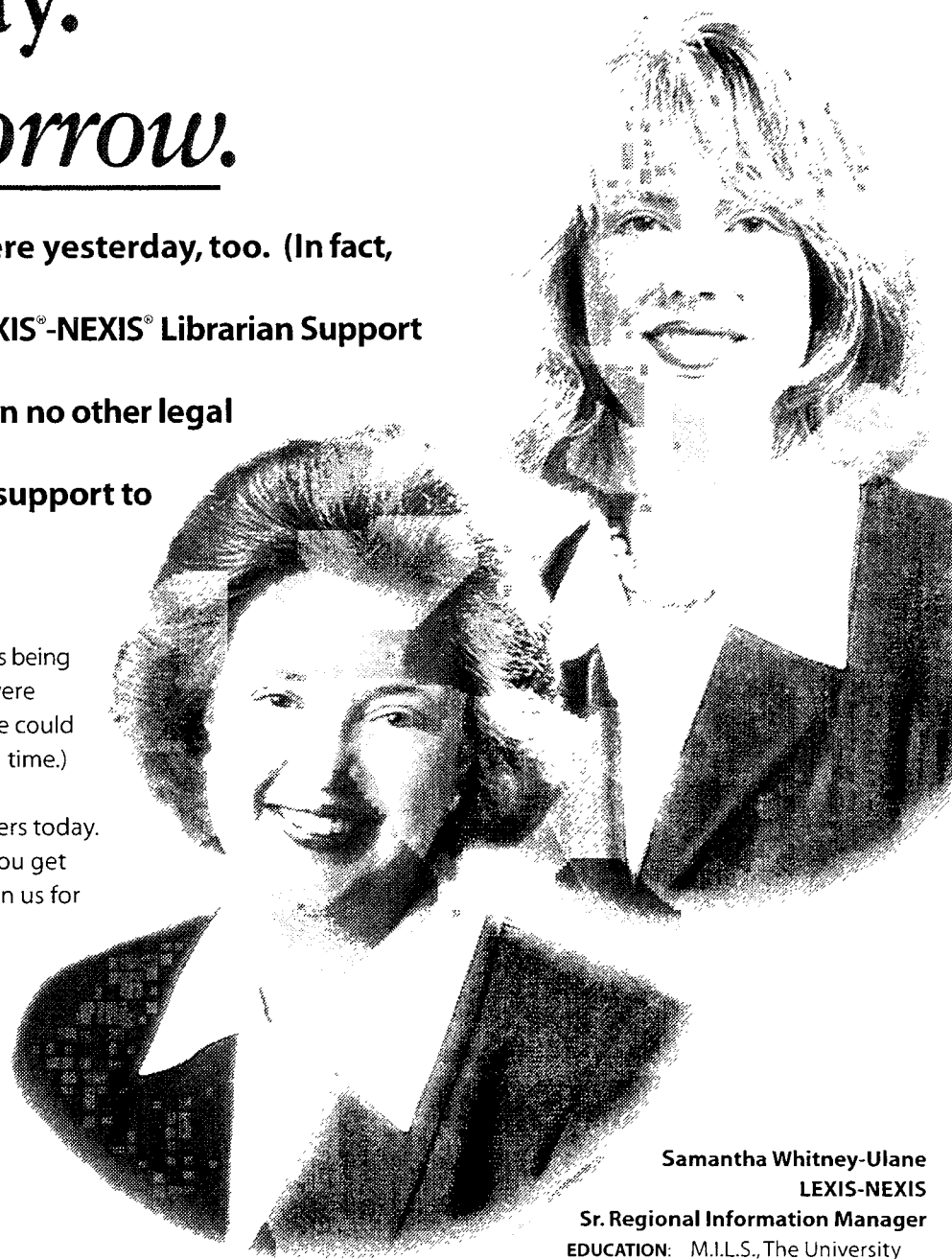
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**Samantha Whitney-Ulane**  
**LEXIS-NEXIS**

**Sr. Regional Information Manager**

**EDUCATION:** M.I.L.S., The University of Michigan

**PROFESSIONAL:** Law-firm librarian for six years (Jenner & Block and Kirkland & Ellis)

**MEMBER:** AALL, CALL, MAALL, LLAW, MALL; President SLA, Illinois Chapter; Past Board Member, CALL

**AUTHOR:** Articles for the ABA Practice Management Section; co-author, *Computer-Assisted Legal Research*, ABA, August 1997.

**Susan Skyzinski**  
**LEXIS-NEXIS Regional Information Manager**  
**EDUCATION:** MLS, University of Pittsburgh

**PROFESSIONAL:** AT&T Corporate Law Library, 3.5 years; Prudential Corporate Law Library, 1 year; Stryker, Tams & Dill (Newark, NJ), 3 years

**MEMBER:** AALL; SLA; Past President, NJLLA; DALL; HALL; MAALL; SWALL

# AALL Elections

The AALL Nominations Committee has begun the process of identifying possible candidates for the 1999 AALL election. Candidates are needed for the office of Vice-President/President Elect, Secretary, and two Executive Board members. The Committee is charged with, to the best of its ability, presenting a slate of candidates reflecting the diversity of AALL's membership. The membership of the Executive Board must maintain a balance of library type, geographic location, and gender/minority representation. How is this accomplished?

Members of the Nominations Committee are individually responsible for reviewing lists of AALL members who previously have served in leadership positions and compiling a list of possible candidates. In addition, the Committee solicits input from SIS Chairs and AALL Chapter Presidents, a reminder is posted on the law-lib listserv, and news items, such as this, serve to include individual members of our Association in the nomination process. During 1997, the Nominations Committee initially considered a master list of 184 names culled from all these sources and each individual on the list was contacted to determine their willingness to serve.

Those willing to serve are included on a shorter list of potential candidates and each member of the Nominations Committee is asked to review this list and submit a list matching individual names with available offices, keeping in mind the "balancing" and "diversity" requirements of the committee's charge. Each individual on this shorter list is called a second time to determine their willingness to serve as a candidate for a particular office.

Only one chapter, two SIS's, and seven individuals offered suggestions for possible candidates during last year's nominations process. Lets increase those statistics this year by participating! All AALL members are encouraged to submit names to be considered for candidacy by writing any member of the Nominations Committee of AALL Headquarters by April 17, 1998.

## 1998 AALL Nominations Committee:

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William M. Rains Library  
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Los Angeles, CA 90015

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Austin, TX 78711

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Salt Lake City, UT 84112

# 1998 National Legal Research Teach-In

Are you feeling beleaguered and bewildered in our fast-paced, ever-changing law library environment? Or maybe you are one of the "lucky ones" who has everything figured out! Either way, you will be pleased to know that there is one thing in our crazy, mixed-up world that remains constant -- the National Legal Research Teach-In! It is returning in 1998 for its sixth consecutive year!

The 1998 Legal Research Teach-In, organized by the Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS (RIPS-SIS), offers the opportunity to improve the skills of your patrons and showcase your skills as a teacher and information provider. Following the pattern of the past five years of highly successful Teach-Ins, Teach-In '98 is scheduled in conjunction with National Library Week (April 19-25, 1998). As in previous years, the Teach-In committee has worked with West Group and Lexis-Nexis to prepare unique instructional and promotional materials. Thanks to generous donations from the two companies, the MATERIALS WILL again BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE. It is a true measure of their commitment to the law library community that both West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS continue to underwrite this activity, as they have since its inception six years ago.

## *Research Training Kits*

Topped the "bestseller" list last year! Demand far exceeded supply, and a new record was set! West Group distributed over 650 kits, at least 150 more than the previous year, to law librarians all over the world. The kits are designed to provide that extra assistance to get an instructional program off the ground. The kits include pathfinders, research guides, posters, lesson plans, lecture notes, research exercises; and a myriad of instructional materials developed by law librarians for use by law librarians. Again this year there is one kit that covers a wide range of subject areas bringing traditional legal research sources together with the newest electronic sources. One kit per institution is available free of charge from the West Group. Contact Marketing Support, West Group, by fax 1-800-854-1597 or email [mkgsupport@westgroup.com](mailto:mkgsupport@westgroup.com). Be sure to provide your name, address, institution, telephone number, and, if available, your West Group account number.

## *Promotional Materials*

A big hit from last year is back by popular demand! Over 20,000 notepads were sent out to approximately 450 locations around the United States, Canada, and Australia, setting another new record! Colorful notepads designed with Teach-In committee assistance and produced by LEXIS-NEXIS, can help you promote your 1998 Teach-In activities. These notepads can be used by library staff or given away to patrons as an incentive to participate in your library events. Email or fax requests to Judy Floyd Evans, LEXIS-NEXIS, at [judy.floyd@lexis-nexis.com](mailto:judy.floyd@lexis-nexis.com) or 937-865-1585. Be sure to indicate your name, address, and the minimum quantity you need. If deemed necessary, a limit will be imposed in order to accommodate as many requests as possible. Orders for training kits or promotional materials should be placed by **March 20, 1998**, so you will receive them in time for your National Library Week events.

Now is the time to make the commitment that your library will conduct some event involving legal research during National Library Week 1998. If you need more ideas, Teach-In kits from previous years are available at AALL Headquarters. Contact: Steve Serpas, AALL, 312-939-4764.

Questions or comments about the 1998 Legal Research Teach-In should be directed to the coordinators for the event, Gail Partin, Associate Law Librarian, Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, 717-240-5294, [gap6@psu.edu](mailto:gap6@psu.edu); or Karen Brunner, Library Manager, Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, 973-538-0800, [kbrunner@riker.com](mailto:kbrunner@riker.com).

## ***MAALL Membership***

The Membership Committee wants to encourage each and every person in your library to become members of MAALL. If you have hired new personnel who are not presently members of MAALL, or if you know of staff who were members in the past but are not presently members, please forward their name, library address, and e-mail address to:

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### **Calendar for Continuing Education & Events**

April 19-25	National Library Week
May 6-7	Copyright Law in the Age of Technology, Philadelphia
June 6-11	SLA Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN
July 11-16	AALL Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA

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