President Address

"I can think of no other position that has been so rewarding...mainly because of the wonderful people in MAALL."

James Duggan, Southern Illinois University Law Library

My last column...

Sigh. Gosh, it seems like the year just flew by. I can think of no other position that has been so rewarding...mainly because of the wonderful people in MAALL. As the year draws to a close, I look forward to the Libraryfest Midwest Regional Meeting at the Milwaukee Hilton, October 8-10, and the chance to see members of MAALL one more time. Members are this chapter’s greatest resource, and I know that Mary Kay Jung (our incoming President) will not hesitate to call on our outstanding members to continue the activities and mission of the chapter.

I enjoyed seeing everyone at the MAALL Business Meeting and Luncheon, held Tuesday, July 14, in the San Clemente Room of the Anaheim Hilton. Even though we had a smaller crowd than usual (SWALL, for the first time ever, scheduled a luncheon at the same time as MAALL’s, and many dual-members had to choose between competing menus of pasta or spinach roulade vs. chicken), the food and company were outstanding, and the reports of the various committees indicate that we are on course for the Libraryfest Midwest meeting.

Speaking of the regional meeting, I’d like to announce the following:

All Committee Chairs: You should prepare a written report of your committee’s activities over the past year, and submit to Eric Cooper, Editor, MAALL Markings, for inclusion in the next newsletter. If you or someone on your committee plan to make an oral report at the MAALL Business Meeting during the Libraryfest Midwest regional, please let me know by September 30. A draft agenda will be posted on the MAALL listserv with a proposed speaking order.

Executive Board: We will meet at 10:00 am, Friday, October 9, right before the 11:30 luncheon and business meeting, location tba.

Everyone attending the Libraryfest Midwest meeting: MAALL will have a business luncheon, sponsored by Matthew Bender, on Friday from 11:30 - 1:00, at the Milwaukee Hilton.

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MAALL Committees for 1998

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- Sharon Kern

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Candidates for MAALL Elections

Two excellent candidates have agreed to have their names placed in nomination for MAALL officers. The nominees are:

**Vice President/President Elect:**
Glen-Peter Ahlers  
Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor  
University of Arkansas-Fayetteville

**Secretary:**
Crata Castleberry, Branch Librarian  
U.S. Court of Appeals Library  
Little Rock, Arkansas

_Glen-Peter Ahlers_
has been the Director of the Law Library at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville since 1992. Prior to that he served as Law Library Director at the University of the District of Columbia after having been Assistant Library Director at Washburn and Wake Forest. A past president of SWALL, he also serves as _SCRIBES_ Executive Director. Professor Ahlers has published books on U.S. Election Laws and Notary Law and Practices. He also is a past editor of the MAALL Newsletter and current editor of _The Scrivener_. In January, he became chair of the AALS Section on Libraries. His law degree was earned at Washburn and his M.L.S. came from the University of South Florida. The University of New Mexico granted his bachelor’s degree.

_Crata Castleberry_
became the Branch Librarian for U.S. Court of Appeals Library in Little Rock in 1993. For the decade prior to that she served as the librarian at the Institute for Economic Advancement at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. She has served on the MAALL Program Committee and was Co-Editor of Arkansas Libraries. She has served on the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Arkansas Library Association. Ms. Castleberry’s M.S.L.S. was earned at the University of Southern California and her B.A. came from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

_Elections will be held at the annual MAALL Business Meeting during the Midwest Regional Library Conference in Milwaukee from October 8-10. The Bylaws allow additional nominations of candidates who have agreed to be nominated. Nominations must be made from the floor at the meeting or in writing to the President._

The Nominations Committee appreciates the willingness of these members to serve as candidates. Thanks also goes to committee members Ann Fessenden and Nickie Singleton for their work to develop the final slate of officers.

_- John D. Edwards, Chair_
Membership News
Prepared by Beth Smith
University of Nebraska Law Library

ARKANSAS

University of Arkansas Law Library

The library staff has agreed to host the annual MAALL Meeting in 2000. They hope to see as many of you there as possible!!!

Chengwei Lim joined the staff in July as a computer support specialist. Chengwei is a native of Malaysia, and this is his first library job. Glen-Peter Ahlers attended the ABA meeting in Toronto and presided over the Scribes luncheon and business meeting. Sally Kelley is the author of "The United States Code on the Web: How to Search and Update It," 29 SWALL Bull. (Southwestern Assn. of Law Libraries), May 1998 at 5-12. An updated copy of her article is on the web at http://law.uark.edu/arklaw/aglaw/usclaglaw/usc/uscswall.htm.

In June, the reference librarians conducted a workshop for non-law librarians on finding legal information on the web. The workshop consisted of hands-on experience, a lecture and discussion, and a library tour. The workshop was attended by public, academic, and medical librarians.

ILLINOIS

University of Illinois Law Library

Sue Hemp accepted a position with the Decatur Public Library in Decatur, IL. She is working roughly 4 hours a week with the law library on documents matters. Richard Surles retired effective July 1, and Jane Williams agreed to serve as Interim Director.

KANSAS

University of Kansas Law Library

Joe Custer has been promoted to Associate Director of the law library.

MISSOURI

Jackson County Law Library

The Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Jackson County Law Library, and Kansas City Association of Law Libraries sponsored a Children’s Book Drive that began National Library Week and ran through May. New and gently-used children’s books were dropped off at law firms, courthouses and law libraries throughout the greater metropolitan area. 5,400 books were collected, as well as cash donations of over $800.00 to purchase books specifically identified by recipient organizations.
St. Louis University Law Library

Elizabeth Glankler joined the library in April as Head of Computer Services. She and her family have relocated from Memphis, Tennessee. David Harlan joined the library in June as the Retrospective Conversion/Reclassification Librarian. David is an Arkansas native and has done similar projects for several Midwestern institutions. Kathleen Casey’s new title is Educational Technology and Electronic Services Librarian. Carol Moody is retiring as Government Documents Librarian and will join her husband on a three-year assignment in southern Maryland.

The Law School and Library have expanded and improved. The Library has additional space for computer labs, government documents, special collections and study areas. They also acquired additional stack space, so the entire collection will be shifted during the year. Nearly all the library furniture has been replaced, and there is a new circulation desk and new carpeting throughout. The Law School has incorporated a beautifully rehabilitated Victorian house into its complex, in addition to more classroom space, there is a huge lobby area and new carpeting everywhere. The house alone is worth a trip to St. Louis, and they would love to show you around!

Shook, Hardy & Bacon, Kansas City

Mike McReynolds is now Catalog Librarian in the Shook, Hardy & Bacon’s Kansas City, Missouri office. Julie Parmenter is now the managing librarian at the Overland Park, Kansas office. Jeffrey Sewell has joined the Kansas City office as the Head Reference Librarian. Jeff has a law degree from Tulane and has recently completed his MLIS from the University of Texas.

University of Missouri - Columbia Law Library

The past two months have brought significant changes to the staff of UMC’s Law Library. Both Jack Montgomery and Vianne Sha announced in July that they were leaving to accept new positions. Jack with Western Kentucky and Vianne with UMC’s Main Library. Both will be dearly missed. We wish them both well. Needra Jackson took on the challenge of moving from the public services arena to fill the Technical Services and Collection Management position vacated by Jack. Resa Kerns moved from her Circulation Assistant position to accept the Access Services Librarian position vacated by Needra. We also hired Buddy Pennington and Kris Niedringhaus to fill part-time Reference Librarian positions. Further announcements will be forthcoming as Vianne’s and Resa’s positions are filled.

Washington University Law Library

After the birth of her son, Hyla Bondareff has decided to work part-time as Research Services/Reference Librarian. She previously served as Associate Director of the Law Library. Phil Berwick, Associate Dean for Information Resources, has changed the organizational scheme for the library to include two directors. Wei Luo has been appointed Director of Technical Services, he previously held the position of Acquisitions and Serials/Reference Librarian. Dorei Bertram has been appointed Director of Public Services, she previously held the position of Electronic Resources Librarian. Katrina Stierholz has joined the staff as Access Services/Government Documents/Reference Librarian. Katrina was previously at St. Louis University Law Library.
NEBRASKA

Creighton University Law Library

Patrick Charles and Ana Marie Hinman were lecturers for an Advanced Internet Legal Research training seminar sponsored by Nebraska Continuing Legal Education.

Legal Information Services, Inc.

Legal Information Services, Inc. is now offering Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Rehearing Decisions. Subscribers will receive copies of all rehearing decisions issued by the three judge panel, along with the original opinions to which they refer.

University of Nebraska Law Library

Rose Gavin has left to become a reference librarian at Arizona State University Law Library. We hope to have a new librarian hired by the time this publication is printed!

OKLAHOMA

University of Tulsa Law Library

Bids were opened August 18 for the University of Tulsa Law Library’s 9.4 million dollar expansion and renovation project. The successful bidder will be announced soon. Ceremonial groundbreaking will be in conjunction with the September 16-18 conference “The Rehnquist Court - Farewell to the Old Order in the Court?” The library staff hopes MAALL friends will be able to attend. Within a couple of months, Tech Services will move to another building on campus, a preview of the move in December when the library will be completely vacated for a speedier renovation. The new expansion and renovation work will be done simultaneously so we should be able to move into the brand new Legal Information Center before the year 2000!

Contributions Are Welcome

If you wish to submit material for publication in the MAALL Markings, please contact the editor prior to the submission deadline listed on page 2.

1998 MAALL Meeting Travel Grants

The Grants Committee awarded 3 travel grants for the fall regional meeting in Milwaukee. Each is for $300. One is the Jo Ann Humphrey’s Award (for the newsletter editor) and two are general awards. Congratulations to the following recipients:

Marie Mack, Washburn University School of Law
Joan Stevens, U.S. Courts Library, St. Louis
Eric Cooper, University of Illinois (MAALL Markings Editor).

- Susan Goldner, Chair
## TREASURER'S REPORT

*July 9, 1998, amended August 20, 1998*

**MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES**

### BEGINNING BALANCE

$19,257.83

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**Total Expenses** - $14,656.92

### ENDING BALANCE, July 9, 1998

$12,370.75

### CORRECTED ENDING BALANCE, July 9, 1998

$11,168.51

*Note:* As reported at the business meeting in Anaheim, the figures on paper, based on the ending balance from Jack Montgomery’s last report, do not agree with the current checkbook balance. We had $1,202.24 less than the above ending balance. All records that I have been keeping have reconciled, and Jack has no further records to provide me to try to find the difference. Therefore James Duggan decided that we will adjust the balance to agree with the checkbook. Also, this report is slightly different ($19.36 more in income) than the one presented in July because I found a couple of errors while trying again to reconcile. August 20, 1998.

- Janet McKinney, Treasurer
News from Other Chapters

Two chapter newsletters provided summaries of the sessions of their recent meetings. One librarian each covered and reviewed the following sessions of the annual meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. Each librarian wrote several paragraphs on these topics: Power and Influence: Tactics for Success; Louisiana’s Uncommon Legal History; Employment Law; Censorship@Your Library: An Update; Training, Teaching and Whatever Happened to Reference?; Creative Marketing; Medical and Legal Libraries: Organizational Partnering and Reconstruction; Electronic Dissemination of Court Opinions; Technology, the Library & the MIS Department; Generation X and Legal Education; Summer Associate Blitz: Academic & Firm Librarians Unite! “Revisiting SEAALL@New Orleans.98,” Southeastern Law Librarian, Vol. 23, no. 2, Spring 1998, pgs. 26-32.

Puget Sound law librarians also summarized their Spring meeting with brief synopses of these topics: The Legal Environment and User Education; Education for Librarianship, Professional Development and Staff Development; Law Library Collections, Technology for Research and Facilities; Technical Services. “Overview of LLOPS Spring Professional Development Program,” LLOPS cited, Vol. 9, no. 4, Summer 1998, pgs. 6-7.

One New York librarian has composed a useful bibliography on sexual offender laws. The bibliography, which includes print and Internet resources, was inspired by the passage of New York’s Sex Offender Registration Act or “Megan’s Law.” Sources cited are from various states. Stella, Colleen, “Legislative Update: ‘Megan’s Law’,” ALLUNY, Vol. 23, no. 2, June 1998, pgs. 19-24.


Most of us know well that some of our best sources of information are to be found in other libraries. A group of law librarians in Baltimore visited the Government Reference Service in the Baltimore Public Library. One of the visitors then followed up the trip with an article for their newsletter describing the resources available at the Service. Rubenstein, Beverly, “Librarians Tour State Library Resource Center,” LLAM News, Vol. 16, no. 2, p. 7.

After seeing the movie “Titanic” and all the surrounding publicity, one Dallas librarian did some searching to see what sort of libraries might have existed on the ill-fated ship. He found an article describing the ship’s libraries and republished it in the Dallas chapter’s newsletter. Adams, John Luther, “FYI: Libraries on the Titanic,” [reprint of an article authored by Julia Peltonen], DALL Advance Sheet, Vol. 22, no. 4, April 1998, p. 6.

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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AUTHOR:  Articles for the ABA Practice Management Section; co-author, Computer-Assisted Legal Research, ABA, August 1997.
Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 1998, 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Anaheim Hilton - San Clemente Room

President James E. Duggan called the Meeting to order. He announced that the next Conference would be October 8-10, 1998 in Milwaukee. He reported that the luncheon in Milwaukee would be subsidized by a $1500 grant from Matthew Bender. The minutes of the October 17, 1997 meeting were approved as moved by Susan Goldner and seconded by Jean McKnight. Treasurer Janet McKinney presented a written Treasurer’s Report including the fact that there is a discrepancy of $1196.79 between the checking account balance maintained by Janet and the account maintained by her predecessor Jack Montgomery. Janet and Jack plan to reconcile it as soon as possible.

Committee Reports

Midwest Regional Arrangements (Milwaukee): James Duggan reported that a handout containing the Milwaukee program was distributed at the Mid-America Association booth in the Exhibits Hall. He noted that Milwaukee is relatively expensive. Registration will be $135. A single room costs $119 and a double costs $129. The business meeting lunch will be from 11:30-1:00 Friday in Milwaukee.

Program 1998 (Milwaukee): Mary Kay Jung reported that 8 programs were submitted; 6 accepted.

Nominations: John Edwards announced that Glen Peter Ahlers was the committee nominee for Vice-President/President Elect. The committee is still soliciting nominations for the position of Secretary.

Public Relations: Sally Kelley reported that MAALL had a table at the AALL activities area and thanked those who volunteered to work on it. She reported that she has been submitting MAALL news to AALL Spectrum for the Chapter News page. She also mentioned that she had attended a meeting for chapter PR chairs on Sunday. The topic was “How to Write a Chapter Public Relations Plan.”

Grants: Susan Goldner stated that applications for travel grants to Milwaukee were due August 1.

Internet: Eric Cooper thanked committee members (Sally Kelley, Patricia Monk, Jean McKnight, and Melissa Serfass) for work on Milwaukee home page and MAALL home page. The committee is looking for new ideas to put on the page.

Membership: Joe Custer reported an updated brochure will be sent to regional library schools.

Newsletter: Eric Cooper stated that the Markings deadline is Friday, August 21. He thanked Beth Smith for all her work. She is now Assistant Editor, Ad Manager, and Membership News Coordinator. Mike McReynolds writes the Placement and Chapter News columns.

Placement: Mike McReynolds was absent, so no report.

Pro Bono: Melissa Serfass had to leave to participate in a program.


Directory: Marilyn Nicely reported that the 1998 Directory had been mailed and should be awaiting members when they return to work after the Conference.

Other Business

1999 Meeting: (Kansas City): Aris Woodham announced that the meeting would be October 14-16, 1999. Hotel costs would be $99/room

2000 Meeting: Possible sites mentioned were Oklahoma, St. Louis, and Fayetteville

Janet McKinney has made the Super Expensive Law School Acquisitions list available on the MAALL home page. James Duggan described a new VIP program of AALL’s. AALL will pay the registration costs for two delegates selected by the Chapter to attend the annual meeting. The Chapter is to pay the balance of the delegate’s expenses. The delegates should be people such as information professionals, legislators, or judges. James Duggan has been elected Chair of the Council of Chapter Presidents. New member present was Kevin Butterfield, Southern Illinois University.

James Duggan declared the meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by Marilyn K. Nicely, MAALL Secretary.

VIPs in D.C. - A Dialogue with Our Colleagues

The Chapter VIP program was approved recently by AALL’s Executive Board. The program will provide complimentary registration and most meals for two guests from each chapter to attend the 1999 AALL meeting in Washington, D.C., from Saturday - Monday. Chapters will be responsible for transportation and housing costs of their guests. The VIP program is designed specifically to foster enhanced relationships between chapters and their local legal and information communities by involving local leaders - such as judges, attorneys, and legal administrators - with law librarians in important discussions and presentations of legal information issues.

Chapter Presidents have received the Chapter VIP Handbook including more details and information about the Chapter VIP program. Having our colleagues from the legal, library, and information communities at our meeting will introduce them to the issues we face, services we can provide, and significant role that law libraries must play in the legal information world.

Presidential Address continued from page 1

The menu is still tba, but will have a vegetarian option. Also, we will hear reports from members from two cities (Fayetteville and St. Louis) who have offered to host the 2000 MAALL Annual Meeting (1999 will be held in Kansas City). Please be prepared to vote for a conference site.

Finally, I’d like to thank everyone who has worked so hard this year to make our programs and activities so successful: Mary Kay Jung, our Vice-President, who chaired the Education Committee, Marilyn Nicely, our secretary who took the minutes and compiled the Membership Directory, Janet McKinney, Treasurer, who paid the bills and coordinated meal functions, Eric Cooper, MAALL Markings Editor, who produced our outstanding newsletter on a timely basis (mainly by good naturedly reminding me when this column was due), the other committee chairs, Glen Peter Ahlers, Susan Goldner, Joe Custer, John Edwards, Mike McReynolds, Melissa Serfass, Sally Kelley, Tranne Pearce, all committee members and newsletter state liaisons. In addition, I’d like to thank the staff of SIU Law Library, whose work on my behalf allowed me to serve as President this year. Of special mention are Pam Graham, Lou Polsgrove, and Frank Houdek.
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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