



President's Message

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Driving into work the other day I heard a radio commercial for Noah's Ark. It struck a chord with me because it essentially said there is still time to have a summer vacation. **Still time to have a summer vacation - WHAT?** Then I got into my office and looked at the calendar

only to realize that yes, September is here! That can not be possible. Where did the summer go?

Well for me the summer started out with a trip to New Orleans for the annual AALL Conference. As many of you know, I was not too sure about this trip. I was curious to see how the city looked almost two years after Katrina yet I did not want to see it.

New Orleans was warm, humid, busy and yet peaceful. From the moment I stepped off the plane, the people were so nice and pleasant. I truly felt welcomed.

The conference was a very busy time for me. Like many of you who have attended conferences, I found that there just wasn't enough time in the day to fit in everything I wanted to see. There were some excellent presentations. At the Chapter Leadership meetings on Saturday, I met many of the incoming chapter presidents. It was a great opportunity to meet people from big and little chapters. I came away from that daylong event tired but with a lot of ideas and information.

On Sunday, I spent the morning at the exhibit hall. The LLAW display looked great! Once again, "the cow" drew rave reviews. Thanks again to Jamie Kroening for making the display board and a big thanks to Diane

Duffey for putting up everything. Sunday afternoon and Monday were a whirlwind of presentations dealing with situation leadership, annual reports, teaching legal research and copyright challenges in licensing.

As I sat in the rooms, I could not help but find myself thinking back to the news reports from the days of Katrina and thinking about the masses of people that were in the convention center during that time. It just seemed so surreal. A true challenge!

LLAW members rose to the challenge at New Orleans on both professional and personal levels. Bonnie Shucha and Carol Bannen worked on the AALL Publishing Initiative Caucus "A Win-Win Partnership:

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Legal Editors and Law Librarians." This is the same presentation that LLAW's VIP Joyce Hastings, editor of the *Wisconsin Lawyer*, was a member of the panel. Bonnie also received the 2007 ALL-SIS Outstanding Article Award for her article *The State of the Law Library Blogosphere*, LLRX.com, Nov. 3, 2006, <http://www.llrx.com/features/blogosphere.htm>. Jane Colwin received a longevity award for the SCCLL SIS - 20 years! (see Jane's article and photo on page 6.)

Diane Duffey and Vicki Coulter spent Friday on the AALL Habitat for Humanity project; Diane and Julie Tessmer ran, and Julia Jaet and Pat Ellingson walked in the William S. Hein & Co., Inc.'s 25th Annual Fun Walk & Run along the Riverwalk. Jenny Zook was the proud recipient of a \$500 Target gift certificate!

Besides eating some great food and taking in the sights on Bourbon Street, LLAW members also took part in haunted cemetery tours, swamp tours and the Hurricane on the Bayou IMAX film.

Looking back at AALL, I have to say that it was great! I learned a lot and met some great people. To me New Orleans truly captured the lazy days of summer.

However, summer passes to fall and I am looking forward to fall. It is a time of change. The leaves change color, the weather cools off and there is crispness in the air. These changes invigorate and motivate me. For some LLAW members, fall marks the start of their busy season. Our academic librarian members are busy preparing and presenting student orientations. LLAW's law firm members have just sent the last of the summer clerks packing back to school or to positions within their firms or other firms. We are all rushing to finish the "summer projects" and starting to look at our upcoming budget proposals. Many of us are catching up on all the vendor calls and contacts that we arranged in New Orleans. We are all moving forward in our cycle of life and work.

Moving forward for 2007-2008, LLAW celebrates 25 years. To mark this auspicious occasion, LLAW celebrated with a beautiful Betty Lou Cruise on Lake Mendota. What a great way to go into fall!

Sites Worth Sharing

Bev Butula, Davis & Kuelthau, s.c.

1. Linex Legal -- <http://www.linexlegal.com>

This site has a relationship with various law firms throughout the world to provide information on several legal topics. Registration is required but free. The mission of the site is to "help professionals worldwide to benefit from the rapid growth of legal information available on the internet." Information is arranged by practice area, but the site also offers a basic and advanced search to quickly access the archive of articles by keyword. Linex Legal includes legal articles from several countries including the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, and France.

2. MalaMata -- <http://www.malamata.com/>

MalaMata is a search tool that queries up to four search engines (of your choosing) simultaneously. To change the default engines, just use the pull down menu to select your favorite. What a great way to see the top ranked pages from several engines at once!

3. Open Net Initiative - <http://opennet.net/>

OpenNet unites the University of Toronto, Harvard, Cambridge and Oxford. The goal of the site is "to investigate, expose and analyze Internet filtering and surveillance practices in a credible and non-partisan fashion." A great discussion of what constitutes filtering is available, along with the latest news throughout the world. The "research" section provides country overviews, reports, and articles.

Member News



Bonnie Shucha, University of Wisconsin at Madison Law Library, published "[IM a Librarian: Establishing a Virtual Reference Service with Little Cost or Technical Skill](#)" at LLRX.com on August 27, 2007.

Bonnie was also quoted in Jane Pribek's article "Beyond Wikipedia: Wikis Offer Options for Lawyers to Share Information" published in the August 27, 2007 issue of the *Wisconsin Law Journal*.



Jenny Zook, University of Wisconsin Law Library, published "[Technology and the Generation Gap](#)" at LLRX.com on August 27, 2007.

**** New Members****

Please welcome our new LLAW members:

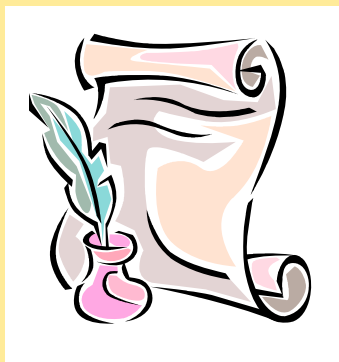
Ellen Birschel, Beck, Chaet, Bamberger & Polsky S.C., Milwaukee.

Julie Norton, Instructional Services and Reference Librarian, Marquette University Law Library. Julie received her J.D. from the University of Iowa in 2002 and is currently enrolled in the MLIS program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Prior to Marquette, Julie clerked for Judge Anderson at the Wisconsin Court of Appeals.



Alison Shea, Fordham University. Alison completed the joint J.D./M.L.S. degree from Catholic University earlier this year. Although she works in New York, Alison still maintains legal residence in Wauwatosa (where she started her library career at the Wauwatosa Public Library in 1997) as she plans to return to the Milwaukee area someday. Alison looks forward to being active in LLAW even though she works 1000 miles away!

Alison is co-author of the article "[Separating State from Church: A Research Guide to the Law of the Vatican City State](#)" published in the Summer 2007 issue of *Law Library Journal*.



CALLING ALL WRITERS: WHAT I WISH I LEARNED IN LIBRARY SCHOOL!!

Is there something you wish you would have learned in library school?

How have you handled people and situations you never thought you would see as a librarian?

Send your stories to bbutula@dkattorneys.com for the next newsletter

All requests for anonymity will be honored!

Events Calendar

2007	
Oct. 18-20	Teaching the Teachers: Effective Instruction in Legal Research, Austin, TX http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/ttt/
October 18-25	ASIS&T Annual Meeting, Milwaukee http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM07/am07cfp.html (American Society for Information Science & Technology)
October 29-31	Internet Librarian 2007, Monterey, CA http://www.infotoday.com/IL2007/
November 13	LLAW Meeting, Milwaukee Location: TBA
December 1-5	International Association of Law Libraries, Mumbai, India http://www.iall.org/iall2007/
AALL Calendar of events, http://www.aall.org/calendar/default.asp?page=1&sort=1&arc=no	
<u>Future AALL Annual Meetings:</u> July 12-15, 2008 Portland July 25-28, 2009 Washington, D.C. July 10-13, 2010 Denver	
<u>Future SLA Meetings:</u> June 15-18, 2008 Seattle June 14-17, 2009 Washington, D.C. June 13-16, 2010 New Orleans	

AALL in New Orleans

Jane Colwin, Wisconsin State Law Library



Thanks in great part to the LLAW Grants Committee, I attended the American Association of Law Libraries annual meeting in New Orleans in July. Although there were signs that New Orleans was not quite the same place it had been when I was there for the 1991 annual meeting, the weather was exactly the same – hot, humid, with an occasional quick shower of

warm rain. The highlight of the trip was getting to see Dennis Austin. Dennis, retired from his position as Deputy Law Librarian at the State Law Library since 1997, is still a good reference librarian and found out the

AALL would be meeting in New Orleans. Dennis now lives in Mobile, Alabama – just a few hours drive away from the Big Easy - so he came to New Orleans for the weekend. We had a wonderful reunion dinner at Tommy's Cuisine in the Warehouse District. Joining us were current and former LLAW members Julie Tessmer, Cindy May and Betsy Vipperman. Marcia Koslov could not make dinner, but did join us for a time earlier in the evening. For those of you who remember Dennis, you will be glad to know that he looks the same (how does he do that?) and has not lost his ability for making puns. When we were leaving the restaurant after dinner I was surprised to walk outside and not see the Wisconsin State Capitol across the street – we had all felt so “at home” during our dinner.

Another highlight for me is getting to attend what has become an annual breakfast meeting of state law librarians from around the country. Meeting this year were state law librarians from Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Besides giving us a

dedicated time to meet and talk with our colleagues, we do set an agenda in order to discuss issues of concern, share best practices, compare management structures and budgets, and showcase innovative programs being developed at the state level to accomplish things such as helping pro se litigants, preserving everything from rare books to digital content, starting Friends of the Library groups, increasing outreach efforts to serve the judiciary, working with court committees involved in electronic filing, etc. The Colorado Supreme Court Library, for example, will host e-filing sites for pro se litigants; the Virginia State Law Library is using HeinOnline to scan their appellate briefs, which will be then loaded into a “private” HeinOnline database available to the library's

users; and several state law libraries are members of the Legal Information Preservation Alliance, a national group providing leadership and structure for the many law libraries around the country who are actively working to preserve our legal information resources.



Jane Colwin (left) receives a longevity award for 20 years in the State, Court, & County Law Libraries-SIS

As a member of the State, Court and County SIS, I had the opportunity to attend a reception sponsored by West at the Law Library of Louisiana.

The Library is housed in the recently restored Supreme Court Building on Royal Street in the French Quarter. In addition to touring the beautiful library, guests were also able to visit the brand new Louisiana Supreme Court Museum.

The rest of my New Orleans time was spent attending a variety of educational programs, touring the exhibits (by the way, would anyone want a lovely sumo wrestler stress-reliever squeeze toy that hasn't found a home yet here at WSLL?), visiting with current and former LLAW colleagues at a special social get-together, and eating wonderful Louisiana food every chance I could. The Annual Meeting is always worthwhile – I highly recommend it to all of you and thank you again for the grant.

2007 AALL Annual Meeting Highlights

Diane Duffey, Habush, Habush & Rottier

The 2007 AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans marks the third time I have attended the association's yearly gathering. Each experience has been advantageous, and this past July meeting had some especially worthwhile aspects. High points for this year included LLAW's participation in the Chapter VIP Program, the conference keynote speaker's discussion of her book on the first female Supreme Court Justice, the Habitat for Humanity Community Service Project, and the tip of the iceberg of knowledge I was able to take in at the presentations.

The Annual Meeting opened with an address by keynote speaker Joan Biskupic, the Supreme Court correspondent for USA Today. Biskupic recently completed a book on former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and is currently working on a book on Antonin Scalia. O'Connor had an incredible ability "as an outsider," said Biskupic, "to work the inside game," which proved crucial for handling her trials and tribulations as the first woman in many arenas besides the U.S. Supreme Court. Biskupic duly noted that the assistance of librarians greatly facilitated her research for her books.

I was keenly interested in attending the program called "Legal Information: Globalization, Conglomerates and Competition—Monopoly or Free Market." Although the outraged consumer in me was slightly disappointed that presenter Ken Svengalis had no magic solution to combat the tyranny of corporate power, he did offer some stunning statistics and feasible suggestions for coping with what he called "The Big Three" oligopoly of legal publishers: Thomson West, Reed Elsevier and Wolters Kluwer. Just one of the telling examples of the big vendors' market-cornering strategy described by Svengalis is their handling of subscription supplements. This is the main profit generator for Thomson West, accounting for 85% of their profits. From 1995 to 2006, the average annual price increase of supplements for Thomson West digests alone was 13.5%, meaning a total increase of 296% for that entire period. Svengalis advised consumers to be wary of packaged pricing plans, not to sign anticompetitive confidentiality clauses, and to learn about and promote Casemaker, a consortium among some state bar associations which could become a plausible alternative for legal information. Svengalis' detailed program presentation is available at <http://www.rilawpress.com/>

It was a pleasure to attend the "Win-Win Partnership: Legal Editors and Law Librarians" program, which was moderated by LLAW's Carol Bannen and included LLAW's Annual Meeting VIP, Joyce Hastings. Hastings praised LLAW's article writing project, stating how LLAW writers' strategy of internally vetting their articles among their



members is reflected in the quality of their submitted works. Librarians' expertise can assist in areas where attorneys face key challenges, including striving to stay competitive and current on technology, the economic pressures of practice, and the balance of work and life. Other presenters at the program advised potential authors to tackle smaller topics before bigger ones, to know their audience and their publisher as well, to imagine that the reader is asking them to "make my job easier," to pitch an article concept first before spending too much time writing it, and to submit only thoroughly edited items of authorship to the publisher.

The program "Communicating Our Value to Management," aimed at firm librarians, proposed a simple yet valuable concept: shift your firm's perception of your department from being an overhead cost to a creator of value. To elaborate, presenter Donna Purvis stated how overhead is seen in terms of costs: space, resources and staff. Librarians, however, should show that their library creates value by helping their organization get good results for clients, make informed business decisions, and demonstrate greater efficiency in terms of reduced non-billable time, write-offs and client costs.

What I value even more than the content of the programs (and the amusing giveaways at the Exhibit Hall) are the incidental benefits of attending the meeting: meeting new people from around the country and beyond, spending extended time with other colleagues from Wisconsin, learning about the many different products for law libraries, and getting to know a new city. For me, the 2007 AALL Annual Meeting was as beneficial as ever. I am grateful to LLAW whose grant award was key in making my attendance possible.

Past & Present LLAW Members in New Orleans



From left: Carol Bannen, Katie Leonard, Paula Seeger, Carol Schmitt, Jenny Zook, Jane Colwin, Diane Duffy, Mary Mahoney



Connie Von Der Heide, Leslie Behroozi, Julia Jaet



Jenny Zook is the winner of a \$500 gift certificate at the West Party!



Seated: Jenny Zook, Julia Jaet, Jane Colwin, Joyce Hastings.
Standing: Paula Seeger, Virginia Meier, Carol Schmitt, Leslie Behroozi, Cindy May, Julie Tessmer, Connie Von Der Heide, Diane Duffey, Mary Mahoney



Jenny Zook, Carol Schmitt, and Joyce Hastings at the West Party held at the House of Blues.

Photos by Diane Duffey



Carol Bannen at the podium moderating the "Win-Win" program on cooperation between editors and law librarian authors. Joyce Hastings, our chapter VIP, is seated third from the right.

AALL meeting in New Orleans, July 2007

Mary Mahoney, Peterson, Johnson & Murray S.C.

As a grant recipient, I am obligated to write an article about my experiences at the latest annual meeting. I was very lucky to receive the grant from LLAW that enabled me to attend the meeting in New Orleans from July 14-17. Without the funding from our great organization, I would not have been able to attend required committee meetings, would not have been able to network with other librarians, would not have had the opportunity to attend several good programs, and would not have seen the continuing rebuilding and remaining devastation left from Hurricane Katrina two years ago.

This trip also became one of my life's adventures. Trying to save money, I chose to fly the airline that had the least expensive ticket, yet would get me to and from New Orleans during the dates I needed. That proved to be the first problem. I booked the flight more than 30 days in advance with Northwest Airlines. After all, they had just come out of bankruptcy and reports were that everything was going smoothly for them. The Sunday before I was to leave on Saturday morning, I received a voice mail message that my Saturday flight was being cancelled for "operational reasons." Nicely, NWA had rebooked me on a flight Saturday night with my arrival into New Orleans scheduled well into the night, and too late for the opening reception. This did not please me. By now, I was too late to book within the usual seven-day period to receive a decent fare from other airlines, so after several

calls to NWA, I was rebooked - now onto a flight on Friday the 13th.

I had to find a hotel to spend Friday night and the hotel I had booked for the annual meeting didn't have any openings for Friday. Of course, I booked a nearby hotel and planned to move to the meeting hotel on Saturday since I had a reservation and it was prepaid. This little change to my plans cost me one day of work, for which I did not get paid, and a hotel bill of nearly \$110.00 for one night. These two figures had not been in my budget.

On Friday, July 13, I checked in at the Milwaukee airport with plenty of time for a 1:50 p.m. flight. The plane loaded and we sat at the gate for 40 minutes. Because of the schedule change to this flight, I now had to change planes in Minneapolis and Memphis before arriving in New Orleans. As you can imagine, the flight arrived late into Minneapolis, and as nearly always is the case, I arrived at one concourse, and the connecting flight was across the entire airport. So, I ran, which isn't a pretty sight. I got to the gate and the gate agent was at the desk but the plane had already been loaded. The door was still open, yet she informed me that she had to close the door and considered me "not here." I explained how it wasn't my fault that the agent who booked my flights didn't allow enough time for the change of planes. I demanded to

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see a supervisor because I believed I was there and should be allowed to board since the door was open. Apparently, that was what I needed to do, since the agent then summoned me down the ramp and allowed me to board. However, she didn't scan my boarding pass or mark me as boarded. This in action indicated I missed the plane in their records.

The trip from Minneapolis to Memphis was without incident as we left the gate in Minneapolis but sat on the runway for about half an hour. Again, my landing was delayed and again I had to run through an airport. If I missed the flight from Memphis to New Orleans, I would be spending the night in the Memphis airport. Not bad if you want to eat, but not good if you want to sleep. Just as I got to the gate, the passengers were boarding, and I got in line. Upon my reaching the boarding agent and delivering my boarding pass, I was informed I was cancelled at this connection because I didn't make the Minneapolis flight to Memphis. I explained, using the physical evidence of my body in front of the agent, that I must have made the plane from Minneapolis - or I wouldn't be standing at this gate. This agent agreed that I was in fact there, and should be allowed to get on the plane to New Orleans. Of course he had given my seat to another passenger. No problem - the exit row seats were available. My original seat was 13B and I ended up sitting in 14E. I had lots of leg room and the responsibility of manning the emergency door if necessary. No problem.

It was storming and we left Memphis a bit late and flew low. About half way to Memphis there was a lot of thunder and lightning. All of a sudden we saw a huge flash just outside the window of row 13. We had been hit by lightning! The female passenger in seat 13F jumped up as the charge went directly under her seat. Her hair stood on end. She was fine otherwise. The passenger in seat 13B, which was my original seat, had been sleeping and was suddenly awakened by the electric charge under her seat. She jumped and screamed, not knowing what was happening. Those of us in the exit row were ready to save the day if required. No other damage was done and we arrived in New Orleans around 8:20 p.m.

With all the late arrivals and plane changes I was very confident that my luggage would not be in New Orleans with me. I waited with all the other passengers for the luggage to be delivered to the conveyer belt. My luggage did not arrive. I went to the NWA baggage claim office. It was locked and no one was there. A sign on the door said to go to the NWA ticket counter upstairs. I did that. There was no one there and the lights weren't even on.

Obviously, no one working for NWA was available. I had any NWA agents in the airport paged with no positive results. Returning to the baggage claim office, I discovered a phone number to call when checking on the status of lost luggage. I called that number, and spoke to a very friendly woman in Seattle, WA. She can actually tell where luggage is, once it's been claimed. But I wanted to file a claim which wasn't her job. She first informed me that someone from NWA works at the New Orleans airport until 10:00 p.m. She called the lost baggage claim office and got no answer; she called the ticket counter and got no answer; she called the airport and had an NWA agent paged, again with no answer. I had already explained to her that I tried each of those tactics prior to calling her. She tried to trace my luggage, but couldn't find it in the records. She tried to find a supervisor so we could file a claim. For some unknown reason, she couldn't find a supervisor anywhere in the country. Her final suggestion was for me to return to the airport on Saturday morning to file a claim with the lost baggage office. She again informed me that the office was staffed from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

My protests of having to spend another \$60.00 to get a taxi for a round trip to the airport to file the claim the following morning went unanswered. She did take down my name and number and I obtained the name of the supervisor who would be on duty Saturday morning. I figured I could call instead of personally filing the claim on Saturday. By this time, it was 10:10 p.m. and I headed for the limo stand. Again, in my efficiency of prior planning, I had reserved and paid for a round trip ticket on the limo service from the airport to the hotel. Of course, when I get to the limo stand, the sign indicates that no one is there at this time of night. The limos were outside with drivers in them, but there was just no dispatcher. Once I convinced one driver to speak to me, things got more interesting. I presented my prepaid voucher with my name and other verifying information. He explained that I had the incorrect paperwork and I should have gotten a printout from the actual limo company website and not the third party who had set up the reservation. After bickering, pleading and nearly crying to get him to take me to the hotel, I was finally on my way. By 11:15 p.m., I was at the hotel. I told the desk clerk that I had a reservation and said I hoped my room hadn't been given away due to my late arrival. She checked and said "yes, we had a reservation for you" Then a long pause, "but we gave it away." She chuckled and said "just kidding." I was so relieved. Of course, I had to ask for some necessities like a comb, toothpaste and toothbrush since mine were in my

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suitcase and not with me. She handed me a little shopping bag with the essentials and wished me a good night.

Saturday morning I received a phone call that my luggage had arrived and I should go to the airport to pick it up. I explained that I didn't have a car and didn't have the money to pay for another round trip to the airport. The agent decided that NWA could pay for a taxi to deliver my suitcase.

Meetings and networking began Saturday. I had my clean clothes and all of my paperwork, which had been packed into my suitcase. I also got to see some sights in New Orleans. Talking to the locals was my favorite part of the trip. Everyone was happy that we were there. They smiled and thanked us for coming to their city. Conversations with bus drivers, bellmen, sales clerks, wait staff, and others were uplifting. Everyone seemed to have so much hope for their city.

Residents shared their love of the city and their hopes and dreams for the future. When asked why they stayed, or why they came back after the hurricane, each one seemed so positive that New Orleans is where they belonged. I spoke with a medical doctor who was busy in New Orleans during the hurricane and then went to Houston to take care of people who had been displaced. I mentioned that he could get a job in a different place and not be in the midst of the slowly recovering area. Although not a Louisiana native, he stated that this was where he belonged and he would stay.

Saturday evening's opening reception was very nice and the socializing time was well spent. I purposely sat at tables with people I didn't know so I could meet librarians from around the country. I met two women from California who had never attended an AALL annual meeting, and never been to Louisiana. It was exciting to see the meeting through their eyes with their enthusiasm.

I happily attended committee meetings and educational sessions for the next few days. I enjoyed the exhibit hall more than I had in many years. I actually had discussions with several vendors, which dealt with things like over crowded looseleaf binders all the way to the extreme

price increase when Lexis purchased Accurint and the price of a search went from \$.25 to \$4.00, and the reports provide less information. There are fewer exhibitors than when I began attending the annual meeting years ago. Of course, that is partly because of the mergers and takeovers in the legal publishing world. There are also less "freebies" sitting on the exhibitors' tables waiting to be snatched up. This was noted by people in my firm when I returned without enough goodies to go around.



My favorite program was entitled "Situational leadership: What would 'Andy of Mayberry' do?" This program was enhanced by the role-play of the presenters acting in library situations and determining how Andy would have handled each conflict. The scenarios covered employment and patron issues. The comparison between Mayberry and libraries was unique, but made sense once the at-

tendees made the connections. This program emphasized the idea that each conflict does not have to be a major life-changing event. Sometimes if people can take a step back and look at a situation, common sense will easily determine the proper action.

Another of my favorite sessions was "Rising to the leadership challenge outside your library." I have always considered myself active in the local, state and national library organizations. Recently I have been appointed to two different committees; one an AALL committee and one a PLL committee. Being involved in committee work has always been my way of rising to the challenge. I have often been the chair of committees and was even the LLAW President in the past. I attended this session so I could make sure I was doing everything possible to help make the organizations better for everyone. I believe volunteering and being known as someone who is willing to help is one of the best ways to improve any organization. The program reinforced my thoughts and also encouraged participants to reach even further and

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extend involvement to areas other than librarianship. Real leaders do not limit themselves to one small area of participation.

Of course, a special interest of mine is Teaching Legal Research so I attended that session also. I like to keep up on the practices of others who assist law students and lawyers learn about the law. This program did not provide any new ideas for me. However, I took comfort in the fact that it appears many in law libraries feel there is need for research education.

The trip back to Milwaukee was uneventful. The layover in Memphis provided enough time to enjoy the famous Corky's Bar-B-Que and chat with other Wisconsin law librarians.

Once again, I have learned not to expect my luggage to arrive when I attend AALL annual meetings. By my count, my luggage has missed flights in 4 of the last 7 trips. Due to the airline restrictions I cannot carry-on some of the things I need so I think next year I will ship my items via Fed-Ex prior to my departure.

If it's at all possible, try to attend the AALL 2008 Annual Meeting in Portland, OR, where the theme will be: Energize * Explore * Evolve *. For more information, go to <http://www.allnet.org> Housing information is also already available. LLAW will also have grants available to assist with costs for members with the need.

Thank you to LLAW for the financial support to attend the meeting in New Orleans.



Renew Your LLAW Membership!

see page 27 for 2007-08 membership form

Questions about LLAW membership?

Contact the Membership Chair:

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Upcoming Program Announcement

Jamie Kroening, LLAW Program Co-Chair

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 13, 2007!!!

The guest of honor and speaker for our next meeting in Milwaukee will be AALL Executive Board member, **Cornell H. Winston** (right), who is the Law Librarian for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, CA. Mr. Winston has been a board member since 2006 and has been very active in many different AALL committees. He was also President of the Southern California Association of Law Libraries. You can find his member profile at <http://www.aallnet.org/board/>

We hope that everyone will be able to attend. This is a great opportunity to showcase the city of Milwaukee and LLAW!



Experiencing New Orleans 2007

Diane Duffey, Habush, Habush & Rottier, s.c.

I was one of approximately 1,700 attendees at AALL's 100th Annual Meeting in New Orleans this July. Post-Katrina New Orleans did indeed prove to be a rather subdued atmosphere – like visiting a once easy-going, fun-loving old friend who had suffered a catastrophic loss a couple of years earlier and had the scars to show for it. But I'm not sorry I went.

A superficial look at the city will tell you that it is certainly not the jazzy party it used to be. Digging a little deeper, the prevailing mood this past summer seemed to be one of a fierce pride of survivors coupled with a gratitude to visitors, offsetting what would have been a touristy ambiance. The "Big Easy" spirit, while not quashed completely, is muted by the frustration at the failure of the system and its components felt by the residents who have remained in the city. The impact of Hurricane Katrina "was not a natural disaster," one tour guide emphatically told a group of AALL members, referring to the failed levees as the main culprit of the devastation.

"Make Levees Not War" – I spotted this statement on a



One of the AALL workgroups works hard on a "floor system," built on 3-foot concrete stilts, each covered with a piece of termite shield.

T-shirt at the work site where I participated in AALL's Habitat for Humanity Community Service Project on Friday, July 13th. This volunteer opportunity was truly a highlight for me, in spite of my tragic lack of home building knowledge. About 70 AALL volunteers were shuttled to the upper ninth ward for the hot, humid workday. My group worked on putting together a floor foundation for what was to become one of the colorful houses that will make up the Musicians' Village. I'm proud to report that, for all of the nails I hammered in that day, I only needed one Band-Aid. I was also pleased to hear that Thomson West gave a \$10,000 check to Habitat, and



Vicky Coulter's husband Brian, working on a "floor system" at the Habitat for Humanity site in the upper ninth ward.

additionally donated \$5 for each person completing the demonstration stations at the Thomson West area of the Exhibit Hall.

One AALL member at the Habitat site told how she had made a point of attending the meeting of the American Libraries Association in 2006 – the first post-Katrina conference held there. Attending the conference at that time enabled her to return to the city where she had gone to law school so that she could take advantage of a volunteer opportunity to work on gutting houses while wearing a Tyvek suit – and I'd thought the Habitat work was nitty-gritty!



Completed Habitat for Humanity homes. Part of the Musicians' Village in the Upper Ninth Ward.

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The first-hand experience of the devastation, only thinly veneered with two years' time, was quite astounding. At the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, where the Annual Meeting was held, I took the inevitable moment to ponder the chaos, violence and death that had occurred at that very site two summers earlier – the news reports of scenes that were almost unimaginable amid the lively buzz of librarians and vendors. The bus driver who brought us to and from the Habitat work site gave us a brief tour of the nearby lower ninth ward where the third levee broke, and where now stood a solemn memorial to the victims. The area, now desolate and grassed over, had been full of homes, he explained. He told us how a friend of his who lived there remained with nine family members to brave out the hurricane; none survived. In spite of all of the grimness, however, I was relieved to find that the hurricane did not do any visibly lasting harm to the city's charming French Quarter, whose cuisine, architecture, music and spirit (and spirits!) make it so unique in all of the world.

It is virtually impossible to imagine that New Orleans will ever be the same as it once was. But watching the children chase each other around the gardens of the new

homes in the Musicians' Village with that easy, resilient spirit kids have, one could believe that just maybe the city will be able to find hope and spirit again.



New Canal Lighthouse near Lake Pontchartrain.
For more information, see lighthouse history
and rescue efforts by the
[Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation](#)

Photos by Diane Duffey



A group of AALL members pose for a photo after the Habitat workday. Vicky Coulter and her husband Brian are immediately to the right and left, respectively, of the word "village" on the sign.

Library Legislative Day: Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Lisa Strand, WLA Executive Director

As an information professional, you know that what happens at the State Capitol can have a huge impact on library service in Wisconsin. And whether you're a political junkie or novice, there's an easy way for you to make a difference in the way libraries are perceived by state lawmakers. Attend Library Legislative Day and tell your story!

On Tuesday, January 22, 2008, the Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) and the Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association (WEMTA) host the annual Library Legislative Day at the Inn and the Park and the State Capitol in Madison. All library workers in Wisconsin are invited to attend.

Since 2008 is the second year of the legislative session, we'll be focusing on any remaining library-related bills and setting the stage for the next budget cycle. The more library advocates we can bring to the State Capitol, the more likely library issues are to get a fair hearing.

For political novices, Library Legislative Day is a great way to get acquainted with library issues and your state legislators. For those of you with more experience, you know it's a time to solidify relationships and underscore the messages you've communicated year-round. It's also a time to thank legislators for their service.

Join us at 7:45 a.m. for continental breakfast, followed by an issues briefing from 8:00-9:00 a.m. The keynote address follows the briefing, featuring legislative leadership from both parties. Then, it's off to appointments with legislators that are made for you in advance of the event.

For more information, plus picture highlights from previous Library Legislative Days, go to <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/legis/day/>. A registration form is also available there.

We hope you attend Library Legislative Day on January 22!

Recommended Readings

Cindy May, University Of Wisconsin Law Library

Ambrogi, Robert J. "What's New? The Latest Websites and Web Tools for Legal Professionals." Law Technology News 14(6):42, 49 (June 2007)

The author reviews new law-related websites that provide a tool for focused searching of the legal web, in-depth coverage of Congress, tracking of wrongful convictions, free legal articles, a patents marketplace, images of historic British court documents, and world-wide constitutions.

Ambrogi, Robert J. "Wiki Wonders: Where There's a Wiki, There's a Way." Law Technology News 14(5):46, 49 (May 2007)

The word "wiki" is derived from the Hawaiian word for "fast." Wikis are websites that allow visitors to easily add, remove or edit content. This article discusses some of the innovative ways legal professionals are using wikis.

Baish, Mary Alice. "Librarians as Change Agents: How You Can Help Influence Public Policy in the 110th Congress." LLRX (July 27, 2007) <http://www.llrx.com/features/changeagents.htm>

Bertnes, Pal A. "Guide to Legal Research in Norway." GlobaLex (August 2007) <http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Norway.htm>

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Boyle, Robin A. and Ingham, Joanne. "Suggestions on How to Conduct Empirical Research: A Behind-the Scenes View." Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 15:176-179 (Spring 2007)

Based on a workshop presentation, this article details a step-by-step approach to planning a research study involving objectivity, clearly stated goals, a procedure for collecting data, a statistical measure of the data collected, and a process for analyzing the information.

Bracha, Oren. "Standing Copyright Law on its Head? The Googlization of Everything and the Many Faces of Property." Texas Law Review 85:1799-1869 (June 2007)

This article examines the significance of the option Google gives to copyright owners to opt out from participation in the Google Print Library Project.

Butterfield, George. "Commentary: Is a J.D. Necessary for Law Librarians?" LLRX (June 25, 2007)
<http://www.llrx.com/features/jdnecessary.htm>

Carter, Terry. "Stories You Won't Read in Books: Law Library of Congress Celebrates its 175th Anniversary." ABA Journal 93:46-49 (July 2007)

This brief pictorial piece commemorates the history and achievements of the Law Library of Congress.

Crosby, Connie. "Keeping Up With Social Networking Tools." LLRX (June 25, 2007)
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Fombad, Charles Manga. "Researching Cameroonian Law." GlobaLex (June/July 2007)
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Freitas, Tiago Fidalgo de. "Legal Research in Portugal: A Guide." GlobaLex (June/July 2007)
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Garvin, Peggy. "Insanely Useful' Legislative Sites." LLRX (July 27, 2007)
<http://www.llrx.com/columns/govdomain28.htm>

Germain, Claire M. "Legal Information Management in a Global and Digital Age: Revolution and Tradition." LLRX (August 27, 2007) <http://www.llrx.com/features/legalinformationmanagement.htm>

Helge, Kristyn and Butterfield, George. "An Overview of Selected Legal Digital Libraries." LLRX (June 25, 2007) <http://www.llrx.com/features/legaldigital.htm>

Hinkes, Eric Matthew. "Access Controls in the Digital Era and the Fair Use/First Sale Doctrines." Santa Clara Computer & High Technology Law Journal 23:685-726 (May 2007)

Consumers are now purchasing licenses to "access" works controlled by digital rights management schemes bolstered by the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. The author argues that in enacting this provision of the DMCA, Congress created an additional exclusive right for content providers: controlling access to a work.

Holmes, Nick. "Blogging for Lawyers and Legal Information Professionals." Legal Information Management 7:93-100 (Summer 2007)

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The author discusses what a blog is and its advantages, how to read a blog, how to set up and publish a blog, and effective blogging techniques.

Irwin, Kate. "Copyright Law—Librarians Who TEACH: Expanding the Distance Education Rights of Libraries by Applying the Technology Education and Copyright Harmonization Act of 2002." Western New England Law Review 29:875-914 (2007)

This Note explores the possible advantages libraries may have under the TEACH Act. It argues for the inclusion of some library activities into coverage by TEACH, based on public policy, fair use, and consistency in copyright law.

Jenks, Paul. "Votes and Whips." LLRX (August 27, 2007) <http://www.llrx.com/congress/votesandwhips.htm>

Kennedy, Joe. "Legal Resources in the Little Red Dot: Singapore." Legal Information Management 7:87-89 (Summer 2007)

This article outlines the legal system in Singapore, explains the legislative process, discusses case reporting, and gives guidance on how to find print and online legal materials, both free and fee-based.

Kinder, Petal. "A Guide to online research resources for the Australian Federal Legal System with some reference to the State." GlobaLex (August 2007) <http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Australia.htm>

Le, Christina T. "The Exploitation of Women and Children: A Comparative Study of Human Trafficking Laws between the United States-Mexico and China-Vietnam." GlobaLex (August 2007) http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Human_Trafficking.htm

Lehmann, David. "Library Technology Upgrade: Using Web 2.0 Applications." Legal Information Alert 26(3):6-7 (March 2007)

Web 2.0 is the second generation of Internet-based web applications using AJAX (Asynchronous JavaScript and XML) technology. This article describes Web 2.0 features that can be useful in law libraries, including blawgs, podcasts, wikis, screencasts, and online word processors.

Lessig, Lawrence. "In Support of Network Neutrality." I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society 3:185-196 (Spring 2007)

This is a transcript of Prof. Lessig's 2006 testimony before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation at a hearing on network neutrality.

Litan, Robert E. and Singer, Hal J. "Unintended Consequences of Net Neutrality Regulation." Journal on Telecommunications & High Technology Law 5:533-572 (Spring 2007)

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Markoff, John. "A Quest to Get More Court Rulings Online, and Free." New York Times (August 20, 2007) <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/20/technology/20westlaw.html>

Mart, Susan Nevelow. "Documents, Leaks and the Boundaries of Expression: Government Whistle blowing in an Over-Classified Age." LLRX (July 27, 2007) <http://www.llrx.com/features/whistleblowing.htm>

May, Randolph J. "Net Neutrality Mandates: Neutering the First Amendment in the Digital Age." I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society 3:197-210 (Spring 2007)

Randolph May is president of the Free State Foundation, a free-market-oriented think tank. This is his 2006 testimony before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation at a hearing on network neutrality.

McDonald, Stacy F. "Copyright for Sale: How the Commodification of Intellectual Property Distorts the Social Bargain Implicit in the Copyright Clause." Howard Law Journal 50:541-574 (Winter 2007)

The author argues that valuing a copyrighted work for its market potential to the exclusion of its non-economic values distorts the copyright balance, and that this commodification removes from the equation the social bargain inherent in the Copyright Clause and in the framers' goals.

Murley, Diane. "Podcasts and Podcasting for Law Librarians." Law Library Journal 99:675-680 (Summer 2007)

Diane Murley, Reference/Web Services Librarian at Southern Illinois University Law Library, explains what podcasts are, discusses a sampling of library- and law-related podcasts, and suggests ways law librarians can use podcasting on the job.

Na, Nari. "Testing the Boundaries of Copyright Protection: The Google Books Library Project and the Fair Use Doctrine." Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy 16:417-448 (Spring 2007)

This Note examines Google's Library Project and the application of traditional copyright law to the non-traditional Internet. It argues that by adding new functionality that will benefit scholarship and research, the Library Project's use of copyrighted works should be considered fair use.

Narayan, Uma. "Sources of Indian Legal Information." Legal Information Management 7:133-139 (Summer 2007)

This article covers the evolution of the Indian legal system, the legislative process, how legislation is published, and Indian legal information sources, both public and private, print and online.

Pache, Charlotte. "The Legal System, the Courts and Law Reporting in Hong Kong." Legal Information Management 7:90-92 (Summer 2007)

This article sets out the background of, and framework for, the legal system in Hong Kong. It outlines the structure of the courts and the legal profession, explains how to obtain transcripts and judgments, and provides a survey of Hong Kong law reporting and online legal resources.

Phillips, Kara. "Shanghai Express: Donating and Shipping Law Books Overseas." LLRX (June 25, 2007) <http://www.llrx.com/features/shanghaiexpress.htm>

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<http://www.llrx.com/features/gaylesbianlaw.htm>

Podboy, Alvin. "Intangible Libraries." Law Technology News 14(7):36 (July 2007)

The author, director of library services at Baker Hostetler in Cleveland, discusses using technology to meet the information needs and competitive staffing guidelines of law firms.

Pribek, Jane. "Beyond Wikipedia: Wikis Offer Options for Lawyers to Share Information."
Wisconsin Law Journal 21(35):7 (August 27, 2007)

This article explores current and future uses for wikis in the legal profession, and includes a quote from LLAW member Bonnie Shucha.

"Research." National Law Journal 29(44):13-18 (July 9, 2007)

This year's special "In Focus" issued to coincide with the AALL Annual Meeting includes articles on advanced Internet searching for lawyers, how law librarians can enhance client services through teamwork with their tech departments, and strategies to help law librarians market online legal research tools to attorneys.

Rolon C., Ana E. "A Guide to the Legal System and Legal Research in Paraguay."
GlobaLex (August 2007) <http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Paraguay.htm>

Sahl, Silke. "Researching Customary International Law, State Practice and the Pronouncements of States regarding International Law." GlobaLex (June/July 2007)
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Samour, Oscar. "Guide to Legal Research in El Salvador." GlobaLex (June/July 2007)
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Samuelson, Pamela. "Why Copyright Law Excluded Systems and Processes from the Scope of its Protection."
Texas Law Review 85:1921-19977 (June 2007)

This article discusses Section 102 of the Copyright Act of 1976, which sets forth the subject matter eligible for copyright protection, specifically excluding protection of "any idea, procedure, process, system, method of operation, concept, principle, or discovery."

Scott, Wendy. "Guide to Sources in International and Comparative Disability Law."
Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce 34:621-671 (Spring 2007)

This research guide offers a concise starting point for research in international, regional, and national law relating to disability. It consists of annotated entries for both primary and secondary sources.

Scribner, Curtis. "Subpoena to Google Inc. in *ACLU v. Gonzales*: "Big Brother" Is Watching Your Internet Searches through Government Subpoenas." University of Cincinnati Law Review 75:1273-1297 (Spring 2007)

This paper discusses problems that a lenient subpoena process can create for the Internet community, and suggests some possible steps that could be taken in order to adapt the subpoena process to rapid technological and telecommunication advances.

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Shah, Manali. "Fair Use and the Google Book Search Project: The Case for Creating Digital Libraries." CommLaw Conspectus 15:569-613 (2007)

This Note argues that courts should accept Google's fair use defense for its Book Search Project in order to promote the creation of other digital libraries and future innovations in information dissemination.

Shucha, Bonnie. "IM a Librarian: Establishing a Virtual Reference Service with Little Cost or Technical Skill." LLRX (August 27, 2007) <http://www.llrx.com/features/virtualreferenceservice.htm>

Sievert, Ronald J. "PATRIOT 2005-2007: Truth, Controversy, and Consequences." Texas Review of Law & Politics 11:319-351 (Spring 2007)

This article steps back and examines the most controversial provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and reviews what, if anything, has been done to modify those provisions.

Skalbeck, Roger V. "Law and Technology Podcasts." LLRX (August 27, 2007) <http://www.llrx.com/features/techpodcasts.htm>

Smith, Jean Edward. "Stacking the Court." New York Times (July 26, 2007) <http://select.nytimes.com/search/restricted/article?res=F0091EFD35580C758EDDAE0894DF404482>

The author notes that the size of the Supreme Court is determined by Congress, not the Constitution. The number of justices has changed several times during the Court's history, and could be changed again if Congress deemed it necessary in order to restore balance.

Solomon, Andrew T. "Making Unpublished Opinions Precedential: A Recipe for Ethical Problems & Legal Malpractice?" Mississippi Law Review 26:185-223 (2006/2007)

This article argues that unpublished opinions should be non-precedential, at least until these opinions can be readily researched by all attorneys.

Strutin, Ken. "Guide to Short Form Open Access Legal Publications." LLRX (July 27, 2007) <http://www.llrx.com/features/shortformjournals.htm>

"Symposium: Constitutional Challenges to Copyright." Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts 30:245-679 (Spring 2007)

This issue presents papers and panel discussions from a symposium that was organized to explore Congressional power to enact copyright laws and the nature of the limitations on that power.

Venhuizen, Tonnis H. "*United States v. American Library Association*: The Supreme Court Fails to Make the *South Dakota v. Dole* Standard a Meaningful Limitation on the Congressional Spending Power." South Dakota Law Review 52:565-604 (2007)

In 2003 the Supreme Court upheld the Children's Internet Protection Act, which conditioned the availability of federal funds to public libraries on compliance with Internet filtering requirements. This Note considers the effect of that decision on congressional spending power limits.

Wellington, Beth. "Commentary: The Protect America Act and Legislation Related to the Domestic Surveillance Program." LLRX (August 27, 2007) <http://www.llrx.com/extras/nsa.htm>

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Whittle, Steve. "Intute: Law - the What? Why? How? Where? and Who?" GlobalLex (June/July 2007)
<http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Intute.htm>

Williams, Matt. "Recent Second Circuit Opinions Indicate that Google's Library Project Is Not Transformative."
Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal 25:303-332 (2007)

The author examines several recent opinions and concludes that they do not support efforts to justify the Google Library Project on the grounds that it is "transformative." He suggest that courts analyze each of the fair use factors to ensure that Google's activities are consistent with them.

Zillman, Marcus P. "Elder Resources on the Internet." LLRX (July 27, 2007)
<http://www.llrx.com/features/elderresources.htm>

Zook, Genevieve. "Technology and the Generation Gap." LLRX (August 27, 2007)
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LLAW NEWSLETTER

The *LLAW Newsletter* is the official publication of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin. Published quarterly. Copy deadlines are the first Monday of March, June, September and December.

Unsolicited contributions in electronic format (preferably Microsoft Word format) are encouraged; contributions submitted for publication are subject to editorial review.

**The deadline for submitting
articles for the next**

***LLAW NEWSLETTER*
is
December 3, 2007**

Submit articles to Bev Butula
bbutula@dkattorneys.com

LLAW Statement of Accounts - Summary

2007/2008

As of 09/14/07

<u>Checking Account</u>		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Beginning Balance	Budgeted Amt	\$ 1,893.61		\$ 1,893.61
Transfer from / to Savings		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Board of Directors	\$100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Archives	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Government Relations	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$2,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Membership	\$50.00	\$ 1,494.00	\$ -	\$ 1,494.00
Newsletter	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nominating	\$75.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Placement	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program	\$2,750.00	\$ -	\$ 47.95	\$ (47.95)
Public Access to Legal Information	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public Relations / Articles			\$	
	\$150.00	\$ -	\$ 416.62	\$ (416.62)
Website Committee	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating	\$50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Checking Totals	\$5,650.00	\$ 3,387.61	\$ 464.57	\$ 2,923.04

Savings Account

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,687.82		\$ 3,687.82
Interest		\$ 5.11		\$ 5.11
From Checking		\$ -		\$ -
Transfer from / to Checking			\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Savings Total		\$ 3,692.93	\$ -	\$ 3,692.93

Checking and Savings Totals to date \$ 7,080.54 \$ 464.57 \$ 6,615.97



**Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin
2007-2008 First Quarterly Board Meeting
Monday, August 13, 2007
The Gathering, Delafield, Wisconsin**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by President Carol Schmitt.

Present at the meeting were:

President	Carol Schmitt	Past President	Diane Duffey
VP/President Elect,			
Program	Jamie Kroening	Treasurer	Jim Mumm
Secretary	Leslie Behroozi	Membership	Marc Weinberger
Grants	Barb Fritschel	Newsletter	Julia Jaet
Newsletter	Bev Butula	Program	Jenny Zook
Public Relations . .	Laura La Rose	Public Relations	Candace Hall Slaminski

Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Jim Mumm moved to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2007, Board Meeting that had been held at The Gathering in Delafield, Wisconsin. Bev Butula moved to second. The board members agreed unanimously. No one opposed, and no one abstained.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Mumm

Treasurer's Report:

For the fiscal year (2006-2007)	
Ending Balance – checking account:	\$1,893.61
Ending Balance – savings account:	3,687.82
FY '07 Balance Total	5,581.43
Beginning Balance Total FY '07	\$5,755.61
FY '07 Ending Balance less Beginning Balance	(174.18)
Currently (as of 08/13/2007)	
Ending Balance – checking account:	\$1,886.25
Ending Balance – savings account:	3,691.21
Balance Total	5,581.43

Membership Chair Weinberger also mentioned that he would soon be depositing membership revenue.

President's Report

Summary of AALL: New Orleans, "Rise to the Challenge"

LLAW attendees were approximately 15, including VIP Wisconsin State Bar Communications Director, Joyce Hastings, who presented at the conference. The President reported that Ms. Hastings appeared to enjoy both the conference and the opportunity to better understand the role of Law Librarians.

New LLAW Secretary, Leslie Behroozi was voted in by the Board Members via e-mail motion, which was approved by the Board on June 26, 2007.

Committee Reports

Archives (Kira Zaporski)

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The President reported that the archive boxes are still in Bev Butula's basement along with an inventory. Jim Mumm mentioned that he and Ms. Zaporski are discussing which treasurer's items should go into archives. The President mentioned that UW is not particularly interested in archives unless they are monumental.

Government Relations (Tony Chan)

The President reported that Mr. Chan had nothing to report.

Grants (Barb Fritschel)

Ms. Fritschel had nothing to report.

Membership (Marc Weinberger)

Currently there are: Active members: 64 Associate members: 1
 Student members: 3 Sustaining members: 2
Seven of the current members are new members.

Newsletter (Julia Jaet/Bev Butula)

1. The Chairs reported that they will move toward making the Newsletter more theme-based, with members responding and contributing their ideas and writings on each issue's theme.
2. Currently, the newsletter does not have a proper name. The Chairs would like to hold a name-the-newsletter contest.

Nominating (Diane Duffey)

Ms. Duffey wished to remind members that it is never too early to nominate someone, including oneself, for an LLAW position.

Placement (Angela Henes)

The President reported that Ms. Henes had nothing to report.

Program (Jenny Zook/Jamie Kroening)

1. Ms. Zook reported that the e-vites were distributed for the Betty Lou Cruise, which will be a celebration of LLAW's 25 years. Hard copy invitations were mailed out to those members without e-mail in the LLAW directory. Lexis will be sponsoring the event and has provided LLAW with a nice budget. Ms. Zook suggested that members bring memorabilia from LLAW's 25 years. Mr. Weinberger suggested that the founding members of LLAW be invited to the celebration.
2. The Program committee is always looking for new program ideas. Ms. Zook indicated that a program on foreign law might be a possibility for the fall of 2008. The President suggested that the AALL Chapter visit, which is due this year, could form the basis for one of the programs.

PALI (Angela Sanfilippo)

The President reported the Ms. Sanfilippo had nothing to report.

Public Relations/Articles (Laura La Rose/Candance Hall Slaminski)

1. Ms. La Rose thanked those responsible for putting up and dismantling the LLAW display at AALL.
2. Ms. La Rose will be judging the Law Journal's law librarian Unsung Heroes nominees as LLAW's representative.
3. Ms. Hall Slaminski reminded members to let her know of writing and/or publishing activity by LLAW members so that she may add information to the bibliography and update the website. She reported that several members, including Bev Butula, Susan O'Toole, and

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Mary Koshollek, will have articles appearing in various publications in the next few months. Other attendees noted that Barb Fritschel, Jenny Zook, Diane Duffey, Carol Schmitt, Bonnie Shucha, and Carol Bannan may also have articles in various stages of completion.

Web (Heidi Yelk)

The President reported that Carol Hassler will be filling in for Heidi for the next few months.

Old Business

LLAW Membership Survey:

Diane Duffey passed out copies of the survey and solicited comments from the Board. Board members suggested slight revisions to several questions. Ms. Duffey will draft revisions and forward to Board members for review and comment. She is exploring the possibility of using AALL survey software (Zoomerang) and AALL Executive Assistant Kim Rundle to assist with the distribution of the survey. There is also a possibility that LLAW may be able to use Godfrey & Kahn's survey software at no charge. Members agreed that the mode of distribution would need to be determined before deadlines and other issues are addressed.

LLAW Dues Increase:

The President reported that the vote regarding the dues increase would take place at the September Membership Meeting on the Betty Lou Cruise. It was determined that the vote would be by written ballot, which would be counted and announced at the meeting. Mr. Mumm suggested that an explanation of the rationale for the increase be provided to the voting members at the meeting. The President agreed to draft an explanation.

LLAW Archives Storage:

This item was previously discussed in the Archives Committee report.

New Business

2007-2008 LLAW Budget Review and Approval

Jim Mumm distributed copies of the budget, and the Board examined the document line by line. Mr. Mumm made recommendations based on last year's expenditures. The request for the Nominating Committee was increased by \$25 during the Board meeting, and the request for the Operating Committee was reduced by \$25 during the meeting. With the exception of these two changes, the Board voted on the budget requests as previously submitted by the Committees. Ms. Duffey motioned to approve the 2007-2008 budget requests, and Ms. La Rose seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the requests. No one opposed and no one abstained.

SCLS Foundation

The President reported that the South Central Library Foundation is in the process of fund raising for six library enhancement projects. The President was approached by the SCLS regarding LLAW members soliciting law firms to request donations. The President discussed her belief that this is not a proper project for LLAW's official involvement. She raised issues of locale and suggested that there are likely other ways for law librarians to assist with SCLS projects. The Board agreed.

Calendar – Fund raising

Bev Butula reported that Mary Koshollek suggested the idea of creating an LLAW calendar as a fund raising project and a marketing initiative. The calendar could take one of many different formats, including a "views from our libraries" format, "classic Wisconsin pictures" format, or "great courthouse pictures" format. The cost for production per calendar would likely be between \$11 and \$18, depending on the printer. The LLAW logo would appear on each page. The calendar could include dates relevant to future and current law librarians or attorneys, such as AALL dates, graduation dates, newsletter deadlines, etc. LLAW would need to define its target market, but it could include LLAW members, SOIS/SLIS programs, and/or attorneys. It was suggested that the Board

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create an ad hoc calendar committee. Ms. Butula agreed to solicit interest in serving on such a committee from the members. It was also suggested that the final calendar product could be submitted to AALL as a marketing initiative for a potential award.

*Secretary's update: The President moved via e-mail on August 20, 2007, to create an ad hoc Calendar Committee to be chaired by Bev Butula and consist of the following LLAW members: Emily Koss, Kellee Selden-Huston, Mary Mahoney, Mary Koshollek and Carol Schmitt. The motion was seconded by Laura La Rose. The motion carried with 15 of 18 members casting votes.

Recording of LLAW programs

The President reported that she received an inquiry about digitally recording or podcasting the LLAW programs. Ms. Zook indicated that larger programs used to be recorded. The members expressed some doubt as to whether a sufficient number of members would make use of the recordings. The discussion indicated no interest in pursuing the consistent recording of programs at this time.

Other Announcements

AALL Chapter visit

The President reported that LLAW is due for an AALL chapter visit, at which an AALL representative would visit and meet with various LLAW members and speak at an LLAW program. The visit would be paid for by AALL.

AALL Continuing Professional Education Grants for programs

The President announced that she received an e-mail from AALL regarding professional education grants that are available for programs meeting certain criteria.

c. LLAW 25th Betty Lou Cruise, September 6, 2007

This item was already discussed in the Program Committee report.

Miscellaneous

The President reported that she sent information to the Wisconsin State Bar Association regarding the Indiana State Bar Association's practice of allowing law librarians to become members of the Bar. This facilitates product discounts on State Bar products.

Members are reminded of the AALL Salary Survey, which will be available in final form in October.

Adjournment

Jim Mumm moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., and Laura La Rose seconded the motion. The Board members unanimously agreed. No one opposed, and no one abstained.





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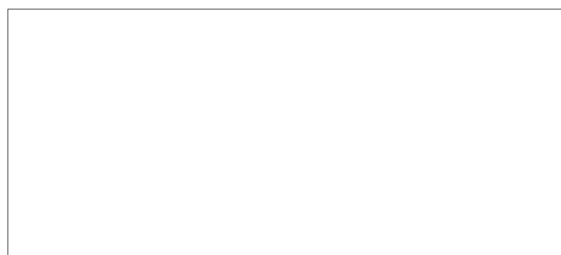
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