

## President's Message

[Elena Olson, Marquette Law Library](#)



Community. Engaging. Resourceful. Librarian. Mentoring. Solutions. Networking. Experts. These are several of the words you submitted in response to a call from Public Relations Chair Jenny Zook for words to describe LLAW. Your contributions came together to create LLAW's beloved cow Elsie as a word cloud featured on LLAW's poster for the Exhibit

Hall at the AALL Annual Meeting in Chicago. Not coincidentally, many of these words reflect the mission of the chapter and the professionalism and collegiality of its members. To these words I add one more: dedicated. Even with a smaller membership than several years ago and an ongoing need for additional volunteers and involvement, I continue to be impressed with, and thankful for, the continuing dedication of members to this community. Your support of LLAW and our profession through attendance and participation at quarterly meetings, writing articles, volunteering on committees, or in other ways are fundamental to the success of the chapter and value each member gains from the organization.

The 2016-17 LLAW year is already off to a start, with a new contribution in Inside Track, LLAW representation among speakers and coordinators at educational programs, and plans in progress for our own quarterly programs. Expect to hear more this summer about our First Quarterly Program on the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. We are excited to have Michele Timmons, Minnesota Revisor of Statutes and Chair of the UELMA Drafting Committee, as our speaker. This program is made possible by a grant from the AALL/Bloomberg BNA Continuing Education Grants Program. We also look ahead to an active year with planning for the October 2017 joint meeting involving MAALL, CALL, MALL, MichALL, and LLAW. My appreciation to the many who quickly volunteered to help with that process. I hope to have more information to share with you soon.

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## President's Message *(continued from page 1)*

I am grateful to the many members of the Board of Directors who remain on the Board for another year. In addition, Shawn King was elected Secretary and Bev Butula returns to the Board as Archives Chair. Thanks also to Vicky Coulter, Chair of the Special Committee on Bylaws, and the other members who volunteered for this committee. With their work, the chapter will be able to review and revise the bylaws rather than limit changes to those required by AALL. Special acknowledgement is in order for Steve Weber for his leadership-and for his already helpful guidance to me-and for Emily Gellings who leaves the Board after spending an extra year as Past President. We thank Carol Hassler for her years as webmaster and Amy Thornton for stepping into that role, as well as Sarah Frets for working with both to help with the transition.

I look forward to working with you this year to continue to make the words that form "word cloud Elsie" come to life. Though we can and should draw on the existing strengths of the community that is LLAW, as Steve suggested in his Spring 2016 President's Message we must also consider where we want the organization to go. For now, take time to enjoy summer!

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## Member News

**Kris Turner**, UW Law Library, has written an article for the RIPS blog on the Supreme Court, [Scholarship and background on Supreme Court nominations](#)

**Don MacGregor**, Wolters Kluwer, wrote the April InsideTrack article [Legal Research: Exploding Airbags and Undeclared Allergens – Locating Resources for Vehicle and Consumer Product Recalls](#)

**Barbara Fritschel**, US Courts, wrote the May InsideTrack article, [Top 10 Legal Research Tips from Research Experts Around Wisconsin](#)

**Bev Butula**, Davis & Kuelthau, wrote the June InsideTrack article [Legal Research: Researching Individuals Online](#)

**Mary Koshollek**, Godfrey & Kahn, wrote the July InsideTrack article [Legal Research: Digital Maps on the Web](#).

**Bonnie Shucha**, UW Law Library, contributed [Demonstrating the Importance of Context with Google Earth](#) to the [24th National Legal Research Teach-In Kit](#). The exercise was designed to help students in Practice Ready Legal Research (advanced legal research) course to understand the importance of context in developing a legal research plan.

**Bev Butula's** article, "*Let Google Work for You, Not the Other Way Around*," is in the spring 2016 edition of the Wisconsin Legal Administrators Newsletter. (You will need membership access to view this article.)

Congratulations to **Bonnie Shucha** for being appointed to the State Bar Communications Committee for a three year appointment (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2019). The Communications Committee serves as the editorial advisory board for Wisconsin Lawyer magazine - participating in content planning and development; reviewing substantive articles; and developing appropriate editorial/advertising policy.

**Bev Butula** presented at the July AALL webinar *Creating Engaging Digital Content to Teach and Promote Library Services*. Our own **Kris Turner** was the moderator.

## Distinguished Service Award – 2016

Mary J. Koshollek, Godfrey & Kahn



On May 5<sup>th</sup>, LLAW awarded its third “Distinguished Service Award” to Bonnie Shucha, Associate Director for Public Services at UW Law School Library, for her significant contributions to the chapter and to the profession. Photos from the presentation including Bonnie and one of her nominators, Carol Bannen, are included.

Bonnie was cited for her awards, outstanding chapter and professional accomplishments. Excerpts from her nomination submissions are as follows:

*Please accept my nomination of Bonnie Shucha for the LLAW Distinguished Service Award. Bonnie has served LLAW, AALL and the legal community by giving of her*

*time, expertise and energy since she became a member of both associations in 1997. Her work in promoting law librarianship and the knowledge she has shared through her presentations, publications and leadership has and will continue to have an effect on law librarians and the profession well into the future.*

*Bonnie joined LLAW in the fall of 1997 when she began working at Weis, Berzowski. Not one to delay getting involved, she volunteered to be the liaison between LLAW and the UW-Milwaukee School of Information Studies at her first LLAW meeting. She has been actively involved ever since, presenting at a 2008 LLAW meeting and serving on many LLAW committees including Secretary (1998/99 - 2000/2001), Webmaster (1998-2000), proposer and first Chair of the Web Site Committee (2000/2001-2001/2002), Grants Committee member (1997/98) and Chair (2014/5-present), Special Committee on Articles (2003/4), Programs Co-Chair (2002/3), By-Laws Chair (2004/5), Vice President (2002/3), Chapter President (2003/4) and Past President (2004/5). There are few LLAW committees in which Bonnie did not participate as a member or chair.*

*She’s also been active in AALL, serving as co-chair (along with Carol Bannen) of the AALL Publishing Initiatives Caucus (2006), as Vice Chair/Chair Elect of AALL’s Computer Services Special Interest Section (2008/9), and on the AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee (2016). In addition, she has presented at almost every AALL meeting since 2004, missing only one due to the birth of her son.*

*She has also given many presentations outside of LLAW and AALL including ORALL (2005), Assn of Legal Administrators, Montreal (2006), National Conference of State Legislatures’ Legislative Research Librarians (2006), WLA (2006), Legal Research Symposium (2007), WAAL (2007), WI Solo & Small Firm Conference, Milwaukee (2007), WI State Bar (2008), MALL keynote speaker (2009) to name a few.*

*She began writing her well known blog, Wis-Blawg in 2004 which is still being updated and is read by many. The blog has received many positive reviews and honors including Top 100 Education Blog (2006) and 50 Best Blogs for Law Librarians (2009).*

*Bonnie’s energy and enthusiasm is recognized by others based on the numerous grants and awards she’s won over the years. Those related to law libraries include LLAW grants for AALL (1998, 2004), the 2002 AALL/Lexis Call for Papers Award, ALL-SIS Outstanding Article Award for her “The State of the Law Library Blogosphere” article (2006), Unsung Hero (2008), CALI Conference for Law School Computing grant (2011), Kenneth J. Hirsh Distinguished Service Award for her work on the AALL CS-SIS (2012), AALL scholarship award (2013), and the Morris L Cohen Law Student Essay Competition Award (2014).*

*Bonnie is a prolific writer and has written many articles for various publications, including WisBar Inside –Track, AALL Spectrum, Law Library Journal and Wisconsin Lawyer to name a few.*

*Although her schedule was clearly very busy, Bonnie decided to go to law school. She began the 6 year program in 2009 and, like everything else she does, gave it her all, working full time and finishing early with her JD, Cum Laude from the University of Wisconsin Law School in December 2014.*

*Bonnie's an asset to the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin and the legal community. As such, I think she is deserving of consideration for the LLAW Distinguished Service Award. Thank you.*

**-Victoria Coulter**

*I would like to nominate Bonnie Shucha for the LLAW Distinguished Service Award.*

*Attached you will see her biography from the University of Wisconsin Law School website*

*where she is the Associate Director for Public Services. <Available at <http://law.wisc.edu/profiles/bjshucha@wisc.edu> >*

*Bonnie has been a long time member of LLAW and in addition to being a past-president, she has held multiple offices. In particular she was co-chair of the Public Relations Committee when our chapter publication efforts got the AALL Best Marketing award. She has also held many positions within AALL including co-chair of the Publishing Initiatives Caucus and serving as chair of the Computing Services Special Interest Section. Other leadership activity for AALL is attached. She is the current grants chair for LLAW.*

*From her bio you can see her long history of writing and presenting to a wide variety of groups both locally and nationally. She has written an award winning blog, WisBlawg for several years. I doubt there is another member of LLAW who has published or presented as much as Bonnie has. She recently was given credit for her help in the State Bar of Wisconsin "Wisconsin Guide to Citation". While doing all of this she also went back to school and got a law degree while working full time.*

*Bonnie has been an outstanding example of what law librarians can do and has greatly enhanced the visibility and credibility of LLAW. I would like to see her get the LLAW Distinguished Service Award.*

*Attached is an article from last fall from the Waunakee Tribune, her profile from UW and AALL directory information.*

*<[http://www.hngnews.com/waunakee\\_tribune/community/arts\\_and\\_entertainment/article\\_2de53cb0-88bd-11e5-ad21-37d83fa54714.html](http://www.hngnews.com/waunakee_tribune/community/arts_and_entertainment/article_2de53cb0-88bd-11e5-ad21-37d83fa54714.html)>*

**~Carol Bannen**

The committee wishes to thank Vicky Coulter and Carol Bannen for their work on the nomination. Participating on the committee were Mary Koshollek and Bev Butula. Nominations for the 2017 award will open in January.

## AALL Announcements

### AALL2go Pick of the Month: **Taming the Chaos: Productivity and Time Management for Law Librarians**

Do you ever feel like there aren't enough hours in the day? Wondering where all of your time goes? This program provides information about various methods to sort through competing demands on your time. The presenters--Ashley Ahlbrand and Michelle Trumbo from Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Mariah Ford from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and Cheryl Niemeier from Bose McKinney & Evans LLP—will provide an overview of the strategies to optimize time and productivity, emphasizing that librarians should find the methods that work best for them. The session wraps up with a discussion of technology tools that can help with time management.



Find this and many more continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members in the [Education and Events section](#) of our website.

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## LLAW Meeting Minutes and Reports

Meeting minutes are available in PDF by clicking the links below.

- [2015-2016 Fourth Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting, April 22, 2015, Offices of Quarles & Brady, Milwaukee WI](#)
- [2015-2016 Fourth Quarterly Business Meeting, May 5, 2016, Hi-Way Harry's, Johnson Creek, WI](#)

## 2015-2016 Committee Reports

### Treasurer's Report

#### LLAW Statement of Accounts - Summary

##### 2015/2016

<u>Checking Account</u>		<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Totals</u>
	Budgeted Amt	\$	6,628.31			\$ 6,628.31
Transfer from / to Savings	\$0.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Board of Directors	\$25.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Archives	\$25.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Government Relations	\$25.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Grants	\$3,000.00	\$	-	\$	3,275.19	\$ (3,275.19)
Membership	\$25.00	\$	2,046.46	\$	25.00	\$ 2,021.46
Newsletter	\$25.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Nominating	\$25.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Placement	\$0.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Program	\$2,750.00	\$	2,365.67	\$	2,339.32	\$ 26.35
Public Access to Legal Information	\$0.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Public Relations / Articles	\$200.00	\$	-	\$	158.09	\$ (158.09)
Website Committee	\$20.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating	\$100.00	\$	-	\$	19.80	\$ (19.80)
<b>Checking Totals</b>	<b>\$6,220.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,040.44</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,817.40</b>	<b>\$ 5,223.04</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Baldwin, Treasurer

### Government Relations Committee

During the past year, the LLAW GRC tracked events regarding Wisconsin's open records statute, including the failed legislative attempt to gut the law during the budget process in July, 2015, and another move to repeal significant portions of it in September. In January, 2016, at the suggestion of GRC member Diane Duffey, the GRC asked LLAW president Steve Weber to oppose an attempt by the State of Wisconsin's Public Records Board to create new exceptions to the Wisconsin open records law. The changes to the Public Records Board policy would have broadened the definition of "transitory records" and allowed information in text messages and emails received or sent by government officials to be deleted. Nearly 2000 WI citizens and organizations, including LLAW, sent comments opposing this move. The Public Records Board withdrew its motion after the comments were received.

LLAW's GRC continued to support AALL's efforts to pass the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act in the states. Currently, 13 other states have passed UELMA statutes, a number that will increase as more official state legal materials cease print publication. In Wisconsin, we increased education efforts about UELMA, to encourage the Wisconsin legal community's understanding of the need for state legislation. These efforts will continue next year, including a planned UELMA LLAW program, an information piece in *Wisconsin Lawyer*, and continuing liaison work with other law library associations (like MAALL) that also are interested in legislation for their states.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Darin, Chair

### **Grants and Awards Committee**

LLAW received applications for and awarded a record number of grants this year.

Four professional development grants were awarded: Carol Hassler of the Wisconsin State Law Library received \$165 to attend WILSWorld; Megan O'Brien from Marquette Law Library received \$450 to attend the Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians; and Michelle Wollmann and Emily Gellings both from Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren each received \$275 to attend the PLLIP-SIS Summit at the AALL Annual Meeting.

The Grants and Awards Committee also awarded three grants for attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting in Chicago: Elana Olson from Marquette Law Library and incoming President of LLAW received \$1000; Diane Duffey of Habush Habush & Rottier also received \$1000; and Jenny Zook from the UW Law Library received free conference registration (from AALL).

The Awards Subcommittee, consisting of Mary Koshollek (chair) and Bev Butula (last year's recipient), considered nominations for the LLAW Distinguished Service Award. Bonnie Shucha of the UW Law Library, who was nominated by Vicky Coulter and Carol Bannen, was selected by the Subcommittee as the 2016 award winner. The award was presented at LLAW's fourth quarterly business meeting in May.

Sincere thanks to this year's Grants Committee members: Carrie Doyle of the UW Law Library; Amy Thornton from the Wisconsin Department of Justice; and Patricia Cervenka from Marquette Law Library who graciously stepped in following the departure of Lisa Winker, formerly of the Wisconsin State Law Library.

And a special thank you to Awards Subcommittee members: Bev Butula of Davis & Kuelthau; and especially to chair, Mary Koshollek of Godfrey & Kahn for her continued leadership and support of the LLAW Distinguished Service Award.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Shucha, Chair

### **LLAW Membership Committee**

Membership totals at the end of the 2015-16 year show a decline of six members compared to the total at the end of the last fiscal year. This is the third year in a row where the LLAW membership has decreased.

At the end of the 2015-16 year, the breakdown of LLAW membership is as follows:

Active: 75  
Associate: 1  
Student: 1  
Sustaining: 2



Total: 79

Breakdown of membership by type of library/organization is as follows:

Academic: 22  
Firm: 41  
Government: 10  
Retired: 2  
Vendor: 3  
Other: 1

Four new members joined LLAW over the course of the 2015-16 year: 3 Active; 1 Student

The 2015-16 year was the sixth year that the LLAW online membership application was used, along with the option of using PayPal to collect payment for membership. The use of these renewal options is as follows:

Renewed or joined using the online application: 47  
Paid membership dues via PayPal: 36

Of the entire LLAW membership for the 2015-2016 year, 55 members are also members of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Kvien, Chair

## **Newsletter Committee**

The newsletter team composed, edited, and delivered four electronic issues of the *LLAW Briefs*. Articles included an article about the LLAW Distinguished Service Award by Mary Koshollek (Godfrey & Kahn), and several articles about AALL 2015. Previous regular features remained, including membership news, financial reports, membership and board meeting minutes, President's letter, and AALL announcements.

After a recommendation by the committee and discussion by The Board, it has been decided to change the publication schedule from quarterly to triannually. A less frequent publication would be more helpful and substantive. AALL does not require a specific publication frequency so the new schedule will begin with the next publication

Thank you to everyone who has continued to submit articles and photos to the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Wollmann, Chair

## **Nominating Committee**

On February 23, 2016, the Nominating Committee presented the slate of candidates to the LLAW membership for the 2016-2017 year. As in previous years, the LLAW election was conducted electronically via SurveyMonkey. On April 1,

2016, an e-mail with a link to the SurveyMonkey ballot was sent to all members. Each candidate ran unopposed. The election closed on April 30, 2016. There were 52 responses received, which is approximately 69% of the active members.

The LLAW officers for the 2016-2017 year are:

Vice President/President Elect: Kris Turner, UW Law Library

Secretary: Shawn King, UW Law Library

Treasurer: Julie Baldwin, Northwestern Mutual

Committee members consisted of Carol Schmitt and Laura La Rose.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Gellings, Chair

## **Placement Committee**

Job announcements are forwarded to Carol Hassler for placement on the website as well as being distributed through the LLAW listserv. Job announcements are received by emails from the employers or from postings on several library job websites.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fritschel, Chair

## **LLAW Program Committee**

The Programming Committee presented four programs in conjunction with the general business meetings of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin during the 2015-2016 year.

### **September 23, 2015, *Changing Library Space and Collections, Delafield Brewhaus in Delafield* (25 registrants)**

Lynne Gehrke, Reference Librarian at the Milwaukee County Law Library, and Katie Nelson, Director of Library Services at von Brisen & Roper, s.c., shared their experiences with, and the rewards and challenges of, changing and reimagining library spaces and collections.

### **November 18, 2015, *Legal Research Skills & Practices of New Associates: The Conversations Continue*, University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison** (20 registrants)

Drawing on the work of the AALL's ALL-SIS Task Force on Identifying Skills & Knowledge for Legal Practice, this program included active roundtable discussions about the legal research skills of new associates and legal research education. Ursula Weigold, Director of Legal Research & Writing and Clinical Associate Professor of Law at the UW-Madison Law School, and Elana Olson, Faculty Services Librarian & Adjunct Professor of Law at the Marquette University Law School, presented.

### **February 23, 2016, *Status of Open Records Laws in Wisconsin*, Michael, Best & Friedrich Madison and Milwaukee offices via videoconference (Thomson Reuters Westlaw sponsored a portion of the event)** (31 registrants)

Robert Dreps, attorney at Godfrey & Kahn, and Ernest-Ulrich Franzen, Associate Editorial Page Editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, spoke about recent attempts to limit records subject to open records laws in Wisconsin, reactions to those attempts, and the status of access to such records in Wisconsin. The format allowed active discussions.

**May 5, 2016, *The Development and Passage of Public Library System Legislation in Wisconsin, Hi-Way Harry's in Johnson Creek* (LexisNexis sponsored a portion of the event) (15 registrants)**

Charles Bunge, Professor Emeritus of University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies, presented on the work of the Wisconsin Library Association's Library Development & Legislation Committee and other library leaders in writing and the enactment of the state's public library system legislation. Attendees also celebrated the presentation of the LLAW Distinguished Service Award to Bonnie Shucha.

The Program Committee continues to welcome ideas for future topics or speakers from members!

Respectfully submitted,

Elana Olson and Carol Schmitt, Co-Chairs

### **Public Relations Committee Report**

This annual report serves to document the outreach activities conducted by the PR Committee, the honors awarded to LLAW and LLAW members, and the publications, print or electronic, authored by LLAW members or feature LLAW Members during the 2015-2016 year.

1. The Chair scheduled monthly author contributions to *InsideTrack*, the Wisconsin Bar's online newsletter. Articles have been scheduled out to December 2016.
2. The poster committee, consisting of the Chair plus one LLAW member, Carol Schmitt, designed a LLAW chapter poster to be submitted to the AALL annual 2016 conference held in Chicago, IL in July.
3. Updated the LLAW brochure 2015/2016

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Zook, Chair

### **Web Committee**

I served as the chair of the Website Committee. And the end of last year, the board approved combining the Website Committee with the Social Media Committee.

I managed the LinkedIn, Facebook and Google Plus pages. I posted articles of interest, posed questions for discussions, posted link for LLAW *Briefs*, advertised upcoming meetings and events, posted other announcements, managed pending member requests, posted LLAW news and deadlines, reported "likes"/followers and promoted the sites to LLAW members.

LLAW put out a call for a new webmaster to replace Carol Hassler, and in March, Amy Thornton volunteered to serve in that capacity. Over the following months, I helped facilitate the transfer of duties from Carol Hassler to Amy. In April/May, Carol created and shared website task guidance documentation and met with Amy. On May 31, Amy plans to pick up a disc of website files from Carol, at which point the transfer of duties will be complete.

Regarding web-editing software, at this point, we do not request any funds for making a purchase, but that may change in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah B. Frets, Chair

## Events Calendar

**2016-17**

**AALL Annual Meetings**

July 15-18, 2017 Austin, TX

**SLA Annual Conference**

June 18-20, 2017 Phoenix, AZ

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

***LLAW BRIEFS***

**is**

**November 1, 2016**

**Submit articles to  
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