

President's Message

Kris Turner, UW Madison



35 years. That is how long the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin has been bringing us together. Before getting to my inaugural message, let's take a minute to see what else was happening in June 1982, when LLAW was founded:

June 4th: Star Trek II: Wrath of Khan is released in the US....KHHHHHHHAAAAAAAAANNNN!!

June 11th: Another great science-fiction movie hits theatres...E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial!

June 14th: The Falkland War comes to end, with Argentina surrendering to the U.K.

June 21st: John Hinckley is found not guilty of Ronald Reagan's attempted assassination by reason of insanity.

June 23rd: The South Pole hits -117 degrees Fahrenheit, the coldest temperature ever recorded at the Pole.

June 28th: Prince Charles and Princess Diana officially name their new baby...William.

Looking at those events (and researching what else happened), I feel safe in saying that LLAW is probably the greatest thing to come out of June 1982. It must be true, since it is now appearing in LLAW Briefs.

The community that our group of Law Librarians has created over the past nearly two score years is still going strong, and I am so honored and excited to serve as your president for LLAW's 35th year! In my time serving as LLAW's secretary and as co-programming chair, I have had the opportunity to work with so many great LLAW members, and look forward to continuing to do so over the next year.

I think our 35th year will be one to remember. Our programming co-chairs, Carol Schmitt and Deborah Darin, are hard at work planning and creating four great programs. Watch for the first meeting, which will take place in September, to be announced in the coming month. LLAW will kick off its 35th year with a bang!

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Before I get any further, I would like to thank all of you for being members of LLAW, an organization that depends on user input and volunteerism. There is simply no way that LLAW would have made it to its 35th year without such an active set of members. I especially want to thank the LLAW Board Members who are serving this year. I also welcome our first-time board member, Karlee VanLaanen (Web) and our returning 'new' chairs, Diane Duffey (Government Relations) and Pam Noyd (Grants). We are happy to have you and I look forward to working with you over the next year!

I was fortunate enough to attend AALL in Austin, Texas this year. I attended the all-day chapter leadership summit, where I learned a lot of great strategies for communicating with members, encouraging participation, and tools and services that LLAW can provide to its members. I hope to have some great new tools and resources for members this year or in the coming years. Watch this space and our beloved listserv for new reasons to fall in love with LLAW all over again.

So, Happy 35th, LLAW! Here is to many more years bringing us together!

Member News

Carol Schmitt, Boardman & Clark, wrote an article on locating administrative decisions in Wisconsin Bar's April 19th issue of InsideTrack, [Finding Wisconsin Administrative Agency Decisions](#).

Bev Butula, Davis & Kuelthau, wrote an article for the May/June 2017 issue of AALL Spectrum, [Creating Engaging Digital Media to Promote Library Services](#).

Laura Olson, Quarles & Brady, article [Jump-start State Survey Research: Tools and Techniques](#) is in the May 3rd issue of the Wisconsin Bar's InsideTrack.

Bev Butula's article, [Legal Research: Stay Current with Changes in E-discovery](#) is in the June 7th issue of InsideTrack.

Jenny Zook, UW Law Library, wrote an article for the July/August issue of AALL Spectrum, [Spotting Fake News: Best Practices for Authenticating Sources](#)

Jenny Zook also authored the InsideTrack July 5th article [Summer in Wisconsin: Resources for Tourism and Hospitality Law](#)

Deborah Darin, Marquette Law Library, authored the InsideTrack August 2nd article [Limits on Copyrighting Primary Law and Challenges to Digital Access](#)

Congratulations to **Mary Koshollek**, Godfrey & Kahn, was honored as a distinguished alum of SOIS at their 50th Anniversary Gala Saturday, September 16, 2017.

Distinguished Service Award – 2017

Mary J. Koshollek, Godfrey & Kahn



On May 3rd, LLAW awarded its fourth “Distinguished Service Award” to Carol Bannen, for her significant contributions to the chapter and to the profession. Photos from the presentation, including Carol and her nominators, are included with this article.

Debbie Boyden, Emily Gellings, Katie Kvien, Laura La Rose, and Michelle Wollmann, cited Carol for her articles, outstanding chapter and professional accomplishments and leadership. An excerpt from her nomination submission is as follows:

Please accept our nomination for Carol Bannen, Director of Information Resources at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren.

Carol is a founding member of LLAW and has not slowed in her commitment since those early days. She truly exemplifies what it means to be a dedicated servant to LLAW, law librarianship, and the greater legal and librarian communities.

Within LLAW she has held numerous positions – president, nominating, grants, and PR, to name a few. She inspired and served as a chair to the Wisconsin Lawyer Articles /

Special Committee on Articles and the AALL Publishing Caucus Initiative. She also has bestowed her leadership to several other AALL committees as well as to SLA, the Library Council of Southeastern Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin State Bar.

Carol is an active speaker. Her [firm bio](#) notes many of the groups she has spoken to: ABA, Marquette Law School, Paralegal Association of Wisconsin, State Bar of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Law Library, American Association of Law Libraries, Special Libraries Association, and many more. LLAW and PDLL have certainly benefited from her insights and experiences at numerous LLAW and PDLL meetings over the years.

Like her abundant speaking engagements, she is also a prolific author. Her articles have appeared in various association publications, Wisconsin Lawyer, Inside Track, Law Technology News, Class Action, LLRX, vendor white papers, and other publications.

Some of her many efforts have been acknowledged more formally. She was a nominee for the Wisconsin Law Journal’s Unsung Hero Award in its inaugural year, and she received the Presidential Certificate of Merit from the American Association of Law Libraries for her efforts on the Publishing Initiatives Caucus. Additionally, she was a co-chair of the LLAW Publication Project that won the American Association of Law Libraries Excellence in Marketing Award.

While the above only provides a small representation of all that Carol has contributed, please see the list ...that attempts to provide some additional detail – although, this is also by no means a comprehensive list.

We hope you agree that Carol is a most deserving candidate for the LLAW Distinguished Service Award.

The committee wishes to thank Debbie Boyden, Emily Gellings, Katie Kvien, Laura La Rose, and Michelle Wollmann for their comprehensive work on the nomination. The complete nomination is available at:

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llaw/membership/cbnom.pdf>.

Participating on the committee were Mary Koshollek and Bev Butula. Nominations for the 2018 award will open in January.



LLAW Meeting Minutes and Reports

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

- [2017-2018 Fourth Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting, April 18, 2017, Delafield Brewhaus, Delafield, WI](#)
- [2017-2018 Fourth Quarterly Business Meeting, May 3, 2017, Godfrey & Kahn, Milwaukee, WI](#)

2016-2017 Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

LLAW Statement of Accounts - Summary				
2016/2017				
As of 05/30/17				
<u>Checking Account</u>		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Beginning Balance	Budgeted Amt	\$ 5,223.04		\$ 5,223.04
Transfer from / to Savings	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Board of Directors	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Archives	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Government Relations	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,462.03	\$ (2,462.03)
Membership	\$25.00	\$ 1,329.67	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,304.67
Newsletter	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nominating	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Placement	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program	\$2,750.00	\$ 3,026.65	\$ 2,953.21	\$ 73.44
Public Access to Legal Information	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public Relations / Articles	\$200.00	\$ -	\$ 41.66	\$ (41.66)
Website Committee	\$20.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating	\$100.00	\$ -	\$ 19.80	\$ (19.80)
Checking Totals	\$6,220.00	\$ 9,579.36	\$ 5,501.70	\$ 4,077.66
FY17 Balance less Beginning Balance				\$ (1,145.38)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Baldwin, Treasurer

Government Relations Committee

In response to the open records issues that arose in the 2015-2016 biennium, LLAW's GRC continued its work throughout this year to monitor the Wisconsin legislature and agencies for any attempts to curtail state open records protections.

The GRC began efforts for passage of a uniform legal materials law in Wisconsin by facilitating an LLAW educational program featuring Michele Timmons, the former Revisor of Statutes in Minnesota, who was responsible for achieving early enactment of UELMA there. In May, by a unanimous resolution of its executive board, LLAW endorsed passage of UELMA in Wisconsin. LLAW joins AALL and many AALL chapters who have endorsed and/or helped secure passage of UELMA in their respective states. The LLAW GRC is working on a strategy to advance the prospects for enactment in the 2017-18 biennium.

Welcoming its new 2017-18 chair, the GRC committee also set a priority for 2017-18 of engaging new members and encouraging them to develop ideas for projects related to access to information.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Darin, Chair

Grants and Awards Committee

The Grants and Awards Committee awarded two AALL Annual Meeting grants in the amount of \$1,000 each: one to Kristopher Turner, University of Wisconsin Law Library and President-Elect of LLAW, and the other to Laura Hafeman of Quarles & Brady. Both Kris and Laura will be attending the conference in Austin and have agreed to write about their experiences in the upcoming LLAW Briefs newsletter.

The Grants and Awards Committee also awarded a grant for professional development to Vicky Coulter, University of Wisconsin Law Library, in the amount of \$350 to attend the 2017 AALL Management Institute in Chicago.

The Awards Subcommittee, consisting of Mary Koshollek (chair), Bev Butula, and Bonnie Shucha (last year's recipient) considered nominations for the LLAW Distinguished Service Award. Carol Bannen, Director of Information Resources at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren was selected for the 2017 award. Debbie Boyden, Emily Gellings, Katie Kvien, Laura La Rose, and Michelle Wollmann nominated Carol for the award, citing her articles and outstanding chapter and professional accomplishments and leadership. LLAW President, Elana Olsen presented the award to Carol at LLAW's fourth quarterly business meeting in May.

Sincere thanks to this year's Grants Committee members: Patricia Cervenka from Marquette Law Library, Carrie Doyle of the University of Wisconsin Law Library; and Angela Henes of Foley & Lardner.

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
Grants & Awards Committee

LLAW Membership Committee

Membership totals at the end of the 2016-17 year show an increase of two members compared to the total at the end of the last fiscal year. This is the first year in three years where the LLAW membership has increased.

At the end of the 2016-17 year, the breakdown of LLAW membership is as follows:

Active: 73
Associate: 2
Student: 3
Sustaining: 3
Total: 81

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

Academic: 22
Firm: 42
Government: 9
Retired: 1
Vendor: 3
Other: 4

Eight new members joined LLAW over the course of the 2016-17 year: 1 Sustaining; 5 Active; 2 Student

The 2016-17 year was the seventh 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: 52

Paid membership dues via PayPal: 47

Of the entire LLAW membership for the 2016-2017 year, there are 50 members that are also members of the American Association of Law Libraries.

In the 2017-2018 year, Katie Kvien will remain the Chair of the Membership Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Kvien, Membership Committee Chair

Newsletter Committee

The newsletter team composed, edited, and delivered three electronic issues of the LLAW Briefs.

Articles included the LLAW Distinguished Service Award by Mary Koshollek (Godfrey & Kahn), an articles about AALL's Annual Meeting (submitted by Diane Duffey), Carol Hassler's article regarding the 2015 WiLSworld conference in Madison, Wisconsin and Megan O'Brien's article about her experiences at the Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians.

This year the Special Committee on ByLaws chaired by Vicky Coulter submitted proposed changes to the bylaws which were published in the Fall/Winter 2016 issue and the final version was printed in the Spring 2017 issue.

Previous regular features remained, including membership news, financial reports, membership and board meeting minutes, President's letter, and AALL announcements.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Wollmann, Chair

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee announced the slate of candidates for the 2017-2018 year to LLAW membership at the third quarterly business meeting held on March 2, 2017. On April 3, 2017, the Nominating Committee sent an email to membership with a link to the ballot hosted by SurveyMonkey. The election closed on April 30, 2017. Forty-eight members submitted ballots, which is approximately 65% of active members.

The LLAW officers for the 2017-2018 year are:

Vice President/President-Elect: Deborah Darin, Marquette Law Library

Secretary: Shawn King, UW Law Library

Treasurer: Angela Henes, Foley & Lardner

Michelle Wollmann and Vicky Coulter served as members of the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Weber, Chair

Placement Committee

Job announcements are forwarded to Amy Thornton 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

During the 2016-17 year, the Programming Committee presented four diverse programs for LLAW members, one at each Business Meeting.

The first quarterly meeting was held on September 28th, 2016 at the University of Wisconsin Law School. The topic was the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA). Our speaker was Michele Timmons, the Minnesota Revisor of Statutes and Committee Chair for the drafting of UELMA. Michele discussed the enactment and implementation of UELMA in Minnesota, explaining considerations such as the scope of legal materials covered by the legislation in that state and the process of authentication, and why the enactment of UELMA across the US was important. LLAW was awarded a AALL/Bloomberg BNA Continuing Education Grant grant to help offset the cost of speaker travel and lodging. To fulfill LLAW's obligation after accepting the grant, the program was recorded and is available on [AALL's website](#).

19 registrants attended the meeting.

The second quarterly meeting was held on November 29th at the Machine Shed in Pewaukee. Our speaker was Professor Charles Franklin from Marquette, who discussed the impact that polling has on candidates and on the election as a whole, as well as discuss how the Marquette Law School poll came into being and why it played such a critical role in the 'purple' state of Wisconsin. 24 registrants attended the meeting.

The third quarterly meeting was the annual joint conference, with a law firm hosting a meeting in both Madison and Milwaukee. This year, Foley and Lardner hosted LLAW on March 2nd. LLAW had two speakers, one in Milwaukee and one in Madison that discussed paralegal programs and how librarians and paralegals can more easily work together. Norma Kropp (Madison Area Technical College) and Lori Kornblum (Milwaukee Area Technical College), discussed their paralegal programs and how law libraries play a role in their lessons. Thomson Reuters/Westlaw sponsored a portion of this meeting. 29 registrants attended the meeting.

The fourth and final quarterly meeting was held on May 2nd at the downtown Milwaukee offices of Godfrey and Khan. LLAW hosted a webinar presentation by the "Awful Library Book Librarians", Mary Kelly and Holly Hibner, who examined the process of weeding collections through the lens of public libraries, and highlighted some embarrassing

books they had weeded. Carol Bannen was also awarded the LLAW Distinguished Service Award. Lexis Nexis sponsored a portion of this meeting, and 26 registrants attended the meeting.

The Programming Committee continues to encourage all members to suggest program ideas and locations for meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Schmitt and Kris Turner, Programming Committee Co-Chairs

Public Relations Committee Report

This annual report serves to document the outreach activities conducted by the PR Committee, the honors awarded LLAW and LLAW members, and the publications, print or electronic, authored by LLAW members or feature LLAW Members during the 2016-2017 year.

1. The Chair scheduled monthly author contributions to InsideTrack, the Wisconsin Bar's online newsletter. Articles have been scheduled out to January 2018.
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 2017 conference held in Austin, TX in July.
3. Updated the LLAW brochure 2016/2017

Jenny Zook
LLAW PR Chair

Web Committee

At the end of March, I took over as the chair of the Website Committee and Sarah Frets stepped down.

I managed the LinkedIn, Facebook and Google Plus pages. I posted articles of interest, posted questions for discussions, posted links for the LLAW Briefs, advertised upcoming meetings and events, posted other announcements, managed pending member requests, posted LLAW news and deadlines. I also attend all meetings to report "likes"/followers and promote the sites to LLAW members.

Respectfully submitted,

Karlee VanLaanen

Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee is convened typically every 5 years to review and revise the current bylaws and to propose changes to the Board and 2016/17 was the year they were due for review. In spring 2016, Steve Weber put out a call for members and the Bylaws Committee was formed, consisting of Bev Butula, Pam Noyd, Elana Olson, Steve Weber and Vicky Coulter (chair).

In fall 2016, the Board approved changes to nine sections, updating four articles and the heading of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin Bylaws. The members voted on the changes in spring 2017 and they were unanimously approved.

Thank You to LLAW

Members of LLAW May 16, 2017

I want to thank you all for your professional support and friendship over the past 30 plus years that I have been working as a Librarian in Wisconsin. I minored in library science in college back in the day when that was still an option, but never completed my MLIS. I was fortunate to land a job in an insurance company business library for almost 20 years, with a supportive boss who believed in continuing education. That is where I met and got to know some of you. I then worked in a law library, my last employer, for just over 16 years. I took a lot of two and three day programs at UW Madison SLIS in the late 1980's and learned a lot on the job. I want to thank each of you that I may have come in contact with over the years, your friendship, support, and knowledge have been invaluable to me. I have had a rewarding and successful career, with many thanks owed to the Law Librarian Association of Wisconsin.

Sincerely, Rhonda Karau

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhonda Karau". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Events Calendar

2017-18

MALL Joint Meetings

October 19-21, 2017 Milwaukee, WI

SLA Annual Conference

June 11-13, 2018 Baltimore, MD

AALL Annual Meeting

July 14-17 Baltimore, MD

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

LLAW BRIEFS

is

November 1, 2017

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