

Outgoing President's Message

[Kris Turner, UW Madison](#)



And just like that, the LLAW year was over. I cannot believe how quickly my presidency flew by! In my experience, this means we managed to stay very busy, and it was certainly true in this case. LLAW's 35th year was one where the LLAW Board took on numerous complicated questions ranging from budget concerns to social media to technology

upgrades to political advocacy. You name it, LLAW has its fingerprints on it!

Do you remember last September when LLAW celebrated our 35th birthday in style at the Olbrich Gardens in Madison? There, the AALL President Greg Lambert quickly zeroed in on one of the great benefits of LLAW: Our low cost of annual membership. However, that low cost was also proving to be a detriment, as LLAW was slowly but surely bleeding money each year. The LLAW Board grappled with this question and was able to solve the problem through efficient and hopefully temporary cutbacks in some areas along with a modest increase in the annual dues to \$35. At the final Business Meeting, the proposal was passed unanimously. This year, LLAW will be in a much stronger position financially thanks to this injection of funds, but also still an incredible value for networking, education, leadership and volunteer experience, and much more.

Do you remember our second meeting this year, where we were fortunate enough to hear from Professor Bill Whitford from the UW Law School, the named party in the recently ruled Supreme Court case on gerrymandering? How about the third meeting where Kevin Magee, Managing Attorney for Legal Action of Wisconsin in Madison, and Amanda Adrian, staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee spoke about the services they offer to those who cannot afford representation? These social issues are not going away, and LLAW is becoming more involved. In late May, LLAW sent a letter to the Legislative Reference Bureau chief Richard Champagne that criticized the termination of half of the remaining LRB library staff. This letter was published in various newspapers and online forums, and widely shared with the library community and our legislators. While it is unlikely to bring the jobs back, it is still critically important that the powers-that-be in the state government be aware of the value that librarians bring to any organization. In addition to our letter to the LRB chief, LLAW also sent a letter of support for the adoption of the FDLP Modernization Act to Paul Ryan. I hope that LLAW will continue to be active and vocal and take steps to protect not only our members, but all librarians.

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

Do you remember our final Business meeting of the year, where we were fortunate enough to have Mike Gousha from Marquette University discuss his experiences through the years and his predictions for how Milwaukee in particular will develop and change in the future? Obviously one way that the world and Wisconsin along with it is changing is via technology, and LLAW is exploring avenues for this change. One way we'll be updating is with a new listserv sometime this fall. We hope to find a service that is not only cost-effective, but one that will not be blocked by firewalls or experience other issues. On top of that, LLAW recently joined the Twittiverse and shut down our Google + page. This is an excellent step towards communicating more effectively with our fellow law librarians, but also with organizations and individuals whose actions and beliefs affect us everyday.

The challenges will keep on coming. Open Access. Privacy. UELMA. Cost of Service. Library Space. Librarian value and advocacy. The only thing I am certain of is that LLAW will stay strong so long as we keep working together and reaching out to new members. If you know of anyone that may benefit from joining us, please go get them! The more of us, the better we will be. The community that we have built is still very strong and can get stronger.

It has been an absolute honor to serve as the LLAW president this past year. I would be absolute remiss if I did not thank all of the Board members who have volunteered their time to make the organization stronger. Thank you all. It has been great working with you, and I look forward to continuing as the Nominations Chair next year! Thank you to all our speakers this year and to our hosts, especially Quarles and Brady. I have learned that LLAW can sometimes take a cast of thousands to work, but we make it happen. I hope to see many of you in Baltimore for the AALL annual conference. But if you can't make it there, I'll see you in September for LLAW's 36th year. Have a great summer!

Member News

The UW Law Library won the AALL Law Library Publications Award this year for our book, [A Decade of UW Law Library READ Posters](#).

Congratulations to Sarah Kober for her article on free immigration resources. [Legal Research: Find Answers to Clients' Questions with Free Immigration Resources](#)

Congratulations to Beth Bland for the Insidetrack article that focused on the opportunities to practice law in rural Wisconsin and the Bar's bus tour. Beth contributed a resource list for attorney within this article. [Patrick Shramer Finds Opportunity in Rural Wisconsin](#).

The LLAW letter to the LRB is mentioned in this Madison.com [article](#).

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 24, 2018, Delafield Brewhaus, Delafield, WI](#)
- [2017-2018 Fourth Quarterly Business Meeting, May 9, 2018, Rumpus Room, Milwaukee, WI](#)

2016-2017 Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

LLAW Statement of Accounts - Summary						
<u>2017/2018</u>						
As of 05/24/18						
<u>Checking Account</u>		<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Totals</u>
Beginning Balance	Budgeted Amt	\$	4,077.66			\$ 4,077.66
Transfer from / to Savings	\$0.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Board of Directors	\$25.00	\$	-	\$	50.00	\$ (50.00)
Archives	\$25.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Government Relations	\$25.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Grants	\$2,000.00	\$	-	\$	1,980.18	\$ (1,980.18)
Membership	\$25.00	\$	2,089.86	\$	-	\$ 2,089.86
Newsletter	\$25.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Nominating	\$25.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Placement	\$0.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Program	\$2,750.00	\$	3,918.73	\$	4,179.34	\$ (260.61)
Public Relations / Articles	\$200.00	\$	-	\$	63.34	\$ (63.34)
Website Committee	\$20.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating	\$100.00	\$	-	\$	10.00	\$ (10.00)
Checking Totals	\$5,220.00	\$	10,086.25	\$	6,282.86	\$ 3,803.39
FY18 Balance less Beginning Balance						\$ (274.27)

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Henes, Treasurer

Government Relations Committee

2017-18 Annual Report

The Government Relations Committee had a reasonably productive year. With the help of Karlee VanLaanen on the Web Committee, LLAW's Twitter account was revived. This was done to provide another way for LLAW to keep not only its membership but also potentially the public apprised of developments in significant government information issues. Posts included news items relating to the repeal of net neutrality and open records laws in Wisconsin and the nation.

In April, LLAW lent its support to the FDLP Modernization Act of 2018. The purpose of the Act is to reform the FDLP, or Federal Deposit Library Program, so as to ensure free public access to government information.

In May, LLAW made an effort to advocate for protecting library services at Wisconsin's Legislative Reference Bureau. The LRB is required by state statute to collect, maintain and make available legislative and government information to not only Wisconsin legislators but "citizens generally." Recently, the positions of two LRB librarians were eliminated. LLAW urged its members to contact their State representatives, and sent sending letters to various officials and a local newspaper which had reported on the job cuts.

The GRC continued to monitor and share with LLAW members via the listserv bulletins and news from AALL's Government Relations Committee and Privacy Subcommittee. A big thank you to Marisa Glazier-Simila and Deborah Darin for their assistance on the committee this year.

Diane Duffey, Chair

Grants and Awards Committee

The Grants and Awards Committee awarded one grant for attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting. Julie Tessmer, Wisconsin State Law Library, received \$550. Julie will be attending the conference in Baltimore and has agreed to write about her experience for the upcoming *LLAW Briefs* newsletter.

The Grants and Awards Committee also awarded a grant for professional development to Sunil Rao, University of Wisconsin Law Library, in the amount of \$300 to attend the 2017 International Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference in Atlanta. .

The Awards Subcommittee, consisting of Vicky Coulter (chair) and Pam Noyd, considered nominations for the LLAW Distinguished Service Award. Carol Hassler, Web Services Librarian at the Wisconsin State Law Library was selected for the 2018 award. Julie Tessmer nominated Carol for the award, citing her outstanding service at LLAW's Webmaster, contributions to the State Law Library and law library profession. LLAW President, Kris Turner presented the award to Carol at LLAW's fourth quarterly business meeting in May.

Sincere thanks to this year's Grants Committee members: Carrie Doyle of the University of Wisconsin Law Library; Angela Henes of Foley & Lardner LLP and Candace Hall Slaminski of Michael Best& Friedrich LLP.

And special thank you to Awards Subcommittee chair Vicky Coulter of the University of Wisconsin Law Library for her continued leadership and support of the LLAW Distinguished Service Award.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Noyd, Chair
Grants & Awards Committee

LLAW Membership Committee

Membership totals at the end of the 2017-18 year show a decrease of four members compared to the total at the end of the last fiscal year.

At the end of the 2017-18 year, the breakdown of LLAW membership is as follows:

Active: 68
Associate: 2
Student: 2
Sustaining: 5
Total: 77

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

Academic: 20
Firm: 37
Government: 9
Retired: 0
Vendor: 5
Other: 6

Seven new members joined LLAW over the course of the 2017-18 year: 2 Sustaining; 3 Active; 2 Student

The 2017-18 year was the eighth 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: 39
Paid membership dues via PayPal: 30

Of the entire LLAW membership for the 2017-2018 year, there are 48 members that are also members of the American Association of Law Libraries.

In the 2018-2019 year, Katie Kvien will remain the Chair of the Membership Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Kvien, Membership Committee Chair

Newsletter Committee

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

Articles included the LLAW Distinguished Service Award by Mary Koshollek, an article about the International Association of Law Libraries conference (submitted by Sunil Rao), Laura Olsen's article *What's in a Name: The L-Word*, Vicky Coulter's article about the 2017 AALL Management Institute in Chicago, and an article by our current President about his experience at this year's AALL Annual Conference.

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

Voting for the election for 2018-2019 LLAW Officers opened on April 1, 2018, when the Nominating Committee sent an email to the membership listserv containing a link to the ballot. As has been done in previous years, the election was conducted through a ballot hosted on SurveyMonkey. The Committee sent a reminder about the election midway through the month, and another on the last day, both with links to the ballot. The election closed at the end of the day on April 30, and results were announced to members on the LLAW listserv on May 2. Ballots were submitted by 48 members.

The LLAW Officers for 2018-2019 are:

Vice President/President-Elect: Karlee VanLaanen, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren

Secretary: Shawn King, UW Law Library

Treasurer: Angela Henes, Foley & Larder

Respectfully submitted,

Elana Olson, 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. Most jobs are in Milwaukee or Madison.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fritschel, Chair

LLAW Program Committee

2017-18 Program Committee Report

This year, the Program Committee presented four compelling and informative programs at LLAW's business meetings. Attendance was high, and the food was good, too. The committee gives a big hat tip to President Kris Turner for securing our speakers for the first and second quarterly gatherings.

The September 26th quarterly meeting celebrated LLAW's 35th anniversary, at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison. Current LLAW members and alumni came out to walk the gardens and meet colleagues over dinner. Greg Lambert, the sitting president of AALL and Chief Knowledge Services Officer at Jackson Walker, in Houston, appeared on behalf of AALL for our chapter visit. Greg spoke about opportunities and ideas to expand the reach of AALL and its chapter memberships. He also reported on the resilience and recovery efforts in Houston after the hurricane. Dinner for 34 registrants and our speaker was sponsored in part by a generous grant from Lexis.

The 2nd quarter meeting, held November 14, 2017, featured Bill Whitford, Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin Law School. He is the named plaintiff in this term's U.S. Supreme Court case, *Gill v. Whitford*, which had just been argued in October and will be decided in June 2018. Professor Whitford spoke about the history of the Wisconsin litigation, redistricting, gerrymandering, and the possible outcomes after a ruling in the pending case. Twenty-four (24) attended the meeting in Johnson Creek, at Hi-Way Harry's Steakhouse.

On March 7th, LLAW held its 3rd quarter meeting in the traditional two-city, winter format, to keep folks off the highway. Quarles & Brady was our gracious host in its Madison and Milwaukee offices, including excellent videoconferencing. Kevin Magee, Managing Attorney for Legal Action of Wisconsin in Madison, and Amanda Adrian, staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, gave highly informative and moving presentations about the work each does for underserved and low-income legal clients. Each spoke of the importance of pro bono work by private firms and law schools to help bridge widening gaps in the availability of services to these clients. There were 29 registrants for the Q-Doba supper, and the wine, beer, and soft drinks were supplied by Quarles & Brady.

The final business meeting of this year was held in Milwaukee on May 9, 2018. It featured Mike Gousha, a veteran Wisconsin journalist and political analyst, and distinguished fellow in law and public policy at Marquette Law School. He described the great promise growing in the Milwaukee as people and businesses are repopulating it, and his concerns about the possibility of a full revival being thwarted by still-intractable racial segregation and inequality. He spoke of Milwaukee's current demographics and challenges in significant detail and invited those gathered to explore ways to broaden our relationships in the community.

After dinner, Carol Hassler received the 2018 LLAW Distinguished Service Award for her terrific work with LLAW and the legal community. Thirty-seven (37) members and guests registered for the event, which included dinner at Bartolotta's Rumpus Room on Water Street. Thomson Reuters underwrote part of the meeting with a generous grant and the social hour refreshments before dinner.

LLAW's programs continue to be a central part of our organization's vitality and outreach to members. The committee is working hard to continue these valuable gatherings and find innovative ways to fund the program costs not covered by registrant fees. The Program Committee welcomes members' interest and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Darin & Carol Schmitt
2017-18 Program Committee Co-Chairs

Archive Report

The digital archives continue to be stored on CD-ROM. Current materials are stored on a USB flash drive. We also have a Dropbox account. We also have two archival boxes for physical materials including cassettes, photos, diskettes and charter documents. A third box contains awards.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Butula, Chair

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 2017-2018 year.

1. The Chair scheduled monthly author contributions to InsideTrack, the Wisconsin Bar's online newsletter. At present articles are scheduled out to January/Feb, 2019.
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, Texas in July, 2017.
3. Updated the LLAW brochure 2017/2018. Made copies of LLAW brochure to be handed out at student events and the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) annual conference.

Jenny Zook

LLAW PR Chair

Web Committee

At the end of March, Amy stepped down as the main point of contact for website updates and I will be stepping down as the main point of contact for social media updating. We are in search of a committee member for the Website committee to help with these tasks.

Over the year I managed the LinkedIn, Facebook and Google Plus pages. Within this time the Board made a decision to delete the Google Plus page in favor of a Twitter account. We also received news from AALL that they will no longer be financing chapter listservs. We were forced into a rushed decision to continue with the AALL listserv and paying them \$250 for a year where we could continue to explore other options. Since more chapters than expected decided to go elsewhere our cost would be \$428 to continue using the listserv after October 2018. We've decided to pass on paying AALL for their listserv hosting and will be investigating our website hosting needs. Stay tuned.

I posted articles of interest, questions for discussion, links for LLAW briefs, advertised upcoming meetings and events, posted LLAW news and deadlines and managed pending member requests. Government Relations has also helped add

timely news to Twitter. I also attended all meetings to report "likes"/followers and to promote the sites to LLAW members.

Respectfully submitted,

Karlee VanLaanen

Events Calendar

2018-19
<u>SLA Annual Conference</u> June 14-18, 2019 Cleveland, OH
<u>AALL Annual Meeting</u> July 13-17 Washington DC

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

LLAW BRIEFS
is
November 1, 2018

**Submit articles to
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