

President's Message



Somehow it is August. And while I am sad to see the summer go you know what this means, right? It's tailgating season! As a native to Green Bay, and a diehard Packers fan, tailgating is near and dear to my heart.

When I saw the theme of our AALL poster I couldn't help but feel a little more at home at my first ever AALL conference. With a mom that grew up on a farm, Elsie was also a welcome sight. Even though the conference was a little intimidating and there were so many people, vendors, swag, I felt so welcomed by fellow LLAW members and I want to extend my sincerest thanks for taking me under your wing as I navigated my way through. The president training on the first day of AALL was extremely helpful, and I am chock full of ideas and thoughts as we enter into our 2019-2020 year!

At the training we talked about education, membership and technology. What I learned was that chapters big and small tend to have the same pain points. Some of these pain points are things we can't really control. We talk a lot about members and how to go about obtaining new members. Looking back on past president's messages, I noticed that at one point around 5 years ago LLAW consisted of 100 members and that has declined at a somewhat staggering rate to where we are now: 67 members. Members have retired and firms/schools have not replaced some of those positions. It's difficult to come up with ways to increase membership and so going into this year my goal is to

identify actions we can take to enhance the services and resources we provide to our existing membership.

Today, as I was going onto our website to peruse past president messages and take a look at our mission statement I received an error. Which leads me to my first action as president- a website overhaul! I encourage anyone who is interested in this or who has questions to reach out to me. AALL is hosting our website and we are having issues accessing and utilizing the website and so to change this we are going to switch hosts and make it more news focused and much easier to use.

This year the theme for AALL was capitalizing on our strengths. One of our biggest strengths is our membership. This is the thank you portion of the program and I would like to specifically thank the Board. Thank you to Pam Noyd who is stepping down as Grants chair and welcome to Candace who is coming back to the board as our new Grants chair. Thanks for sticking around to the rest of the Board and officers and a warm welcome to our incoming VP and programming co-chair, Laura Hafeman! Stay tuned for a great year full of enriching programs, exciting changes and maybe a little inspiration. Let's get loud LLAW!

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Member News

Kris Turner, UW Law Library, published an article in *Public Services Quarterly* on the UW's outreach efforts to patrons through workshops, events and social media, [Aggressively Helpful: A Case Study of Innovative Outreach to Special Library Patrons](#)

Recent InsideTrack articles:

Carol Hassler, State Law Library, published the article [Legal Research: Archive Quest: Finding Archived Legal Material](#).

Bev Butula, Davis & Kuelthau, published a feature on Google Scholar for legal research, [Legal Research: Are You a Google Scholar?](#)

LLAW Meeting Minutes and Reports

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

- 2018-2019 Fourth Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting, April 29, 2019, Delafield Brewhaus, Delafield, WI
- 2018-2019 Fourth Quarterly Business Meeting, May 16, 2019, Hi-Way Harry's, Johnson Creek, WI

2018-2019 Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

LLAW Statement of Accounts - Summary FY19 (2018-2019)

As of 05/30/19

<u>Checking Account</u>		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Beginning Balance	Budgeted Amt	\$ 3,803.39		\$ 3,803.39
Board of Directors	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Archives	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Government Relations	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,956.09	\$ (1,956.09)
Membership	\$25.00	\$ 2,869.51	\$ -	\$ 2,869.51
Newsletter	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nominating	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Placement	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program	\$3,000.00	\$ 2,448.84	\$ 2,171.94	\$ 276.90
Public Relations / Articles	\$200.00	\$ -	\$ 122.92	\$ (122.92)
Website Committee	\$20.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating	\$100.00	\$ -	\$ 77.00	\$ (77.00)
Checking Totals	\$5,470.00	\$ 9,121.74	\$ 4,327.95	\$ 4,793.79
FY19 Balance less Beginning Balance				\$ 990.40

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Henes, Treasurer

Placement Committee

Job announcements are forwarded to Emma Babler 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

Government Relations Committee

The Government Relations Committee continued to monitor and share with LLAW members via the listserv bulletins and news from AALL's Government Relations Committee and Privacy Subcommittee. Hot topics included ongoing net neutrality and FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) issues, PACER fees, and preservation of the print Federal Register.

In March, there was a news report from the Center for Media and Democracy which stated that there has been discussion in the Wisconsin Legislature to merge the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Council. Nothing has materialized on this yet, but it is being monitored.

LLAW's Twitter account is a 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.

Thank you to Deborah Darin for her continued work on the UELMA (Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act) project, which she began a few years ago, drafting a resolution for LLAW. She has initiated contact with State Senator Fred Risser to begin shoring up support for a UELMA bill in the Wisconsin Legislature.

Diane Duffey
Committee Chair

Grants and Awards Committee

The Grants and Awards Committee awarded one grant for attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting. Emma Babler, Reference & Technology Librarian University of Wisconsin Law School Library, received \$850. Emma will be attending the conference in Washington, D.C. and has agreed to write about her experience for the upcoming *LLAW Briefs* newsletter.

The Awards Subcommittee, consisting of Vicky Coulter (chair) and Pam Noyd, considered nominations for the LLAW Distinguished Service Award. Mary Koshollek, Director of Information and Records Services at Godfrey & Kahn was selected for the 2019 award. Julie Tessmer nominated Mary for the award, citing her 26 years of involvement in LLAW and being instrumental to its longevity and success. Julie also mentioned Mary's commitment to the organization, the members and our profession. In addition, Mary created this very award to recognize outstanding achievement by LLAW members. LLAW President, Deborah Darin 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 2018-19 year show a decrease of five members compared to the total at the end of the last fiscal year.

At the end of the 2018-19 year, the breakdown of LLAW membership is as follows:

Active: 64
Associate: 2
Student: 2
Sustaining: 4
Total: 72

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

Academic: 19
Firm: 37
Government: 7
Retired: 1
Vendor: 4
Other: 4

Five new members joined LLAW over the course of the 2018-19 year: 1 Sustaining; 3 Active; 1 Student

The 2018-19 year was the ninth 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: 33
Paid membership dues via PayPal: 33

Of the entire LLAW membership for the 2018-2019 year, there are 48 members that are also members of the American Association of Law Libraries.

In the 2019-2020 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 Vicky Coulter, an article from Mary Koshollek about her experience at ILTACON 2018, and Julie Tessmer Robinson's article about her experience at the 2018 AALL Annual Meeting.

InsiderTrack articles included topics on patent resources; entertainment and sports law resources; Fastcase new interface; AI; resources for reviewing employment policies on harassment; legal resources on autonomous vehicles; immigration.

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

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

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

LLAW Program Committee

This year, the Program Committee presented four compelling and informative programs at LLAW's business meetings. We mixed it up a little bit and the attendance for all meetings was good and the food wasn't bad either.

We kicked things off with our October 4th meeting at Rosati's Pizza in Oconomowoc. This was our first time using this space and we were not disappointed. We had a panel of speakers set under a big television with a Brewers game on, and even with that valid distraction we had an engaging and interesting program! Sara Krouse (Ex. Director Algoma Chamber), Megan Wiseman (Author) and Amy Donahue (genetics Counsel, Medical College of Wisconsin) all shared their career paths from librarians to beyond. Dinner for our 22 guests was sponsored in part by BNA.

The 2nd quarter meeting, held on December 2nd, 2018 was graciously hosted by Godfrey and Kahn and featured their very own Sarah Sargent and Justin Webb (attorneys). Sarah and Justin talked about bitcoin which was followed by a lively Q&A session. Food was catered in by Cubanitas which all 22 attendees enjoyed with drinks on behalf of G&K.

We mixed up our traditional web conference mid-winter meeting with a meeting over lunch. On February 27 held its traditional web conference meeting at the untraditional time of noon. We received a very positive response but also were told that it was a bit fast paced. Lunch for the 34 attendees was sponsored by CCH. The speakers, Julie Wood (Education Program Manager, UW Madison Business School) and Rebecca Hall (Professor, UW Milwaukee SOIS) talked about how to present information in the best way.

The final business meeting of the year was held at Hi-way Harrys on May 16, 2019. Westlaw graciously sponsored a happy hour before the meeting and cheesecake after the meeting. Nicholas Davis (Chief Information Security Office, UW System) presented on the dark web for the 23 LLAW members in attendance. After dinner, Mary Koshollek received the 2019 LLAW Distinguished Service Award for her terrific work with LLAW and the legal community.

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 and we are always ready to mix it up.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlee VanLaanen & Carol Schmitt
2018-19 Program Committee Co-Chairs

Nominating Committee

This year, the Nominating Committee successfully located candidates for each of the open officer positions for the 2019-20 year. The Nominating Chair contacted several potential candidates for the Chair position, and Laura Hafeman (from Quarles and Brady) agreed to run. Shawn King (UW Law Library) and Angela Henes (Foley and Lardner) agreed to run for the positions of secretary and treasurer again this year. The LLAW membership voted using a SurveyMonkey poll open from April 1st to May 9th. Laura, Shawn and Angela all ran unopposed and were selected to take on the roles of Chair-elect, secretary, and treasurer respectfully.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Turner
Nominating Chair and Past President

Web Committee

At the start of the LLAW 2018-19 year, Emma Babler stepped in as Webmaster and has handled all the website updating seamlessly. I have stayed on the Website committee as the social media chair.

Over the year I managed the LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter accounts. I did this with a huge help from Diane Duffey, who has shared government relations updates on twitter and has helped the web committee gain followers and has even gotten retweeted! Meanwhile, we dealt with quite a few web hosting issues this year. Each registration posed a different problem that we had to figure out. At the end of the LLAW year, the board voted to put into motion a new website overhaul. Over the summer I will be attending AALL where I hope to get some good ideas and inspiration for a new website. In the fall I will come back to the board with new options to begin the creation of a new, easier to use and more news-focused website. 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

2019-20

AALL Competitive Intelligence

Strategic Decision Making

October 18, 2019

Sidley Austin LLP/Chicago, IL

(Early-Bird Rates End September 20th)

Leadership Academy

Learn to Lead Effectively

March 27-28, 2020

Oak Brook, IL

SLA Annual Conference

June 6-9, 2020

Charlotte NC

AALL Annual Meeting

Unmasking Our Potential

July 11-14, 2020

New Orleans LA

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

LLAW BRIEFS

is

November 1, 2019

**Submit articles to
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