



President's Message

Dear LLAW Colleagues,

Every day when I leave my house, I stop to look at a rose bush that I planted last year, and every day I watch as it gets a little bigger, the buds begin to form, and anticipate the day

when it will produce beautiful roses. But that takes patience.

This year has been a year of patience for LLAW, and for all of us, as many of us have worked from home, as we have not been able to be together, or perhaps as we have needed something from another library only to face the frustration of lack of access. We made it through a year learning about a new virus that didn't impact our computers but hit much closer to home in that it affected all of us personally, whether because of having to be isolated, having to wear masks, getting a vaccine, or perhaps for some having a friend or loved one who came down with COVID-19 (or personally contracting the virus). We have appreciated Zoom or Teams meetings, and I think have all experienced the new term, Zoom-fatigue. It all took patience, and yet here we are at the end of another LLAW year, looking forward with expectation for what will happen next year.

This past quarter (or so), I sent out information on the proposed bylaws change, and we had opportunity to discuss this at our last business meeting. This is essentially a two-part change. The first part updated

language that allows the directors to be elected or appointed, as opposed to only allowing them to be elected. The reality is that, aside from the Vice President/President, Secretary and Treasurer, all the committee chairs (i.e., directors) are appointed and have been appointed for as long as I can remember. This revision simply clarifies a practice that we have had in place. The other change is updating gender specific language to be more gender neutral – so terms such as he/she or him/her will now be replaced with they, and them. Both of these revisions were presented to our membership via a ballot and both were approved by the membership, so the language will be revised.

Speaking of the meeting in which this was discussed, we had our last membership meeting on Wednesday, May 5th. Thank you to Kris Turner for putting together a very fun event that included our own LLAW May Book Madness "tournament", and a [Kahoot](#) trivia contest. Congratulations to Carrie Doyle for winning a copy of "To Kill a Mockingbird" and to Carol Schmitt for winning the trivia contest.

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We are also, finally, pleased to announce that we have a new web site, <https://llawisc.org>. While this is still a work in progress, we are happy to have it up and running. With the new fiscal year, you can submit your renewal to LLAW by going to the members page (<https://www.llawisc.org/members/>) and clicking on the LLAW membership renewal form. While there, don't forget to indicate committees that you will be willing to serve on. Thank you to Karlee VanLaanen and Emma Babler for all the work you put into developing the site.

Finally, thank you to our LLAW 2020/2021 Board, including Karlee VanLaanen, Maureen Burns, Shawn King, Angela Henes, Bev Butula, Candace Hall Slaminski, Carol Schmitt, Michelle Wollmann, Barb Fritschel, Jenny Zook and Emma Babler. Thanks also to Laura Olsen and Laura La Rose for your ongoing work as our Library School Liaisons.

As we close out the 2020/2021 LLAW year, we look forward to a time (or multiple times) next year when we will again have in-person events, and so like with the roses on my rose bush, I look forward to seeing us all together in the very near future.

Jim Mumm

Member News

Bonnie Shucha and **Kris Turner**, UW Law Library, [discussed](#) law faculty scholarly impact and visibility on the *Wisconsin Law in Action* podcast

InsideTrack articles:

Ed Wallace, UW-Milwaukee, [Elder Law Resources](#)

Laura Olsen, Quarles & Brady, [Multistate Survey Research: Getting to Your Best Results](#)

Jenny Zook, [Legal Research 101: Online Adoption Law Resources](#)

Carol Schmitt, Reinhart, & **Carol Hassler**, State Law Library, [Legal Research: 5 Resources Every New Lawyer Should Know](#)

Carol Schmitt, [Legal Research 101: Resources for Disability Law](#)

Carol Hassler, [Legal Research: Uncovering Liens in Wisconsin](#)

***If you would like to write an article for the Wisconsin Bar's InsideTrack, please submit your ideas to Jenny Zook at zook@wisc.edu. The topic should be broadly of interest to Wisconsin attorneys. Past topics include traditional legal resources, the latest legal trends and technology tips for attorneys. Length is approximately 750 words. Please take a moment to send Jenny a note on a topic and/or volunteer to write an article.

2020-2021 Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

LLAW Statement of Accounts - Summary FY21 (2020-2021)

As of 5/19/2021

<u>Checking Account</u>		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Beginning Balance		\$ 7,740.11		\$ 7,740.11
	Budgeted Amt			
Board of Directors	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Archives	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Government Relations	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,939.00	\$ (1,939.00)
Membership	\$25.00	\$ 2,465.19	\$ -	\$ 2,465.19
Newsletter	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nominating	\$25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Placement	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program	\$900.00	\$ -	\$ 116.79	\$ (116.79)
Public Relations / Articles	\$200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Website Committee	\$200.00	\$ -	\$ 65.87	\$ (65.87)
Operating	\$100.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ (10.00)
Checking Totals	\$4,550.00	\$ 10,205.30	\$ 2,131.66	\$ 8,073.64
FY21 Balance less Beginning Balance				\$ 333.53

Placement Committee

Job announcements were distributed through the LLAW listserv. Not all were placed on the website because of technology issues with working from home. 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

Grants and Awards Committee

Due to the continuing pandemic, reduced conference costs and the likelihood that organizations would not be supporting a lot of travel, the board agreed to increase the budgeted amount to \$3000 this year. Continued suspension of the LLAW Distinguished Service Award (in light of the Wisconsin Law Journal's Unsung Heroes Award) allowed more funds to go toward professional development opportunities.

Again, this year, an email was sent to the LLAW membership sharing information on nominating a colleague for the Unsung Heroes Award. This year Carrie Doyle, Head of Acquisitions and Serials at University of Wisconsin Law Library, was named a 2020 Unsung Hero.

In addition, multiple emails were sent encouraging grant applications with a listing of the variety of professional development opportunities, additional to the 2021 AALL annual meeting, available. The committee received three grant applications this year. The first application was from Michelle Wollmann, Senior Competitive & Research Analyst at Michael Best & Friedrich, for the 2020 AALL Virtual CI Strategies & Analysis program. Michelle was awarded \$395 to cover the registration fee. The second application was from Karlee VanLaanen, Research Specialist at Quarles & Brady, for the virtual 2020 ARK KM Legal program. Karlee was awarded \$650 to cover her registration fee. The third application came from University of Wisconsin Milwaukee SOIS student, Stephanie Larson. She requested \$795 for the virtual ARK Business Intelligence & Analytics Conference held in June. The committee approved her grant in May.

AALL, again, has set nominal fees for their 2021 virtual annual meeting. As last year, the \$1000 grant that would normally be designated for the President-Elect of LLAW, has been reduced to a \$99.00 registration fee for virtual attendance. With the President-elect's use of the intended grant funds, the grant's committee will end the year with a \$1061.00 balance after awarding \$1,939 total in funds.

Sincere thanks to this year's Grants Committee members: Emily Gellings of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren and Elana Olson of Marquette University Law School.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Hall Slaminski, Chair
2020/21 Grants & Awards Committee

Archives

The older materials continue to be stored on CD-ROM. All new materials are saved to both a Dropbox account and a jump drive. Should we ever exceed the capacity of the free account, alternatives will need to be investigated. We also maintain three boxes of physical items including photos, cassettes, awards and the like.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev. Butula, Chair

LLAW Membership Committee

The final LLAW membership for 2020-2021 year was as follows

Breakdown by member level:

Associate: 4
Student: 4
Sustaining: 4
TOTAL: 68

Breakdown by type of library/organization

Academic: 22

Firm: 28

Gov: 8

Other: 6

Vendor: 4

This year most of LLAW members renewed online and had the option to pay via PayPal or to pay with a paper check

Number paid by PayPal: 37

Number paid with check: 31

Other membership numbers to note"

AALL Members: 47

New members: 5

Non renewals from previous year: 9

In reviewing the non-renewals most of them were related to retirement, job changes or moving out of the area. I also noted that most of the members do not show any interest in serving on committees.

Next year membership will be using a new online form. I will continue to be membership committee chair.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Schmitt

LLAW Membership Committee Chair

Public Relations

Public Relations had a more limited role during the pandemic. LLAW did not submit a poster for the 2020 AALL virtual annual meeting. We continued to submit articles to the Wisconsin State Bar.

Attorneys in Wisconsin continue to value LLAW members Inside Track articles, published monthly at the Wisconsin State Bar's online newsletter. LLAW membership contributed our 101 legal resource articles for each issue during the pandemic as scheduled. June issue co-authored by Barbara Fritschel and Carol Hassler, Legal Research: 5 Resources Every New Lawyer Should Know was the number one article for InsideTrack during first weeks of June, 2021

Jenny Zook, LLAW PR Chair

Newsletter Committee

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

Laura E. Olsen submitted her article *Old School: Three Tried and Tested Strategies to Provide Exceptional Legal Information Services*.

InsiderTrack articles included several Legal Research 101 topics covering: real estate, worker's compensation, estate planning, bankruptcy and adoption. Amy Crowder's article covering new feature on HeinOnline and some of its

collections, and the article outlines where to find tips for using the database. Carol Hassler featured an article on the WayBack Machine and many other topics.

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 to the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Wollmann, Editor

Nominating Committee

Voting for the election for 2020-2021 LLAW Officers opened in April, 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 Google Forms. The election closed at the end of April and results were announced to the LLAW listserv on Monday, May 3rd. Ballots were submitted by 40 members.

The LLAW Officers for 2020-2021 are:

VP/President-Elect: Amy Crowder, WSLI

Secretary: Emily Gellings, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren

Treasurer: Angela Henes, Foley & Lardner

Respectfully submitted,
Karlee VanLaanen

Web Committee

For the 2020-2021 year, Emma Babler has continued in her role 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. Emma and I worked in conjunction to transfer our website to our new hosting software. We launched the website on June 1, 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Karlee VanLaanen, Chair

LLAW Meeting Minutes and Reports

- 2020-2021 Third Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting, February 6, 2021, Trams Teleconference
- 2020-2021 Third Quarterly Business Meeting, February 18, 2021, Zoom meeting
- 2020-2021 Fourth Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting, May 18, 2021, Teams Teleconference
- 2020-2021 Fourth Quarterly Business Meeting, May 5, 2021, Zoom meeting

****see attached Meeting Minutes and Reports**

Events Calendar

2020-21
<p><u>SLA Annual Conference</u> Aug 4, 2021 - Aug 13, 2021 Virtual</p>
<p><u>AALL Annual Conference</u> July 16-19, 2022 <u>Denver, CO</u></p>

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

***LLAW BRIEFS*
is
October 1, 2021**

Submit articles to

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