

Minutes of MAALL Business Meeting

Friday, October 25, 1996

Southern Illinois University Student Center, Carbondale

The meeting was called to order by MAALL President John Edwards at 8:30 am. John said this had been a very memorable year, with many accomplishments made possible by volunteers. Volunteers are appreciated. A sign-up sheet for volunteers for next year is available. Plans are underway for a Midwest regional conference in 1988 in Milwaukee with the Wisconsin group. Our contingency location is a meeting in Kansas City for just MAALL in 1988. The Association is in good shape financially. Receiving \$2000 for winning West's Law Library Decathlon at AALL helped the treasury a great deal..

This has been a difficult year in terms of losing Evelyn Gardner and Jo Ann Humphreys. A plaque from MAALL in memory of Evelyn Gardner will be displayed permanently at the Creighton University Law Library. The Newsletter Editor Travel Grant will now be known as the Jo Ann Humphreys Award. This grant enables the Newsletter Editor to attend the annual MAALL meeting. Jo Ann is a former MAALL newsletter editor who was serving her second term as MAALL Secretary at the time of her death. Her many contributions to MAALL will long be remembered. The MAALL Directory was perhaps one of her most recognized and appreciated projects. .

Needra Jackson was asked to speak about Jo Ann. She said Jo Ann appreciated the cards and e-mail during the last months of her illness. Jo Ann's funeral was Wednesday (October 23).

Needra quoted the pastor as saying, "she simply lived, simply loved, and simply served." She was very focussed, served unselfishly in her profession and in her community. She loved life and loved her profession. She was willing to give of her time and energy. She was very humble. Needra said Jack Montgomery has a handout with information about two organizations Jo Ann supported: Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 10197 Columbia, MO 65205 and Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home, 264 Road 142 Clark, MO 65243.

President John Edwards called for approval of the minutes as published in the September, 1996 MAALL Markings. The minutes were approved as published.

Jack Montgomery gave the Treasurer's Report. As of October 15, 1996 there is an account balance of \$14,199.55. He said the Rothman donation reported is not included in this period's total because it was added in during the previous period.

Committee reports

Local Arrangements 1996: Laurel Wendt introduced members of the local arrangements committee. She said there were 91 people in attendance. The meeting is within budget. Laurel explained that a buffalo tro is an outdoor cookout.

Program 1996: Judy Morgan said there were good programs at the meeting thanks to the program committee and to the speakers. She said there is a new opportunity to participate in special interest sections. Sign up for a discussion group and sign up if willing to chair a discussion group.

Local Arrangements 1997 (Omaha): Kay Andrus said date is tentatively set for October 16-18 in Omaha. Omaha has the world's largest indoor jungle, Mutual of Omaha, and the market area. Omaha is on the east side of Nebraska. It's easy to get to. Average highs and lows for mid-October range from 43 to 63.

Grants: Melissa Serfass reported that the Grants committee awarded five travel grants for the fall meeting in Carbondale. Four of these grants were for \$300 and the Editor's grant covers up to \$300. The following members were awarded grants: Crata Castleberry, U.S. Court of Appeals Library, Little Rock, AR; Sharon Hom, U.S. Court of Appeals Library, Kansas City, MO; Anna Wyatt, Oklahoma City University Law Library; Gina Sorenson, University of Missouri Law Library (Recipient of the Marian Gallagher Award); Eric Cooper, University of Illinois (Editor of MAALL Markings) Thanks to Committee: Mary Ann Nelson, chair, Joe Custer, Janet McKinney, Melanie Serfass.

Membership: John Edwards reported that the committee has been actively soliciting memberships.

Newsletter: John Edwards requested contributions to the newsletter be sent to editor Eric Cooper prior to the mid November deadline.

Placement: Shirley Canup reported on Placement for Mary Kay Jung. Shirley said people could give their resumes to her. She said Placement is conducted through MAALL and through the Internet.

Pro Bono: No report

Resource Sharing: Needra Jackson reported that applications were distributed in the September issue of MAALL Markings. \$200 is available for people to visit another library for resource sharing. 1992 was the last time the program was used.

While Jo Ann Humphreys chaired the Directory committee, an additional 56 members were added bringing the total to 205 members. Jean McKnight is in charge of inputting the directory to the Internet.

Internet Committee: Sally Kelly reported on 2 projects: creation of a home page for MAALL and preparation of a survey on how faculty at MAALL academic libraries use the Internet. Future projects are putting the 1996 directory on the MAALL home page; and sending out, compiling, and publishing (in MAALL Markings and on the MAALL list) the results of the survey.

Liaisons: No report

Public Relations: James Duggan reported that every AALL Newsletter issue had something about MAALL. Winning the Decathlon was good P.R. except the Minnesota Association MALL got credit by mistake. James encouraged us to write or call Minnesota to denounce this trickery.

Mid-America Consortium News: Kay Andrus announced the Consortium meeting from 3:45-5:00 pm Friday in the Saline Room.

Special Presentation in Memory of Evelyn Gardner: The plaque reads: In memory of Evelyn M. Gardner / whose outstanding work; and excellent service at / Creighton University Law Library 1972-1996 / will be remembered forever by all who knew her / Presented by her many friends in the / Mid-America Association of Law Libraries / October 25, 1996. Kay Andrus accepted on behalf of Creighton a memorial plaque to Evelyn Gardner. He stated Evelyn was most humble and selfless. Creighton Law Library will display the plaque prominently.

Nominating Committee Report & Election: Rick Ducey announced the nominee for Vice-

President/ President to be James Duggan and the nominee for Secretary to be Marilyn Nicely. John Edwards asked for nominations from the floor for Vice-President/President-elect. Frank Houdek moved election by acclamation, seconded by Susan Goldner, the motion carried. John Edwards asked for nominations from the floor for Secretary. Frank Houdek moved election by acclamation, seconded by Katherine Tooley, the motion carried..

After thanking the nominating committee, John Edwards said he leaves office with great regret that the year passed so quickly but is pleased that Judy is prepared to take over..

Judy Morgan, the new President, came to the podium. She thanked everyone for electing her President and said that John will be a hard act to follow, especially after the Decathlon. She asked for a show of hands in favor of the Midwestern Region meeting in Milwaukee. All were in favor. Committee sign-up sheets will be posted and there will also be individual sign-up sheets. Contact James Duggan for program suggestions. Judy asked for introduction of new members.

Among those the Secretary was able to record were Anna May Wyatt, Joel Wegemer, Jim Jackson, Nancy Ogg, Heather Farlin, and Charlotte Condon.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn K. Nicely

Secretary