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President's Message

Marianne Alcorn
ASU Ross-Blakley Law Library

This is my first column as president of AzALL. I hope you'll understand my meaning when I say I am enjoying being president much more than I anticipated I would.

I want to thank Charlotte Henderson for her leadership the past year, those of you who served on committees last year, and those who have stepped up this year. At the AALL Chapter Leadership Training Barbara Bintliff invoked us to do something together as a chapter. I am working on an event that I hope will be a little different. You'll have to wait until the next newsletter to find out what it is.

In this column, I want to communicate two goals I have focused on for the coming year. Programs are my priority. Strong programs can awaken interest from our membership. I enjoy working with and thank Karen Anderson and Jan Wolter who are co-chairs of the programs committee. We have come up with a variety of programs. I love going to programs where I learn something, as well as meet with other law librarians to share ideas. We have several programs lined up that will educate or inform. Brooke Sheldon, Director at the University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science, will be discussing transition and change in library education. Also, we have an expert, Francisco Avalos from the University of Arizona Law Library, discussing the effects of NAFTA and informing us about the National Law Center for Inter-American Free-Trade.

What about fun and socializing? Taken care of. Mike Reddy will be planning our

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2001-2002 Committee Chairs

Membership & Directory:
 Maureen Garmon • U of A College of Law Library

Legislation and Government:
 Kathy Shimpock • Bryan Cave
 Tory Trotta • ASU Ross Blakley Law Library

Nominations, Grants/Awards:
 Suzanne Quinton • Beus, Gilbert

Job News/Placement:
 Brenda Kelly • Pima County Law Library



At the May Banquet: Marianne Alcorn, Maryruth Storer (member of the board of AALL and Director of the Orange County Law Library), and Charlotte Graesser Henderson.

Programs:
 Karen Anderson • Quarles & Brady/Streich Lang LLP
 Janice A. Wolter • Maricopa County Superior Court Law Library

Specialty Programs:
 Mike Reddy • Lewis and Roca, LLP

Technology:
 Beth Smith • ASU Ross-Blakley Law Library

Web Page:
 Dave Shellenberger • Law Office Technology, LLC

Legal Research Institute:
 Connie Strittmatter • ASU Ross-Blakley Law Library

Mentoring:
 Charlotte Graesser Henderson
 Quarles & Brady/Streich Lang LLP

Past President's Farewell Letter

Charlotte Graesser Henderson
Quarles & Brady/Streich Lang LLP

Other AzALL Presidents at various times have expressed their gratitude to the membership for their continued support and dedication to the profession of Law Librarianship and the Association as a community. As the opportunity for me to do the same approached I could think of nothing original or different to add to the words of my predecessors.

I am grateful for those members and non-members who continue to look to the Association as their guide to what is going on in the local and national Law Library community: David Mellilo for bringing UCITA to my attention;

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Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, October 18th

Brooke Sheldon

Director, School of Information Resources & Library Science, University of Arizona
Transitions and Change in Library Education:

Paddling Down the Knowledge River

Location: Lewis and Roca, 40 N. Central, Phoenix, Renaissance II Building - 1st Ave and Adams. Validated parking.

Thursday, November 15th

Francisco Avalos

International law librarian at the University of Arizona Law Library
NAFTA and the National Law Center for Inter-American Free-Trade
 Location: ASU Ross-Blakley Law Library

AALL: Unpublished Opinions and Secret Settlements

Beth Schneider, Law Librarian

Plattner, Schneidman & Schneider

Unpublished Judicial Opinions, Secret Settlements and the Judicial System was presented by Professor Laurie Kratky Dare from the Drake University Law School and Professor Martha Dragich from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law Library.

The first half of the program dealt with unpublished opinions. Everyone knows they exist and it seems as though everyone wants them but the questions are, “how to find them?” and “when and if to cite them?”. The answers depend on what circuit you are in. While uniformity would be nice, for now the answer can only be found in the local court rules for each circuit. It was interesting to learn that some circuits publish almost everything while others publish almost no opinions.

The second part of the program discussed

secret settlements, particularly those in high profile products liability cases such as the recent Ford Explorer/Firestone tire cases. Those who oppose the settlements see them as impeding the legal process in

that sealing the record makes it more difficult for future plaintiffs to do discovery. Each plaintiff is required to reinvent the wheel. In addition by keeping the settlements secret, producers of allegedly defective products are permitted to continue

producing that product. Those who favor nondisclosure of settlement agreements, argue they are necessary to protect trade secrets, to encourage settlement and avoid litigation, and that the public and future plaintiffs are not harmed by them. The audience was left to decide for themselves if secret settlements are beneficial or harmful to the legal system.

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Law for the Non-JD - AALL Pre-Conference

Connie Strittmatter, Reference Librarian

ASU Ross-Blakley Law Library

This two-day workshop was intended for librarians, like me, who work in a law library but do not have a law degree.

It provided introductory material on several substantive legal topics. Sessions included Legal Analysis & Writing; Contracts and Commercial Law; Civil Procedure; Torts; Property; ADR; Constitutional Law; Administrative Law; Business Organizations; Evidence; Tax Law; and Labor and Employment Law.

The lectures were well presented and the faculty was very knowledgeable on their topics. An hour lecture certainly did not make me an expert in the subject area, but it did help explain certain concepts that were unclear.

The workshop was not only a series of lectures. During the afternoon session on the first day, oral arguments were held for the

“Pepsi Points” case. Each small group, representing either the plaintiff or defendant, presented legal arguments as to why the court should rule in their favor. (This case refers back to Pepsi’s 1995 promotional campaign where Pepsi points could be exchanged for merchandise. A television commercial showed a Marine Corps fighter aircraft priced at 7 million points. When a person submitted 7 million points and asked for the fighter aircraft, he was told by Pepsi that it was not an item available for purchase and referred him to the promotional brochure for the rules. The person sued for breach of contract and lost.)

The group also enacted a civil trial. The case, Jonathan versus Beatrice, was a civil suit brought by Jonathan against Beatrice for punching him in the face and

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AALL Gov't Relations Committee PAGI Award

The AALL Government Relations Committee is currently soliciting nominations for the 2002 Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award.

Established in 1999, this award honors significant contributions by persons or organizations involved in the protection and promotion of greater public access to government information. Recipients need not be law librarians or members of AALL.

Previous PAGI award winners have been the United States Government Printing Office in 1999 for its website, GPO Access, and the Library of Congress in 2000 in honor of its website, THOMAS.

Criteria for selection include :

1. A contribution that significantly improves public access to government information, thereby increasing the public's knowledge about the workings of government.
2. The extent to which the individual or organization has had a positive impact on protecting and promoting public access to governmental information.
3. The extent to which the effort advances the AALL mission and Government Relations Policy.

Though nominations are solicited annually, there is no requirement that the award be given every year.

The award is jointly administered by the Government Relations and Awards Committees. All nominations are considered on an individual basis, with complete confidentiality, and according to the criteria listed above.

Nominations must be sent to the Chair of the Government Relations Committee:

Anne Burnett
University of Georgia Law Library
Law School
Herty Drive
Athens, GA 30602

or email: aburnett@arches.uga.edu

Nominations must be submitted no later than February 1, 2002.



Farewell Letter

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Victoria Trotta for keeping the Association posted on the progress of UCITA;
Jeffrey Hatch-Miller for taking the time to address the issues and seek solutions;
GladysAnn Wells for representing the Library community on Fair Use issues.

I am grateful for members who set aside time to present the Legal Research Institute: Christine Moore and Connie Strittmatter

Thank you again to Christine Moore for putting together the Premier Issue of the AzALL Electronic Newsletter for the Association.

And to the many other members who continually make a difference by offering their support and dedication to the profession; thank you all for making a difference.

- Charlotte Graesser Henderson

President's Welcome

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always enjoyable December holiday gathering.

Attracting our long time members to return to AzALL is another goal I have long wanted to achieve. We have so many former members, past presidents of our association, and others who once attended. I am hoping some of these programs will appeal to them and bring them back. I am also missing members from our public law libraries in Phoenix who once were so active. My first AzALL meeting was in 1981. I know that members from the 80's and 90's have so much to offer by sharing experience and exchanging conversation and questions at the meetings. I look forward to seeing them again.

Whether you are new or returning,

Welcome,

AzALL has something to offer you, and you have a lot to offer the other members.

Marianne Alcorn

3M/NMRT Professional Development Grant

Attending an American Libraries Association annual conference can be a tremendous career boost to a new librarian. Opportunities abound for continuing education, information exchange, and networking.

3M Library Systems continues its generous support of the 3M/NMRT Professional Development Grant program this year, by providing funding to cover the cost of registration fees, airfare, lodging and some incidental expenses for recipients to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA in June 2002.

Application deadline is December 1, 2001. The selection of grant recipients will take place at the ALA Midwinter meeting in January 2002. To apply for the grant, go to the NMRT website at <http://www.ala.org/nmrt/awards/3m/index.html>, or contact:

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Newer Librarians

You must be
a member of ALA's
New Members Round Table
to apply

Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) Minneapolis, MN - July 14, 2001

Kristina Mengeling, Acquisitions Librarian
ASU Ross-Blakley Law Library (as of January 2001)

CONELL takes place at the American Association of Law Librarians convention every year. Its purpose is to welcome new members into the profession and organization, meet new people and have fun, too. This year it was a day-long Saturday before-the-conference program.

- Al Podboy, the Committee Chair welcomed us and introduced President Bob Oakey; Chair of the Annual Program Committee, Kathie J. Sullivan; and Law Library Journal Editor, Frank Houdek.
- After just a few early morning speeches, it was time for an ice-breaker involving the matching of game cards. This was actually not an unpleasant experience as we got to move around,

refill on coffee and find out "who was who".

- After this exercise we heard Kelly Browne, Timothy C. Hunt and Rachel Jones discuss: "From Rookie to Veteran: Tips & Advice for Job Success"; "AALL Volunteer Opportunities"; and "How to Conference". The passion of the speakers for their profession was quite evident and actually inspirational for that early in the morning!
- "Ask the Experts" was next with roundtables set up by categories such as Cataloging, Acquisitions, International Libraries, Reference, etc. We were able to play "musical tables" for a few rounds and expand our horizons.

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AALL New Roles, New Realities: The Human Genome Project

*Beth Schneider, Law Librarian
Plattner, Schneidman & Schneider*



For information about
The Human Genome Project,
check out
<http://www.ornl.gov/hgmis/>

The initial completion of the mapping of the human genome has been described as one of the best and one of the worst events of the 20th Century. The Human

Genome Project has given rise to many medical advances and to many legal and ethical issues. "The New Realities of the Human Genome Project" presented basic information about the

Human Genome Project and its implications, particularly the potential for genetic discrimination. Gina Barbarotto discussed what mapping the human genome involves. She explained clearly in layman's terms what a gene is and the complex process of deciphering it. Then Scott Deshazo discussed the ethical

issues resulting from the HGP, emphasizing those related to genetic discrimination. He stressed the serious implications of genetic discrimination and its potential for impacting almost everyone. Beth Schneider closed the program with a summary of state legislation prohibiting genetic discrimination in employment and/or health insurance and the current status of federal legislation. She discussed the need for federal legislation and some of the obstacles that have prevented any of numerous bills that have been introduced from being enacted.

If anyone would like a copy of the selected bibliographies of law review, newspaper and journal articles which were distributed at the program, please contact Beth at 602-274-7955. ☎

Law for the Non-JD

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breaking his jaw. He had to have his jaw wired shut and was unable work for several months and had to cancel several lucrative speaking engagements. Beatrice stated that Jonathan had threatened her and was reaching for a knife in his pocket. She punched him in self-defense. Evidence was presented and testimony was heard. The jury decided in favor of Jonathan.

Overall, it was a good pre-conference. I left with a little more knowledge on areas of law than I came in with and they provided some good handouts. Part of the materials included the book, *Introduction to the Law and Legal Systems of the United States*, which is a useful reference tool for a discussion on various legal topics. 📖

The AzALL Newsletter editor is currently Christine Moore. Submissions and/or ideas for articles are welcome – and strongly encouraged! Please email: mooremac@juno.com

CONELL

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- Next on the agenda was "Marketplace" - AALL Committee and Special Interest Section information booths. Attendees had to get their "bus passes" stamped by listening to an expert presentation.
- "St. Paul Gangster Bus Tour" whisked us off for lunch at the infamous Lexington restaurant and underworld tour of St. Paul. The last stop was at the mushroom caves by the river where bootlegging took place during the Prohibition. After this ghostly experience, we were relieved to return to the all-familiar warmth of summery Minneapolis and the safety of fellow librarians.

SECRET TIP: Some attendees admitted that they have signed up for CONELL more than once, as it is truly one of the highlights of the convention!

See you next year?

Tech Column

Beth Smith
Technology Committee



When our new AzALL president Marianne Alcorn appointed me to AzALL's Technology Committee, I asked her what she wanted the Technology Committee to do this year. She suggested writing something "techie" for each of our newsletters. This column, my first, is a brief overview of wireless local area networks (or "WLANs"), something I have been learning about since we installed a WLAN at the Ross-Blakley Law Library at Arizona State University. Because this article is just a brief overview of this technology, I have listed web sites with additional information.

The most obvious point about WLANs is that they are wireless, which means that computers can connect to the network without being connected to any cables. WLANs can operate within a building (as ours does) or from building to building (for example, between my library and a building next door). WLANs are quite often extensions of wired LANs.

Why install a WLAN? A WLAN is a good option when installing wires is costly or impractical. We installed ours for economic reasons. We needed more network connections for our students, and each wired connection cost us \$250. We spent a few thousand dollars on our WLAN, connected it to our existing wired LAN, and now 50 students can wirelessly connect to our network at the same time. WLANs give computer users more mobility. Our students can carry their laptops from one place to another without losing their network connection, for example from the reporters on the first floor to the treatises on the second floor to the grassy area in front of the library.

What equipment is needed for a WLAN? First, you need an access point to connect the WLAN to an existing network. Access points basically serve the same function as a hub in a wired network. They generally use radio frequencies to send and receive data. Access points cost around \$1500. (For those of

you interested in having a WLAN at home, an access point for a home costs around \$300.)

Each computer connecting to the WLAN needs a wireless networking interface card. Wireless cards cost between \$100-\$200. Ethernet cards for wired networks are slightly cheaper. Unfortunately, a wireless card will not also work as an wired Ethernet card, and vice versa. Wireless cards and access points do not have to be made by the same manufacturer to work together, so long as both products conform to the same standard. For example, a Lucent wireless card could work with a Cisco access point.

What is the standard for WLANs?

WLAN standards are created by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). The standard used by most of today's WLAN vendors is 802.11b. This standard has a speed of up to 11 megabytes per second and uses the 2.4 GHz frequency band. How fast is 11 megabytes per second? Wired Ethernet networks can be 100 megabytes per second, which is 9 times faster than a WLAN, but WLANs can be 10 times faster than broadband cable or DSL connections and 250 times faster than modem access.

What is the range of a WLAN, that is, how close does a computer need to be to the access point to have maximum speed? It depends on the system, whether there is any interference, such as thick walls, etc., but the range can be around 300 feet. Multiple access points on a WLAN give greater wireless coverage and allow users to go between the coverage areas of different access points without losing their network connection. When choosing a WLAN system, another consideration is the number of computers that can use an access point at one time without the network slowing down. We estimate that 50 computers can use our wireless network at one time without it slowing down.

What about network security?

This is a concern with WLANs and should be investigated if you are considering installing a WLAN. Most WLAN vendors support the WEP (Wired Equivalency Privacy) protocol security standard, which is used between the access points and the wireless network cards. Many WLAN vendors provide additional security. We have

chosen not to implement WEP in our wireless network at the Ross-Blakley Law Library. We consider ours a public network and assume our users are aware that the network traffic is not secure (although this does not mean that the data is insecure). We provide some security for our network by setting up a system that limits access to the network to ASU students and employees.

WLAN equipment vendors include:

3Com (<http://www.3com.com/>);
Lucent (<http://www.lucent.com/>);
Cisco (<http://www.cisco.com/>);
Nokia (<http://www.nokia.com/>);
Compaq (<http://www.compaq.com/>);
and Intel (<http://www.intel.com/>).

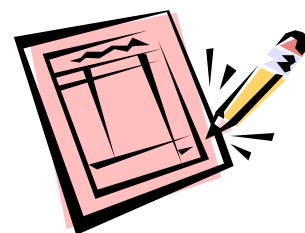
If you would like more information about wireless networks than what I have been able to provide, check out the following web sites:

- Wireless Ethernet Compatibility Alliance (<http://www.wi-fi.com/>)
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (<http://standards.ieee.org/wireless/>)
- Cisco's Wireless LAN pages (<http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/779/smbiz/netsolutions/find/wireless.shtml>)
- Information about Arizona State University's wireless network can be found on ASU's web site at <http://www.asu.edu/wireless/>.

* Many thanks to Brian McFarlane, Technology Support Analyst Senior at the Ross-Blakley Law Library, for his assistance.

Beth is the Assistant Director of ASU Ross-Blakley Law Library. ☺

Committee Reports for 2000-2001



Treasurer's Report 5/1/2000

Cash Balance as of May 1, 2000 Treasurer's Report \$ 2785.28

RECEIPTS

Members' Dues	\$ 1580.00
May Banquet	\$ 1356.00
Legal Research Institute	\$ 725.08
Sponsor pymt for monthly AzAll Meeting	\$ 282.75
Interest	\$ 16.10
Total	\$ 3959.93

Disbursements

Administration (supplies, postage, P.O. box, insurance, domain name reg, corporation reg, statutory rep)	\$ 610.30
Meetings, Speaker gifts, & plaques	\$ 1390.39
In memorium and/or flowers	\$ 96.12
Total	\$ 2096.81

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT (As of 12/04/2000) \$ 8665.09

TOTAL \$13313.49

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Bundy
Treasurer

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Jump Start Committee

The annual Jump Start program was held on Saturday, March 31st at the Arizona State University Law School and Library. 50 ASU law students attended.

There were presentations in the morning by Connie Strittmatter, Marianne Alcorn, Alison Ewing and Beth Smith, followed by a lunch panel of ASU law librarians. During the afternoon, the attendees participated in a legal research simulation, which was well-received.

Lunch was provided by the Young Lawyers Division of the Arizona State Bar Association and snacks were provided courtesy of the following law firms: Bryan Cave LLP; Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, PLC; Lewis and Roca LLP; Osborn Maledon, PA; Snell & Wilmer LLP; Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP; and Steptoe and Johnson LLP.

Submitted by Beth Smith
6/8/01

Committee Reports for 2000-2001 (*cont'd*)

Membership Committee Annual Report 2000-2001

Maureen Garmon, Chair

A tally of AzALL members at end of FY2000-01 stands at seventy-seven. Of these, four are non-dues-paying members (three lifetime members and one courtesy membership extended to the AALL Director of Publications). We also had one student member.

The bulk of AzALL members had their membership costs covered by their institutions (fifty-eight) while fifteen members paid their dues by personal check.

The online membership application form has been changed for 2001-01 to delete the question regarding fax/internet access. Currently, all members have online access, while only one member does not have fax capability.

The AzALL listserv has eighty-four subscribers. Eight of these appear to be old email addresses which have not been deleted by members when they have re-subscribed under a new email address. Cleanup of this subscriber list will take place over the summer.

As always, members are urged to report any changes in membership information to Maureen Garmon (garmon@law.arizona.edu) and to Dave Shellenberger (daveshel@lawoffice-tech.com) so that the appropriate lists can be updated. Members are encouraged to make listserv changes directly, when possible.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE Annual Report 2000/2001

Twenty-one jobs have been posted on the AzALL web page during the year. Thanks go to Dave Shellenberger for providing his services to the Job Placement Committee.

Inquiries were received from 5 individuals. Job seekers were notified by e-mail when job openings became available. They were supplied with job description, AzALL web page address and general information including job placement web sites and job-line telephone numbers.

*Submitted by: Brenda B. Kelley
6/11/01*

Specialty Committee 2000-2001

2000 Holiday Luncheon

The 2000 luncheon was held at the Hard Rock Cafe on Dec. 21, 2000.

There were 32 people in attendance which included AzALL members as well as our sponsor WestLaw. WestLaw sponsored the event with a \$750 contribution. AzALL members paid \$5 each for a total of \$160.

2001 May Banquet

The 2001 May Banquet was held at A League of Our Own at the Arizona Center on May 17, 2001. There was a total of 42 attendees, including 6 from our sponsor Lexis.

Michael Saint Onge and Lexis contributed \$1600. AzALL members paid \$10 each for a total of \$360. The cost of the event was \$1713.60. The amount earned by AzALL was \$246.40.

submitted by Steve Hekel 6/20/01

Publications Committee Final Report 2000-2001

Bill O'Connor, Chair and Editor
Christine Moore, Assistant Editor

With the printing of the August 2000 issue of the News Quarterly, AzALL ended its publishing relationship with the *Arizona Journal*. The *Journal* was in the midst of deciding to publish strictly online just as we were discussing an online format ourselves. At a cost of \$200 per issue, ceasing print publication saved the Association \$600.

After an informal investigation of other AALL chapters' online newsletter formats, we opted to distribute the electronic version in portable document format (pdf). This format facilitates distribution via email to AzALL members and eases the role of Dave Shellenberger for posting the document at the AzALL web site. Another electronic advance is the use of Microsoft Publisher for creating the layout of the newsletter.

The Spring issue was distributed electronically to members on April 29th.

submitted by Christine Moore 6/23/01