

Minutes of the MAALL Business Meeting
Friday, Nov. 8, 2002
Joint Meeting with CALL
Urbana, Illinois

MAALL President Susan Goldner called the meeting to order.

1. **Introduction of New Members:** Susan Goldner asked that new members introduce themselves. They were:
 - Bonnie Kanter from the Johnson County Law Library in Olathe, KS
 - Deborah Sulzbach from Drake University Law Library in Des Moines, IA
 - Tove Klovning from Washington University Law Library in St. Louis, MO
2. **Welcome and Opening Announcements:** Susan Goldner discussed the rather unusual series of events that placed her at the helm of our organization. There had been a lot of turnover in the MAALL Board positions. Last summer, Barbara Fullerton (then VP/Pres Elect) moved out of our region. Susan agreed to take that open position. Needra Jackson resigned as treasurer because of an illness in her family. Janet McKinney agreed to take that open position. In late August our President, Tranne Pearce retired from law librarianship, so according to our Bylaws, Susan became president. This has resulted in MAALL having a president that was never elected. The Bylaws committee is going to review procedures related to vacancies of office to see that this doesn't happen in the future.
3. **Approval of the July, 2002 Orlando Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved by the membership.
4. **Treasurers Report:** Due to the change in treasurer, Janet McKinney submitted two reports: one from Needra that is current through August 30th 2002 and the other begins with Janet's term as treasurer. Janet opened a Kansas City checking account a few days ago. The balance is currently \$6535.36. In addition, there is a check from Needra for \$162 that has yet to be deposited. We have 220 members, and three more yet to be processed.
5. **Committee Reports**

Local Arrangements: There is no one present to report. Thanks were given for the work of the committee for the Urbana meeting.

Program Committee: Susan Goldner thanked the program committee. She especially thanked John Klaus from CALL, committee co-chair, who kept the committee going while MAALL offices changed hands; and Paul Callister from U of I who made contacts at the U of I Library School and arranged for several faculty members to speak at our meeting.

There will be a name change for this committee in the coming year. It will be the Education Committee and will expand its scope of responsibility to include the investigation of other continuing education opportunities outside of the Annual Meeting.

Archives Committee: Cindy Shearrer said that the archives committee met yesterday afternoon and worked on guidelines for our archives. They discussed:

- a. What to retain. This was based on the AALL Guidelines and includes officers' files, committee files and publications
- b. How to make sure that items are archived every year. This responsibility is being made part of the secretary's role.
- c. There will be a lot of work done in the next year on the topic of electronic archives.

Once the guidelines are in place, the committee will not need to continue. The physical location for the archives is the University of Illinois Law Library.

Internet Committee: Barb Ginzburg announced that the MAALL Website was moved from SIU to AALL. It was redesigned and a passworded directory was created. The passworded portion of the site will include the membership directory and information about subscribing to the MAALL Listserv. The evaluation form for this meeting is also on the Web. The program committee would appreciate it if everybody would fill it out. Links to the evaluation will be made from both the MAALL and CALL Websites.

Pro Bono Committee: Susan Goldner reported for Judith Clarke, chair. The committee was inactive last year. Judith plans to compile a listing of MAALL member libraries that are open to the public including access policies, and what level of service is offered to public patrons. This doesn't quite fit under the definition of "Pro Bono," so the name of the committee is being changed to *Service to the Public Committee*

Newsletter Committee: Steve Lambson said that the Board decided that since the electronic format gives us a lot of flexibility, we want to make the newsletter more substantive. So the Newsletter Committee is seeking authors for regular columns, irregular columns, or "one-shot deals" (one article). Creativity is welcome.

Public Relations Committee: Crata Castleberry reported for Suzanne Morrison. The Committee had a display in Orlando. The theme was mystery writers from MAALL states, and prizes (books donated by the authors) were awarded. In addition, they had pencils, candy and a map highlighting the MAALL States.

Local Arrangements for 2003: Nikki Singleton and Marilyn Nicely reported on plans for next year's meeting in Norman, Oklahoma, at the U of OK. Highlights will include tours of the new library facility, dinners, a visit to the Museum of Natural History and a program in the new courtroom.

Grants Committee: Sue Lerdal thanked the committee members. The Committee was pleased with the interest in the grants. The Board allocated funds for four grants which were awarded to: Janet McKinney, Joe Katrosh, Deborah Sulzbach, and Steve Lambson.

6. **Nomination and Election of Officers:** Susan Boland announced the slate of officers:

VP/President Elect: Kay Andrus

Secretary: Charles Condon

There were no additional nominations. The election was conducted by secret ballot as required by the Bylaws. The ballots were counted as the meeting continued.

7. **Mid-America Consortium of Law School Libraries:** Mary Ann Nelson announced that the Consortium will meet today in Salon B at 4:45.
8. **President's Remarks:** Thursday morning we had a Board Meeting that was very productive. The Board eliminated some non-productive committees. We are going to try to re-invigorate some existing MAALL programs (e.g. the mentoring program). Programs that do not generate interest will be eliminated.

Susan thanked:

outgoing officers: Mary Ann Nelson (Past President) and Dorie Bertram (Secretary);
Ann Fessenden who stepped in and provided institutional memory when Tranne stepped down just as the meeting budget needed to be finalized;
Janet McKinney who took on the role of Treasurer

9. **Result of the Election:** There were 52 ballots cast and all voted for Kay and Charlie.
10. **New Business:** This year MAALL will do a survey of the membership to see if there are things that we want to do, that MAALL is not currently doing. Please contribute thoughts about what we could and should be doing.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Dorie Bertram
MAALL Secretary