

Minutes of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries
Business Meeting

Wednesday, July 21, 1999, 11:45 - 1:45 p.m., Grand Hyatt Washington, D. C.

President Mary Kay Jung called the meeting to order. She began by recognizing three MAALL members who received awards at AALL. Eileen Searls received the Marion Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service award. Kathleen Casey received the *Law Library Journal* "article of the year" award, and Linda Roser accepted the AALL/WEST "Excellence in Marketing" award on behalf of the Jackson County Law Library campaign for their "Share Good Books" program. Ann Fessenden gave a tribute to Kirk Gregory, reference librarian for the U. S. Court of Appeals Library from 1985 to 1999. Kirk died in June after a long illness. Kirk had been active in both MAALL and SWALL.

The minutes from the October 1998 LibraryFest Midwest meeting in Milwaukee were then approved following a correction to the spelling of Diane Quart's name. Janet McKinney gave the treasurer's report. She is beginning to make payments for deposits for the October meeting in Kansas City.

Committee Reports

Local Arrangements: Barbara Fullerton gave an update on local arrangements for the October 1999 meeting in Kansas City. The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel. The hotel rate is \$99 per night and there are 3-4 conference rooms. The entertainment for Thursday night will be a BBQ dinner at the Jazz and Negro Baseball History Museum. On Friday night, we will have a tour of the new U. S. Courts Library followed by a reception. Other activities will include museum tours and a tour of the Linda Hall Library.

Program 1999: Glen-Peter Ahlers reported that program ideas are coming together for the Kansas City meeting. Among the offerings will be programs on public relations and intellectual property.

VIP Selection: Lori Weiss discussed the VIP selection program. She said the idea is to invite VIPs such as judges and local leaders to our meetings to enhance relations and to share expertise. She said that each chapter is asked to invite two guests to attend AALL.

Nominations: Steve Lambson reported on the challenge presented by the qualified people also being among the busiest people. Glen-Peter Ahlers will be president and the search is on for a treasurer to replace Janet McKinney.

Grants: Sharon Kern was not present - no report.

Internet: Patti Monk gave an update on the Internet Web Directory. Mike McBride will update the Kansas City Web page prior to the conference. All additions/changes should be reported to Mike. Sally Kelley will update the "class use of the Internet" survey.

Newsletter: Beth Smith and Sandra Placzek have completed the March and June issues of MAALL Markings. They thanked everyone who has contributed, and they would like to encourage new ideas such as including book reviews. The deadline for the September issue is August 16.

Pro Bono: Joe Custer thanked Tyrone Allen and Kathryn Fitzhugh for assisting with establishing the MAALL pro bono campaign. They will distribute a draft of the program in Kansas City in hopes of getting feedback.

Resource Sharing: Needra Jackson reported that the committee has been inactive but hopes to encourage applications for staff exchange programs. MAALL will give a stipend to help pay expenses when a staff exchange position is requested and approved.

Directory: Joan Stevens reported that the MAALL Directory was mailed in early July. Any corrections should be reported to Crata Castleberry.

Other Business:

Lorraine Lorne reported on the October 2000 meeting to be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The room rate will be \$69 per night - guaranteed. She asked for a show of hands for those who would be flying to Fayetteville since the new regional airport will require some type of shuttle service.

Ann Fessenden reported on preliminary talks with St. Louis and Clayton, Missouri, hotels for the October 2001 meeting. She said the rate will be from anywhere from \$99 to \$149. She hopes to be able to offer a tour of the new U. S. Court of Appeals Library.

Mary Kay introduced one new member, Rebecca Lutkenhaus, who works at Drake University Law Library.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.