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President's Column

PAT CUMMINGS
President

Communities bring people with shared values and common visions together. A group of Camp Fire women and I have spent Labor Day weekends together over the last twenty years. Most of those weekends we have gathered at Camp Ojiketa in Chisago City where my friends spent summers as campers and counselors. We build fires and cook. Yes, they've tried to teach me a camp song or two. We watch our kids grow up. We tell our stories and enjoy each other.

I've also been a member of MALL for twenty years, all the years that I have been a law librarian. My experiences have been just as rich as my Ojiketa weekends. MALL membership has allowed me to more fully participate in the law library community.

We distinguish ourselves as a community of people with a strong service commitment. MALL organ-

izes valuable educational programs each year. Our committee activities give us the chance to work with one another on important issues. MALL members are always available for advice and support.

This year one of our initiatives will be to build our sense of community. As we continue to work on the strategic plan and prepare to host the AALL 2001 meeting, we hope to reenergize MALL's purpose and our commitment. One small way to strengthen our connections is to seek out and welcome newer members at our meetings. Let's focus some attention on each other. Our busy schedules make it difficult to stay in touch. Attending MALL programs and working on committees offers us opportunities to be inspired about law librarianship and to enjoy each other. Our relationships can be one of the most meaningful benefits of membership in MALL. ♦

Business Meeting Minutes



VIC GARCES
SECRETARY/
TREASURER

were also mailed to all MALL members. The amendments replace MALL's

original mission statement, which dates back to 1955, with a new mission statement that was developed at the strategic planning sessions held last spring.

New business - none.

Announcements

Sara Galligan reported that the AALL CRIV (Committee on Relations with Information Vendors) will be making one of its "site visits with vendors" in the Twin Cities in the near future. More information to come.

Marvin Anderson, Co-chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting, extended thanks to AALL Past-President Margie Axtmann for providing time at the closing banquet of the AALL Annual Meeting last July, for the 2001 Committee's raffle and promotion.

Anderson reported that the 2001 booth and trivia contest were a huge success in generating interest in the 2001 meeting.

Anderson also reported that the opening reception for the 2001 meeting will not be held at the

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries Business Meeting Sept. 19, 2000 Minneapolis Convention Center

President Pat Cummings called the business meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. and welcomed members of the Special Libraries Association and new members in attendance. She also welcomed the evening's speaker Richard Wiggins.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2000 business meeting as published in the May/June 2000 issue of the MALL Newsletter was passed.

Secretary/Treasurer, Vic Garces reported the balances of MALL's checking and money market accounts. Copies to the 1998/99 and 1999/2000 Annual Financial Reports were made available to all members in attendance. Any MALL member may request a copy of these reports by contacting Vic Garces (email: garce003@tc.umn.edu or phone: 612.624.2597).

Janet Leichter reported that the MALL listserv has moved to a new server on the AALLNET site. To post messages to the listserv subscribers should send their messages to mall-l@aallnet.org

Public Relations Committee Chair, Anita Anderson, announced that MALL will be presenting an exhibit booth at the Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference, Sept. 27-29th at the RiverCentre in St. Paul. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth and an email message will be posted to the MALL-l listserv with details.

Pat Cummings reported on the Committee Chairs Breakfast that was held Friday, Sept. 15, 2000. Three initiatives were identified as the focus for Committee Chairs and a yet to be named strategic planning task force for the coming year. The three initiatives are: education, advocacy (particularly as it relates to building recognition of MALL and law librarians) and building a sense of community among the MALL membership.

A motion to amend the MALL Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws was made and the amendment passed by a voice vote. The text of the amendments were published in the July/August 2000 MALL Newsletter and copies



Richard Wiggins

Science Museum in St. Paul, as hoped, due to a lack of adequate facilities. The opening reception will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Members interested in developing the theme for the opening reception are encouraged to attend the next Downtowners meeting, May 21, 2000.

Pat Cummings thanked Janet Ja-

cobson, Chair of the Law & Technology Show Committee for coordinating MALL's participation in the 2000 Minnesota Law & Technology Show. She also thanked Jacobson for arranging the evening's dinner and program featuring Richard Wiggins, Senior Information Technologist in the Computer Laboratory at Michigan State University, speaking on the

topic "Portals, Intranets and Digital Libraries."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Vic Garces

MALL Secretary/Treasurer

The Internet Column



BILL JACK the type of form you want, and type in the company name. Once you have

Getting Pattern (Prototypical) Agreements Off the Web.

Attorneys often need "pattern" agreements – documents that can serve as "templates" for particular transactions. There are forms books (West's Legal Forms, Am-Jur Legal Forms) that cover the basics, but often the attorney wants examples of something more complex or particular (franchise licensing agreements, for instance) or something too new to make the forms books (an Internet Service Provider agreement).

In other instances, an attorney might be drafting a business agreement for one of her clients. Let's say the client company is negotiating an agreement with a telecommunications company, and the attorney wonders about the fairness of the terms that the telecommunications company is offering. Wouldn't it be nice for

her to compare the terms in similar agreements that the company in question has signed with others?

Well, all of this is possible, and the answer lies in EDGAR and in the SEC's requirement that "material contracts" be part of a public company's disclosure. But like many things on the web, getting something out of EDGAR can be a formidable task -- massive, and daunting.

Here are some strategies.

Go directly to the SEC Edgar database.

If you know that a certain company has included an agreement as an exhibit in a specific filing, then the SEC EDGAR database can get you to that agreement quickly. Simply go to the quick forms look-up (<http://www.sec.gov/edaux/formlynx.htm>), select

the type of form you want, and type in the company name. Once you have opened your form, you can use the rudimentary (but effective) "Find" feature on your browser by hitting Cntrl-F. First go to the end of the document by hitting Cntrl-End (That's because your agreement will probably be referenced many times in the document but will reside towards the bottom, where the exhibits lie.). Make sure the "Find" feature is set to search up, not down. Type a word or two from the title of the agreement you want, remembering that you might have to try more than once if you don't know the exact title of the agreement.

If you come across a reference to that agreement rather than the agreement itself, that reference will probably tell you where the agreement is (i.e., "attached hereto as Exhibit 10(C)(1)). Go back down to the end of the filing and you can now use the browser's search feature to take you quickly to "Exhibit 10(C)(1)." If you are unlucky, you will find out that the agreement in question

is "incorporated by reference" to a previous EDGAR filing, and so your search must start all over.

In instances where you don't know that a specific company has filed an agreement that interests you, you still can try a full-text search of EDGAR, but the results would be unhelpful – you'd probably get thousands of hits that are not relevant.

Use a free web "value-added" access point into EDGAR

10K Wizard (<http://www.tenkwizard.com/>) and FreeEDGAR (<http://www.freeedgar.com/>) are two "free" services that offer enhanced full-text searching of EDGAR filings, but your ability to formulate a sophisticated search string is limited. Thus, you might have to run several searches. (An agreement might be called a "Technology Licensing Agreement" in one company's filings, for instance, and a "Technology Sharing Agreement" in another.)

Both the 10K Wizard and FreeEdgar offer ways to jump around a long document and to view your search words in context, and each has advantages and disadvantages. The ability to navigate quickly through a form is critical because your search term will undoubtedly appear numerous times (i.e. ".as referenced in that certain Technology Sharing Agreement..."). You may find that after navigating through the document, the sample agreement you want isn't there after all -- it is incorporated by reference to an earlier fil-

ing. In that case, you need to pull up the earlier filing and commence your search again.

Remember that the 10K Wizard searches only Forms 10-K and will not pick up agreements that are filed as exhibits with S-1 registrations and other forms.

Use a fee-based subscription service.

Lexis-Nexis offers an SEC filing databases in the COMPNY library. There are 29 separate files for specific exhibits, such as underwriting agreements (EXBT01) and material contracts (EXBT10), but the searching can be frustrating and extremely expensive. You often have to open up numerous documents before getting the agreement you want.

Westlaw's EDGAR database provides for sophisticated searching of full-text EDGAR documents, but it does not offer the easy assistance that Lexis offers by providing separate databases for different types of agreements.

Unless you have a free Westlaw or Lexis-Nexis password, or unless money is of absolutely no concern, there is a paid service that is much cheaper than Lexis or WestLaw, and much more helpful.

LiveEdgar (<http://www.gsonline.com/>) is a great resource because it offers a library of over 200 types of agreements. Their sophisticated pre-set searches have filtered out those useless "as ref-

erenced in" hits and take you directly to the agreement in question. Go to "Library/Resources" in LiveEdgar, and you'll see their listing of forms and agreements. If the type of agreement you want is included in their pre-formatted searches, you are in luck. If it is not, you can call LiveEdgar's 800 number and they will help you formulate a custom search.

Take advantage of Forms on a Disk.

Business Laws Inc. now offers floppy disks that contain sample agreements that have been pulled off EDGAR. Their "Joint Venture Agreements" disk is the first in the series that includes (or will include) dozens of types of agreements, including Internet-related ones.

These forms are compatible with Microsoft Word and with Corel WordPerfect. Contact: Business Laws, Inc., 11630 Chillicothe Road, P.O. Box 185., Chesterland, Ohio 44026. Telephone: (800) 759-0929; Fax: (440) 729-0645. E-Mail: inquiry@businesslaws.com

I welcome suggestions for future topics. ♦



AALL/LEXIS Call for Papers

Have you been thinking about writing an article about law librarianship? Or are you already writing an article and just need a little incentive to finish? If yes, read on! The AALL/LEXIS Publishing Call for Papers Committee eagerly solicits your articles for its annual competition. The objectives of the contest are threefold: 1) to promote scholarship among practicing law librarians and in areas of interest to the profession; 2) to provide a creative outlet for law librarians and a forum for their scholarly activities; and 3) to recognize the scholarly efforts of established members, new members, and potential members of AALL. Participating in the Call for Papers competition is a great way to get noticed by your colleagues, win some money, and contribute to our profession.

Up to three winning authors will

receive a prize of \$750, generously donated by LEXIS Publishing. The recipients will be recognized during award ceremonies at the Association Luncheon of the AALL Annual Meeting. Winners also will present their papers in a program at the Annual Meeting and the paper will be considered for publication in the Law Library Journal.

The papers may address any subject relevant to law librarianship. The papers may be scholarly or practical in substance and tone; the subject should be explored in depth with appropriate reference to sources and documentation. Past winners have written about a wide range of topics, including foreign law, technology, research instruction and reference services, legal history and bibliography, copyright, and trends in law librarianship.

Authors may enter in one of three divisions:

receive a prize of \$750, generously donated

Open Division: Current AALL members who have been members for five or more years.

New Members Division: Current AALL members who have been members of AALL for fewer than five years.

Student Division: Currently enrolled in library school or a law school. Students need not be members of AALL.

No paper that has been published, or accepted for publication before March 1, 2001 will be eligible for consideration.

Visit AALLNET at http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp for more information, including substantive and form requirements, application procedures, judgment criteria. Submissions must be postmarked by March 1, 2001. Good luck!

Questions? Contact a member of the Call for Papers Committee: Adeen Postar (chair) at ajp@dejlw.com, Karen Beck at beckka@bc.edu, or Maria Protti at Maria_Protti@ci.sf.ca.us. ♦

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Volume 27, Number 1	July/August	July 14, 2000
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Volume 27, Number 5	March/April	March 9, 2001
Volume 27, Number 6	May/June	May 11, 2001

Gateways to Leadership

AALL 2000

BRENDA WOLFE

our collection development policies reflect certain values?

The conference theme this year was Gateways to Leadership. Participants were encouraged to acknowledge our roles as leaders. We guide, influence, teach, and initiate, not only in the realm of information access, but in a myriad of ways in our workplaces, the legal arena, and throughout our communities. We are not only shaping our profession, but are also shaping our society. In case we forget in our daily tasks that librarians are at the front lines of intellectual freedom, the AALL conference seeks to remind us by offering sessions that seemingly are not of topical importance to our jobs, but are immediately relevant to our roles as leaders.

Of all the sessions I attended, the one that most reflects the Gateways to Leadership theme for me was the presentation by a Pennsylvania ACLU lawyer, Larry Frankel and a Lambda Legal Education and Defense Fund lawyer, Marvin Peguese, entitled Hate Crimes: Examining the Issues. Many states and the federal government have enacted laws that allow for sentencing enhancements where the defendant committed a crime and selected the victim based upon race, religion, or national identity, and in some states, including Minnesota, sexual identity.

Hate crimes present complex issues. Examining hate crime laws is like taking the temperature of our society. Is "guilt by association" enough evidence to convict a defendant of a hate crime? How about what he reads or looks at on the internet? What if the perpetrator was mistaken as to his perception of the victim? Is it still a hate crime? Do we, as Americans, have this type of legislation to help victims, reflect society's values, or in a more cynical view, protect legislators from having to deal with other pressing civil rights issues?

You may ask what hate crimes have to do with being a law librarian. Legal redress and the importance of social responsibility are of great concern to us as law librarians. We may ponder important questions such as: Are we teaching social responsibility in library schools? Law schools? What about the issue of censorship as it relates to hate speech? Is it a law library's role to support programming in the area of freedom of speech rights? Does preserving the rights of the "haters" deserve some mention in the panoply of social concerns facing librarians in dealings with the public? What about the haters next door, or on the radio, or on the internet, or running for political office, or writing books? Do

Freedom of speech is a professional and personal concern of many librarians. We do lead and influence society in our choices of materials we purchase, manner in which we interact with our patrons, and the mode in which we make materials accessible. We are selling ourselves short if we, as a profession, and as individuals, do not acknowledge that leadership role.

We go to the convention to reconnect with old friends, meet new people, enhance skills, learn, rejuvenate, look at our jobs in a new way, go to lots of fun parties, and maybe this year, for me at least, see a connection between social activism and library professionalism, and commence thinking about and visualizing dynamic approaches to leadership in our libraries and communities. ♦

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Membership Column



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The new Chair of the Membership Committee is planning to distribute the 2000/2001 MALL Directory in October. Any questions about Membership can be directed to:

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As of September 7, 2000, we have received 124 membership applications. Please join the committee in **welcoming** the following **new members** to MALL:

Penny Jo Aurdahl
Lindquist & Venum

Amy Divine Boley &
Anne Templeman
West Group

Suzanne Grossman
Dakota County Law Library

Robin Horowitz
Student, College of Saint Catherine

Steve Jarzyna
Dorsey & Whitney, LLP

Leslie Kiley
Hamline University Law Library

Gerda Krueger
Fabyanske, Westra & Hart, P.A.

Barbara Minor
Faegre & Benson LLP

Laurie Muir
MN Film Research Library

We will begin profiling our new members in the next issue.

MEMBER NEWS

Marvin Roger Anderson, Minnesota State Law Librarian, was honored on the Eleven Who Care telecast, September 6th on KARE Channel 11, for his work with the Everybody Wins Power Lunch Reading Program at the Benjamin E. Mays grade school in St. Paul. Congratulations Marvin!

Congratulations to **Sara Galligan** who assumed her position as Dakota County Law Librarian in May 2000.

Jennifer Munnings has returned from Wisconsin and has accepted the new position of Scott County Law Librarian. Congratulations Jennifer!

Congratulations to **Dennis Skrade** who accepted a new position at the Minnesota State Law Library on May 26, 2000 as Head of Technical Services.

Congratulations to **Karen Westwood**, Minnesota State Law Library, and her husband John. Their new baby Mateo greeted his sisters, Linnea and Lettie, on August 28th.

See Law & Tech News (9/19/00), special supplement to Minnesota Lawyer, for an interview with Nina Platt, Faegre & Benson Library Director, highlighting MALL activities. Great PR for Nina and MALL!

If you have news you'd like to share with the membership in the next newsletter, contact *Trudi Busch*, 612-607-7290; tbusch@oppenheimer.com **OR** Barbara Golden, 651-296-0031; barb.golden@courts.state.mn.us.

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MALL Members on the Move



This past summer saw some MALL members changing jobs and moving to new locations. Here are just a few -

Pat Peterson of Lindquist & Vennum moved to Phoenix, Arizona.

Carol Saunders, formerly of Doherty Rumble & Butler and Law Library Consultants, is now at Rider Bennett.

Jane Hopeman, of Dorsey & Whitney, is now at William Mitchell College of Law Library.

Pat (Phillips) Klimschot, of Lindquist & Vennum, is now at Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren.

Kris Tobin, of Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren, is now at Lindquist & Vennum.

Best of luck to everyone in their new positions! ♦

Upcoming Newsletter Features

KATHY KELLY
EDITOR

Here is what to watch for in upcoming newsletter issues.

-A feature article on **marketing your library** written by Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly law firm Information Resources Director, **Trudi Busch**.

-2 (maybe 3) more articles from former MALL members who have moved out of Minnesota but are still close to our hearts and in our memories. These will con-

tinue our series, "**Where are they now?**" which started with Gail McCain and Beth Peterson.

-A new column, yet to have a catchy title, about **what MALL members are reading** for pleasure and fun. Included will



be everything from historical biographical non-fiction to bodice ripping fiction. Whatever tickles your fancy. Contributions to this column will come from MALL members themselves, so if you have questions or would like to see a sample of what we are looking for give me a call or send me an e-mail.

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