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## President's Column

PAT CUMMINGS  
PRESIDENT

**D**arlene Fichter urged us to be vigilant in identifying windows of opportunity when she spoke at MALL's Spring Conference. We can benefit individually and collectively from responding to opportunities to share our enthusiasm, to build relationships and to collaborate. In my final article as MALL President, I'd like to focus on some of MALL's windows of opportunity.

The VIP program for the AALL Annual meeting will offer us a great opportunity to make our presence known in the community. We are in the process of finalizing our Chapter VIPs. Judge Toussaint and Mark Cohen have accepted. Two other invitations are pending.

In addition to the Chapter VIPs, AALL has agreed to extend complimentary registration to 52 influential representatives from our legal, governmental and information communities. As an added incentive for attorneys, Minnesota CLE credit has been approved for 22 AALL programs.

We have invited:

- Mayor Sayles Belton and Mayor Coleman

- Governor Ventura and his "Answerist" Linda Feist
- State Senator Steve Kelley
- Presidents of 22 local bar associations
- President of the MN Legal Administrators Association
- President of the MN District Judges Association
- Directors of the county library systems in the metro area, Mpls. Public Library and St. Paul Public Library
- Mary Wagner, Program Director of the School of Information & Library Science at St. Catherine's and MALL Chapter VIP in 1999
- Editors of the local legal publications and local newspapers
- News Directors of the major television channels

The invitations are an excellent way to communicate the "New Realities, New Roles" of our profession.

Several windows of opportunity have resulted from our interaction with library students and our interest in library education. Students may apply for MALL grants in order to attend the AALL Annual Meeting. West Group has also graciously offered a full AALL Conference registration for a student. I hope that we

can personally connect with these students and welcome them into our association.

A group of MALL members will meet with Mary Wagner on May 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Dominican Library Program and the education of law librarians. This discussion will be part of our ongoing collaboration with St. Kate's. We will offer our insights into their curriculum and hopefully identify new avenues of mutual benefit.

We have an immediate opportunity if we utilize AALL's "Make the Connection" campaign. Any law library director or any individual who pays their own dues will receive a "Make the Connection" coupon if payment is received by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The coupon can be redeemed at any time dur-

ing the 2001-2002 year for one year of AALL membership by anyone who has not been an AALL member. I encourage you to donate the coupon to MALL for our recruitment efforts.

The launching of the West LegalEdcenter suggests an exciting opportunity for MALL. West LegalEdcenter is a new initiative that delivers CLE programs via the Web. West Group is partnering with bar associations and other CLE providers to create a library of local, state and national programming. MALL offers outstanding educational programs that are often approved for CLE credit. Consider the possibility of presenting MALL's Legal Research Institute via West LegalEdcenter or some similar web-based forum. This is a

unique opportunity to better serve our members, to leverage our work over a broader community, and to generate additional revenue to enrich our educational efforts.

As I end my term as President, I have great hope in MALL's future. Our work on strategic activities and AALL 2001 has made us a stronger association. *MALL in Action* has helped us to coordinate MALL initiatives with the efforts of the AALL 2001 Local Advisory Committee. We have taken full advantage of our opportunities this year to build our sense of community, to increase our recognition, and to provide meaningful educational programs. I am so proud of our work. I am very grateful for the generosity of our membership. ♦

## Business Meeting Minutes



VIC GARCES  
SECRETARY/TREASURER

Committee Chairs were asked to reflect on their committee's activities (past, present and future) and consider how

those activities relate to MALL's goals of education, advocacy and the development of a thriving, energized and growing membership. Galligan also announced that next year MALL in Action will focus on the goals of promoting access to legal information and promoting efficient leadership and administration of MALL.

Pat Cummings, Co-Chair of the AALL 2001 Local Advisory Committee reported on recent activities for the upcoming AALL Annual Meeting. Cummings re-

### Welcome

MALL President Pat Cummings called the meeting to order at 8:27 a.m. on May 4, 2001 and welcomed MALL members and special guests to the Spring Meeting.

### Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2001 business meeting as published in the March/April 2001 issue of the MALL Newsletter was approved by a voice vote.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Vicente Garces gave a brief financial report. A detailed annual financial report will be distributed to members at the next MALL meeting.

### Committee Reports

Internet Apps Committee Chair, Janet Sheets, unveiled the new MALL logo.

Sara Galligan reported on the results of the MALL in Action committee reporting process. MALL

lated news concerning the AALL VIPs and Local VIPs for the Annual Meeting. She expressed thanks to Marvin Anderson, Co-Chair of the AALL 2001 Local Advisory Committee and Barbara Golden of the Minnesota State Law Library for gaining CLE credit approval for 22 AALL programs for the upcoming meeting. A handout listing the 22 approved programs was provided at the meeting.

Pat Cummings also thanked Anita Anderson and the Publicity Committee for their efforts particularly with the Local Arrangements Committee web site. Cummings announced that the Hospitality Committee is looking for volunteers to help staff the hospitality booth. Interested volunteers should contact Deb Muntean or Janet Sheets.

John Tessner, Awards and Nominations Committee Chair, introduced Lori Hedstrom who presented MALL Life Memberships to retiring members, Ardis Jacobson and Jean Johnson.

Tessner presented the MALL Librarianship Award to Anita Anderson, Law Librarian for the Minnesota Office of Attorney General.

Tessner distributed a flyer to all MALL members that outlined seven issues for members to consider for possible action next fall. The issues include: creation of new MALL scholarships, a MALL student chapter or liaison for the St. Catherine's MLIS program, restructuring of the Awards

& Nominations Committee, revision of the MALL Bylaws concerning uncontested elections, and student and life memberships.

#### **New Business**

Mary Ann Archer, introduced Jan Stone. Stone will soon begin working as a reference librarian at William Mitchell College of Law Library.

**Announcements** - none

#### **Recognition of Service & Vendor Support**

President Pat Cummings expressed appreciation and thanks on behalf of MALL to Lori Hedstrom and West Group for hosting the recent HTML training sessions conducted by New Horizons at West Group headquarters. She also expressed thanks to West Group for funding an AALL grant and for sponsoring breakfast for the MALL Spring Meeting.

Cummings thanked Lexis-Nexis for their generous sponsorship of the MALL Spring Meeting Closing Reception and the AALL 2001 Annual Meeting Opening Reception.

Cummings expressed thanks and appreciation to Loislaw for sponsoring MALL's successful 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Holiday Party last December. She also encouraged members to visit the product demonstrations by Westlaw, Lexis-Nexis and Finance & Commerce / Minnesota Lawyer at the Spring meeting.

Cummings thanked MALL Education Committee Chair, Francis

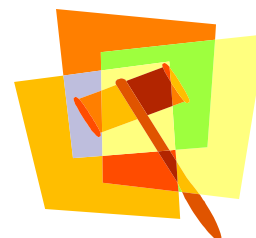
Singh and committee members for their service throughout the year and the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party in particular. She also expressed thanks to Kathy Kelly for her excellent work on the MALL Newsletter. Kathy is stepping down as Editor after serving three years. Cummings thanked and presented gifts to members of the Executive Board, Secretary/Treasurer, Vicente Garces, Member-at-Large, Janet Sheets, Past President, Sara Galligan and Vice President / President Elect Lori Hedstrom.

#### **Election Results and Introduction of New Officers**

Secretary/Treasurer, Vicente Garces announced the results of the elections for Secretary/Treasurer and Vice President / President Elect. Carrie Long of the law firm of Faegre and Benson is the new Secretary/Treasurer and Karen Westwood of the Minnesota State Law Library is the new Vice President / President Elect.

President Pat Cummings welcomed Lori Hedstrom as the new MALL President for 2001-2002. Hedstrom thanked Cummings for her dedication and service to MALL and encouraged members to volunteer for MALL committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. ♦



## Donna Mansheim In Memoriam

Not many in the MALL community knew Donna well, and they missed something. Because she was a good person to know. I worked with her at the Hennepin County Law Library for a few years, and since her death I have been recalling some of our conversations.

She liked to talk about what book she was reading, and about family events with her children and grandchildren. She told me about her years as a military wife, and the trips she and her husband were taking and planning to take. A few years ago her son asked her to ride with him to Sturgis to the motorcycle rally, and she laughed about it, but I could tell she wanted to go. She didn't, but I know she thought about him every day he was gone.

In her email to the MALL listserv, Peggy Hall told us about Donna's careers as financial services representative, public library cataloger (Anoka County Public Library), law library cataloger (William Mitchell College of Law Library and Hennepin County Law Library), plus she earned a B.A. degree in Nursing at St. Catherine's. A working life to be envied.

I thought writing this would make me sad, but it doesn't. Donna enjoyed a good book, cocktail hour, and conversation. I was lucky to enjoy those with her. Peggy said it best - "We will miss her graciousness, her concern for others, and her sense of fun".



~ Kathy Kelly  
Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P.

## Convention News

Let's make the News from Up North conference newspaper the best read in the twin towns. Let your creative juices flow. If you have any ideas for articles that you may not want to write yourself but would find fascinating to read, let your fellow attendees know by posting to the MALL list or the AALL Annual Meeting 2001 list (am2001@aallnet.org), or by sending your ideas to me. Submissions must be sent by June 30, 2001.

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# The Internet Column



BILL JACK  
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

## FACE CONTROL

"Feis kontrol" (as it's called in Russian, in a deplorable mutilation of the English Language) is the intricate and daunting process by which surly doormen in Moscow and Saint Petersburg nightclubs accept or reject anxious wannabe patrons.

As librarians, our intricate and daunting processes include managing passwords for dozens of users and dozens of online programs while dealing with access, licensing, and copyright issues.

For a while, it seemed that life in libraries would get easier as more and more vendors moved from CD-ROM programs to online, fee-paid programs. But the one stickler: Passwords. One librarian, for instance, might have to manage passwords (and access) for Westlaw, Lexis, three BNA programs, four CCH programs, two RIA programs, and a myriad of one-user or all-user research services such as FIS Online (formerly Moody's) or Minnesota E-Direct, formerly MinnLink.

Each presents its own mix of challenges.

**BNA** offers many products online, replicating its print publications and replacing many of its CD-ROM programs. But the folks at BNA have what I suspect

is a clever marketing ploy that can give librarians nightmares – the e-mail update. No longer does your licensing agreement with BNA allow you to circulate copies of the tables of contents of the Securities Regulation and Law Report, or the Labor Report. Instead, an unlimited number of attorneys may receive a BNA e-mail "update" that duplicates the print table of contents, and that offers links to the articles themselves. The problem is, if your firm does not have a subscription to the underlying web-based product, the links will not work. You will receive telephone calls and e-mails from attorneys upset that they can't reach the underlying article. They may become even less happy when they discover that they have to wait one or two days until the print product reaches your office, and woe to you and your library if it should require any time for you to process the incoming print publication before putting it on the shelf.

BNA generally provides two types of passwords: Enterprise and individual. The second is easiest – simply notify the person (s) who will be using the program and give them their user ids and passwords. Enterprise passwords may not so easy, however, particularly if you have an enterprise with more than one office or location, and your access to the online material is conditioned upon your

receipt of print materials in any one particular location. Then you run into the problem of telling

attorneys from Group A, for instance, that they can use the BNA Telecommunications Reporter, and telling attorneys from Group B that they can't.

**CCH, Dow Jones Interactive, ChoicePoint, GSIOonline (LivEdgar).** I love the way these companies offer password management. You order the product and pay for a certain block of users; they give you a list of passwords. You assign the users. End of challenge.

**Lexis and Westlaw.** They have been in the password assignment game a long time, given their software applications, and they have it down pat. Moving from software to web-based can produce no problems, except perhaps for that of ensuring who is on hourly billing and who is on transactional billing, and how that works within the terms of the contract that your organization has negotiated with them.

**NorthernLight and other low-priced web resources.** NorthernLight's special collection can be a bargain – offering news articles and publications at a cost lower than Lexis or West or Dow Jones Interactive. But there is a hitch, and it concerns access and pricing. If you regularly use a credit card for making individual online purchases, and if you have systems in place for billing charges (when applicable) back to

a client, then you are home free. But otherwise there are issues. True, you can sign up for an "Enterprise Account" where everyone in your "enterprise" has unlimited access to NorthernLight, but the costs are generally horrendous and would be a bargain only if (a) Everyone in your firm used it heavily and (b) you never had to turn to another source for news articles (unlikely). Another related problem? You can't track your orders with client charge numbers unless you have negotiated an enterprise account.

**RIA CheckPoint.** As much as I love the product, and as much as the attorneys love the product, *feis kontrol* here is a major headache. Let's say you already have twenty users, ten of whom subscribe to the base product as well as to the international tax law module, four users subscribe to the state tax law module and to the pension benefits module. Each user will have an odd-looking password that reads something like "x018-437." A user calls and says he can't remember his password? You are out of luck. Well, almost. You can't find out what it was, but after a few minutes of navigating around the CheckPoint User Management web pages, you can over-write the old password.

But this is only the beginning of the CheckPoint *feis kontrol* Challenge. Let's say your office decides to add a module for the TaxCore module for ten users, five of whom use other modules already, and five of whom are new users.

Good luck. You will receive ten new passwords that are assigned to TaxCore and only to TaxCore, and you will have to maneuver your way through a myriad (and slow-moving) morass of web pages and tables to assign users to products. A trick I have learned? When you receive such new passwords, go in and un-assign all products from those new user ids. Then re-assign them, as required, to the new users and to the previous users. This method also provides an easy way for you to remember how many "slots" you have left for any given module. (Remember that a module may be "assigned" to RIA's way of thinking, even though it is "unassigned" to your way of thinking because the user id to which the module is attached remains un-assigned. Note: Writing about all this in a clear way is about as challenging as dealing with all this in a clear way.)

In fairness to RIA, the "product" that they offer is indeed more complex than those offered by CCH or Dow Jones, for instance. One could argue that RIA, in fact, offers multiple products; hence, the need for such extensive muscling on your part concerning *feis kontrol*.

### **Suggestions for Streamlining *Feis Kontrol***

If you have more than a few users using a few products, create a database or spreadsheet that allows you quick access to the data. You'll have attorneys calling you, desperate to use the product, and unable to remember their user IDs

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or passwords. Use the notes field to record helpful information regarding subscription expiration, restrictions, etc.

If you are in a larger organization, make sure that you have a system set up whereby you know who comes and leaves your organization. Check your database or spreadsheet to make sure that no user IDs go with them.

Look into IP authentication with your vendor. This is a blessing for us who must work the *feis kontrol* doorways. There's no need for user IDs or passwords – users simply click on the product's URL, and the product magically will know by the users' computer "addresses" whether they are allowed to enter. Of course, this works only in the situation where you have enterprise-wide access. And remember to warn users that if they should try to use the program from a computer not on your network (such as at home or at a cli-

ent's office), they will have trouble getting in.

Be very clear on copyright and license issues. Is this subscription for one user only, for five concurrent users, for one of your offices, for everyone everywhere all the time? Can the library regularly download documents for the same person (who is not a

licensed user)?

Post the entry URLs for these fee-based subscription services on your Intranet.

Ask the vendor if it's okay to provide the user ID and password right on your Intranet, if it's a product that's available for all people in your organization.

Remember the last time a surly doorman kept you out of a place you wanted to enter. When dealing in the grim business of *feis kontrol* and password management, keep a positive attitude and appreciate the concerns of your users. Those in your office will then recognize you as the provider of a solution, not as part of the problem. ♦

## MALL Spring Conference Report

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FAEGRE & BENSON LLP

The result of the election of officers is Karen Westwood (State

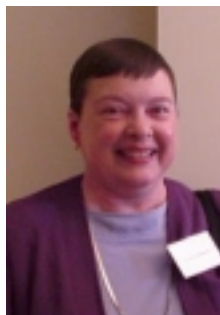
It was a beautiful spring day on stately Summit Avenue as over 70 MALL members and guests gathered on May 4th for the 2001 annual meeting and education sessions at the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. Smiling MALL faces greeted attendees at the door for registration. We then hustled upstairs to the Burger Suite for a sumptuous breakfast buffet, compliments of our friends at West Group.

Outgoing President Pat Cummings convened the last business meeting of the 2000-2001 membership year (with some degree of relief, this observer thought).

Secretary-Treasurer Vic Garces presented the minutes and financial report, and there were updates on the new logo design, the MALL in Action initiative, and preparations for the AALL National Convention. Our two newest Life Members—Ardis Jacobson and Jean Johnson—were recognized and presented with crystal vases from the Association.

The Awards Committee also announced that Anita Anderson has been selected as the MALL Law Librarian of the Year. We acknowledge and applaud Anita for her elegant professionalism and her inexhaustible energies in support of MALL's programs and objectives.

Law Library) as Vice President-President Elect, and Carrie Long (Faegre & Benson) as Secretary. The members thanked the outgoing officers and board members, and Pat passed the gavel of leadership to our new President, Lori Hedstrom.



This year's conference theme was "Managing Technological Change." Keynote speaker Darlene Fichter, owner of [Northern Lights Internet Solutions](#)

(not the search engine) in Saskatoon, dived right into that topic with a fast-paced presentation titled "Clued In: What We Need to Know to Direct Our Future."



Darlene related many of the concepts presented in the book [The Cluetrain Manifesto: The End of Business as Usual](#) to our work and outlook as information professionals. Then the Faegre & Benson tag team of Nina Platt and Carrie



Long took us through the steps and strategies they use for "Evaluating Electronic Resources and Managing the Purchasing Process," an especially timely topic as we down-size our hardcover libraries in favor of digitized collections.



Our lunchtime speaker was Louise Litt of Louise Litt Consulting, who addressed the importance of "Managing Change: The Human Side." Her entertaining presentation included a look at the change management principles of

the bestseller [Who Moved My Cheese?](#) by Dr. Spencer Johnson. Vendor displays by Minnesota Lawyer, Lexis and West were available for browsing throughout the day.

The afternoon sessions started with "Creating and Organizing Access," an

overview of specialized web research pages by a panel representing several library types. Vic Garces discussed the offerings on the U of M Law Library's web site; Rich Harrington showed us the resources of the Hennepin

County Law Library site; and Bill Jack of Dorsey & Whitney presented the perspective of the law firm intranet site. Our final guest speaker was Paul Healey, Director of Public Service at the Albert E. Jenner Jr. Memorial Library of the University of Illinois College of Law. Paul's informative slides on "Training Users: Considerations for Teaching the Internet" are available on his [web site](#).

MALL's annual gathering closed with a social hour and refreshments sponsored by our friends at Lexis-Nexis. Thanks to Frances Singh, Nina Platt, the members of the Education Committee and all the other hardworking members who coordinated this year's conference. It was a great day. ♦

## Where are they Now? Greetings from California

SHIRLEY HART DAVID

professional library job at the Minnesota State Law Library

It's appropriate that Kathy Kelly asked me to write about my experiences since leaving Minnesota, on the eve of my 30<sup>th</sup> year class reunion at the College of St. Catherine. I left Minnesota in July 1983 to become the Sacramento County Law Librarian. I knew I'd miss everyone but Minnesota winters were becoming too depressing. My husband Don and I usually come back at least once a year to visit relatives, and the trips are often hurried and too short. I'm from a large family and the relatives live from almost the Canadian border to almost the Iowa border. However, when I do come

back, I feel like I never left Minnesota. WCCO still uses the same program format. Garrison Keilor is still talking about Lake Wobeggon. The weather is still too eventful. Many of my Minnesota colleagues and friends keep in touch so I feel very connected still.

I graduated from St. Kate's with a double major in Library Science and Political Science in 1971. At the time, St. Catherine's only offered a bachelor's degree in Library Science. My practice work was at the Legislative Reference Library. The reference that I received for that work helped me get my first

as the government documents librarian. Margaret Andrews was the State Law Librarian at the time and Howard Adams was the assistant librarian. I was the first new librarian hired there in at least fifteen years.

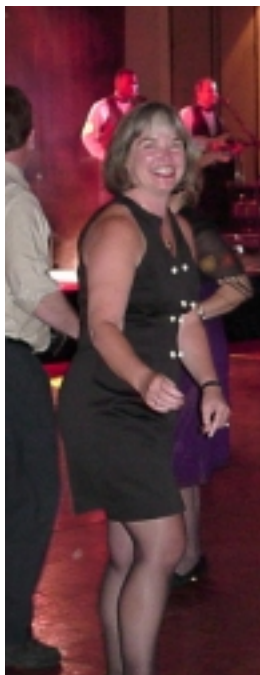
I credit MALL, which I joined almost immediately, for keeping me connected to the changes in the profession. My first AALL annual meeting was the one held in St. Paul in 1974. Margaret Andrews was the Local Arrangements Chair and Howard Adams was the treasurer. I remember the card catalog file drawer that was used to keep track of the meeting

registration cards and the many local arrangements meetings where the many law librarians relatively new to the profession, took control of their subcommittee responsibilities. The CONELL event was a riverboat ride on the Mississippi. Janet Dolan was the CONELL co-chair. Janet was a classmate of mine at St. Catherine's. While it took me six months to find my first library job, Janet made her own job by establishing the IDS building law library. Janet also introduced Westlaw to us all at a MALL meeting. Remember when the Westlaw database was headnotes only? I thought that Janet Dolan was on the fast track to be an AALL President. Well, Janet changed careers and is now CEO of Tennant Corporation. I stayed in the field and ran for AALL President many, many years later.

What I love about our field is how sharing and caring we are and what a small universe in which our field resides! Elizabeth Quigley, director of the University of San Francisco Law Library, invited me to my first NOCALL meeting soon after I moved to Sacramento in 1983. Elizabeth Quigley was a former Minnesotan, former "Katie," who was told I had taken the Sacramento law library job by June Smith, library science program chair at St. Kate's. At the time NOCALL had only been a chapter for three

years. Because MALL has always been a very active and innovative chapter, I was able quickly to add value to NOCALL committees as they were being established. Even MALL committees on which I never served sent me documents such as the consulting committee manual. So to all the MALL members whose ideas and experience I've continually called upon, I would also like to share the award I received from NOCALL on May 16, 2001. It is the NOCALL Professional Achievement Award for Outstanding Contributions to NOCALL. I am only the third person to receive this award.

One of the things I never thought would happen was that my name would appear on the sports pages.



Thanks to the encouragement another MALL member, Anne Grande, I took up golf, and had a hole in one on the second hole of my fourth game. The best part was that Anne was also my witness. There is a group of law library directors called the membership and subscription law libraries roundtable who meet once a year to share management information and trends within their environments. I was asked to join the group four years ago and Anne & I shared a room at that

Tucson, Arizona meeting. I told Anne that my husband Don and I had purchased a home on a golf course and the ocean north of San Francisco. We rent out the home and plan to retire there. My goal was to learn to play golf when I

retired. Anne said why wait? She started to play golf at 48 and is now her women's league secretary. So for my 48<sup>th</sup> birthday the following October I asked Don to buy me clubs and he also set up lessons. I spent the winter (Yes, you can play golf all winter in California.) at the driving range over lunch hours. Anne was visiting the following spring to address fundraising issues at a Council of California County Law Libraries meeting. We played at a local executive course just before she flew home. That's when the event occurred.

So where am I now! I'm still in Sacramento as the director of the Sacramento County Public Law Library. The staff has grown from 3.5 fte to 15. Library services have grown proportionately. We opened a branch library in 1999 and moved out of the courthouse to the historic Hall of Justice building in 2001. The 1916 beaux arts style building includes a modern addition with lots of glass that soars into the sky. It's a great statement as to the state of law libraries today. We provide traditional and virtual resources and services. Check out our website at [www.saclaw.lib.ca.us](http://www.saclaw.lib.ca.us). There you will see pictures of our new main library facility. Or better yet, stop in the next time you visit northern California.

I'm looking forward to the AALL annual meeting in Minneapolis in July. I will be bringing with me one of the NOCALL VIP's, and one of my board of trustees members. They are looking forward to seeing where I grew up and began my career. ♦

# New Member Profiles

TRUDI BUSCH  
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

## **Jeanette Woessner, Library Services Supervisor, Faegre & Benson LLP.**

Jeanette has been at Faegre as the Library Services Supervisor since April of 2000. Her prior work experience was with Minitex where she provided reference service. She also was employed in Human Resources at Retek Information Systems. Jeanette has a major in Business Administration and a minor in History from the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire and has an interest in pursuing a MLS degree.

## **Stephanie Hull, Library Assistant, Maslon, Edelman, Borman & Brand.**

Stephanie received her major in English and minor in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire. Stephanie's library experience began as she worked in the Medical Library at Luther Hospital in Eau Claire for five years. Her "love of libraries" and relocation to Hudson, Wisconsin, led her to her current position at Maslon.

## **Pauline Afuso, West Group, Legal Product Development.**

Pauline worked as a Library Technician at the U.S Court of Appeals Library in Pasadena, Ca from 1990 – 1992. Two mentors, Evelyn Brandy and Joanne Mazza, encouraged her to go to Library School and specialize in Law Librarianship. Stephanie en-

rolled in the UCLA Graduate School of Library and Information Science, where she had an internship at UCLA Law Library Reference as well as in Technical Services at USC Law Library. Upon earning her MLS, she became a Reference Librarian at the USC Law Library. During 1996 – 1999, Pauline attended Chicago-Kent College of Law, where she participated in the E-Learn Project and in the Intellectual Property Certificate Program. She held a part-time position with the Center for Computer Aided Legal Instruction and had an internship with the Settlement Conference Office, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. After earning her J. D, she returned to California to take the CA Bar. During 1999-2000 Pauline worked as a temporary Reference Librarian for various large California law firms such as Akin Gump; Paul Hastings; and Gibsen Dunn & Crutcher. She accepted her current position at West Group in April 2000. Pauline has varied interests outside of law, including playing the oboe, rollerblading, and collecting pictures of St. Paul Snoopys, of which she has over 100!

## **Darcy Miller, Technical Services Assistant, Leonard, Street & Deinard.**

Darcy has a B.A. degree from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, majoring in English

Literature. While in Moorhead, she worked for almost two years at the Moorhead Public Library. Darcy has an interest in furthering her education either in the area of law or public librarianship.

## **LaVern Pritchard, Pritchard Law Webs.**

LaVern has a B.S. from the University of Iowa, and a J.D. from the University of Minnesota. At various times in his career Lavern has been a Peace Corps volunteer in Maharashtra, India; a professional liability litigator; government and private counsel involved in managing and conducting S & L failure litigation; an entrepreneur; a researcher; a web developer and publisher; an occasional writer; and a regular speaker. LaVern's speaking engagements relate to how and why the Internet is changing law practice and legal marketing forever. Currently LaVern is the publisher of LawMoose.com, home of the Minnesota Legal Web. LawMoose is the first regional legal search engine on the Web and the first legal Web site to adopt a comprehensive community knowledge server model.

## **Tim Baland, Outreach Law Librarian, Minnesota State Law Library.**

Tim graduated from the University of Michigan with a MLS in 1994. His first library position was the Brooklyn Pubic Library in New York City, where he worked for two years. He gained academic librarian experience from a yearlong tenure at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota. Tim continued his

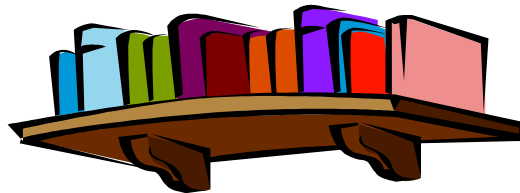
education by obtaining a Subject Masters in the Classics from the University of Iowa in 2000. Upon graduation, he learned about the posting at the Minnesota State Law Library, applied, and was hired. He is very happy to be back in Minnesota among family and old friends.

**Carmen Olson, Acquisition and Collection Development, James J. Hill Reference Library.**

Carmen has an undergraduate degree in English and later earned a Masters in Business Communica-

tion from the College of St. Thomas. Her work experience includes employment at a publisher of a business magazine and 8 to 10 years of paralegal experience in the corporate finance securities arena. Her paralegal experience led her to her current interest in libraries. She is a student in the Minnesota Volunteer Library Certification program sponsored by MELSA/Metronet. She recently accepted the position in Acquisition and Collection Development at James J. Hill Reference Library. ♦

## The Bookshelf



The Bookshelf highlights the leisure reading habits of MALL members, and we need contributors so send the editor a paragraph or two about a book you have enjoyed.

~ **The Editor, Kathy Kelly**

I would have recommended Katharine Weber's *The Music Lesson*, even if the central figure hadn't been a librarian. After the death of her young daughter and the breakdown of her marriage, Patricia Dolan withdrew from friends and took refuge in her work as a librarian in the Frick Art reference library. An attractive, younger, Irish cousin enters her life and awakens romance and adventure. The story is told through the journal Pat keeps as she guards a stolen Vermeer painting, "The Music Lesson" in a

remote cottage in a small Irish village. The painting imparts several lessons involving representations in art and in nature.

I would also recommend *Without Reservations* by Alice Steinbach. Steinbach, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, decided to take a leave of absence from her job and move to Europe for a year in order to rediscover herself, or rather, the woman she left behind as she lived her life. Although it had been her intention to spend her time alone, savoring her independence, she finds herself seeking out new friendships. Steinbach has the journalist's eye for detail and this narrative is interesting and thought-provoking.

~ **Susan Catterall**  
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## Thank You MALL!

May 7, 2001

Dear Lori,

Please convey my many thanks to the wonderful MALL members for the honor of the lifetime membership and the gorgeous vase. I will treasure both of them along with the many happy memories I have of and with MALL.

Regards,

Jean Johnson

All of us lead such busy lives that sometimes even the thought of planning a vacation can be grueling. Well, if you are looking to take a trip without leaving your favorite recliner, I recommend *On Mexican Time* by Tony Cohan. This travel memoir begins with Cohan and his artist wife, Masako, embarking on a short trip to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. They become captivated by the Mexican way of life, slow and simple, and decide that they must return again. Soon they realize that they are ready to leave their fast-paced lifestyles in L.A. and prepare to put down roots in Mexico. The book is beautifully written and a quick read. After finishing the book I was ready to pack my bags and join them.

~ **Shawn Swearingen**  
Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly

# Committee Reports

## Awards & Nominations

JOHN TESSNER

CHAIR

Over the past year, as chair of the Awards and Nominations Committee, I've examined the committee files consisting of grant requests, annual reports, nominations of various kinds, minutes, memos from the president and executive board, etc. Many of the following issues are not new to long-standing members. Many have been proposed and discussed in the past; however, for unknown reasons, they have not been acted upon. I recommend that MALL members support these changes.

1. A long standing idea is creating a MALL scholarship. The amount of the scholarship needs to be determined as well as the criteria for awarding it. I would propose that the amount be substantial such as \$1,000. I would further propose that it be awarded to an individual who has been a member of MALL for at least 3 years. The purpose of the scholarship would be to fund a MALL member in attending law school or library school.

2. Another issue facing MALL and the library community in general is encouraging students to examine the law librarianship as a career. One way MALL might accomplish this is to institute a MALL Student Chapter at the St. Kate's MLIS program. We would have a forum to help library students explore the field

of law librarianship.

3. However, we may want to start out in a more modest way. As an alternative to forming a student chapter at St. Kate's, we might have a MALL member volunteer to be a library school liaison between the St. Kate's program and MALL. The liaison could be a resource person for the various organizations, activities and courses, connected with the MILS program.

4. In the least, I think MALL should establish a "student membership." Although students can join MALL, I think having a membership category called "student" would serve as an invitation to library school students and would serve as a signpost that student members are welcome in the organization. Criteria for a student membership could be determined by the membership committee.

5. This year we had the opportunity to bestow life membership on two retiring MALL members. I think the association needs to specifically establish a criteria for granting life membership as well as the rights and privileges of life membership. The membership committee could establish the procedures for doing so. For some reason, (I think it was the "gift element" ) this issue has been assigned to the Awards & Nominations Committee, I think it is more properly a subject of the Membership Committee.

6. Another proposal I have is to

separate the "Awards and Nominations" committee into two new committees: "Nominations and Elections" and "Awards, Grants, & Scholarships Committee." My reasons are that the work of the committee seems to be concentrated in the spring. Grants are chiefly concerned with the AALL annual meeting, the MALL spring meeting and other summer conventions such as SLA, ALA, etc. If we institute a scholarship, the application deadline would probably be in the spring also.

7. Lastly, we need to formalize in the MALL bylaws a procedure which has become standard operating procedure in the past several elections: Allowance for a "single slate" or uncontested election. Presently, the committee procedure mandates a slate of at least 2 candidates for each office. In an organization as small as ours, it is not easy to find more than one willing candidate per office. A reason for this I think is the longevity of the membership as well many having already served as president and secretary/treasurer. We can still have nominations from the floor as well as write-in votes. Please read pp. 155-56 in Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure for a positive argument in favor of this change.



## Membership

BARB GOLDEN  
CHAIR

Spring is renewal time! Keep those membership forms coming. The 2001-2002 membership year begins June 1, 2001. Please renew by May 31, 2001, so that the directory can be distributed in a timely manner. Of course **new members are always welcome**. The membership form can be found on page 11 of the Mar/Apr 2001 Newsletter at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/mallnews.htm>, through the Membership page at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/mem.htm>, or from the Chair:

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The following **new members** have joined MALL since last reported in the Newsletter. Please join the committee in **welcoming** library science students Martha Wright Sartoris and Kim A. Pettman.

### MEMBER NEWS

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](mailto:tbusch@oppenheimer.com) **OR**

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Long time MALL member **Janet Jacobson** is leaving the Maslon Law Firm to pursue a career in adult education. Watch for more about Janet in the next issue.

**Ardis Jacobson** and **C. Jean Johnson** were installed as Life Members at MALL's annual Spring Conference on May 4, 2001. Both are thriving in retirement.

Congratulations to **Brenda Wolfe** on her new position as Director of the Industrial Relations Center Reference Room at the Carlson School of Management.

Best wishes to Past-President **Beth Peterson** who is recovering from breast cancer surgery and undergoing an aggressive series of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. You may send regards to BethPete@aol.com.

Sympathies are extended to **Dennis Skrade**, Head of Technical Services at the Minnesota State Law Library, on the death of his wife Ann after a long illness. Personal notes can be sent to Dennis at 2226 Quebec Ave., St. Louis Park 55426. Ann had requested memorials to the charity of one's choice. Dennis and his children also suggest the International Myeloma Foundation, 12650 Riverside Dr., Ste. 206, North Hollywood, CA 91607.

### Public Relations

APRIL SCHWARTZ  
COMMITTEE MEMBER

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### New and Upcoming Publications

**Anna Cherry**, Reference Librarian at William Mitchell College of Law, just published "Using Electronic Research to Detect Sources of Plagiarized Materials" in 9 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 133 (Spring 2001).

At the University of Minnesota Law Library, the following people published or will soon publish articles and books:

**Mary Rumsey**, Foreign and International Law Librarian, "The Essential Internet Tour for Business Lawyers", Emerging Technical Issues in the Business Law Practice (Minn.-CLE, 2001); "Foreign and International Law Research on the Web", International Business Law Institute (Minn.-CLE, 2001).

**Joan Howland**, Director of the Library and the Technology/Computerization Program, has two books forthcoming: Retention and Promotion of Minorities in America's Libraries, (with Teresa Neely), and Leadership Roles for Librarians (edited with Herb Cihak). Her new and forthcoming articles are: "Technological Access and Equality in Indian Country", Library Journal, forthcoming, (2001); "Challenges of Working in a Multi-Cultural Environment", Journal of Library Administration, forthcoming, (2001); "Transforming Law Libraries to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century", 11 Trends in Law Library Management and Technology 1 (September, 2000).

**April Schwartz**, Business Law Reference Librarian, "Is There a Futurist in the (Library) House?" 11 Trends in Law Library Management and Technology 4 (December 2000); and United States Tribal Courts Directory (with Mary Jo Brooks Hunter,) forthcoming (2001).

**Suzanne Thorpe**, Assistant Director for Faculty and Public

Services, "Family Law on the Web: Helpful Sites for Practitioners", 21st Annual Family Law Institute (March, 2000); "Online Legal Information in Denmark, Norway, and Sweden", 29 International Journal of Legal Information 51 (2001).

A new book, the revised Minnesota Legal Research Guide by **George Jackson**, University of Minnesota Law Library, **John Tessner**, Hamline Law Library, and **Brenda Wolfe**, University of Minnesota Industrial Relations Center Coordinator, (formerly of Hamline Law Library), is forthcoming (2001).

Add your upcoming and new publications to this column in future issues, please!



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