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The Generations of MALL Thank You

To the Membership of MALL



I'd like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the special recognition I received at the Spring Conference. When I joined MALL almost thirty years ago, the last thing on my mind was qualifying for a life membership in the organization. Now that it has happened, I am deeply touched by this honor and I want to publicly thank the entire membership for my selection.

Also, I am delighted by your gift, and it has already found a special spot in my house. I hope to become more active in MALL so that I can continue to be a part of this wonderful association of professionals and friends.

Warmest regards,

Marvin Anderson

Dear MALL members

With just two classes left to complete my Masters of Library and Information Science, receiving the MALL scholarship is a major morale boost. Thank you for the financial lift that a \$1,000 check brings. And thank you, too, for the honor of being the first MALL scholarship recipient. I appreciate your encouragement and support.

Sincerely,

Sheri Brenden



Member News

BARB GOLDEN
Membership

Look for the *MALL Directory* at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/directory.htm> and send or phone in any corrections and/or additions to:

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MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to these MALL honorees:

- ◆ **Bill Jack**, William Mitchell College of Law, is a 2003 recipient of the West Excellence in Law Librarianship Scholarship.
- ◆ **Sara Galligan**, Dakota County Law Librarian, is a *Minnesota Lawyer* "Up and Coming Attorney of 2003".
- ◆ **Julia Wallace**, University of Minnesota Government Documents Library, is one of *Library Journal's* "2003 Movers & Shakers."
- ◆ Life member **Marvin Anderson** is a 2003 recipient of AALL's Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award.
- ◆ State Law Librarian **Barb Golden** was featured on the front page of the April 28, 2003 issue of *Minnesota*

Lawyer.

And kudos to these MALL authors:

- ◆ **Ed Edmonds** and **Margie Axtmann**, University of St. Thomas Law Library, for "A Law Library in the New Century: The Creation of the University of St. Thomas Law Library," 21 *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 177 (Nos. 2/3, 2002).
- ◆ **Nina Platt**, Faegre & Benson, for "Knowledge Is Power: KM Remains Vital to Firm Success," 7 *AALL Spectrum* 26 (No. 7, April 2003).
- ◆ **LaVern Pritchard's** article about taxonomies and taxonomy development, "Building Better Law Firms - Embedding Practical Classifications into Practice Systems," was published in the April 2003 knowledge management themed issue of *American Lawyer Media's Law Tech News*.

Congratulations to **Marvin Anderson**, **Ann Carter**, and **Nancy McCormick** on being elected to Life Membership in MALL this year.

I am sorry to report that MALL life member and former employee of the Minnesota State Law Library, **Howard Adams**, passed away on April 18, 2003,

at the age of 94. Although infamous among staffers for taking siestas in the stacks, Howard was universally respected for his breadth of knowledge and graciousness.

The following **new members** have joined MALL for the 2003-2004 membership year beginning June 1, 2003. Please join the committee in **welcoming**

- ◆ **Colleen Clish**, Cataloging Assistant, William Mitchell College of Law
- ◆ **Mary Freyberg**, Law Librarian, Scott County Law Library
- ◆ **Michele Kelly**, Consultant, West Thomson
- ◆ **Christine Morong**, Manager, Librarian Relations, West Thomson
- ◆ **Kelly Sharrel**, Acquisitions Assistant, William Mitchell College of Law
- ◆ **Dongfa Zhou**, Head of Technical Services, William Mitchell College of Law

REMINDER: If you have news you'd like to share with the membership in the next newsletter, please contact one of the Membership Committee members:

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The 2003 Legal Research Institute: Another Successful Year

VIC GARCES
Committee Chair

The MALL Legal Research Institute Committee began planning for this year's Institute in October. Committee members were: Pat Dolan, Mary Wells, Karla Gedell, Vic Garces (Chair), and Karen Westwood (Executive Board liaison).

This year the Legal Research Institute (LRI) was held in the winter. Eight two-hour sessions were held on Wednesday evenings from January 29 through March 19. Average attendance was approximately 20 per session. Attendees included attorneys, law librarians, paralegals, public librarians, MLIS candidates, and paralegal program students. The LRI was approved for 16 hours of CLE credit and continuing education credit through the librarian certification program administered by the state office of Library Development & Services.

Twelve MALL members served on the LRI faculty and presented sessions covering nine topics:

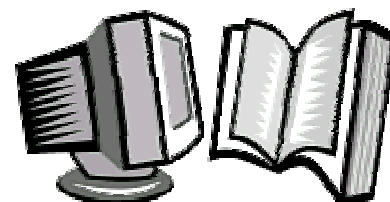
- ◆ April Schwartz—American Legal System
- ◆ Ed Edmonds—Professional Ethics and Legal Research
- ◆ John Tessner—Use of Secondary Materials
- ◆ Susan Kiefer—Researching Case Law
- ◆ Mary Wells and Rick Goheen—Researching Statutory Law and Legislative Histories
- ◆ Vic Garces and Jan Stone—Federal Administrative Law
- ◆ Barbara Golden—Researching Minnesota Law)
- ◆ Mary Rumsey—Researching Foreign and International Law
- ◆ Bill Jack and Susan Catterall—Legal Research on the Internet

Publicity efforts for the LRI began in November with the publication of an ad in the December issue of the *Minnesota Bench & Bar*. Karla Gedell coordinated production of the ad. Pat Dolan published an announcement in the *Ramsey County Barrister*. A brochure and registration form were created with the assistance of David Zopfi-Jordan of the Publicity Committee. Basic information including the brochure and registration form were posted to the MALL web site. Brochures, flyers and announcements were sent to several Min-

nesota bar, paralegal, legal secretarial, and librarian associations and schools. Announcements were also posted to the web sites and listservs of several of these associations and schools. Email announcements with an attached registration form were sent to all MALL members.

The fee for the LRI remained the same as the previous Institute in 1999 at \$50 per session or \$250 for five or more sessions. No student discount was given and there was no registration deadline. As a result, several individuals registered at the door. Total registration fees collected were \$6,150. After publicity and administrative expenses, over \$5,900 was deposited in the MALL treasury.

Special thanks were extended to Hamline Law School and Law Library for hosting the LRI and also to Thomson West for sponsoring refreshments for the final two sessions. §



Be a Mentor

The AALL Mentoring Committee encourages you to participate in the 2003 Mentoring Project as either a mentor or mentee. The purpose of the Mentor Project is to connect newer members of the profession with those more experienced members who want to share the knowledge they have gleaned over the years. The Mentor Project provides, in an informal and personal setting, the opportunity for mentors and mentees to communicate together and build a network of professional relationships.

The Mentor Project is open to librarians from all types of libraries. There is no requirement to attend the Annual Conference. Each participant will be matched as closely as possible to other member profile preferences. The AALL Committee on Mentoring, Retention, and CONELL will review all applications.

If you are interested in participating, please visit our website at http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/mentor_project.html and submit your mentor or mentee application by June 1, 2003. In addition, take a moment to review our selection of articles and tips on mentoring. We look forward to hearing from you. §

Connie Lenz

Associate Director for Collection Development, University of Minnesota Law Library



Business Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2003—William Mitchell College of Law

Welcome

President Karen Westwood called the annual meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. on May 16, 2003, and welcomed MALL members and special guests to the spring meeting. President Westwood then asked for a moment of silence in memory of two MALL life members who've passed away this past year, Bob Stumm and Howard Adams.

Announcement of VIPS

Thanks to the VIP committee chaired by Kathy Kelly, two qualified candidates will be sent to AALL. James M. Pfau, the Technology Partner at Faegre and Benson LLP and Justice Helen Meyer of the Minnesota Supreme Court will be our guests in Seattle.

Approval of minutes and Treasurer's Report

The minutes from the February 2003 and October 2002 business meetings were unanimously approved. Following the minutes, Secretary/Treasurer Carrie Long gave a brief financial report. A detailed annual financial report will be available in the member's only section of the MALL web site in the beginning of June.

Life Membership

Members were then asked to vote on life memberships for Nancy McCormick and Ann Carter and, not surprisingly, both candidates were unanimously approved. Marvin Anderson and Nancy McCormick were then presented with gifts from the Association. Ann Carter was unable to attend and will be given her gift of appreciation at a later time.

Committee Reports

Donna Trimble reported on the activity of the Awards, Grants and Scholarship Committee over the past two years. She noted the hard work that went into revising the criteria and forms under the direction of John Tessner in 2002 and was happy to report that this year the committee managed to spend all the money allotted to them through 7 grants and 1 scholarship. Donna then announced the winner of MALL's very first scholarship: Sheri Brenden. She closed her report by encour-

aging members to apply for grants and next year's scholarship.

The Legal Research Institute was very successful this year thanks to the hard work of this year's faculty and committee members. Chair of the Institute Vic Garces noted that a number of public librarians attended this past institute and he was proud of MALL's accomplishment at outreach.

Mary Rumsey gave the Education Committee report. She opened by thanking Westlaw and Lexis for their financial support of MALL's Spring Conference and noted the success of all of this year's past meetings. Specials thanks were given to Polly Snider, Ed Edmunds, Elvira Embser-Herbert, Sonya Huesman, and Pauline Alfuso for their hard work.

Margie Axtmann, Chair of the Government Relations Committee, reported on the two letters written by her committee addressing the proposed amendment to have printing done outside of the GPO and the proposed 25% Legislative Library budget cut planned in the MN Omnibus Finance Bill. Margie noted that there were more letters to write and asked that members consider signing up for this particular committee.

The LSTA Grant Project, reported by Karen Westwood on behalf of Aimee Blatz, detailed the successful week of workshops, led by Paul Healey, that took place across the state. Karen noted that MALL's outreach work has resulted in MALL being asked to participate in the upcoming Gates Foundation program that will send librarians to the hinterland to do 12 workshops on computer use.

Membership Committee Chair Barbara Golden reported that we have 159 members this year, 29 of which are new additions. She reminded those in attendance to renew their \$20 bargain soon and noted that the members only password for the web site will be changed later this summer.

Announcements

President Westwood congratulated significant accomplishments made by the following MALL members:

Aimee Blatz for receiving LSTA Grant and implementing "Legal Research @ Your Library Workshop."

Marvin Roger Anderson for being awarded the Marion Gould Gallagher Award from AALL. He will receive it at the Awards Luncheon in Seattle in July.

Nina Platt and Faegre and Benson Library Services for winning the Special Library Association's "2003 Innovations in Technology Award."

Sara Galligan for receiving the "Up and Coming Attorneys" award from *Minnesota Lawyer*. The awards dinner will be May 21 with Chief Judge Edward Toussein as guest speaker.

Suzanne Thorpe for her recent election to the Executive Committee of ALL-SIS.

Julia Wallace for being named one of the "2003 Movers and Shakers" by *Library Journal* in the March 15, 2003 Supplement.

Doris Dingley was selected to attend LEXIS-NEXIS Advanced Management for Private Law Librarian's conference.

LaVern Pritchard, Co-Chair of the MSBA Practice Management and Marketing Section

Anita Anderson, AALL SIS Council Chair

Sara Galligan, AALL – SCCLL SIS Executive Board

Nina Platt, AALL Executive Board

New Business

Marvin Anderson, Chair of the George A. Strait Scholarship, thanked MALL members for coming through and supporting the minority scholarship. He reported that his committee hoped to have \$30,000 raised by mid-summer.

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Legal Research @ Your Library: Final Project Report

AIMÉE BLATZ
Project Chair

It is a nice feeling to have a task to check off a list—especially one that has been on the list for well over a year.

It was fall of 2001 when I read an article about law librarians working with public librarians to provide legal research training to public library staff. The training concept seemed like a good idea for MALL to consider because it would allow MALL “to achieve greater recognition” as well as “to be a recognized leader in the legal and library communities”—goals from MALL’s vision statement.

But how could this be done with MALL members already so busy? Who’d be willing to do training at multiple locations at multiple times? Who could take the time away from their daily jobs and family lives to train over an hour away?

Fortunately, there are grants to help alleviate such concerns. Through my previous job, I was aware of the federal grants provided under the Library Services and Technology Act. Among LSTA’s goals is one to “improve the skills of library staff...in serving the needs of their communities.” After talking with other public librarians

and LDS, we decided there was a need to provide such to provide training to librarians in greater Minnesota who serve the pro se patron in publicly accessible libraries -- public, county law, state university, and community college libraries.

The grant was submitted to LDS in spring of 2002. It was the first time that an association such as MALL had applied for such a grant. It took a couple of calls to DC (and a few weeks) to make sure MALL could apply solo without partnering with a library institution.

The grant was awarded last summer and then the real work began! The tasks included finding training labs, publicizing the workshops, and developing online surveys—a great way to measure results, and LDS loves results. To help with overseeing this grant program, MALL created a task force. I was the chair, and members included Pauline Afuso, Karen Westwood, and David Zopfi-Jordan. We worked with librarians throughout the state to determine locations that would meet the criteria of “greater Minnesota” and still have training labs. We chose Austin, Mankato, St. Cloud, and Wadena. The librarians who helped us find training labs and arrange for refresh-

ments—a fundamental for any library get-together—included Ruth Solie of NLLN, Patricia Post of CMLE, Nancy Steele of SMILE, Ginger Stemme of SELCO, and Ann Hokeson of Austin Public Library.

The funding provided for development of a database to handle all the registrations, evaluations, and surveys. MALL was able to contract for this service with the O’Dell Group, a local applications vendor that did an excellent job of administering the registration and surveys, as well as providing reports to submit to LDS. We saved a lot of time by having a vendor do this, as we avoided having to do busy paperwork.

MALL contracted with former member Paul Healey to lead the workshops. Paul did a great job a facilitating. He often analogized legal research with medical procedures, in that it is a complicated process that takes years of school learning and years practicing. While no librarian in Minnesota has been sued for unauthorized practice of law, he stressed that it is still imperative that librarians avoid holding themselves out as an expert on law or trying to advise users with legal matters. He also

provided helpful tips for all librarians: For the director he insisted that a policy is in place dealing with pro se patrons, and staff should be fully aware of this policy. For the reference librarian that it was generally safe to broaden the search terms for pro se patrons—but not to narrow the search criteria.

Overall, there were forty-four participants in the four workshops, and all responded quite favorably to the experience. So what began well over a year ago with a small article came to a conclusion the week of May 12, 2003. It is very satisfying seeing the job well done and to check it off the list. §

Minutes (continued)

Announcements

President Westwood noted that out of 158 MALL election ballots, 62 ballots were returned. As a result, the new MALL Executive Board will consist of returning board members Susan Catterall – Member at Large, Vic Garces as President, and Karen Westwood as Past-President, and new members David Zopfi-Jordan as Secretary/Treasurer and Mary Wells as President-Elect.

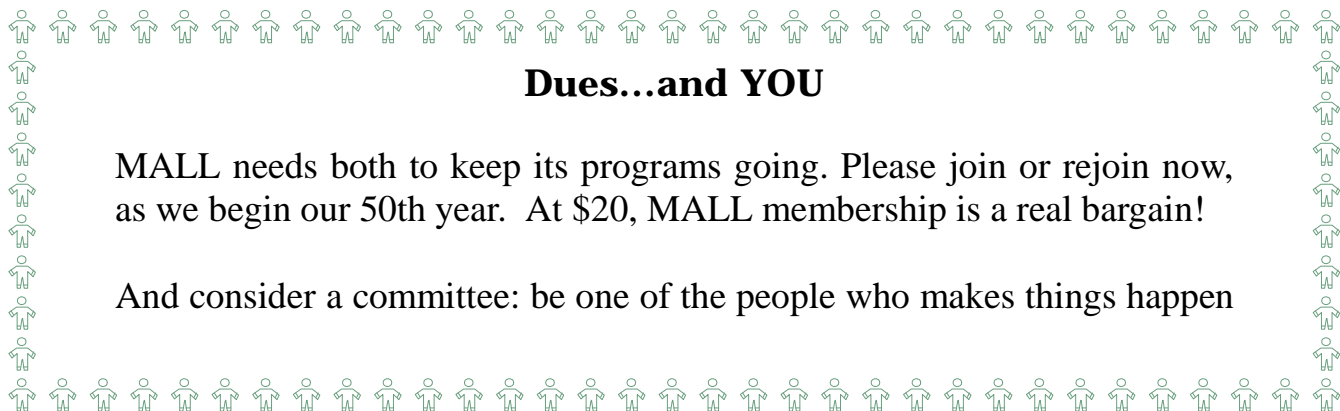
Karen thanked Lori Hedstrom for her service on the Executive Board and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

Karen thanked MALL for allowing her to serve this year, noting that it has been a real pleasure. She then handed the gavel to our new MALL President, Vic Garces.

Vic closed the meeting by urging members to sign up for a committee. He adjourned the meeting at 9:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Long
MALL Secretary/Treasurer



Dues...and YOU

MALL needs both to keep its programs going. Please join or rejoin now, as we begin our 50th year. At \$20, MALL membership is a real bargain!

And consider a committee: be one of the people who makes things happen

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES FOR 2003-04

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The Internet Column

BILL JACK
William Mitchell College of Law

Searching...

The legal Web continues to grow as a fine place to "fetch" things. If you have a particular federal or state case, statute, or regulation in mind, there's a good chance you can get it on the Web.

But what if you don't have a particular federal or state case, statute, or regulation in mind, but instead, you want to find, for instance, Minnesota cases that deal with a seller's duty to disclose defects in real property? First of all, you are severely disadvantaged by the limited amount of known secondary materials available. Then you are at the mercy of various web search engines.

You can select a meta search engine that promises to search other search engines for you (Mamma, Dogpile). You can select one or several general search engines (Google, Alta-vista, Teoma). You can search a directory (Yahoo!). You can select a specialized search engine (Lawcrawler). Or, you can go to a particular site and use its local search engine (i.e., the MN State Law Library offers its own search engine, as do many sites).

No matter which option above

you choose, you are probably still in trouble.

You lack the precision of Lexis/WestLaw/Dialog searching. There are no "Find," "Locate," "KeyCite," or "Shepard's" buttons to click—much less other luxuries such as digests, annotations, and key words. There's no controlled vocabulary, as there is in a library catalog. LawMoose's "Super Easy Search" or "Locate Information Using Pre-Selected Legal Key Words" (<http://www.lawmoose.com/index.cfm?Action=SuperEasySearch.ShowSearchLegalSubjectForm>) is as good as it gets in that regard.

On the Web, Boolean searching doesn't work as well as it's supposed to, and there's a limited ability to conduct field/segment searches that can pare down a long hit list quickly. Again, I must praise LawMoose for the way its drop-down search box does allow for segment searching. On the Web in general, there are few, if any, proximity limiters that really work, and there are varying rules for using Boolean operators in various search engines.

Examples

The Thomas site is great for retrieving a federal bill, if you al-

ready know which bill it is that you want. It allows a bill number search (which is like a field or segment search), and a keyword/phrase search. There are no other advanced searching options. So unless you know the bill number, you are at the mercy of an extremely weak search engine.

Another example is the California administrative regulations website, which contains a variety of Boolean operators and proximity limiters. But wait. Many of the symbols that we must use in the search query are different than—or even opposite of—the ones we have come to know and love in West, Lexis, Dialog, or even on other Web sites.

Do Boolean connectors really help us on the Web? A 2003 IEEE study, "The effects of search engines and query operators on top ranked results," ran 100 queries, with and without proximity connectors, through three major search engines. The study shows that adding proximity connectors didn't improve the results all that much and, oddly, the results across all three search engines (for both searches with connectors and without connectors) were still 60-70% similar. An abstract of the study, as well as ordering information, is available at <http://www.computer.org/proceedings/>

itcc/1916/19160135abs.htm. "Or" seemed to work as the best query operator. "Must appear" didn't always work well.

So what do we do?

Locate and read and study and perhaps even memorize the "how to search" page when using unfamiliar sites.

Consider the advice in a recent Eureka Alert press release that analyzed the results of the IEEE study cited above. The press release's title speaks for itself -- "For best results, stick to one search engine." (http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2003-05/ps-fbr051203.php). It does indeed help to pick a favorite and stick with it long enough to learn its strengths and weaknesses (realizing all the time that, of

course, another search engine's bot may have prowled somewhere your favorite search engine's bot hasn't).

Learn more about how search engines work, and which ones work better than others. The Search Engine Watch is my favorite place to visit for this. Their "Search Features Chart" at <http://searchenginewatch.com/facts/article.php/2155981> is old (November 2001), but it has been updated as recently as March of 2003. The "Search Assistance Features" article at <http://searchenginewatch.com/facts/article.php/2155971> helps remind us of the little aids that particular search engines offer us as we suffer (i.e., "related searches," "clustering," "find similar," "stemming," and "search within").

Don't forget the Search Engine Ratings and Reviews at <http://www.searchenginewatch.com/reports/>. Examine the "Who Powers Whom? Search Providers Chart" (<http://www.searchenginewatch.com/reports/article.php/2156401>), which tells you who licenses Google, etc. I knew that Yahoo had bought Inktomi (even though it now uses Google), but I didn't know that AOL had bought the Open Directory way back in 1998. It's good to know who owns whom and who licenses whom because if you're going to pick an alternative search engine, don't end up unknowingly picking the same one that's under a different name.

And don't forget the best search engine of all. Go to where your instincts and experience tell you the information might be. Once there, look for a map or site index.



Scenes from 2003 Spring Conference

Left, Bill DeJohn updates attendees about the library climate in MN and about MINITEX.

Right, State Law Librarians past and present: Marvin Anderson and Barbara Golden put their heads together.



Left, kudos to the Education Committee for a great conference: Co-Chairs Mary Rumsey and Elvira Embser-Herbert.

Right, MALL Presidents past and paster: Lori Hedstrom and Karen Westwood enjoy a lighter moment before the gavel passes.



Annual Reports

Awards, Grants & Scholarships Committee

The Awards, Grants & Scholarships Committee had a busy and productive year. Our two goals were to spend all the money we were given and to award a scholarship. We started the year by modifying the criteria for grants and scholarships and updating the committee's pages on the web site. As the deadlines for applications approached, advertising became a priority. We sent several e-mails to the MALL membership list, posted notices on the web site, and submitted announcements to the newsletter. It paid off and we were able to meet



our goals.

We awarded seven grants for a total of \$5,825. Leslie Loar received a grant to help her attend SLA. Dianne Narum received a grant to attend the AALL Advanced Cataloging Workshop. The other five grants were to help people attend AALL. Those grants went to Mary Ford, Mary Rumsey, Marvin Anderson, Janet Sheets, and Pauline Afuso. Pauline subsequently received funding from her employer and in accordance with MALL grant

conditions, returned the grant money to MALL. Watch for their reports in upcoming newsletter issues.

We had multiple applicants for the MALL scholarship this year and it was a difficult decision. The scholarship was awarded to Sheri Brenden to assist her in obtaining her MLIS from Dominican University / College of St. Catherine. §

—Donna Trimble, Chair

Education Committee

In 2002-2003, the Education Committee put on three programs—fall and winter meetings, and the Spring Conference.

The October meeting featured two speakers on negotiation—Scot Beckenbaugh, Regional Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, speaking on negotiation generally; and MALL's own Margie Axtmann, speaking on negotiating with legal information vendors. Over 40 MALL members attended.

In February, Bill Jack gave an overview of several alternatives to Westlaw and Lexis. His informative presentation was followed by a panel of firm and law school librarians: Jeanette Woessner, Susan Catterall, Liz Robb and George Jackson. The panelists discussed their experiences getting patrons to use various alternatives.

The February meeting also included an AALL chapter visit

from Catherine Lemann, AALL Executive Board Secretary-Treasurer, and fabulous food from various Grand Avenue restaurants. Again, over 40 MALL members attended.

MALL's Spring Conference featured a variety of programs, including a keynote speech by Bill DeJohn on Minnesota libraries and Minitex. West sponsored the breakfast business meeting, while Lexis sponsored the end-of-day reception. Panel topics included getting a J.D., getting a library degree, retirement planning, "generations at work," and unpublished opinions. Over 60 MALL members attended the conference.

Thanks to Pauline Afuso, Sonya Huesman, Polly Snider, and Ed Edmonds for their work on the Committee, and thanks to all the MALL members who participated in programs throughout the year. §

—Mary Rumsey and Elvira Embser-Herbert, Co-Chairs

Government Relations Committee

The GRC monitored federal and state developments on information policy and access to government information through various e-mail lists and direct contact with the AALL GRC. We used the MALL listserv to notify members of relevant issues.

In December we wrote a letter to the Federal Acquisitions Regu-

lation Council expressing our opposition to proposed amendments to the Federal Acquisition Regulation that would have allowed federal agencies to procure their own printing outside of the Government Printing Office. This development would hurt the depository library program and continue to erode public access to government information. The FAR Council received over 1600 comments on this issue, which is still under review.

In April we wrote a letter to the members of the Minnesota House State Government Committee and the Speaker of the House about the omnibus State Government Finance bill, which at that time included cuts of 25% to the Legislative Coordinating Commission's base budget. The Commission is the parent body for the Legislative Reference Library, whose budget would be decimated by the proposed 23-25% reduction. The final state budget picture is still unclear as of this writing.

In consultation with President Westwood we decided that other state budget battles were too numerous to fight with our limited resources, and we left those not directly relevant to law libraries to our colleagues in other sectors.

The current political and economic climate in Minnesota is very challenging for libraries, and the GRC needs more members to increase MALL's level of activity. I encourage MALL members who have an interest in

legislative advocacy to volunteer for this committee. §

—Margie Axtmann

Membership Committee

MALL ended the 2002-2003 membership year with 159 paid memberships, two full-time student members taking advantage of a free membership year, and nine life members. Twenty-two members joined for the first time this year. The number of paid memberships decreased by six. Employers paid for 70% of the 159 paid memberships.

The types of libraries employing MALL members were 35% Law Firm (a 5% drop from last year), 29% Law School, 18% Government/Courts, and 18% Other or unemployed. 70% of MALL members belong to at least one other professional association; 64% belong to AALL, an increase from last year. The MALL Grant Fund received \$85 during the membership drive.

The Committee conducted the annual membership drive; compiled and produced an online *Membership Directory* for the members-only section of the web site; and responded to requests for mailing labels, information, and application forms. The membership application is available through the MALL web site. Announcements of new members continued to appear on the listserv with a link to

the web site. The committee published profiles of new members and other member news in the *MALL Newsletter*.

I thank my committee members, Kathy Kelly and Jane Hopeman, for their assistance with member news and writing the new member biographies for the newsletter. §

–Barbara Golden

Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter Committee produced six bimonthly issues during the 2002-03 membership year. All were created electronically using MS Publisher and Adobe Acrobat, and published to the MALL web site. Mid-year the decision was made to offer the most current issue of the *Newsletter* only to members, since it is a benefit of paid membership in the organization. The most recent issue is now posted in the Members Only area, while visitors can view all other archived issues.

Thanks to the dedicated members of the Committee, Morgan Wilson and Bill Jack, for their perspectives and talents. §

–Barb Minor, Editor

Public Relations Committee

Committee members:

David Zopfi-Jordan, Chair
Elizabeth Robb
Trina Tinglum

The Public Relations Committee provided support for the initiatives described in *MALL in ACTION for Law and Librarians*. Our committee's responsibility primarily fell under the vision **Advocacy** and the following activities were accomplished:

- ◆ July 2002 - Prepared a display table at AALL Annual Meeting in Florida
- ◆ The Press Directory was reviewed and updated
- ◆ September - Prepared and staffed a display table for the Minnesota Library Association
- ◆ David Zopfi-Jordan submitted material monthly to the Chapter News editor of *AALL Spectrum* about MALL's activities throughout the year
- ◆ Prepared brochures and distributed them for the Legal Research Institute
- ◆ PR assisted with promotion and support of the LSTA grant "Legal Research @ Your Library"
- ◆ Prepared a display table for the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle

Charges for 2003 – 2004:

- ◆ Update the MALL brochure
- ◆ Update the directory,
- ◆ New displays
- ◆ Promotion of MALL
- ◆ Submit news to Spectrum's PR column §

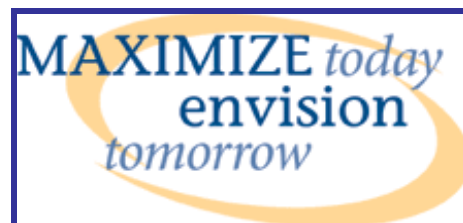
–David Zopfi-Jordan

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee is completing work on updating the *Union List of Looseleaf Services*. The publication will be available on the MALL web site and distributed in print to participating libraries.

A suggested project for next year's committee is to revise *A Guide to Major Law Library Collections in the Twin Cities* and make it available in the "Members Only" section of the MALL web site. The *Guide* was produced in 1994 by a group of collection development librarians. It was arranged by category of materials (e.g., state jury instructions, state regulations) and listed the holdings of the various libraries. §

–Judy Zetterberg



See you in Seattle for the
96th AALL Annual Meeting
July 12 - 16, 2003

2002—2003 MALL OFFICERS

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