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President's Column

VIC GARCES
President

Congratulations to the MALL Education Committee and everyone involved in putting on this year's Annual Meeting! We had an excellent turnout, with over 70 registrants, due in large part to the excellent slate of education programs offered. Special thanks to AALL Executive Board member Al Podboy, Jr., for accepting our invitation to visit us and for presenting a program on outsourcing. Special thanks are also due to our other program presenters: attorney Stuart C. Bear of the law firm of Chestnut and Cambronne P.A. for his very informative presentation on elder law; Julia F. Wallace, Head of the Government Publications Library for her overview of resources for locating and researching U.N., E. U. and other government documents; and to Katherine Hedin, for her entertaining "show and tell" presentation of some of the treasures of the Reisenfeld Rare Books Research Center.

The most special moment of the Annual Meeting was the Awards, Grants and Scholarships Committee's presentation of the MALL Law Librarianship Award to Nina Platt, Director of Library Services for Faegre & Benson and AALL Executive Board member. Congratulations Nina, on

this well deserved honor: you are one of the true leaders of MALL and our profession!

For this issue of the MALL Newsletter, this column should be titled "Past President's Column," as I turned over the gavel to our new President Mary Wells at the Annual Meeting. Congratulations, Mary, and thank you for your support on the Executive Board this year. Congratulations are also in order to our new incoming Board members, Vice President/President-Elect Elvira Embser-Herbert and Member-at-Large Donna Trimble. I'm looking forward to working with all of you and with our able Secretary/Treasurer, David Zopfi-Jordan.

I want to thank departing Executive Board members Karen Westwood and Susan Catterall for their contributions this year and for their selfless dedication to our Association and profession. The advice and guidance you both offered as Board Members this year were invaluable.

I also want to thank all of you who actively served on MALL committees this year. Probably the most important mark of a successful year for any Chapter is the activities and accomplishments of its committees. We had

a number of noteworthy accomplishments from our committees this year, many of which were noted at our Annual Meeting. You can also read about them in the committee reports appearing in this issue of the newsletter and MALL's annual report which will appear in the Fall issue of *Law Library Journal*.

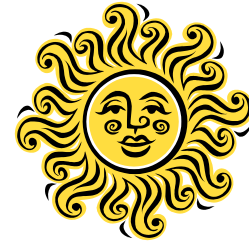
Committee activities are the life blood of all professional associations. Whether it is launching new initiatives like this year's Law Library Open House series, or the consistent provision of quality publications and services year in and year out (such as the MALL Membership Directory and the MALL Exchange), committee activities make our association strong. Without sounding too much like

a pleading MPR pledge drive announcer, I really want to encourage both new members and long time members that have not served on a MALL committee to do so this year. President Mary Wells is standing by to take your requests to serve as a chair or member of one of our many committees. Check out the Committee pages on the MALL web site and talk to past committee chairs or to Mary Wells or myself for information on committee activities and time commitments.

A professional association like MALL requires a "give and take" relationship among its members in order to thrive. We all benefit from MALL in seen and unseen ways, from MALL's many professional development activities and advocacy efforts on behalf of

law librarians and law libraries, to the professional network of colleagues that it brings together. I can't think of a more fitting tribute for MALL members to make, as MALL celebrates its 50th anniversary this coming year, than to volunteer to serve on a MALL committee.

I'd like to close this final column with my sincerest thanks to all of you for giving me the honor and opportunity to serve you and our profession as MALL President this year. Have a great summer! §



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES FOR 2004-05

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| Volume 31, Number 1 | July/August | July 23, 2004 |
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Member News

BARB GOLDEN
Membership

The *2003-2004 MALL Directory* is frozen. I am now gathering membership information for the *2004-2005 MALL Directory* to be published later this summer. A completed form and check (for a mere \$20) is required for every renewal or new membership. Spread the word and keep our Association strong. The membership form can be linked from the MALL home page at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall>, or contact me:

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MEMBER NEWS

I am pleased to report that a record forty new members joined MALL during the 2003-2004 membership year, including twelve students qualifying for a free membership. Remember that new members have an asterisk [*] before their name in the directory. What will happen in 2004-2005 largely depends on you. Keep MALL vital. Encourage new members to join *your* committee. Look for the committee sign-up form in this issue.

Congratulations to **Aimee Blatz** and her husband Greg O'Dell on the birth of their daughter. Kasey was born May 8th, weighing in at 8 lbs., 2 oz., and 21

inches long.

We salute **Ed Edmonds**, University of St. Thomas, for his nomination to the AALL Executive Board. We expect to see his name on the ballot again.

Liz Robb has a new job as Senior Product Developer at Thomson Legal and Regulatory.

Trina Tinglum, University of St. Thomas, is one of five 2004 West Excellence in Law Librarianship Scholarship winners.

LaVern Pritchard has been invited to participate as a presenter and panelist at the 8th International Conference on Substantive Technology in Legal Education and Practice, to be held June 21-23 in Seattle. The theme of this by-invitation-only conference is "From New Technologies to Innovative Ideas."

Dorsey and Whitney has won the 2004 AALL/West Excellence in Marketing Award in the Best Newsletter category for *Iraq Practice Daily Newsletter*.

And kudos to these MALL authors:

- ◆ **Ed Edmonds**, University of St. Thomas for "The Intellectual Hub of a New Law School," 8 AALL Spectrum 16 (No. 7, May 2004).

- ◆ **Sara Galligan**, Dakota County Law Library, for "Rural Lessons for Self-Help Services," 7 Law Librarians for the New Millennium 3 (No. 2, March-April 2004).

- ◆ **Vic Garces**, University of Minnesota, for "Open House: Open Opportunity," 7 Law Librarians for the New Millennium 1 (No. 2, March-April 2004).

- ◆ **Connie Lenz**, University of Minnesota, for "Faculty Services in Academic Law Libraries: Emerging Roles for the Collection Development Librarian," 96 Law Library Journal 283 (No. 2, Spring 2004).

- ◆ **April Schwartz**, University of Minnesota, for "Reflections on Brown vs. Board of Education," 8 AALL Spectrum 16 (No. 6, April 2004).

- ◆ **Nina Platt**, Faegre & Benson, for "Change Strategies are the Key to KM," in the May 24, 2004, edition of LLRX.com. Read it at <http://www.llrx.com/features/changestrategies.htm>.

Vice Officers

Congratulations to **Sara Galligan**, Dakota County Law Library, on her election to Vice-

Chair/Chair Elect of AALL's Legal Information Services to the Public SIS and **Barbara Golden**, Minnesota State Law Library, on her election to Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of AALL's State, Court & County Law Libraries SIS.

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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**97th AALL Annual
Meeting &
Conference
July 10 - 14, 2004
Boston, Massachusetts**

Gates Grant Task Force Report

KAREN WESTWOOD
Project Chair

“Locating Legal Information on the Web” is the name chosen for a series of legal research workshops MALL librarians will present to public librarians throughout the state during the summer and fall of 2004. The Gates Grant Task Force is a subcommittee of the Consulting and Community Outreach Committee and consists of Trina Tinglum, Liz Robb, Jan Stone, and Sara Galligan working on the curriculum; and Karen Westwood and Aimee Blatz working on the grant contract and workshop scheduling.

Bruce Pomerantz, of Library and Development Services, obtained a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to promote use of the Internet and the computers public libraries received from the same foundation over the past several years. In 2003 and 2004, MALL solicited trainers from within our membership, signed off on the grant agreement, developed the curriculum, created a pre- and post-test for public librarians to take before and after the workshops, and scheduled 15 workshops and follow-up sessions throughout the state.

On June 8 MALL will hold the first “Train the Trainer” session in which MALL member-presenters will look at the curriculum, sign up for dates and places, and learn more about the grant. The work-

shops and follow-up sessions are scheduled from June 21 through December 2, 2004 and will take place in the following cities:

Austin
Rochester
Benson
Cambridge
Elbow Lake
Hibbing
Duluth
Mankato
Moorhead
St. Cloud (2 sessions)
St. Paul
Slayton (2 sessions)
Thief River Falls

We look forward to a successful series of workshops and the chance to get the word out about MALL to our public library colleagues throughout the state. A big thanks in advance to all the MALL members who've offered to present the workshops, to Aimee Blatz, whose LSTA grant last year brought MALL to the attention of Library and Development Services, and to Trina Tinglum, who chairs the curriculum committee for this project. §

MALL Spring Conference 2004



Al Podboy



Katherine Hedin



Stuart Bear



Scholars, with Ms. Dollar\$



Madame President



Listening, learning...



...lunching

Local Wisdom

This installment of Local Wisdom features directors of Twin Cities law firm libraries. Thanks to Trudi Busch, Director of Information Resources at Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly; Doris Dingley, Director of Library Services at Lindquist & Vennum; and Hope Porter, Head Librarian at Merchant & Gould. We deeply appreciate their participation.

How has your library's collection changed over the past five years? What is the proportion between print and electronic resources?

As one would expect, all three firm librarians indicated that their firms had cancelled print resources over the past five years, and that they rely much more heavily on electronic resources. Oppenheimer implemented a well-structured plan to gradually scale back print and redefine the library's image. Trudi explains: "Oppenheimer Library began on a mission to reduce print resources approximately five years ago, in concert with a brand campaign to change from our traditional image of Library / Librarians to become Information Resources (IR) / Information Research Specialists. Our logo—*More Than Just Books*—was symbolic of our transformation. The realization that we were managing

and researching much more than the print resources was a catalyst for the change." They first eliminated regional reporters that covered jurisdictions where Oppenheimer had little or no litigation and one copy of duplicate sets of resources like the *Minnesota Statutes*. This led to the elimination of all the remaining regional reporters, except for the *North Western Reporter*. Various other subject specific titles were no longer updated as they came up for renewal, provided that coverage of the content was available online. Most recently IR obtained permission to eliminate the *Federal Reporters* and the *North Western Reporter*.

At Oppenheimer, the gradual elimination of print helped users to embrace the change. In many cases, books that were no longer being updated were still retained on the shelves labeled as "No Longer Updated." This allowed users who were having difficulty with the change to use the outdated print as a starting point and then update their findings online. According to Trudi, "The 'safety net' of the outdated print availability, the development of [West] Find and Print, and the addition of electronic access to core resources on the IR Intranet have all served to bridge the gap from print to electronic." Currently Oppenheimer's collection has approximately 25% remaining in print.

Hope's library lost space when Merchant & Gould moved to a new space two years ago. As a result, the library's collection of reporters was reduced by about 50%. The library now relies on online resources to provide the cases previously held in print. The firm has a number of regional offices, and at least three of those offices have very little in the way of print resources. They have access to electronic resources such as treatises online or BNA's libraries via the Internet.

Doris, who worked at Arthur Andersen for sixteen years, has been with Lindquist & Vennum since November 2001. Since then, the firm remodeled their main Library and actually **increased** space rather than decreasing it. Notably, the print collection has still been reduced. Doris notes that the library has eliminated hard copy of West Regional Reporters, and hard copy of newsletters that are now available electronically (with archives available electronically also). At this point, Doris estimates that the collection is probably 75% hard copy and 25% electronic.

How has your staffing been impacted by changes in collection development? Are you doing things differently?

Hope and Doris have both found that changes in collection development have increased their staffing needs. According to Hope, "Handling more electronic resources actually takes more time and effort." In addition to having administrative responsibility for all electronic resources, Merchant & Gould's library staff also performs patent and literature and company searching. Staffing demands became so great that the Merchant & Gould headquarters library actually added a half-time position recently.

Doris concurs that staffing needs have increased over time. Although the Lindquist & Venum library has cancelled some print subscriptions, the need for staffing has not diminished. This is due in part to the fact that the firm has added more attorneys. It can also be attributed to the fact that the library's staff "provide many added-value services unrelated to the changes in the collection."

In her response, Trudi focuses on the ways in which changes in

collection development have virtually changed staff's job descriptions. The role of the Information Research Specialist in charge of cataloging has evolved to linking titles formerly owned in print to their electronic counterpart in Westlaw or Lexis, by identifying online vendor and library or file access. The cataloging of web sites, electronic journals, and CD-ROM resources is now routine. Evaluation of Internet resources to include on the IR Intranet is another new responsibility. The Information Research Specialist's role is increasingly important in filtering the current awareness content so that only meaningful information is disseminated to the lawyer. To do this effectively, not only must the IR professional know the needs of the lawyers, but they must also know the resources that may be trusted to impart high-quality current awareness.

At Oppenheimer, the shift to electronic resources has also led to greater partnering with online representatives to assist with training and to develop the mix of print and electronic content most bene-

ficial to the firm. IR in turn, provides input to online representatives regarding product enhancements that will add value to the end user experience.

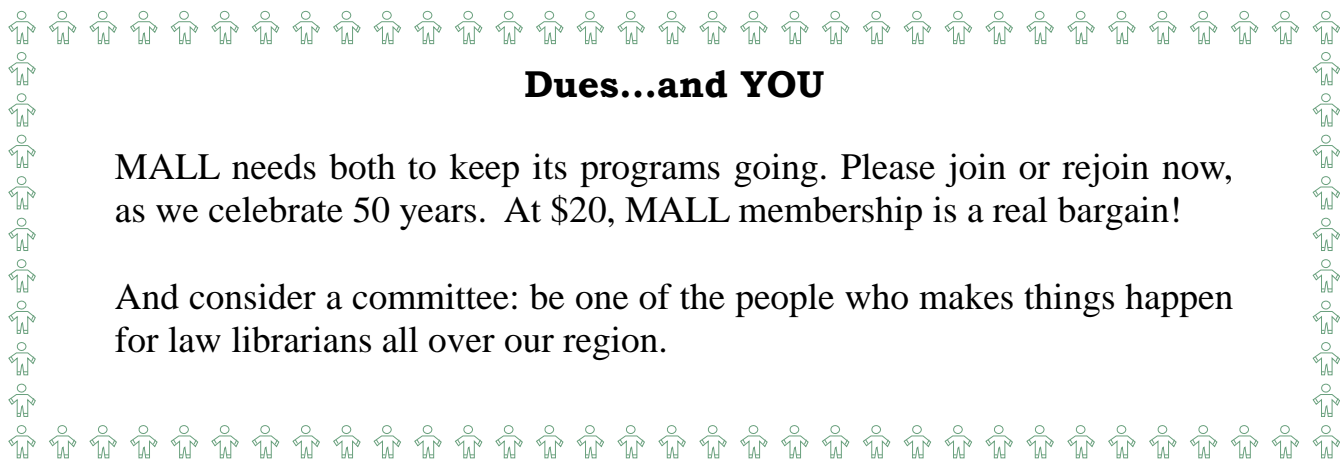
Finally, Trudi notes that the role of the paraprofessional has been enriched in the shift to electronic access. At Oppenheimer, the paraprofessional position has evolved to that of a document retrieval maven. Expertise in locating and retrieving electronic documents, articles, reports, SEC filings, standards, and fulfilling electronic case retrieval requests is of paramount importance. Other duties include reporting of copies of articles made to the Copyright Clearance Center for royalty payments; transmitting electronic table of contents; and maintaining the InMagic checkin / serials payment database and providing reports as needed.

Are new attorneys coming to your firm with good research skills? How might legal research education be enhanced to prepare "baby lawyers" for their work in private firms?

Dues...and YOU

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

And consider a committee: be one of the people who makes things happen for law librarians all over our region.



Trudi finds that new attorneys come to Oppenheimer very well versed in electronic research. "The most difficult hurdle for them is the paradigm shift from 'free' access to 'cost-effective' legal research. They need to understand that planning strategies before going online is important. They need to understand the nature of the mix of resources available for them at the Firm and learn when it is prudent to use certain resources and when it is not." Trudi observes that new associates who have a solid foundation in legal research using print resources are best equipped to be successful in transitioning those skills to electronic research. It is important for them to have an understanding of the tangible paper trail of the *Federal Register* to the *Code of Federal Regulations* and to understand the difference between a statute and a rule—sometimes easy to confuse when looking only at online information. Hands on experience with looseleaf services would be beneficial as well.

At a specialized firm like Merchant & Gould, it is expected that new attorneys will do a lot of learning on the job. As Hope observes, "There are patent and trademark classes in law school, but there's no way to learn everything there is to know about this business in a classroom setting." The library staff provides legal research training for new associates and asks the legal vendors to show associates the IP-related resources on their systems. The librarians also stress the importance

of using print resources such as patent or trademark treatises that will help provide perspective and context. Hope suggests that law school libraries should maintain basic IP treatises and educate students about published IP cases in sets like the *United States Patent Quarterly*—a case law set that contains IP cases not always covered in other reporters. It would also be helpful if law schools provided some guidance about "shepardizing" patents, trademarks, and copyrights.

Doris sees new associates with a variety of research skills. Many have a "Google mentality," i.e. everything is available on the internet and Google can find it. But there are also others who genuinely try to use the books. Doris's suggestion for law schools is a quote from Debbie Rusin's article on "Working Smarter" (<http://www.lexisnexis.com/infopro/events/SummerAssociates/2002/DebbieRusinarticle.doc>)

"We may never seal the gap completely between what students learn in law school about legal research and what law firm librarians think they should know about entering the firm. We need to at least teach the law students the right questions to ask."

How has your firm addressed knowledge management (i.e. brief banks, expertise directories)?

Neither Oppenheimer nor Lindquist & Vennum have decided upon a knowledge management solution. Merchant & Gould uses a home-grown system for managing their

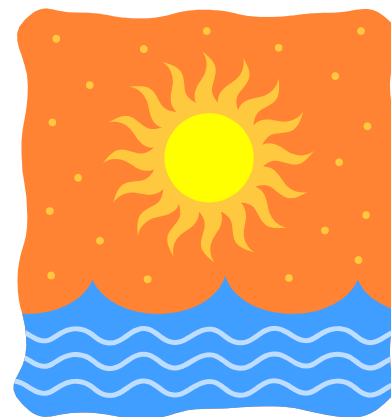
caseloads, and it has proven to be a highly successful tool for litigation teams.

What is your favorite Twin Cities summer event?

Doris: I guess I would have to say the "Great Minnesota Get-together"—the Minnesota State Fair.

Hope: My favorite event is the Renaissance Festival. I make it a habit to attend every summer. I'm always on the lookout for an unusual piece of pottery or a pretty piece of handmade jewelry. I love the hustle and bustle, the music and the food!

Trudi: Summer weekends will find me enjoying my lake home in northwestern Minnesota. As partial season ticket holder, I also attend several Minnesota Twin baseball games—weekday nights only—then off to the lake! §



Annual Reports

Awards, Grants & Scholarships Committee

In addition to MALL funds for grants and scholarships, we also received a registration grant from AALL this year. The AALL grant was awarded to Judith Flader. We awarded four MALL grants for a total of \$2,069.50. The first grant was awarded to Karen Westwood at the beginning of the year to help her attend the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting. The other three grants were to help people attend the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. Those grants went to Judith Flader (to cover costs not included in the AALL registration grant), Nancee Halling, and Pauline Afuso. Watch for their reports in upcoming newsletter issues.

We had multiple applicants for the MALL Scholarship this year and it was a difficult decision. After consultation with the Executive Board the committee decided that because there were so few grant applications this year, we would award three \$1000 scholarships. The scholarships were awarded to Bill Jack to assist him in obtaining his MLIS from Dominican University / College of St. Catherine, and to Aimee Blatz and Timothy Baland to assist them in obtaining their JD degrees from William Mitchell College of Law.

We also received nominations for both the Distinguished Service

Award and the Law Librarianship Award. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to the members involved with the Legal Research@ Your Library project. Certificates were presented to Aimee Blatz, Pauline Afuso, Karen Westwood, David Zopfi-Jordan, Anita Anderson, Janet Sheets, Susan Hayles and Paddy Satzer. The Law Librarianship Award was presented to Nina Platt in recognition of her dedicated service to MALL and to the profession. §

—Donna Trimble, Chair

Consulting and Community Outreach Committee

Members of the committee for 2003-04 were Aimee Blatz, Sara Galligan, Suzanne Grossman, and Trina Tinglum, with Karen Westwood as Executive Board liaison. The committee dedicated its efforts this year to assisting in the development and implementation of legal research training for public librarians (see Karen Westwood's Gates Grant report). A grant subcommittee was folded into the Consulting and Community Outreach Committee at the beginning of the program year. The subcommittee deserves much credit for its extraordinary effort and expertise in developing a curriculum and administering a new MALL training program. Other outreach committee activities included a revised

description of the committee's purpose for the MALL web site to reflect the committee's new community outreach focus. The committee also produced a *Legal Resources for Public Libraries* guide for public librarians. The guide identifies basic and enhanced titles, primarily in the area of print materials that would be helpful to public library users with legal information questions. The guide is also available on the MALL web site and will be linked to the online MORE (Minnesota Opportunities for Reference Excellence) Manual developed by Minnesota public librarians. To promote increased access to law libraries and law library services, committee members worked with LawMoose.com and the MSBA Pro Se Committee. The committee also identified Reforma as a group to monitor for further library outreach efforts to the Latino community.

—Sara Galligan, Chair

Education Committee

In 2003-2004, the Education Committee, consisting of Pauline Afuso, Mary Ann Archer, Pat Cummings, Janice Leichter, and Polly Snider, organized three programs: the October and April dinner meetings, and the full-day Spring Conference, held in May.

The October meeting featured our two 2003 AALL VIP guests, Justice Helen Meyer, Minnesota Supreme Court, and James Pfau, Partner, Faegre & Benson. After the business meeting, Justice Meyer and Mr. Pfau shared with us their impressions of the AALL Annual Meeting, and—in a nutshell—it was all very complimentary for the profession. For readers who will be attending this year's Annual Meeting in Boston, please note that Justice Meyer will be a featured speaker in a panel called "Behind the Scenes: The Work of State Appellate Justices."

These wonderful speakers were not the only reason why this night was such an exciting one. The fall meeting was held at the new University of St. Thomas Law School campus, which had its official gala opening in October. Because this meeting took place before the official celebration, attendees were allowed a sneak peek at the new facilities. Members of the St. Thomas Law Library staff stayed after the meeting to give MALL members a tour of the library and the courtroom.

In December, several MALL members celebrated the holidays at the joint Holiday Party, held at the Women's Club. An added bonus to this year's party and book sale was the silent auction. The Library School students from the College of St. Catherine donated books, movies, food, soap, services, and even a TV for the auction, and during the evening, party-goers bid on items until

time was called. Proceeds from the auction benefited the Library School program at St. Kate's.

The next meeting took place in April at the Minnesota State Law Library in the Minnesota Judicial Center in St. Paul. The theme for the meeting was "The State of County Law Libraries." We had a distinguished panel of four speakers to update us on this topic: Sara Galligan, Manager of the Dakota County Law Library; Barbara Golden, Minnesota State Law Librarian; Anne Grande, Director of the Hennepin County Law Library; and Gene Myers, Director of the Anoka County Law Library. The information that each panelist brought to the discussion was very thought-provoking, as evidenced by the lively audience participation. Indeed, in some aspects, it wasn't really a panel, but more of an open forum discussion. People interested in this topic were encouraged to attend the AALL Legislative Advocacy Leadership Training Workshop in Boston.

The Spring Conference, held on May 21 at the University of Minnesota Law School, was well attended, with over 70 members registered. The morning began with a hearty breakfast buffet sponsored by LexisNexis. Following was the AALL Update from Al Podboy, Director of Libraries, Baker & Hostetler. Al is finishing his third year as a member of the AALL Executive Board. That segued to the first session, where Al first gave an overview on Professional Outsourcing, and then led a

Brief discussion of tactics on how to avoid being outsourced.

–Pauline Afuso, Chair

The second session featured local attorney Stuart Bear. His dynamic session on Elder Law was a real eye-opener for those of us who had not really contemplated the consequences of aging. The tasty lunch, generously sponsored by West, was followed by an informative session by Julia Wallace, Head of the University of Minnesota Government Publications Library. Julia's presentation started with an examination of the Government Documents web page (<http://govpubs.lib.umn.edu/>) and then became a tour of U.S. government and international resources, highlighting the importance of having this world-class collection available to us.

The last session, presented by Katherine Hedin, Curator for the Stefan A. Riesenfeld Rare Books Research Center, was a real treat! It was a show and tell (but not touch), where Katherine displayed several of her favorite rare books from this extraordinary collection, and told us the history of each of these interesting tomes.

The committee would like to thank Vic Garces, our Board Liaison, for all of his help. Vic worked tirelessly throughout the year to help us present some very good programs. We would also like to thank everyone who attended these meetings throughout the year. Thank you all! §

Government Relations Committee

The Government Relations Committee 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.

The chair participated in the Minnesota Library Association's 2004 Legislative Day program on February 12, 2004. Major platform issues included funding for public library capital improvements to make it possible for older buildings to accommodate new technology, meet the needs of non-English speaking users, and meet physical accessibility standards.

The committee supported the legislative effort of Florida county law librarians to restore funding that was eliminated in a bill passed by the Florida Legislature (2003 *Florida Laws*, Ch. 402). That law eliminated (effective July 1, 2004) the filing fee revenues that had historically provided a sustainable funding model for county law libraries. Thanks to petitions and other grass roots efforts, the 2004 Florida Legislature passed a law (SB 2962, *Florida Statutes* 939.135) authorizing county boards of commissioners to fund county law libraries

through an additional court cost on criminal defendants. The committee is also monitoring county law library funding issues in California and Pennsylvania.

The chair will attend the Legislative Advocacy Leadership Training Workshop at the AALL Meeting in Boston, on Saturday, July 10. The emphasis at this year's workshop will be on public law library funding at the state level. This is in response to the work of the SCCLL SIS, approved by the AALL Executive Board, to make state funding advocacy a priority for the AALL Legislative Affairs Office. §

–Anne Grande, Chair

Internet Applications Committee

Rich Harrington
Susan Hayles, Co-Webmaster
(Co-Chair)
Janet Sheets, ListServ Manager,
Co-Webmaster (Co-Chair)

The Internet Applications Committee continued its mission of maintaining the MALL web site and of providing for effective communication through the MALL ListServ.

We met early last fall with plans to serve as liaisons to other MALL committees in order to assist in further development of the various committee pages. This year we experimented with dual webmasters sharing the responsibility of the task, as we felt it

would be appropriate to have more than one person familiar with the procedure for keeping the site current.

We feel it is time now for a real transition. There is a need to recruit volunteers who will bring new life to this committee and to take on the responsibility of web maintenance. We are also increasingly aware of the importance of having the support of a committee (and a chair other than the web maintainers) to bring fresh leadership and provide the direction for taking on new initiatives.

Goals & Issues Pending:

- ◆ Consider purchase/use of HTML editor software for maintaining the website. Consider the use of style sheets for future redesign.
- ◆ Revise and update the Internet Applications Committee page – tool kit, links, etc.
- ◆ Investigate the request for preparing a means for electronic voting in the future. (Zopfi-Jordan request of 4/23). Check out possibilities for use of new tools that may now or soon be available from AALL as a result of their move to the new server last year.
- ◆ Fulfill the dream of making committee news more readily available on the website. Post selected articles from newsletters directly into

committee pages when possible. Accomplishing this will require some coordinated, organization-wide judgment as to what is appropriate to post directly on the web site and what is better included in the Newsletter, which is edited and formatted for archive purposes.

- ◆ Submit copies of past versions of the MALL web site to MALL Archives.

Thank you to all who submitted news and information for keeping the website current this year!

–Susan Hayles and
–Janet Sheets, Co-Chairs

Membership Committee

MALL ended the 2003-2004 membership year with 176 paid memberships, seventeen more than last year. Twelve full-time student members took advantage of a free membership year. There are nine life members. Forty members joined for the first time this year, a 182% increase from last year! With such a large number, only half could be profiled in the *Newsletter* this year. So watch for 'newer' member profiles next year.

The type of library employing MALL members were 37% Law Firm, 27% Law School, 15% Government/Courts, and 21% Other or unemployed. 69% of

MALL members belong to at least one other professional association; 55% belong to AALL (an increase from last year). The MALL Grant Fund received \$100 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. The committee published profiles of new members and other member news in the *Newsletter*.

I thank my committee members, Karla Gedell and Judy Flader for their assistance with member news and writing the new member biographies for the newsletter. §

–Barbara Golden, Chair

Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter Committee produced six bimonthly issues during the 2003-4 membership year. All were created electronically and published to the MALL web site.

The Committee was diminished by two this year. Bill Jack took a hiatus from his Internet Column to recuperate from surgery and go back to school. And Morgan Wilson left Minnesota to return to his home base in Tasmania.

Connie Lenz continued the innovative new "Local Wisdom" column she and Morgan developed, interviewing various members of the MALL community for their thoughts about law librarianship in general and their challenges in particular. §

–Barb Minor, Chair

Nominations Committee

April Schwartz is the 2003-4 committee chair, and Joyce Larson-Schampel is the other committee member.

Two E-mailed announcements were sent to the membership, asking for nominations for Member-at-Large and Vice President/President-Elect. The deadline for nominations was March 26, 2004. A slate of two names was then forwarded to the President.

Policy and procedures concerning the handling of situations involving multiple nominees for the same office should be reviewed and revised as needed by the MALL Executive Board and members of this committee. The Nominations Committee Manual or other documents related to the work of this committee should be located. If these documents cannot be located, a new manual should be created to help guide this committee in the future. §

Technical Services SIG

The TS-SIS had a wonderful year!

A few of us met as an ad hoc committee to discuss and make the arrangements for a cataloging workshop. Our goal was to offer to MALL members, and to those working in the law library environment, a basic workshop that would help them on the job and appreciate the intricacies of professional cataloging. For a mere \$35 per session the attendee had a one day training class in the basics. The professional staff consisted of two professional librarian-trainers: Stephen Hearn of the University of Minnesota and Diane Power of Hamline University. The first three sessions were offered through MOTSE (Minnesota Opportunities for Technical Service Excellence). Until her terrible auto accident, Peggy Hall, Hennepin Co. Law Library, acted as the liaison with MOTSE in making the arrangements.

Paddy Satzer of the University of St. Thomas Law School Library presented the fourth session, a half-day, that covered basic legal cataloging. Twenty-six people signed on for one or more sessions. Once we had that many registering classes were re-scheduled at the University of St. Thomas Law School, rather than holding them at Dorsey & Whitney. Although it was not our goal, the workshop had an extra benefit of making some money for our chapter.

The Technical Services Group also had three morning meetings. Inadvertently the first one was not based on a topic but it was used to good effect in discussing what concerns technical services people have and then scheduling two more meetings before the MALL Annual Meeting. The second meeting in February saw an overview of serial linking in library systems. At the third meeting in early May, Don Zhou of William Mitchell College of Law gave a demonstration of using Perl scripting to link electronic periodicals to the appropriate bibliographic record in Innovative's Millennium OPAC. All of these meetings had a minimum attendance of 10 people.

With the start of a new MALL fiscal year, the TS-SIS needs a new chairperson. Janice Leichter is stepping down from that position after three years. The group has proposed meeting on August 11, a month after AALL in Boston, and doing a summary of some of the presentations or seminars sponsored by the national AALL Technical Services SIS. This is also a planning session for any topics or subjects that MALL members may want covered during the year. The goal is to continue having substantive quarterly meetings but not necessarily serious ones. §

–Jan Leichter, Chair



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SIGN UP FOR A COMMITTEE OR TWO!

Please fill in the form below and sign on for a year of important MALL initiatives. New members are especially encouraged to sign up. *Please mail, fax or e-mail your completed form a.s.a.p. to:*

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