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**Monday Afternoon—Session One  
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[The first session of the General Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries was called to order at 4:15 P.M. at the America’s Center, Washington Avenue Complex Room, with Claire M. Germain, President, presiding.]

**Call to Order**

¶1 **President Claire M. Germain** (Cornell University Law Library, Ithaca, New York): The Chair is pleased to call to order the first session of the 2006 General Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries.

¶2 As of July 9, 2006, we have 1772 AALL members registered for the 2006 Annual Meeting. If you want a larger number, the total number of people attending the Annual Meeting, including exhibitors, nonmembers, and VIPs, is 2974. Our Bylaws, Article V, Section 3, stipulate that “a quorum for a business meeting of the Association shall consist of fifty members registered at that meeting.” The Chair observes that there is a quorum.

### **Introductions**

¶3 The Chair would like to introduce those present at the head table: Parliamentarian Teresa Dean, Vice President/President-Elect Sally Holterhoff, Treasurer Joyce Manna Janto, Secretary Darcy Kirk, and Executive Director Susan Fox.

### **Adoption of the Standing Rules**

¶4 The Rules of Conduct for AALL General Business Meetings appear on page eleven of your Annual Meeting program. In the interest of managing today’s agenda, no member may speak for more than three minutes. The Chair will limit discussion to no more than ten minutes on any one agenda item. The Chair will announce when the time is completed. If members wish to extend discussion beyond the allowed time, a motion to extend discussion must be passed by two-thirds majority. If the Chair hears no objection, these rules will be adopted for this meeting. (No response.) Hearing no objection, these rules are adopted for the 2006 Business Meeting, session one on Monday and session two on Tuesday.

### **Adoption of the Agenda for Both Sessions**

¶5 For information in planning our agenda, are there any resolutions that will be introduced during this meeting? If anyone has a resolution to introduce, please provide the Secretary with three copies of it now. These resolutions will be added to the end of this session of the Business Meeting under new business. If you want to introduce a resolution for the second session of the Business Meeting, please provide the Secretary with three copies in advance of that meeting.

¶6 Copies of today’s agenda are available in the back of the meeting room. The session today will be recessed no later than 5:15 P.M. Are there any changes to the agenda? (No response.) Hearing none, I declare the agenda adopted.

### **Approval of the Minutes from the 2005 Business Meeting**

¶7 The minutes of the 2005 Business Meeting were published in the Fall 2005 issue of *Law Library Journal*, Volume 97, Number 4. Are there any corrections? (No response.) If there are no corrections, the Chair will declare those minutes approved. (No response.) Hearing no objections or corrections, I declare the minutes of the 2005 Business Meeting approved as published.

## Report on Elections

¶8 The Chair is pleased to call Secretary Darcy Kirk to the podium for a report of the 2006 election results.

¶9 **Ms. Darcy Kirk** (University of Connecticut School of Law Library, Hartford, Connecticut): Thank you, Madam President. The ballots<sup>1</sup> for AALL's electronic election of the 2006–2007 officers and board members were distributed to all voting members on November 1, 2005, and returned by December 1, 2005, and tabulated electronically that same day. This schedule is consistent with the AALL Bylaws.

¶10 The successful candidates were Ann Fessenden, Vice President/President-Elect; and Janice Henderson and Cornell Winston, Members of the Executive Board. Continuing on the Board are Sally Holterhoff, President; Claire Germain, Past President; Joyce Manna Janto, Treasurer; Darcy Kirk, Secretary; and Steven Anderson, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Anne Meyers, and Kathie Sullivan, members of the Executive Board.

¶11 A total of 1573 ballots were returned on time and none were invalidated. AALL also received 49 paper ballots, for a total of 1622 ballots returned. An itemized list of election results has been submitted with this report and is available from the Executive Director upon request.

¶12 **President Germain:** Thank you. The Chair declares the following persons duly elected by the membership and asks them to stand and be recognized: Ann Fessenden, President-Elect; and Janice Henderson and Cornell Winston, members of the Executive Board. (Applause.)

¶13 If there are no objections, the Chair will authorize the Secretary to destroy the ballots of the 2006 election. (No response.)

## Memorials

¶14 We have been informed of the deaths of several members and friends of our Association during the past year. They are John Banta, Sarah Turley Cole, Marilyn Ridderman Coon, Winifred (Winnie) Wylie Edwards, Michelle (Mickey) Epstein, Mary Glennon, Michalina Keeler, Kathryn P. Mattox, Anne Mustain, Marla Schwartz, Frederica Sedgwick, Oscar Strothers, and Frances Thompson. Are there any other members we should remember at this time?

¶15 **Unidentified Speaker:** Yes. Michelle Falkow.

¶16 **Unidentified Speaker:** Yes. Suzanne Borenstein.

¶17 **Unidentified Speaker:** Muriel Anderson, past chair of BIALL.

¶18 **President Germain:** Please stand and join me in a moment of silence in memory of those individuals who died during the past year. They will be

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1. See *infra* Appendix: Statements and Biographies of Candidates for 2006 AALL Election.

remembered for their contributions to AALL and to the law library profession. (A moment of silence was observed by the members.) Thank you.

### Report of the President

¶19 When I took office, I set out as one of my most important tasks to serve as ambassador for AALL with the legal community. I attended the four quarterly meetings of the Council of the ABA's Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar which presides over the accreditation of law schools. In doing so, I networked with leaders in the legal profession and legal education. I explained to the members of the section AALL's proactive stance on helping federal and state government authenticate the electronic versions of their official documents, and they listened with great interest. The judges told me that they would take up that issue in their courts. This is an area where AALL can make an impact and is already making an impact. We can feel very proud that one of us, Dan Freehling, was appointed to be deputy consultant on legal education of the ABA.

¶20 Among other highlights of the year, two stand out. I made a speech at the Government Printing Office on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the *Federal Register*. I spoke about how much it had improved access to the lawful citizens. The other speakers on that occasion included Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein, who will be speaking to us tomorrow, U.S. Public Printer Bruce James, who also is going to speak tomorrow at our meeting, as well as Solicitor General of the United States Paul Clement and U.S. Senator Ted Stevens. Another memorable event was my meeting at the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with the Honorable Fiol Matta, one of the court's justices.

¶21 I would now like to report on some of AALL's major achievements that have occurred during my presidency. Needless to say, as the French say, I am *mail-lon de chaine*, a link in the chain. Some of the achievements I inherited from my predecessors, and they were brought to successful completion this year. In turn, I started some initiatives that hopefully will be continued and flourish under my successors.

¶22 The year started with the devastation in New Orleans caused by Hurricane Katrina. AALL set up a blog on AALLNET so that our members in the affected areas and elsewhere could report on their well-being and location. And we stand ready to help further if needed.

¶23 Our three-pronged Strategic Directions focus on three pillars: leadership, education, and advocacy. Our Association made progress on all of these fronts.

¶24 On the education front, the most exciting news overall for the Association is the new continuing professional education program resulting from the work of the Education Summit held in September 2005 and, particularly, the following decisions taken by the Executive Board at its April 2006 meeting in Chicago.

¶25 At that meeting we approved the hiring of an education manager, and the position was filled in record time by our Executive Director. We now we have an education manager, Celeste Smith, who started on June 1. (Applause.)

¶26 A very important factor of helping to make a program successful is money. We managed to provide financial support through the transfer of \$20,000 from the current reserve to a new line for education grants. We also received and are very grateful for generous support from BNA, Inc. for the education program. We also approved an exception for three years to the AALL financial policy so that there will be no application of the standard overhead amount to continuing education programs planned outside of the Annual Meeting.

¶27 We approved two institutes, one on leadership proposed by Mike Chiorazzi, and one on law firm management, generously funded by BNA, proposed by Mark Estes, Jill Sidford, and Kay Todd.

¶28 We now have an online Calendar of Events and a Speakers' Roster.

¶29 What do these plans mean to you as a member? You told us what educational opportunities you wanted to have, and in response AALL has been nimble and responsive to your needs. So much has happened in just a few months between September 2005 and June 2006. This shows how nimble our organization is, and it also shows how much we want to encourage members' initiatives. So effective immediately if you want to get grants for education programs at the chapter level or at the individual level, you are encouraged to submit grant proposals.

¶30 I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to all of you for making this program happen: the Education Summit participants, the Executive Board members, and various committees and subcommittees who worked on this.

¶31 For the first time in its history, law librarians were listed in the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, a U.S. government publication widely distributed to high school counselors. This will make the law library profession known to young students still in high school.

¶32 On the advocacy front, I would like to thank Mary Alice Baish for her tireless efforts on behalf of AALL. She positions us and comes up with creative ideas and realistic possibilities. Every year she arranges a meeting for the AALL president on Capitol Hill, which is very useful. She's well connected to staffers who can help us lobbying in Congress.

¶33 The four special committees I appointed worked very hard and produced great outcomes. The Special Committee on Promoting Law Librarians to the Legal Community, chaired by Gail Warren, published a members' briefing in the April 2006 issue of *AALL Spectrum*. It offered excellent advice and measurable methods for successfully reaching out to the legal community. The committee has been working with the Publishing Initiatives Caucus (PIC) which is a wonderful group of law librarians who maintain a list on AALL's Web site of law librarians who write in legal publications.

¶34 The Special Committee on Fostering Legal Research as a Subject Specialty, chaired by Blair Kauffman, also published a members' briefing that appeared in the July issue of *AALL Spectrum*. A particularly exciting development occurred in June, possibly the most exciting development in legal research for several years. Erica Moeser, president of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, invited

members of the special committee to Madison, Wisconsin, to explore the feasibility of developing a test of legal research skills for use as an instrument in the lawyer licensing process. AALL is very enthusiastic in contributing to this effort.

¶35 The Special Committee on Permanent Public Access to Legal Information, chaired by Judy Meadows, published a members' briefing in the December 2005 issue of *AALL Spectrum*. At its Spring 2006 meeting, the Executive Board decided to appoint a permanent representative to LIPA, the Legal Information and Preservation Alliance, and to contribute financially to that group.

¶36 The Special Committee on Training the Next Generation of Law Librarians, chaired by Mike Chiorazzi, proposed an institute on leadership which was approved by the Executive Board at its April 2006 meeting.

¶37 In addition to these four special committees, at the beginning of the year I asked the Access to Electronic Information Committee, chaired by Richard Matthews, to conduct a yearlong, fifty-state study to review the electronic version of six government publications in each state to see whether they were considered the official and authentic version of the law. The publications studied were the state's administrative code, administrative register, session laws, statutory code, and supreme court and intermediate appellate court opinions. The individual state coordinators worked very hard on this project, and the committee recently released a State-by-State Report on Authentication of Online Legal Resources. The results of that survey generally show that hardly any state designates the electronic version of its official documents as official. AALL is planning to bring the results of the study to the attention of various federal and state entities to encourage them to designate the electronic version of official documents as official. AALL is also planning to be proactive in implementing solutions to the problem of authentication of electronic versions of statutes, court decisions, and administrative regulations.

¶38 It was a year full of accomplishments and, of course, what a great year to celebrate our centennial with many festivities. I hope we can celebrate it fully with you during this meeting. The theme of the meeting is "Pioneering Change." We know that librarians will be doing other tasks in the future. We know that librarians have the knowledge that they need to continue their task, but we also know that they need to emphasize the public relations aspects of what they do.

¶39 I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their unfailing dedication, good advice, and wisdom. I would like to thank Susan Fox and the terrific AALL headquarters staff. They really run a smooth and efficient organization. I would like to thank all the volunteers who make the Association thrive. It wouldn't happen without you, your individual work and our collective accomplishments. The sum is truly greater than the parts. I would also like to thank all the chapters that I visited during the year and who gave me such a warm welcome.

¶40 During my activities as AALL president I kept up with my regular job at Cornell Law School as best as I could, relying on a truly excellent and dedicated law library staff during my absences and in regular e-mail contact no matter where I was. I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to them and say publicly that

their support was essential to my being able to serve AALL. I would also like to thank my wonderful husband who is unfailingly at my side.

¶41 It has been a tremendous year, and I would like to thank you for the opportunity and the privilege to serve you and move the Association forward together. (Applause.)

### **Presidential Certificate of Merit**

¶42 The tradition is for the President to issue Presidential Certificates of Merit at the Tuesday business meeting, and that will happen. But there was one individual who was not going to be present tomorrow so we decided to make an exception to that custom by presenting one of the certificates today. I would like to ask Dan Freehling to come forward. (Freehling comes to the podium.) I would like to present a Presidential Certificate of Merit to Dan J. Freehling for his leadership and dedicated service to AALL and his advocacy on behalf of AALL to the AALS and ABA. (Applause.)

### **Introduction and Remarks of Special Guests**

¶43 We are honored to have guests from several of our sister library associations with us today. I would like to invite them to make brief remarks at this time. First of all, I would like to call upon Mr. John Sadler, President of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries.

¶44 **Mr. John Sadler** (University of Western Ontario Law Library, London, Ontario): Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. In the twelve months since the San Antonio conference when I last addressed this group, the Canadian Association of Law Libraries has been active on several fronts. Let me bring you up to date on three of our initiatives—a copyright position paper, the oral history project, and the redesign of our Web site.

¶45 Like many western countries, Canada is modernizing its copyright legislation. Our association has just put the finishing touches on a position paper on changes to the Copyright Act. We are urging the federal government to take a balanced approach to copyright reform which simultaneously addresses the needs of creators and users of copyrighted materials. We want to ensure that the fair dealing provisions are protected so that researchers can make reasonable use of copyrighted materials without seeking advanced permission of rights holders. We believe that the rights granted to users of copyrighted content by the Copyright Act must not be allowed to be unilaterally overwritten by contract.

¶46 CALL is wary of technological protection measures which in the long run may prevent libraries from accessing the materials for which they have bought and paid. Finally, we reject proposals calling for extended licensing on the Internet which would artificially restrict the scope of material considered to be in the public

domain. The assumption should be that material posted on the Internet is publicly available for all users unless the owner of the material indicates to the contrary.

¶47 While AALL is celebrating its centennial year, CALL is looking forward to marking its fiftieth anniversary in 2013. With that golden anniversary on the horizon, we've embarked on an ambitious oral history project. The association has hired a professional historian to interview founding members and record their remembrances for future generations. Among the founders interviewed to date is Roger Jacobs who has the unique distinction of having been president of both CALL and AALL. Having collected the raw material through the interviews, we'll be in a position to write the definitive association history down the road.

¶48 Technologywise, our biggest project this year has been overhauling the association's Web site. InfoPages, as we call it, has a fresh, updated look and is easier to navigate. But more important, we're now using a content management system instead of hard-coded HTML pages. It allows chairs of committees and special interest groups to maintain their own Web pages with a word processor-like tool. We're hoping this arrangement will make it easier to add content and keep it up to date.

¶49 I will close by extending a warm invitation to everyone to attend the 2007 Canadian Association of Law Libraries/Association Canadienne Des Bibliothèques De Droit Conference to be held in Ottawa, May 6 to 9, 2007. We'll organize visits to the Supreme Court of Canada and the Library of Parliament. For horse lovers, a special treat will be a trip to the stables of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for a performance of the world famous musical ride. The fabulous newly opened War Museum will be the venue for the closing banquet. In early May, with the tulips in bloom, the national capital will be magnificent.

¶50 On behalf of myself and the other Canadians present, thank you, Claire Germain and everybody in AALL for a terrific conference. Your hospitality has been tremendous, and we do appreciate it. Thanks again. (Applause.)

¶51 **President Germain:** I would like to call on Hazel Hewison, Chair of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians.

¶52 **Hazel Hewison** (Oxford Institute of Legal Practice, Oxford, England): Good afternoon, everyone. I've just completed my term of office as chair of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians at the end of June. So my official title is Immediate Past Chair.

¶53 But thank you all for the invitation to your Annual Meeting and your hospitality. It's a great pleasure to bring you greetings on behalf of the membership and council of BIALL at your centennial meeting. Although I've had the pleasure of meeting President Claire Germain and Past President Tori Trotta, both in Canada and in England, and the pleasure of meeting your incoming president, Sally Holterhoff, at our annual conference in Brighton, this is my first AALL conference, and I've really enjoyed it. It has given me some food for thought and some ideas to take back. So if you'll excuse the plagiarism, those of you who come to visit us might see a few ideas you recognize.

¶54 BIALL has had a busy and eventful year with more publishers signing up to the Code of Conduct and the publication of the *Handbook of Legal Information Management* by Ashgate Publishing. I stopped by the stand earlier today and I noticed that it's not on display. But the details are on our Web site. There are contributions from many distinguished UK law librarians, Peter Clinch, Sue Pettit—well, you know the names as well as I do.

¶55 BIALL's been involved in joining with other library associations in the UK and lobbying on the terrorism bill very successfully. We've responded to the Law Society's Training Framework Review consultation document, and we've introduced new LexisNexis awards for excellence in legal information provision—the first awards were made in December 2005—which have joined our existing BIALL and Wildy and Sons awards.

¶56 Our council and committees have also worked extremely hard this year to build upon the work of the Strategy Review which commenced over two years ago in order to ensure that the association is ready to face the future on a sound footing with an appropriate committee structure.

¶57 We hope to see many of you at our next annual conference in Sheffield from June 14 to 16 in 2007. Sheffield has many attractions, including stately homes such as Chatsworth and Hardwick Hall, on its doorstep. It has industrial heritage sites of world importance, stunning countryside in the Peak District National Park, as well as the Meadowhall Shopping Centre which is one of the largest in Europe.

¶58 I understand that the conference theme in Sheffield will be "Too Much Information," and that's something I think I'm in danger of giving you. So I'll stop very soon. But before that I hope to see some of you shortly at the Joint Study Institute at St. Anne's College in Oxford.

¶59 Thank you all again for your kind invitation to this conference and your hospitality. And thank you to OUP/OCEANA who paid my travel expenses to come here. Thank you. (Applause.)

¶60 **President Germain:** Next, I would like to call on Jules Winterton, President of the International Association of Law Libraries.

¶61 **Mr. Jules Winterton** (University of London, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London, England): Thank you, Claire. Dear colleagues, thank you for the opportunity to be here at your meeting and to say a few words to you today.

¶62 This is only my thirteenth AALL meeting. They've all been great meetings and unmissable, and this is not going to be an exception. I'd like to present the congratulations and admiration of the International Association of Law Libraries to AALL members on your centennial. The International Association is just shy of half your age. In fact, now I realize I've got to start planning something. (Laughter.) IALL was borne out of initiatives at AALL, and so we're sort of a child of AALL.

¶63 Now for the advertisements. I'd like to invite you to the reception that's hosted by IALL. That's on Tuesday, tomorrow, 7:30 to 9 P.M., at the Renaissance Grand Landmark 2, right alongside and following the reception hosted by the

Foreign, Comparative & International Law Special Interest Section, who are our close colleagues. There at our reception I can say lots more about the International Association. I can tell you much more about the two upcoming conferences, the annual course on international law librarianship that we are holding in September 2006 in St. Petersburg, Novgorod, and Moscow, Russia, and the conference we have planned in December 2007 in Mumbai, India. As you can see, we don't do the easy ones.

¶64 I'd like also here to celebrate the joint and successful effort of AALL and the International Association to persuade the International Federation of Library Associations to form, for the very first time, a section on law libraries. This will enable us to continue our joint programs on law librarianship to a wider audience at the IFLA conferences. It will also enable us to pursue important policy objectives in which you are so ably represented by your Washington office nationally. Well, now we can do that internationally.

¶65 So thank you for your collaboration as well as your hospitality. (Applause.)

¶66 **President Germain:** I would like to call on Susan Woodman, National Vice President, Australian Law Librarians' Group.

¶67 **Ms. Susan Woodman** (Law Institute of Victoria, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia): Thank you, Claire. Thank you, everybody. First, I'd like to say how much I have enjoyed my few days here in the U.S., especially in meeting so many colleagues. I've introduced myself to many of you. But obviously, with so many delegates, there are a lot more people that I do need to meet.

¶68 Second, on behalf of James Butler, the Australian Law Librarians' Group President, and all members of the Australian Law Librarians' Group, I wish to convey our congratulations to AALL on your centennial celebrations. Congratulations on your big year.

¶69 I always feel that I regain my perspective when I attend conferences, and your program this year—the variety and the breadth of it—has again really restored my perspective. There are concerns and issues that have been identified at this program that are relevant and have resonance for your Australian colleagues as well. In particular, these include some of the papers that I've attended over the past couple of days dealing with the issue of digital amnesia and today's paper that I attended on legal publishing. Both are also very important to the Australian law librarian profession.

¶70 Digital amnesia is a big issue this year, and it is appearing on our seminar—or our conference program—which is taking place in September. So I extend yet again another invitation to everybody to attend a conference in Melbourne in September, which is my hometown. But if you can't make it this year, there is going to be another conference in Sydney next year. September we can offer you blue skies, a beautiful harbor. You would be most welcome to attend that.

¶71 Last year I attended a summit that brought together librarians from all sectors—law, health, public, private, corporate, government—as well as archivists and a few politicians to discuss the very complex issue of digital amnesia. It was

a very energetic and engaging forum, and we did reach the consensus that there are issues that we need to address. Unfortunately, to date there hasn't been a lot of visible progress, but ALLG will continue to lobby and prepare submissions and work with the Australian Library and Information Association to ensure that this does remain on the agenda.

¶72 To repeat, we have our national conference coming up in September and it will be a first for us. We are organizing a joint conference with the New Zealand Law Librarians' Association. So if you are able to attend, not only would you be meeting with Australian colleagues but you would also have the opportunity to meet with New Zealand colleagues as well. And as I said, if you can't make it to Melbourne, you would all be very welcome to come to Sydney next year. I look forward to meeting more of you later on. Thank you. (Applause.)

¶73 **President Germain:** Thank you to all of our national representatives. (Applause.)

### **New Business and Recess**

¶74 Thank you. We have received no resolutions. Are there any other items of new business? (No response.)

¶75 Receiving no request for new business, and there being no announcements, the Chair will now recess the General Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries until 2:15 P.M., Tuesday, July 11, 2006. Thank you.

[The General Business Meeting, session one, was recessed at 4:55 P.M.]

### **Tuesday Afternoon—Session Two July 11, 2006**

[The second session of the General Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries was called to order at 2:15 P.M., at the America's Center, Washington Avenue Complex Room, with Claire M. Germain, President, presiding.

### **Call to Order and Introductions**

¶76 **President Claire M. Germain:** Good afternoon. The Chair is pleased to call to order the second session of the 2006 Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries. The Chair notes that the bylaws requirement of fifty members to constitute a quorum is met.

¶77 I would like to introduce those sitting at the head table. They are Parliamentarian Teresa Dean, Vice President/President-Elect Sally Holterhoff, Treasurer Joyce Manna Janto, Secretary Darcy Kirk, and Executive Director Susan Fox.

¶78 I would like to take a moment to introduce and thank this year's outgoing Board members as well as our outgoing Chapter Council Chair and SIS Council Chair. I would like to call first Tory Trotta, Immediate Past President, to the

podium. Tory, I would like to thank you for your service to AALL. You have been a mentor and inspiration to me. (Applause.)

¶79 **Ms. Victoria Trotta** (Arizona State University, Ross-Blakley Law Library, Tempe, Arizona): Thank you, Claire.

¶80 **President Germain**: I would like to call Merle Slyhoff, Executive Board Member, to the podium. Merle, I would like to thank you for your hard work on behalf of AALL, your team spirit, and everything. (Applause.)

¶81 I would like to call Kathy Carlson, Executive Board Member, to the podium. Kathy, I would like to thank you for all your hard work on behalf of AALL, your kind demeanor, and your wisdom. (Applause.)

¶82 I would like to call Beth DiFelice, Chapter Council Chair, to the podium. Beth, I would like to thank you for all your work on behalf of the chapters. Thank you. (Applause.)

¶83 And now I would like to call Carole Hinchcliff, SIS Council Chair, to the podium. Carole, I would like to thank you for all your work on behalf of the SISs. Thank you. (Applause.)

### Presidential Certificates of Merit

¶84 Each year the president has an opportunity to present a few special certificates of merit for people or entities who have contributed to the Association or to the profession in unusual or extraordinary ways. So I have used that privilege, and I will now present some certificates.

¶85 I would like to call Barbara A. Bintliff to the podium. As you may know, these sometimes are surprises, so I'm going to explain why I am presenting a certificate to Barbara since she doesn't seem to know. (Laughter.) This Presidential Certificate of Merit recognizes Barbara for her leadership and enduring commitment to AALL and the profession and advocacy on behalf of academic law library directors. (Applause.)

¶86 I would like to call Tim Coggins to the podium. This Presidential Certificate of Merit recognizes Timothy L. Coggins for his leadership of the Government Relations Committee and enduring commitment to the profession. (Applause.)

¶87 I would like to call Blair Kauffman to the podium. This Presidential Certificate of Merit recognizes Blair Kauffman for his leadership of the Special Committee on Fostering Research as a Subject Specialty, his many contributions to the profession, and his enthusiastic cordiality. (Applause.) There was not enough room on the certificate to note it, but Blair was instrumental in getting AALL together with the National Conference of Bar Examiners and looking at the feasibility of a legal research test on the bar exam. (Applause.)

¶88 I would like to call Richard J. Matthews to the podium. This Presidential Certificate of Merit recognizes Richard J. Matthews for his leadership of the Electronic Access to Legal Information Committee and for his tireless efforts to complete the fifty-state survey of authentication of electronic legal information.

When I asked the committee to do that fifty-state study, I never expected that they would be able to do it so quickly. It was a huge project, and it's going to help us go far. It's going to really help us be advocates for free access to official, authenticated legal information. (Applause.)

¶89 I would like to call Roy M. Mersky to the podium if he's here. Oh, he is here. Good. It's pretty daring to call on Roy Mersky and hope that he comes. This Presidential Certificate of Merit recognizes Roy M. Mersky for his exemplary leadership, service, and dedication to law libraries and legal research and for his championship of the law library profession to the legal community. (Applause.) You want to speak?

¶90 **Mr. Roy Mersky** (University of Texas at Austin, Jamail Center for Legal Research, Tarlton Law Library, Austin, Texas): No. I'm speechless.

¶91 **President Germain:** Roy is an icon in law librarianship. He also has been instrumental in getting us together with the National Conference of Bar Examiners because he had special meetings with Erica Moeser, its president. And as you know, he's done so much for profession that it's a great pleasure that we can do this for him.

¶92 **Mr. R. Mersky:** Thank you. I'm very honored. (Applause.)

¶93 **President Germain:** I would like to call members of an entity that is called the Publishing Initiatives Caucus or PIC to the podium. This Presidential Certificate of Merit recognizes the Publishing Initiatives Caucus, known as PIC, for its exemplary role in spearheading a successful campaign to highlight articles written by law librarians in legal publications and promoting law librarians to the legal community. Congratulations. (Applause.) As you may know, this group, PIC, has a wonderful Web site where it lists articles written by law librarians in legal publications. And it's an ever-growing list that can be used as an encouragement to others. It makes a big difference in raising the visibility of law librarians in nonlibrary publications.

¶94 Let's see, I still have one certificate. I would like to call Christopher Siwa to the podium. This certificate recognizes Chris Siwa, the AALL Web Administrator, for his responsive and innovative work in developing the scope, accessibility, and usefulness of AALLNET. Congratulations. I know this one was a surprise. (Applause.)

### Report of the Treasurer

¶95 The Chair is pleased to announce that the audit report prepared by the independent audit firm of Wolf & Company, Chicago, Illinois, for the 2004–2005 fiscal year was reviewed by the Treasurer and the Executive Board's Finance and Budget Committee at its February 2006 meeting in Chicago, Illinois, and approved by consent by the AALL Executive Board at its April 2006 meeting. The Chair now calls upon Treasurer Joyce Manna Janto to present her report.

¶96 **Ms. Joyce Manna Janto** (University of Richmond School of Law Library, Richmond, Virginia): Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon. This is my second report to you as your treasurer, and I would like to acknowledge your support during my term and to express my thanks for the confidence you have shown in me in this vital role for the Association.

¶97 A handout of my published report is available at the door. This is a reprint as published in the May 2006 issue of *AALL Spectrum* where I reported on the financial results of our fiscal year which ended on September 30, 2005. I will not cover all of the details of this report, but if you have any questions, Lynn Cotteleer, director of finance, or I would be happy to answer them for you.

¶98 The results of this past fiscal year, which ended September 30, were very positive for the Association, and we continue to make a remarkable financial turnaround. For the fiscal year, the Association's general operating fund, Schedule C of the published report, recorded an increase in net assets of \$265,000. This is due in large part to a successful meeting last year in San Antonio. In addition, member dues revenue increased another \$70,000, an amount made possible by two factors. The first factor was the implementation of the third and final step in the dues increase approved by you, the members, in 2002. The second factor is the extraordinary membership retention rate enjoyed by AALL. Most of our sister organizations anticipate and budget for a membership retention rate of 85%. In the last fiscal year AALL had a membership retention rate of 95%. I can't begin to tell you how gratified I am to know how highly our members value our organization.

¶99 Because of this healthy increase in net assets, the current reserve fund, our rainy day fund, grew from \$350,000 last year to more than \$550,000 this year. This fund, which is generated by our surpluses and investment earnings over the past several years, serves as a cushion against any unforeseen future events. Our financial policies require that the level of the current reserve fund be sufficient to cover any unexpected or catastrophic loss due to declines in membership rolls or Annual Meeting revenues. But this is not the only purpose of the current reserve fund. This is also the fund where we, your Finance and Budget Committee and Executive Board, can allocate our prior earnings to certain projects to ensure the future strength, viability, and responsiveness of the Association. The Executive Board, using a method of risk analysis, has restricted the level of the current reserve this year to \$280,000 to absorb any short-term or unexpected loss from the operating fund, and has thus made available approximately \$270,000 to fund programs and opportunities for the membership. I am excited and pleased to let you know what the Board has currently approved using the available funds.

¶100 The first use has been to replenish those restricted endowment funds whose corpus had fallen below the endowed amounts due to the economic climate of the past few years. Specifically, the Board has replenished the AALL Educational Scholarship Fund with \$11,784 to bring the corpus back to \$100,000; the Institute for Court Management Scholarship Fund with \$4617 to restore the fund to its \$40,000 corpus; the LexisNexis/John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Fund with \$44,170 to restore the fund to its \$210,000 corpus; the Schaffer Annual Meeting Grant Fund with \$2564 to restore the fund to its \$20,000 corpus; and the AALL/LexisNexis Research Fund with \$26,772 to restore that fund to its \$100,000 corpus. The total of these transfer amounts was \$89,907. By restoring these funds, we hope to increase the funding available to our members for research and continuing educational opportunities.

¶101 During the past year, the representatives of our chapters and SISs met for a two-day Education Summit that brought forth a wealth of ideas to jump start one of our strategic directions, education. To help begin the implementation of these ideas, I am pleased to announce that the Board has approved the use of \$25,000 to be set aside for continuing education grants over the next year. In addition, the Board approved \$23,000 for a proposed 2007 two-day winter management institute and a proposed late fall 2006 one-day PLL focused education workshop.

¶102 In order to implement another of the main planks of our strategic directions—advocacy—I am happy to announce that the Board has approved \$65,000 to be set aside for a 2007 Advocacy Summit much like the Education Summit in fall 2005. Finally, I am pleased to let you know that the Board has approved the transfer of \$50,000 to the Washington Affairs contingency fund. This fund is to provide for an orderly transition to office space in Washington, D.C., when Georgetown University Law Library may no longer be in the position to house the Washington Affairs Office.

¶103 I do not want to leave the impression that the current reserve fund is our only asset. Looking at schedule D, which lists all of our funds that segregate our net assets for future projects and commitments, you can see that we maintain a modest portfolio of well-managed investments in our permanent investment fund and so many other funds that had a very healthy balance at the end of fiscal 2005. We owe a vote of thanks to Chevy Chase Investments. They have given us good advice in the management of our portfolio and allowed us to increase the value of our investment funds.

¶104 Our Association enjoys and appreciates the support of our loyal members and various friends in the legal information publishing area. We have elected dedicated and competent members to leadership positions. With such an abundance of positive factors, my job as treasurer is much easier and more effective. The Finance and Budget Committee, which I chair, is able to concentrate its efforts on the longer term aspects of our finances and recommend appropriate action to the Executive Board. Our stable financial condition allows us to be free to concentrate on the strategic goals to ensure the ongoing financial health of AALL.

¶105 I would also at this time like to acknowledge and thank the many firms and exhibitors who have supported the Association with their contributions and gifts in-kind. A number of events here in St. Louis have the direct and continuing support of our friends in the legal information community, and for that we are most appreciative.

¶106 I would also like to recognize and thank the members who serve on the Finance and Budget Committee and the Executive Board. It is often a difficult task to wrestle with the budget and make those difficult decisions of allocating dollars amongst competing priorities. I can assure you that the committee and the Board take very seriously the responsibility of maintaining the financial integrity of the Association. What I have reported here will bear that out. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Lynn Cotteleer. Lynn, if you could please stand. As you know, Lynn joined the Association just about this time last year, and she is our new director of finance, the position formerly held by Steve Ligda. As you can imagine, Lynn had some very big shoes to fill, and fill them she did. Lynn has done a superb job for us, and I hope that she stays with us for many, many years. (Applause.)

¶107 Finally, I would like to thank you, the members, for your support of the Association and your attendance at this meeting. You have demonstrated your commitment to the American Association of Law Libraries and the value and recognition it brings to your profession and society. If there are any questions, I would be glad to take them at this time. (Applause.)

¶108 **President Germain:** Thank you for your report, Joyce. Are there any questions? (No response.)

### Report of the Executive Director

¶109 The Chair is pleased to introduce Executive Director Susan Fox.

¶110 **Ms. Susan E. Fox** (Executive Director, American Association of Law Libraries, Chicago, Illinois): It's always an honor to stand before you and deliver the annual executive director's report. And it's a special honor being able to do so during AALL's centennial year. When I think about the collective vision, inspiration, and commitment that has brought us into our one hundredth year, I see this room filled with the spirit and tenacity of the thousands of law librarians, all of them dedicated AALL members, who laid the path to this day. It's humbling and it's inspiring.

¶111 Our current leadership is no less inspiring. I want to thank President Claire Germain for her excellent work this year. She served as our ambassador to many of our external constituencies, and she can look back on a most successful year. Thank you, Claire, for everything you've accomplished on our behalf.

¶112 I also want to thank the Executive Board for its commitment and hard work. The president and the Board invest hundreds and hundreds of hours on our behalf and in service to the profession. And like those who came before them in the years leading up to the centennial, their work this year is paving our way forward into the next one hundred years.

¶113 And not least I want to thank you, the AALL leaders and members, both in this room and those who are not. Our success is a collective and a cooperative enterprise, and your good work, your intelligence, and your dedication to this great

profession are always deeply appreciated by your colleagues, by me, and by the staff at headquarters because you are our inspiration.

¶114 As you've just heard, we've had a most successful fiscal year in FY 2005. I'm happy to report that we have had an equally successful programmatic year, not least because of the momentum and focus gained from the strategic directions we adopted last July. The three pillars of our strategic focus are leadership, education, and advocacy. This year I'll focus on education because this is the area where we have made the most exciting progress. Last September, as you have heard, we convened an Education Summit and brought together leaders from our chapters, SISs, the Executive Board, and significant others. We held a guided conversation about the future of educational programming for AALL in all of its manifestations.

¶115 After a day and a half in the lovely setting among the fall foliage of the Oakbrook Lodge, our conversations led to several productive outcomes. We decided we needed a full-time education manager, and the Executive Board approved this position at its spring meeting. I'm looking forward to introducing Celeste to you later in this report.

¶116 We decided we needed an events calendar and a speakers directory. Always striving to act nimbly, we managed to create these within months of the summit. If you haven't seen them, they're available on AALLNET, and I do highly recommend them to you. Inspired by the summit, Mark Estes, Jill Sidford, and Kay Todd proposed a law firm management workshop that will be held this October with the generous support of BNA as well as AALL. Also inspired by the summit, Mike Chiorazzi, chair of the Special Committee on Training the Next Generation of Law Librarians, proposed a winter 2007 institute to be held on his campus at the University of Arizona.

¶117 Finally, the Board increased financial support for education through the transfer of \$25,000 in funds from the current reserve to the AALL/BNA Continuing Education Grant Fund. This grant fund will provide monies to give you the opportunity to develop programming as opportunities arise. It won't be a lengthy process, I promise. It will be quick and lean. Essentially, if you've got a good idea for an educational program, you will receive the funding relatively quickly. Our goal is to act fast and to capitalize on innovative thinking and initiatives so richly provided from among our membership.

¶118 These are major advancements for AALL. You've all been incredibly patient as we've rethought and redesigned our education programming. Your patience will reap significant and exciting rewards in the months and years ahead because we're now well positioned to give you the power to make it so.

¶119 A couple of years ago the staff and I developed a credo to guide our work together, our "what we believe" statement. Central to our belief is service to law librarians. Today I'm going to ask that each staff member come forward as they're introduced. Please hold your applause until the end.

¶120 First, I want to introduce the newest members of the staff. Hanna Phelps joined the staff last March as our member services coordinator. In that position,

she manages membership dues, job placement, scholarships, and grants. She's also an actress and very active in the Chicago theater scene.

¶121 Charles Reese is our database and network administrator who came on board in January. Charles manages all aspects of our information technology. He maintains our network infrastructure, database, and security. He also manages the development of AALLNET discussion forums and other Internet media. At one point in his career Charles had contemplated becoming an aerospace engineer. Luckily for us he changed his mind and is now keeping our systems in tiptop shape.

¶122 Celeste Smith is one of our newest employees. She joined us just a few weeks ago and will serve as our education manager. She comes to us with an extensive background in instructional design, adult learning strategies, and deployment of educational strategies.

¶123 Bryan Stevens is also one of our newest employees, having joined AALL's Washington office on the same day in June that Celeste did so in Chicago. He will be working alongside Mary Alice Baish and Bob Oakley as our advocacy communications assistant.

¶124 Vanessa Castillo only joined our staff a few days ago, just in time to get her feet wet here at the Annual Meeting, shadowing Pam and Heidi. She's a recent graduate of Columbia College in Chicago with a degree in marketing communications. Her prior experience includes working as a public relations intern with Classical Performers International.

¶125 And these newest staff members join our veteran staff who year after year deliver solid performance. First we have Mary Alice Baish, our esteemed Associate Washington Affairs Representative and a woman who seemingly never sleeps. She promotes AALL's information policy agenda by delivering testimony, formal letters, and position papers, and everything else that's needed to make things happen in Washington, which is always an act of will. I can't think of a better mentor for Bryan.

¶126 As you know, Lynn Cotteleer came aboard last year as our new director of finance and administration. While it pained us to lose Steve Ligda to retirement, Lynn stepped into her position with great confidence, competence, and grace. She manages all of our financial and administrative functions at AALL.

¶127 Heidi Letzmann, our program coordinator for meetings and special events, keeps us organized, focused, and on point. She works directly with the Annual Meetings Program Committee, program coordinators, program speakers—anything to do with programs and it has to do with Heidi. She's a world traveler, spending time each year with her friends in Vienna and New York City and many points in between.

¶128 Julia O'Donnell, our director of publications, is one of the most effective individuals that I know. She manages AALL's publications, including *AALL Spectrum*, *Law Library Journal*, the *AALL Directory and Handbook*, and anything else we can throw at her. She has a high degree of professionalism and like a true champion she makes it all seem effortless.

¶129 Back in the Chicago headquarters, Christopher Orange is our mailroom assistant. He's with us in spirit today. He's tending to the office while we're away. He fulfills member requests, manages the mailing list rental, and really keeps us on an even keel. His quiet demeanor belies his passion for movies and music.

¶130 Pam Reisinger, as you must know, is our director of meetings. In that role, she plans and develops the physical and operational arrangements for the Association's Annual Meeting and approximately twenty other smaller meetings throughout the year. You may not know that in a past life she handled the logistics for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia, which is why she does so well with us. She's also one of our longest tenured staff members, having recently celebrated her ninth year with AALL.

¶131 Kim Rundle, my executive assistant, keeps me organized as no one else can. She's also responsible for preparing meeting material and managing logistics for all the Executive Board meetings. She's the hub of the office, and she has great knowledge of the Association. So if you have ever have a question that needs to be answered, please give Kim a call. She's the first person you should talk to. And if you want to know the best place to find bargains in Chicago, Kim will be able to tell you. She's a master bargain hunter.

¶132 Christopher Siwa is, as you know, our Web administrator. His responsiveness is just remarkable. If anybody ever has a change or a suggestion for the Web site, Chris will respond instantaneously. I asked him once whether he preferred the Cubs or the White Sox and he said, well, if he had to make a choice, he was a Cubs fan.

¶133 Also back at the office is Ivonne Torres, our accounting assistant. She assists Lynn with our daily accounting activities. She keeps in shape with daily exercise of Tae Bo which is a kickboxing style of exercise. We try not to get in her way when we're in the office.

¶134 I hope you'll all join me in thanking the staff for their work this year. (Applause.)

¶135 **President Germain:** Thank you for your report, Susan. Are there any questions about the executive director's report? (No response.)

### **Report of the Washington Affairs Representative**

¶136 The Chair is pleased to introduce Robert Oakley, Washington Affairs Representative. (Applause.)

¶137 **Mr. Robert L. Oakley** (Georgetown University Law Center, Edward Bennett Williams Library, Washington, D.C.): Thank you, Claire. I am pleased to be here once again to report to the membership on the work of the Washington office for the past year. Necessarily, this report will be brief. But we do report in greater detail at the legislative update session each year. I hope that some of you will have had an opportunity to attend that meeting or some of the other public

policy sessions on the program here. Here at this session I will report briefly on copyright, government information, and the Library of Congress.

¶138 With respect to copyright, on one issue we are now very close to a major success. As you know, the copyright term has been getting longer and longer. That has meant that it has been harder to identify the copyright owner and get permission to make a subsequent use. In response to this problem, we have worked with the register of copyrights and the publisher community to craft legislation to improve access to the large body of works published between 1923 and the present. In essence, this legislation would allow a subsequent user to go ahead and use the work provided that they had made a good faith effort to find the owner. If the owner came forward later, the remedy would be limited to the payment of a reasonable royalty. And nonprofit organizations wouldn't even have to pay the royalty if they chose instead to cease using the work. In any case there would be no damages. This orphan works legislation is now in the House and is widely expected to pass this year.

¶139 In the meantime, we are also working on a Special Committee to Modernize Section 108 of the Copyright Act for the Digital Age. Section 108 allows libraries to make preservation or replacement copies, to do interlibrary loan, and to make copies for users. Cochaired by our own Professor Laura Gasaway, this committee has as members both librarians and representatives of the content industry. This has meant that there is a high degree of agreement on things like preservation issues, but often harder discussions when it comes to the access issues. That committee will continue meeting for another year and will issue a report and recommendations next spring.

¶140 On the issue of access to government information, we have continued to press the point that core legal titles need to continue to be made available in print, at least until the electronic version is designated as official, is available permanently, and can be demonstrably shown to be authentic. This is difficult when program administrators are moving rapidly toward a vision of an all-electronic program. But from what we heard this morning, there is now a greater understanding on this issue.

¶141 This year one of our members discovered that one title, the *FCC Record*, was no longer available in print and was also not available electronically. Mary Alice worked hard to get this title restored to the program and to get the missing back file reprinted. But the problem goes deeper than individual titles, as even some of the major regional depository libraries are seeking to consolidate and the physical program is beginning to show signs of strain. These issues will continue to be with us, and it is expected that new initiatives will be needed to reinvigorate the program in the electronic age.

¶142 Last spring, for example, your Board passed a resolution urging that we work to make PACER available free through the Depository Library Program. With a new administration taking over at the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, we are hoping to be able to press that issue once again this year.

¶143 Finally, in a development that caught many off guard, the Library of Congress announced this spring that they would no longer be providing support for series authorities in the catalog. This raised issues not only about the decision but also about other similar decisions that may occur in the future. AALL joined with SLA in a letter to the Library of Congress expressing our concern about the decision and requesting that a process be established for greater consultation on such decisions in the future. The Library of Congress called me and informed me that they will be setting up such a process.

¶144 As you can tell, we have been very busy during the last year, and these issues only scratch the surface. As our workload has increased, we were grateful that the Board approved the creation of a new position for advocacy communications. Bryan Stevens joined us just a couple of weeks ago, and he was just introduced to all of you. I hope you have and will make him feel most welcome here at this meeting. We expect that Bryan will work on all the issues but will also focus a great deal of attention on member communications.

¶145 As you can see, we cannot possibly cover all of these issues alone. I want to acknowledge here the work of a number of others who make possible what we do in Washington. First, we have worked this year with two very active and interested committees and their extraordinary chairs. Paul Callister took on more than the usual number of tasks as Copyright Committee Chair and did a wonderful job. In addition, Tim Coggins, who received a presidential certificate earlier here, did an extraordinary job as chair of the Government Relations Committee, even to the extent of traveling to D.C. to help us interview and select our new staff member.

¶146 In addition to the committees, we worked this year with both the Government Documents SIS and the Technical Services SIS. I would like to thank their chairs, Scott Matheson and Karen Douglas respectively, for their thoughtful involvement in the issues.

¶147 Special thanks also of course to the heart and soul of our Washington office, Mary Alice Baish. Without her unbelievable efforts, this level of activity would be impossible to sustain. You have no idea how much she gives of herself to support this Association. (Applause.)

¶148 And, of course, special thanks to you, our members. Your interest in these issues is exemplary, and your willingness to respond when we need support makes a tremendous difference in our ability to succeed.

¶149 Finally, I thank you as always for allowing me the privilege of serving the Association in this way. It is truly an honor. (Applause.)

¶150 **President Germain:** Thank you for your report, Bob. Are there any questions about the Washington Affairs Report? (No response.)

### **Remarks of the Vice President/President-Elect**

¶151 The chair is pleased to introduce Vice President/President-Elect Sally Holterhoff. (Applause.)

¶152 **Ms. Sarah G. Holterhoff** (Valparaiso University School of Law Library, Valparaiso, Indiana): Thank you, Madam President. I'm quite honored to be standing here today as Vice President/President-Elect of this Association.

¶153 In this centennial year, we've all been made aware, quite aware, that A.J. Small was our first president. But I ask you, does anyone know about our first vice president? Well, I was curious who that might be. So I did a little research and found out that it was Andrew Mettee, who was from the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar. And I was surprised to learn that back in those days the vice president wasn't also the president-elect. Mr. Mettee actually served two terms as our vice president. So he was our first and our second vice president. And then he did not become president! That wasn't the way they did it then. Time passed and he once again served as vice president a few years later. And then, finally, fourteen years later, he was elected president.

¶154 As the years went by and AALL matured as an association, it was eventually determined that being vice president actually was a good preparation for becoming president immediately thereafter. So in 1939 they changed it, and the vice president was also the president-elect, the way we do it now.

¶155 Well, speaking from very recent personal experience, I have to say that I too am convinced that being the vice president of this Association for one year is actually a good preparation for assuming the presidency. But if I had to wait fourteen years, I'm sure I would have lost interest in the whole thing. (Laughter.)

¶156 So anyway, my remarks this afternoon will be brief. There'll be some more information similar to what I'm going to say in tomorrow's *Gateway Gazette* but that had to be cut as well. (Laughter.) So it may not make any sense anymore. But the first issue of the new volume of *AALL Spectrum* will have remarks by me, and they will explain the theme for the 2007 Annual Meeting, which is really the theme for the whole year: "Rise to the Challenge." We're hoping that through the next twelve months, culminating July 14–17, 2007, we'll all be looking at the challenges that we face in our work lives, our Association, and as a profession, and determining what we can do to meet those challenges head on.

¶157 One thing that we're doing to respond to the needs of our members and our busy professional lives is adopting a new condensed format for the Annual Meeting starting in 2007. We will have a four-day meeting instead of a five-day meeting. The number of days depends on when you actually come, of course, but for many attendees in recent years, we have been starting on Saturday and ending on Wednesday night. Beginning in 2007, we will end on Tuesday night instead.

¶158 I can assure you that in the new streamlined format we will have fully the educational programming to the extent we have now. We'll have plenty of opportunities for networking, for visiting the exhibit hall, and for doing all the fun things with our colleagues that we enjoy so much. Some of the details are still being worked out, but a tentative schedule has been passed around to various people at this meeting and it will soon be available on AALLNET. So you'll be able to figure out when the events that you are planning will take place.

¶159 This new schedule represents a good bit of thinking on the Board's part, reflecting the expressed preference of different sectors of our membership and also a trend within professional associations to have a somewhat shorter meeting. We're excited about the possibilities, and we're asking everyone's help to make this transition go smoothly.

¶160 One area that has required a lot of my attention this past year has been the AALL committees. I had no idea. I mean, Tory told me and Claire told me, but I was still astounded by how much time it takes to get the committees set up, appointing the chairs and finding just the right members for our twenty-four standing committees as well as some special committees that incoming presidents get to set up.

¶161 Committee work has been an important part of our Association since its very beginning. One of the first things the founders of AALL did was to set up some committees to get things rolling. We've been going like that ever since. Through the years our committees have done the heavy lifting on a variety of projects and activities, large and small. Committee service is a very important leadership training ground for our Association.

¶162 But looking to the future, it seems like it's time once again to reexamine our committee structure and how well it might be working for us. There's a trend within professional associations to have a smaller, more focused, leaner committee structure. Therefore, in consultation with incoming Vice President/President-Elect Ann Fessenden, I've appointed a . . . *special committee*. Now, we fully realize the irony of appointing a committee to figure out how you might get rid of some committees. This is the laugh line. (Laughter.) But we're going to have a Special Committee on AALL Committee Structure, and Karl Gruben has agreed to serve as its chair. We're asking it to examine our current mix and make some recommendations to the Board by fall 2007 regarding possible changes. It's possible that it will create more committees, but we're figuring it more likely that the suggestion will be to combine a few.

¶163 As others have already mentioned today, an important area of attention for the coming year is education, particularly acting on ideas generated from the Education Summit that was held last fall. We've already been introduced to Celeste, and she's going great guns in consultation with another special committee chaired by Carole Hinchcliff, the Special Committee on Continuing Professional Education. They're going to be doing a variety of different things. One is evaluating requests for the grant-funding program that is being set up. So watch for more information to be coming out soon about that.

¶164 A third special committee I've appointed is the Pro Bono Partnerships Committee. Chaired by Sara Galligan, this committee will start looking at cooperative efforts that currently exist between law librarians and other providers of pro bono services like bar associations, legal aid societies, and voluntary attorney networks. It will be trying to identify and promote more such efforts, identifying opportunities that local chapters or individual law librarians might want to take to

bring librarians and the attorney community together to support pro se patrons.

¶165 In the area of advocacy, as Joyce Janto pointed out, in consultation with Susan Fox, I asked to have an Advocacy Summit in spring 2007. We're in the early stages of planning that. I'm very excited about it. This event will be our second summit that we've convened to focus on one of our key strategic areas. It will likely focus on a specific advocacy issue. But again, details are being worked out, so watch for more on that.

¶166 So those are a few of the things that I have in store for the coming year. I'm looking forward to working with all of you. Without a doubt, within our Association we have the creativity and the energy and enthusiasm to do really great things as we launch successfully into our second century. So I ask you to all please join me and together let's rise to the challenge. (Applause.)

¶167 **President Germain:** Thank you. Does anybody have any questions about the vice president's report? (No response.)

## Resolutions

¶168 We have received one resolution, and we have received one piece of correspondence. We will read each item now. The Chair calls on the Secretary to read these documents.

¶169 **Ms. D. Kirk:** Good afternoon. The first item that I am going to read to you—and bear with me, it's slightly lengthy—is a resolution passed by the Medical Library Association.

### **Resolution Honoring the American Association of Law Libraries on the Association's 100th Anniversary**

Whereas, the American Association of Law Libraries has been in existence for 100 years;

Whereas, the American Association of Law Libraries has organized itself to promote and enhance the value of law libraries to the legal and public communities, to foster the profession of law librarianship, and to provide leadership in the field of legal information;

Whereas, the American Association of Law Libraries serves as the voice of permanent public access to legal information and the leaders of the profession;

Whereas, the American Association of Law Libraries is committed to providing tools and resources that will equip its members with the skills needed to meet the ever changing needs of their environment, particularly through leadership training, educational opportunities, and national advocacy initiatives;

Whereas, the American Association of Law Libraries and the Medical Library Association collaborate on national advocacy initiatives that support the mission of libraries to facilitate access, particularly in the areas of intellectual property and copyright law and open access;

Whereas, the American Association of Law Libraries collaborates with the Medical Library Association, the American Library Association, the Association for Library and Information Science Education, the Association of Research Libraries, the Association of Art Libraries, and the Special Libraries Association on strategic issues of importance

to the international library community through the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions' Management of Library Associations Section;

Be it therefore resolved that the Medical Library Association commends the American Association of Law Libraries for 100 years of outstanding excellence and achievement in support of the profession of law librarianship.

¶170 This was adopted May 18, 2006, by the Board of Directors of the Medical Library Association. Congratulations to us.

¶171 Finally, we have a resolution of appreciation.

### **Resolution of Appreciation**

Whereas the 99th Annual Meeting and Conference of the American Association of Law Libraries held in St. Louis, Missouri, on July 8–12, 2006, was a strong educational and social success;

And whereas the success of AALL's 99th Annual Meeting and Conference can be attributed in large part to the contributions of many individuals and entities that gave willingly of their time, energy, resources, and support;

Therefore, be it resolved that on behalf of AALL and its members, thanks be given to the following who worked throughout the year on Annual Meeting arrangements:

President Claire Germain; Phil Berwick and Ann Fessenden, cochairs of the Local Advisory Committee; Jean Wenger, chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee; AALL Headquarters staff; all the speakers, moderators, program coordinators; all those who volunteered their time and assistance and all of the members themselves, without whom the Annual Meeting would not have been such a success.

And be it further resolved that, on behalf of AALL and its members, thanks be given to our Gold and Silver level sponsors, BNA, Inc., Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, Lexis/Nexis, and Thompson West; and all our other corporate contributors who have cosponsored or sponsored an event, service, or publication or otherwise given their support to the Annual Meeting. And special thanks go to Lexis/Nexis for sponsoring the Opening Event.

¶172 Thank you very much.

¶173 **President Germain:** Thank you, Darcy. So are you ready to vote? The question is on the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor, say aye. (Members say aye.) The ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

### **Adjournment**

¶174 Are there any other items of new business? (No response.)

¶175 Receiving no requests for new business, we will move to the next item on the agenda, which is an announcement. May I remind you that the Open Forum will follow immediately after this meeting until 3:45 P.M., here in this room.

¶176 If there are no objections, this Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries is adjourned. Thank you. (Applause.)

[Whereupon the General Business Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.]

## Appendix Statements and Biographies of Candidates for 2006 AALL Election<sup>2</sup>

### Candidates for Vice President/President-Elect in 2006–07

*Ann T. Fessenden*<sup>3</sup>

At this year's Annual Meeting, some CONELL participants asked about the several ribbons on my name badge. Jokingly, I told them that since I grew up in Oklahoma, I was like "Ado Annie" in the musical of the same name, and "I cain't say no!" My last few years in AALL seem to confirm that, as I began cochairing the St. Louis 2006 Local Advisory Committee while still in my last year on the Executive Board. So why on earth would I want to become vice president/president-elect right after the St. Louis Meeting? It is because I believe deeply in AALL and the vital role it plays in the professional lives of law librarians.

As we begin our second century, many important challenges face AALL and its members. We struggle to change our image from that of "keepers of books" to "information experts." Some law libraries must fight for their very existence, competing for increasingly scarce resources. But it is also an exciting time, as technology constantly improves communication and access to information and as a new generation begins to energize our profession. Some of the ways we can meet the challenges are:

- provide our members with the skills and confidence they need to promote their services and educate their users to the importance of the law library as an integral part of their organizations;
- develop educational programs that address both our collective values as law librarians and our individual needs as specialists, that provide for more interactive and in-depth learning, and that benefit both those who attend the Annual Meeting and those who cannot;
- recognize the value to our members of opportunities offered by other organizations, and find ways to partner with them to most effectively serve all law librarians;
- continue and expand our advocacy efforts, both to promote the role of law librarians and to influence our nation's information policy;
- recruit and cultivate newer law librarians, by publicizing law librarianship as a career, by expanding and improving law librarianship courses, by offering scholarships, internships, and placement, and by nurturing and mentoring; and
- as an Association, constantly review our organizational structures and procedures and alter them when necessary to meet our members' evolving needs.

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2. See *supra* ¶¶ 8–13 for the Secretary's report on the results of the 2006 election.

3. Circuit Librarian, U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit Library, St. Louis, Missouri.

Although I have been a law librarian for many years, I clearly remember my first professional meeting. Though still a library student and clerical worker, I immediately felt that I belonged. I have forgotten the speakers but kept the realization I gained there that as law librarians we are not alone—each of us is part of a larger “fellowship” of people who have shared interests and goals. Our meetings, educational programs, and exhibit halls are extremely important and valuable, but the sense of being part of something larger and of knowing we have friends we can call upon is invaluable and lasts long after the programs and the new products have been rendered obsolete by our rapidly changing environment. I would be very honored to serve as your vice president/president-elect.

**Education:**

J.D. Magna cum laude, University of Mississippi, 1984

M.L.S., University of Oklahoma, 1977

B.A. in Journalism, University of Oklahoma, 1974

**Positions Held:**

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, St. Louis, Missouri

Circuit Librarian, 1984–present

University of Mississippi Law School Library

Co-Acting Law Librarian, 1982

Technical Services Librarian, 1978–84

University of Oklahoma Law School Library

Acquisitions Assistant, 1974–77

**AALL Activities:**

Member, 1978–present

AALL Scholarship Recipient, 1984

AALL Certified Law Librarian, 1984

AALL Grant Recipient, 1978

AALL Executive Board

Member, 2002–05

Annual Meeting Strategies Special Committee, Chair, 2005

Finance and Budget Committee, Member, 2002–05

Governance Committee, Member, 2002–03

Liaison to: Council of Chapter Presidents, 2003–05; Graduate Education for Law Librarianship Special Committee, Membership and Retention Committee, and Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee, 2004–05; Citation Formats Committee, Diversity Committee, and Publications Committee, 2003–04; Awards Committee, Indexing of Periodical Literature, and Scholarships Committee, 2002–03

Convener, member-related committees coordination meetings, 2004–05

Chapter Visit Presentations: Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEALL) annual meeting, 2005; Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL) annual meetings, 2003 and 2004; Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL) Institute, 2003

#### AALL Committees

St. Louis Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee, Cochair, 2004–present  
 Membership Development and Retention Task Force, Member, 1999  
 Recruitment Committee, Chair, 1998–99; Member, 1996–98  
 Special Committee to Advance the Electronic Interchange of Legal Information, Member, 1994–96  
 Council of Chapter Presidents, Member, 1993–94  
 Placement Committee, Chair, 1989–90; Member, 1988–89  
 Special Committee on Citation Standards, Member, 1987–89  
 Scholarships and Grants Committee, Member, 1986–88  
 Membership Committee, Member, 1984–86  
 Committee on Relations with Publishers and Dealers, Member, 1981–84  
 Committee on Duplicate Exchange, Member, 1979–82

#### Special Interest Sections

Legal History and Rare Books SIS: Member, 2001–present  
 State, Court, and County Law Libraries SIS: Member, 1985–present;  
 Nominations Committee, Chair, 1991–92, Member, 2004–05 and 1987–88;  
 Panelist, “Serving the Needs of the Bench and Bar,” Mid-Winter Institute, 1991; Executive Board, Member, 1988–91; Speaker, “Coordinating Local Law Library Services: The Federal Court Model,” Annual Meeting, 1987;  
 Program Committee, Member, 1986–87  
 Technical Services SIS: Member, 1978–85

#### **Chapters:**

##### Mid-America Association of Law Libraries

Member, 1985 to present  
 Archives Committee, Member, 2002–present  
 Local Arrangements Committee, Cochair, 1999–2001  
 Speaker, “Sexual Harassment in Library Employment,” Annual Meeting, 1997  
 Grants Committee, Member, 1996–97  
 Nominations Committee, Member, 1996–97  
 Speaker, “Shelving Decisions,” Annual Meeting, 1996  
 Past President, President, Vice President/President-Elect, 1992–95  
 Program Committee, Member, 1992–93  
 Speaker, “Space Planning in Existing Buildings,” Annual Meeting, 1991  
 Membership Committee, Chair, 1988–90; Member, 1986–88

## Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries

Member, 1978–85

Speaker, “Technical Services Problems Associated with Serial Cancellations,”  
Annual Meeting, 1981

Newsletter Committee, Member and “S.E.A.L.L. Briefs” Columnist, 1979–84

## Southwestern Association of Law Libraries

Member, 1975–77

**Other:**

## United States Courts

Court Compensation Study Working Group, Member, 2005–present

Blackmun Rotunda dedication speaker, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th  
Circuit, 2001

Joint Advisory Council, Member, 2002

Appellate Advisory Council, Member, 2000–02

Electronic Public Access Working Group, Member, 1999–2000

Circuit Librarians Advisory Committee, Chair, 1997–98; Member, 1985–present

Librarians’ ILS Implementation Task Force, Member, 1996–97

Federal Judicial Center Joint Court Education and Training Advisory  
Committee, Member, 1995–96

## Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit

Secretary, 2004–present

Secretary/Treasurer, 1998–2004

## American Bar Association: Appellate Judges Conference

Judicial Opinion Writing Committee, Member; Citation Subcommittee, Chair,  
1988–91

## Mississippi Library Association

Member, 1981–84

Automation and Networking Roundtable, Member, 1982–84

Intellectual Freedom Committee, Member, 1981

## Beta Phi Mu

Member, 1978–present

University of Southern Mississippi Chapter, President/Vice-President/Charter  
Member, 1981–84

**Publications:**

“One and Many: The Challenge of Managing a Multi-site Library,” 14 *Trends in  
Law Library Management and Technology* 1 (No.3, 2003)

*MAALL Local Arrangements Manual* (Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, 2002)

*Judicial Opinion Writing Manual* (American Bar Association, 1991) [Contributor]

“Coordinating Local Law Library Services: The Federal Court Model,” 14 *S.C.C.L.L. Newsletter* 12 (Jan. 1988)

“U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit Library,” 8 *Show Me Libraries* 3 (Sept. 1987)

“Recessionary Practices in Law Libraries,” 2 *Technical Services Quarterly* 51 (Spring/Summer 1985)

“Cancellation of Serials in a Budget Crisis: The Technical Problems,” 75 *Law Library Journal* 157 (1982)

Book reviews in *MAALL Newsletter* (1986–87)

Regular contributor to *Southeastern Law Librarian* (1979–84) and *Publications Clearing House Bulletin* (1982–83)

### **Subjects Taught:**

Law Library Administration

### *Nina Platt*<sup>4</sup>

What is a defining moment? For individuals, it is that moment or series of moments that gives clarity to who they are, what values they will live by, and what paths they will follow. For organizations, it could be the events that lead to momentous decisions that shape how a company does business or an organization operates on a day-to-day basis. We all have had defining moments that shape our individual lives.

Law librarianship has been filled with defining moments as well. Who we are and what we do is the result of how we’ve responded to those moments. One hundred years ago the founders of AALL defined a moment in our history by creating the organization and defining its values and future. We see more of those moments as we are challenged by modern day changes that sometimes go as far as to make us question our roles as law librarians.

This summer the Association adopted new Strategic Directions for 2005–2010, a road map that shows where we want to be at the end of five years. The Executive Board developed this map in response to member needs, and the members responded with comments of support. The focus for the next five years is on leadership, education, and advocacy.

If you think about it, it isn’t much different than the focus has been in the past. The difference you will see is that it is member-focused. It defines where we want to go and asks members to develop the plan for the journey.

Along whatever route we take, we will have plenty of opportunities for defining moments for members, committees, special interest sections, chapters, and the

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4. Director of Information Resources, Faegre & Benson LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

organization as a whole. Here are a couple of the objectives that I feel strongly about and would like to participate in:

- Defining ourselves as leaders within our organizations will require stronger leadership skills. If we want to be considered central to our organization's success, we need to develop the leadership skills that will allow us to demonstrate why our role is important. This will mean improving the leadership training currently offered by the Association, creating new programs, and making sure it reaches members wherever they are.
- Defining ourselves as a thriving profession will require attracting new librarians to the profession. While the day has not yet arrived, we must prepare for the large number of retirements that will occur in the very near future. This will mean stepping up current initiatives and creating new education and recruitment programs developed in cooperation with both library and law schools.

Just as the founders knew a hundred years ago, change is inevitable. If we don't define who we are, what our values are, and how law librarianship fits into the legal profession today and in the future, it will be done for us. I have confidence in our ability to define our own moments in time. It is an exciting time to be a law librarian and a member of AALL. As we move forward with our Strategic Directions, I would be honored to serve AALL as your vice president/president-elect.

**Education:**

M.S.L.I.S., Dominican University (Rosary College), 1997

B.S., University of North Dakota, 1980

**Positions Held:**

Faegre and Benson LLP

Director of Information Resources, 1998–present

Dominican University

Adjunct Instructor, 2004

Minnesota Office of Attorney General

Systems Librarian, 1995–97

Dorsey and Whitney LLP

Manager of Technical Services, 1987–95

Information Specialist, 1986–87

Carnegie Library, Devils Lake, N.D.

Library Director, 1982–85

**AALL Activities:**

Member, 1986–present

AALL Executive Board

Member, 2002–05

Strategic Planning Committee, Member, 2002–04  
 Governance Committee, Member, 2003–05  
 Strategic Directions Subcommittee, Chair, 2004–05  
 Liaison to: Placement Committee, 2002–03; Grants Committee, 2002–03;  
     Cataloging Intranet Access to Electronic Resources Special Committee,  
     2002–03; Research Committee, 2003–04; Relations with Information  
     Vendors Committee, 2003–05; Access to Electronic Legal Information,  
     2002–05; Mentoring Committee, 2004–05; Council of SIS Chairs, 2004–05  
 Chapter Visit Presentations: South Florida Association of Law Libraries  
 (SFALL), annual meeting, 2005; Western Pennsylvania Law Library  
 Association (WPLLA) annual meeting, 2004; Law Librarians of New  
 England (LLNE) spring meeting, 2004; Atlanta Law Librarians Association  
 (ALLA) annual meeting, 2003

#### AALL Committees

Future of Law Libraries in the Digital Age (Special Committee), Member,  
 2001–02  
 Main Events, Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee, Chair, 2000–01  
 Access to Electronic Information Committee, Member, 1999–2001  
 Special Committee on Preservation Needs of Law Libraries; Member, 1991–93

#### Special Interest Sections

Technical Services SIS: Member 1986–97  
 Private Law Libraries SIS: Member, 1998–present

#### Presentations

Speaker, “Delivering Documents to Mumbai: KM Software and Strategies for  
 Global Legal Information,” AALL Annual Meeting, Boston, 2004  
 Speaker, “Maximizing the Firm’s Technology Investment: Creative Intranet  
 Applications” and “Cutting Edge KM: Law Firm and Librarian Experiences  
 on the Edge,” AALL Annual Meeting, 2001  
 Moderator, “Enhancing the Intranet through Collaboration,” AALL Annual  
 Meeting, 2000  
 Co-presenter, “All Systems are not Created Equal: How to Navigate the World  
 of Integrated Online Library Systems,” AALL Annual Meeting, 1999 (with  
 Mary Dzurinko)  
 Co-presenter, “Library Management Systems: Making Smart Choices for the  
 Small and Medium-Sized Law Library,” LLAGNY Workshop, 1999 (with  
 Mary Dzurinko)  
 Speaker, “Developing Attorney Work-Product Systems,” AALL Annual Meeting,  
 1990

#### **Chapters:**

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries (MALL)

Member, 1986–present  
MALL Law Librarianship Award, 2003  
Education Committee, Member, 1999–2002, 1989–90  
Internet Applications Committee, Chair, 1996–99  
Publications Committee, Member, 1995–96, 1988–89  
Technical Services SIS, Member, 1987–97  
MALL Annual Meeting, Organizer and Speaker, “Managing Technological Change,” 2001  
MALL-sponsored Minnesota Law and Technology Show, Speaker, “Getting the Most from Your Intranet,” 2000  
MALL Annual Meeting, Speaker, “Working with Information Services,” 1998  
MALL Internet Workshop, Organizer and Speaker, 1997

**Other:**

## Special Libraries Association (SLA)

Member, 1997–present  
Speaker, “Practical KM: Organization and Information,” SLA Annual Conference, 2004  
SLA Innovations in Technology Award, 2003  
Local Chapter Consulting Chair, 2000–02  
Speaker, “Creative Intranets,” SLA Annual Conference, 2002  
Speaker, “The Future of International Legal Resources . . . It’s the Web!” SLA Annual Conference, 1999

## American Bar Association, Law Practice Management Section

Affiliate Member, 2003–present

## Minnesota Bar Association

Affiliate Member, 2002–present

## Minnesota Library Association

Member, 1999–present

## United States Law Firm Group Library Committee

Member 1998–present  
Speaker, “Knowledge Management,” USLFG Trustees Meeting, 2004  
Chair, 2000–01

## West Advisory Board

Member, 2002–04

## West Group’s Information Innovator’s Institute (III)

Committee Member, 1999–2001

Speaker, "The Perfect Intranet," 2001

Speaker, "Knowledge Management Intranets," 2000

West's Practice Innovations Editorial Board

Member, 2001–present

*Who's Who in America* (Marquis), 2004–05

*Who's Who in American Law* (Marquis), 2003–04, 2004–05

*Who's Who in American Women* (Marquis), 2005

*Who's Who in the World* (Marquis), 2005

### **Publications:**

"Enterprise Search: Daring to Go Where no Search Engine Has Gone Before," 6 *Practice Innovations* 12 (Oct. 2005)

"Professional Edge," 8 *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 3 (Sept./Oct. 2005)

"Innovation in the Use of CRM Technology is Just Beginning," 5 *Practice Innovations* 8 (Oct. 2004)

"Change Strategies are the Key to KM," *Practice Innovations* (Oct. 2003)

"Knowledge is Power: KM Remains Vital to Firm Success," 7 *AALL Spectrum* 26 (Apr. 2003)

"Knowledge Management (Make that Sharing) at Faegre and Benson," 13 *PLL Perspectives* 1 (Winter 2002)

"Law Library Services for a New Age," *Hennepin Lawyer* (Apr. 2002)

"New Marketing Research Resources," *Practice Innovations* (July 2002)

"Twenty Tips for Building the Perfect Electronic Document Bank," *Law Office Computing* (Dec./Jan. 1999)

"Courtlink," *Law Office Computing* (Dec./Jan. 1998)

"Ethnic Newswatch Review," *Database* (Feb./Mar. 1998)

"GPO Access: Government at its Best," *Database* (Apr./May 1998)

"KeyCite Review," *Law Office Computing* (Feb./Mar. 1998)

"Knowledge Management in the Law Office: Parts 1 & 2," *Law Librarians Resource Exchange* [www.llrx.com] (Dec. 1997, Feb. 1998)

"Software Shootout: LOIS and Versuslaw," *Law Office Computing* (Dec./Jan. 1998)

"Lexis Office 97 vs. Westmate 6.3," *Law Office Computing* (Apr./May 1997)

"Managing a (High-Tech) Library Effectively," *Law Technology Product News* (Oct. 1997)

"Versuslaw's V," *Law Office Computing* (Aug./Sept. 1997)

"Hoover's Online: Affordable, Accurate Company Information," *Law Librarians Resource Exchange* [www.llrx.com] (July 1996)

"State Court Decisions on the Internet," *The Piper Letter* (Oct. 1996)

"Web Site Search Engines," *The Piper Letter* (Nov. 1996)

"AALL Winter Institute: Managing Emerging Technologies," 3 *PLL Perspectives* (June/July 1992)

**Subjects Taught:**

Knowledge Management

**Candidates for Executive Board Members in 2006–07***Sarah Reneker Andeen*<sup>5</sup>

Libraries have always been a part of my life. Some of my earliest memories revolve around libraries, books, and reading. My mother was an academic library director and very active in ALA, RLG, and local associations. Working to better the library community is something I was raised to believe is critical for the health of the profession.

Ever since I have been a law librarian, I have been working with AALL and my local chapter in many different capacities. I have taught classes on how to do legal research to agencies, other legal associations, and the public. I enjoy working to serve the library and legal communities, and I would like to continue doing so by serving on the Board of AALL.

I had an informative look at the inner workings of the AALL Board a few years ago when I was the liaison for the chapter presidents. Serving in this capacity provided me with some insights on how the Board operates and the types of issues it faces. I believe this knowledge will help me to serve the AALL community and Board well if I am elected. Throughout my career I have worked in several types of libraries—academic, public, and firm. I have a broad understanding of the issues facing many types of librarians, and, if elected, I believe I could do an effective job considering the impact of the Board's actions on all types of libraries.

Giving back to the profession and the organizations that serve the community is something that I believe is important and critical for the health of our profession. If elected to the AALL Board, I will strive to make decisions that will best serve all members of the community and take into account the traditions of the Association while embracing the new technology and communication tools that will allow us to move forward in sending our message to other librarians and members of the legal community.

**Education:**

M.L.I.S, Rosary College (Dominican University), 1993

B.A., University of Arizona, 1991

**Positions Held:**

Greenberg Traurig, Phoenix, Arizona

Director of Research, 2002–present

Phoenix Reference Librarian, 1999–2002

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5. Director of Research, Greenberg Traurig, Phoenix, Arizona.

Superior Court Law Library in Maricopa County

Librarian, 1996–99

American Library Association

ALA/USIS Fellow to Palestine, 1997–98 (granted leave)

**AALL Activities (Selected):**

Member, 1994–present

AALL Committees

*LLJ/AALL Spectrum* Editorial Board and Advisory Committee, Chair, 2004–05;

Member, 2002–04

Membership Publications Special Committee, 2003–04

Committee to Develop Performance Measurements for Law Librarians, 2001–03

Council of Chapter Presidents, Chair, 2000–01

Copyright Committee, 1997–99

Special Interest Sections

Online Bibliographic Services SIS: Webmaster, 1998–99

**Chapters:**

Arizona Association of Law Libraries

Member, 1994–present

Board Member, 2000–02

President, 1999

Vice President/President-Elect, 1998

Union List Committee, 1998–99

**Other:**

Special Libraries Association

Member, 1999–present

Arizona Chapter, Member, 1999–present

**Publications (Selected):**

“Selling the Library from the Reference Desk: Service Points as Advertisements,” 73  
*Reference Librarian* 281 (2001)

“Keep Up With Licensing (and Copyright) by Using the Internet,” 3 *AALL Spectrum*  
18 (Apr. 1999)

“Remote Access to the Superior Court Law Library,” *Maricopa Lawyer* (Dec. 1998)

“What Color is Your License Plate?” *AzALL Newsletter* (Oct. 1998)

“The Leap Into the Lion’s Den—Or Creating a Library Web Page,” *AzALL Newsletter*  
(Sept. 1997)

**Subjects Taught:**

Legal Research

## Electronic Legal Resources

## How to Provide Legal Research not Legal Advice

*Kelly Browne*<sup>6</sup>

As I write this statement, Hurricane Katrina and the events of the last two weeks have underscored the importance of communication and cooperation between a national organization and its local constituencies. Since my nomination I have been asking people what AALL can do for them. Many have replied that despite recognizing and supporting the outstanding work that AALL does through the Washington Affairs Office, they are not sure what, if anything, AALL can do for them. Some feel disconnected from the larger organization. They cannot see the organization's relevance to their daily work lives.

Individual law librarians need to know what AALL can do for them. When members see how the Association can and does help them in their profession, they will become more active and in turn attract new members to the profession and the organization. The AALL LawLib Assist Blog is an outstanding example of how the national organization can help individual law librarians, facilitating communication through technology. Other good examples include the AALL Salary Survey, which can help individual law librarians demonstrate the value of their services to their employers, and the Relations with Information Vendors Committee (CRIV), which facilitates communications between information vendors and members of the Association and keeps the membership informed of developments in legal publishing. If elected, I would do my best to communicate the value of the Association to all of its members.

Probably the best thing AALL does is offer quality educational programming at the Annual Meeting. But the Association needs to reach all of its members, not just those who can afford to travel to the Annual Meeting. We could give better service to local constituencies by offering more educational opportunities at the local level, whether by cooperating with and supporting chapter educational efforts or by sponsoring distance education programs. How to do this has always been a conundrum. If elected, I will do my best to come up with a creative solution to the problem.

I am deeply honored to have been nominated to run for the AALL Executive Board. AALL has done a great deal for me, and I am grateful for the opportunity to give back to my professional community. During my law library career, I have worked in the academic setting and in the county law library setting. Prior to becoming a law librarian, I worked for a law firm as an associate, and I will be forever grateful to the librarians there who taught me everything I needed to know about legal research that I never learned in law school. Law librarians from all

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6. Assistant Director for Public Services, Sacramento County Public Law Library, Sacramento, California.

backgrounds share common interests that AALL can help them to advance, such as balancing intellectual property rights with the public's interest in access to information. If elected, I will do my best to understand the needs of and to advocate for the interests of all of the members of the Association.

**Education:**

M. Libr., University of Washington, 1993  
 J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law, 1989  
 B.A., University of Central Arkansas, 1982

**Positions Held:**

Sacramento County Public Law Library  
 Assistant Director for Public Services, 2004–present  
 University of Connecticut School of Law Library  
 Head of Reference Services, 1999–2004  
 University of Tennessee College of Law Library  
 Assistant Professor and Reference Librarian, 1994–99

**AALL Activities:**

Member, 1992–present  
 Recipient, AALL LexisNexis Research Grant, “The Emotional Intelligence of Law Librarians,” 2003  
 Producer, AALL Centennial Variety Show, 2006

**AALL Committees**

Fostering Legal Research as a Subject Specialty Special Committee, Member, 2005–07  
 Copyright Committee, Member, 2004–07  
 Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee, Member, 2003–04  
 Citation Formats Committee, Chair 2001–02; Member, 1998–2001  
 Government Relations Committee, Member, 1996–98

**Special Interest Sections**

State, Court, and County Law Libraries (SCCLL-SIS): Member, 2005–present  
 Research Instruction and Patron Services (RIP-SIS): Member, 1994–present; Nominations Committee, Chair, 2002–06; Chair, 2000–01; Program Committee, Chair, 1998

**Presentations:**

“How to Get to ‘Yes’ by Saying ‘No’ More Often,” AALL Annual Meeting, Seattle, July 2003  
 “A Legislative Advocacy Program for Libraries in Difficult Times,” Connecticut Library Association (CLA) Annual Conference, Mystic, Conn., April 2003

- “How to Choose the Legal Research Text That’s Right for You,” Legal Writing Institute Conference, Knoxville, May 2002
- “How to Choose the Legal Research Text That’s Right for You,” AALL Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, July 2001
- “Greeting Our Lay Patrons at the Gateway: Who Are They and How Can We Help Them?” AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, July 2000
- “Oh, What a Tangled Web We Weave: Legal Web Sources for the Non-Law Librarian,” CLA Annual Conference, Middletown, Conn., April 2000
- “Effective Internet Use for the Paralegal Profession,” Central Connecticut Paralegal Association Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Hartford, November 1999
- “How to Motivate and Nurture Student Workers,” AALL Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. July 1999
- “The Future of the Federal Depository Library Program,” Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Knoxville, April 1999
- “The Whole is Greater than the Sum of its Parts: Teambuilding in Our Library,” AALL Annual Meeting, Anaheim, July 1998
- “Tennessee State Government Publications in the Electronic Environment,” Tennessee Library Association Annual Meeting, Memphis, April 1998
- “Copyrighted Page Numbers: Legal Research as the Sociology of Legal Literature,” University of Tulsa’s Twelfth Annual Comparative Literature Symposium, Tulsa, March 1998 [read by Prof. Judy Cornett]
- “The ADA and Mentally Ill Pro Se Patrons,” Mid-American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Omaha, October 1997
- “Teaching Legal Research in the Digital Age,” AALL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, July 1997
- “Teaching Legal Research to Adult Learners,” Legal Writing Institute Conference, Seattle, July 1996
- “Delivering the Message through Newsletters,” AALL Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, July 1996

**Chapters:**

Northern California Association of Law Libraries  
Member, 2004–present

Law Librarians of New England  
Member, 1999–2004  
Government Relations Committee, Chair, 2000–03  
Board Member, 2004

South Eastern Association of Law Libraries  
Member, 1994–99  
Government Relations Committee, Chair, 1998–99  
Local Arrangements Committee, Member, 1999

**Other:**

Sacramento County Bar Association

Member, 2004–present

California Library Association

Member, 2004–present

Connecticut Library Association

Legislation Committee, Cochair, 2001–04

Tennessee Library Association

Legislation Committee, Member, 1997–99

Tennessee Bar Association

Law Office and Technology Management Section Board, Member, 1996–99

**Publications (Selected):**

“Teaching Legal Research Can Be Fun!” 8 *AALL Spectrum* 28 (Nov. 2003)

“Adult Learning: An Oxymoron?” 6 *AALL Spectrum* 18 (Nov. 2001)

“The Kelly Show! Episode Two: How to Choose the Legal Research Text That’s Right for You,” 6 *AALL Spectrum* 7 (Oct. 2001)

“Which Legal Research Text is Right for You?” 10 *Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing* 23 (2001) (with Joan Shear)

“The Top 10 Things Firm Librarians Wish Summer Associates Knew,” 8 *Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing* 140 (2000)

“The Kelly Show! Episode One: How to Motivate and Nurture Student Workers,” 4 *AALL Spectrum* 8 (Oct. 1999)

“Does the Law Governing Public Access to Judicial Opinions Mandate Citation Reform? It Depends,” 17 *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 75 (No. 1–2, 1999)

“The Whole is Greater than the Sum of its Parts: Teambuilding in Our Library,” 3 *AALL Spectrum* 10 (Oct. 1998)

“The Ins and Outs of a Uniform Citation System,” *National Law Journal*, 1995

“An Objective Account of the Advantages and Disadvantages of a Neutral Citation System,” *Southeastern Law Librarian*, 1995

“A Sad Time for the Gay Olympics,” 56 *University of Cincinnati Law Review* 1487 (1988)

**Subjects Taught:**

Legal Research

**Janice E. Henderson<sup>7</sup>**

My first AALL Annual Meeting was in St. Louis in 1980. It was small compared to our most recent conventions. We were only large enough to be in one hotel for both the attendees and the exhibitors. The business meetings were packed at standing room only, where as today they are deliberately held in smaller rooms because fewer members attend. Though the attendance to the conventions has grown since 1980, the percentage of participation seems to have decreased. Why is that?

There is still a groundswell or impression that SLA offers more opportunities to their law librarian members than the organization that was created specifically for law librarians. Why does that impression continue to exist? I'm not a member of SLA and have never been to one of their conventions. My understanding is that the seminars are more focused on current issues and the number of exhibitors is twofold to what AALL attracts to its conventions. What can we do to alleviate this impression or improve our conventions?

Why does the opinion persist consistently that law firm librarians are ignored by the Association? Could it simply be that law firm librarians, because of the nature of their jobs, don't have and can't get the time to volunteer to work on committees to the same extent as the academic librarians? And therefore, their needs are not being told to the Association. But the question is how can we change and eliminate this situation?

I won't follow the standard program of professional politicians and say I can fix all these problems, just vote for me. I will say I'll do my best to work on these problems/impressions and try to find solutions.

I care a great deal for this Association. Through it I've met colleagues who have helped me over the years through networking, whom I respect, and in several instances have become my close friends. I want this Association to continue to grow and stand fast as a representative for law librarianship. I want to do all I can to protect this community of viable individuals. I'll do my best to complete these goals as your representative on the Executive Board.

**Education:**

J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 1986

M.L.S., Pratt Institute, 1980

M.S., Hunter Graduate, 1979

B.A., Hunter College, 1974

**Positions Held:**

Lovells (New York)

Research Librarian, 2005–present

Covington Burling

Reference and Research Librarian, 2004–05

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7. Research Librarian, Lovells, New York, New York.

Pfizer Inc. (New York)

Consultant, 2003–04

Baker McKenzie

Director of Professional Development and Library Services, 1998–2002

Epstein Becker Green PC

Director of Library Services, 1993–98

Kirkland Ellis

Information Services Coordinator, 1991–93

St. John's University

Associate Adjunct Professor, 1990–93

CUNY Law School

Associate Law Library Professor and Head of Technical Services, 1989–91

Robinson Silverman Pearce Aronsohn Berman

Head Librarian, 1986–88

Tenzer Greenblatt Fallon Kaplan

Head Librarian, 1985–86

Weil Gotshal Manges

Reference Librarian, 1983–85

Morgan Lewis Bockius

Head Librarian, 1977–83

**AALL Activities:**

Member, 1978–present

**AALL Committees**

AALL Centennial Celebration Committee (Special Committee), 2003–06

Annual Meeting Program Committee, 2001–02

**Special Interest Sections**

Private Law Libraries SIS: Education Committee Cochair, 2000–01

**Presentations**

Speaker, "Educating Potential Attorneys: How to Bridge the Gap," Third Northeast Regional Conference, 1996

Speaker, "Automating the Law Firm Library: The Integrated Library System," AALL Annual Meeting, 1988

Speaker, "Online Systems in Technical Services: Ask the Experts," AALL Annual Meeting, 1988

**Chapters:**

Law Library Association of Greater New York

Member, 1978–present

65th Anniversary Centennial, Chair, 2003–04

MCLE/Teaching Legal Research Committee, Cochair, 1992–94; Member, 1999–2003

Immediate Past President, July 1997–June 1998

President, January 1996–June 1997

Vice President/President-Elect, July–December 1995

Volunteer Committee, Chair, 1989–90

Board Member, 1989–90

Advertising, Chair, 1986–89

**Presentations:**

Speaker, “Cost-Effective Legal Research,” Brooklyn Law School, Bridge the Gap programs, 1999–2003

Speaker, “Cost-Effective Legal Research,” Annual Bridge the Gap program sponsored by the Law Library Association of Greater New York, 1999–2004

Cochaired, developed, and organized the following one-day programs for Practising Law Institute in New York City:

“Managing the Law Library 1999: Forging Effective Relationships in Today’s Law Office,” February 1999

“Managing the Law Library 2000” March 2000

“The Law Library 2001: New Trends and Technologies,” April 2001

“The Law Library 2002: Skills, Strategies & Solutions in Today’s Challenging Legal Environment,” April 2002; Panelist/Speaker, “Emergency Preparedness: What Steps Law Librarians Need to Take”

“The Law Library 2003: Skills, Strategies & Solutions,” April 2003

“The Law Library 2004: Skills, Strategies & Solutions,” April 2004

“The Law Library 2005: Skills, Strategies & Solutions,” March 2005

Chaired, developed, and organized the following one-day programs for professional librarians for Practising Law Institute in New York City:

“Managing the Law Library 1997: Positioning for Change,” March 1997

“Managing the Law Library 1998: Knowledge Management and the Intranet,” February 1998

“Managing the Law Library: Current Issues and Developments” (Satellite Broadcast), October 1999; Speaker, “How to Influence Powerbrokers of the Firm”

Speaker, “Workshops for Legal Assistants,” Practising Law Institute, 1997

Speaker, “Legal Research: Techniques and Strategies for Associates,” Practising Law Institute, 1991

Speaker, “The Assistant, An Integrated Library Software System,” LLAGNY, 1989

**Publications:**

“Bibliography for Emergency Preparedness: What Steps Law Librarians Need to Take,” in *The Law Library 2002: Skills, Strategies & Solutions in Today’s Challenging Legal Environment*, PLI Course Handbook, 2002

“Beyond the Basics,” in *Legal Research: Techniques and Strategies for Associates*,  
PLI Course Handbook, 1991

“The Assistant—Revisited,” 4 *Trends in Law Library Management and Technology*  
(March 1991)

“Grand Jury Bibliography for the Practitioner,” 27 *Criminal Law Bulletin* (Sept./Oct.  
1991)

Book reviews for *Trends in Law Library Management and Technology*, 1991

“The Assistant,” 1 *Trends in Law Library Management and Technology* (Feb. 1988)

**Subjects Taught:**

Legal Research

*Cornell H. Winston*<sup>8</sup>

It is an honor to be nominated for this position in the American Association of Law Libraries. As the law, technology, and research change, so too must librarians continue to change. Many of us no longer work in “libraries,” but our end users often view us as information centers and legal resource centers. We adapt to changing terms and continue providing effective leadership that responds to national and global changes in the information arena. In the face of these changes, AALL’s overall mission remains constant. I would appreciate the opportunity to contribute to our Association’s mission as proclaimed in its slogan: “maximizing the power of the law library community since 1906.”

A member of the AALL Executive Board represents all the members of the Association. Though each member works in a different library environment, our shared values and knowledge make each member dependent on the other. We learn from and grow with one another, and all in the Association suffer when one library is threatened. Our Association has many qualified and excellent individuals who are able to mentor each other. My best sources of information have been other law librarians.

During my tenure as a member of the Association, I have served on several committees and have grown professionally and personally as a result of my varied experiences. Our Association has many qualified and excellent individuals who are able to mentor the newer members who strengthen our Association and our chosen profession. As a local chapter leader, I have learned that the interaction between the chapter and national Association makes for stronger local chapters. We are able to maximize resources on the local, state, and national levels for the benefit of the law library community.

As a member of the Executive Board, my goals are to achieve the following:

- Provide increased opportunities for members’ continuing education

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8. Law Librarian, United States Attorney’s Office, Central District of California, Los Angeles, California.

- Improve our professional status and reputation
- Strengthen the ties between AALL and the chapters
- Open avenues to information professionals beyond the law library
- Fight for continued access of free legal information to the public

In our one hundred years of existence, the American Association of Law Libraries has done remarkable things, yet much more remains to be done. I ask for your support in becoming a member of the American Association of Law Libraries Executive Board.

**Education:**

M.A., Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, 1989

B.A., University of California, Irvine, 1983

**Positions Held:**

United States Attorneys Office, Central District of California

Law Librarian, 2001–present

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

Law Librarian, 1992–2001

Whittier College School of Law, Los Angeles

Reference Librarian, 1989–92

Munger, Tolles & Olson, Los Angeles

Assistant Librarian, 1987–2001

**AALL Activities (Selected):**

Member, 1992–present

**AALL Committees**

Annual Meeting Program Committee (2006 St. Louis Annual Meeting),  
2005–06

Awards Committee, 2004–06

Council of Chapter Presidents, 2002–03

Indexing of Periodical Literature (Advisory Committee), 1999–2002; Chair,  
2000–01

Nominations Committee, 2000–01; Chair, 2001

Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee, 1997–98; 1998 Annual Meeting,  
Anaheim; Chair Closing Banquet, 1998

**Special Interest Sections**

State, Court, County SIS: Member, 2001–present; Membership and Mentoring  
Committee, 2003–05

Private Law Librarians SIS: Member, 1992–present; Education Committee,  
2001–02; Grants Committee, 1994–97; Chair, 1995–96

**Presentations**

- Moderator, State, Court and County Strategic Directions listserv discussion, 2004
- Speaker, "Coordinating Chapter Milestones Events," AALL Council of Chapter Presidents Meeting, 2003
- Moderator/Coordinator, "Law Firm Mergers: A Roadmap Through the Minefield," AALL Annual Meeting, 2002

**Chapters:****Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL)**

- Member, 1988–present
- Third Joint California Institute Committee, 2005–06
- Past President, 2003–04
- President, 2002–03
- Vice President/President-Elect, 2001–02
- Awards Committee, 1997–99; Chair, 1998–99
- Executive Board Member, 1996–97
- Institute Committee, 1995–96
- Arrangements (Education) Committee, Chair, 1994–95
- Newsletter Committee, 1992–94

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