

Appendix AALL Survey

**American Association of Law Libraries Official Annual Meeting
Attendee Survey**

Total number of electronic surveys e-mailed to ALA 2001 attendees: 1,684

Number returned: 472

Response rate: 28%

(Note: in most cases, percentages are rounded to the nearest full percent.)

What is your job title?

Director/Chief/Head Librarian or Primary Contact: 142 responses = 30%

- a. Associate/Deputy/Assistant Director: 33 responses = 7%
 - b. Chief of Branch/Branch Manager: 17 responses = 3.6%
 - c. Department Head/Supervisor/Manager: 79 responses = 16.7%
 - d. Branch Librarian: 10 responses = 2.1%
 - e. Assistant/Associate Law Librarian/Librarian: 89 responses = 18.9%
 - f. Library Assistant/Paraprofessional: 9 responses = 1.9%
 - g. Library Clerk: 0 responses = 0%
 - h. Generalist: 6 responses = 1.3%
 - i. Solo Librarian in one Person Librarian: 14 responses = 3%
 - j. Only Librarian at my Location/Other Library Employees: 13 responses = 2.8%
 - k. Independent/Self-Employed Librarian: 3 responses = .6%
 - l. Retired Librarian: 4 responses = .8%
 - m. Sales/Marketing Representative of Vendor/Supplier to Law Libraries: 4 responses = .8%
 - n. Consultant to Law Libraries: 0 responses = 0%
 - o. Student: 2 responses = .4%
 - p. Friend, Trustee, Judge, Attorney: 1 response = .2%
 - q. Other: 38 responses = 8.1%
- Did not answer: 8 = 1.7%

Other answers:

- Acquisitions Librarian (3)
- Attorney and Law Librarian
- Catalog Librarian (2)
- Circuit Systems Librarian
- Collection Development Librarian (3)
- Computer Services Librarian
- Database editor
- department chair
- Documents & Reference Librarian
- Educational Technology Specialist
- Electronic Research Services Manager

- E-service librarian
- faculty member
- Government Documents & Cataloging Librarian (2)
- Information Specialist
- Information Technology
- Law Librarian
- law reference librarian
- Lecturer in Law
- Legal Reference Librarian
- Library and Records Manager
- Owner of library filing service co.
- Publications & Reference Librarian
- Reference Librarian (12)
- researcher
- Senior Research Librarian
- Serials Coordinator
- supervisor (not a department head)
- Systems Librarian (2)
- Technical Services Librarian (2)

2. In what type of institution are you employed:

- a. Law School: 221 responses = 47%
- b. Law Firm: 145 responses = 31%
- c. State or Municipal Court: 14 responses = 3%
- d. Other State or Municipal Government: 21 responses = 4.4%
- e. Federal Court: 5 responses = 1%
- f. Other Federal Government: 12 responses = 2.5%
- g. Corporation: 8 responses = 2%
- h. Academic Library (non law school): 2 responses = .4%
- i. Association or Non-Profit Organization: 4 responses = .8%
- j. Public Library: 8 responses = 2%
- k. Private Law Library: 6 responses = 1.3%
- l. Independent/Self-employed Librarian: 5 responses = 1%
- m. Executive Search Firm/Consulting Firm: 0 responses = 0%
- n. Vendor/Publisher/Supplier to Law Libraries: 4 responses = .8%
- o. Other: 13 responses = 2.8%

Did not answer: 5 = 1%

Other responses:

- academic institution
- County Law Library (7)
- LLRX columnist
- membership/subscription law library
- nonprofit special library serving courts
- State admin. law judge pro tem

- State Court, also public law library (same institution)

3. What role do you play in the purchase of products and services like those exhibited in the AALL Exhibit Hall? Check all that apply.

- a. Final say in purchase: 190 responses = 40%
- b. Specify or recommend supplier: 160 responses = 34%
- c. Recommend product or service: 260 responses = 55%
- d. No role: 29 responses = 6%

4. Select the products and services you are interested in seeing in the AALL Exhibit Hall.

(Select all appropriate boxes)

- a. Books: 391 responses = 83%
- b. Periodicals: 340 responses = 72%
- c. Subscription Services: 321 responses = 68%
- d. Online Services: 424 responses = 90%
- e. Database Services: 384 responses = 81%
- f. Binding Services: 124 responses = 26%
- g. Security Systems: 115 responses = 24%
- h. AV Equipment: 131 responses = 28%
- i. AV Materials: 117 responses = 25%
- j. Furniture/Shelving: 148 responses = 31%
- k. Training: 251 responses = 53%
- l. Storage Systems: 141 responses = 30%
- m. Electronic Document Delivery: 282 responses = 60%
- n. Integrated Information System: 229 responses = 49%
- o. Computer Hardware: 157 responses = 33%
- p. Computer Software: 258 responses = 55%
- q. CD-ROM Products: 185 responses = 39%
- r. Preservation Materials: 158 responses = 33%
- s. PDAs/Wireless Communication Devices: 167 responses = 35%
- t. Photocopying Equipment: 108 responses = 23%
- u. Data- Retrieval Systems: 176 responses = 37%
- v. Other: 20 responses = 4%

Other responses:

- adaptive tech
- All of the Above (2)
- Architects, Scheduling/Rules/Billing Software, etc.
- archival supplies/equipment
- Binding only if not area-specific
- By books I mean current treatise, hornbooks, etc. material geared to a law school curriculum. Also interested in law related secondary

monographs. Esp. from West/Lexis large vendors, need more new books and less advertising fancy new online products.

- Cataloging Materials/Services (2)
- circulation and electronic reserve
- Customizable Internet Solutions
- Document Management systems
- Integrated library systems, general technical services tools/products
- Knowledge Management software
- microfiche services
- microfiche/microfilm readers
- microform & reader/printer-scanners
- OCLC and RLIN
- online catalogs
- People Finder databases
- processing
- Rare Books
- Scanners
- Signage

5. Total annual expenditures for print media (books, periodicals, monographs):

- a. Under \$50,000: 17 responses = 3.6%
 - b. \$50,00 - \$500,00: 171 responses = 36%
 - c. \$501,000 - \$1,000,000: 102 responses = 22%
 - d. \$1,000,001 - \$3,000,000: 48 responses = 10%
 - e. \$3,000,001 - \$6,000,000: 6 responses = 1.3%
 - f. Over \$6,000,000: 5 responses = 1%
 - g. Do not know or not available: 111 responses = 24%
- Did not answer: 12 = 2.5%

6. Total expenditures for audiovisual/media resources (projection equipment, film video):

- a. Under \$50,000: 237 responses = 50%
 - b. \$50,00 - \$500,000: 32 responses = 7%
 - c. \$501,000 - \$1,000,000: 5 responses = 1%
 - d. \$1,000,001 - 3,000,000: 5 responses = 1%
 - e. \$3,000,001 - 6,000.000: 0 responses = 0%
 - f. Over \$6,000,000: 1 response = .2%
 - g. Do not know or not available: 172 responses = 36%
- Did not answer: 20 = 4.2%

7. Total expenditures for electronic information resources (CD-ROM, web based):

- a. Under \$50,000: 107 responses = 23%
- b. \$50,000 - \$500,000: 173 responses = 37%

- c. \$501,000 - \$1,000,000: 14 responses = 3%
 - d. 1,001,000 - \$3,000,000: 12 responses = 2.5%
 - e. 3,001,000 - \$6,000,000: 5 responses = 1%
 - f. Over \$6,000,000: 4 responses = .8%
 - g. Do not know or not available: 143 responses = 30%
- Did not answer: 14 = 3%

8. Total expenditures for computer/network/communications equipment (computer and electronic hardware, PDAs, wireless):

- a. Under \$50,000: 114 responses = 24%
 - b. \$50,000 - \$500,000: 76 responses = 16%
 - c. \$501,000 - \$1,000,000: 7 responses = 1.5%
 - d. \$1,001,000 - \$3,000,000: 0 responses = 0%
 - e. \$3,001,000 - \$6,000,000: 3 responses = .6%
 - f. Over \$6,000,000: 2 responses = .4%
 - g. Do not know or not available: 245 responses = 52%
- Did not answer: 25 = 5.3%

9. Total expenditures for furniture/shelving/storage systems:

- a. Under \$50,000: 184 responses = 39%
 - b. \$50,000 - 500,000: 35 responses = 7.4%
 - c. \$501,000 - \$1,000,000: 0 responses = 0%
 - d. \$1,000,001 - \$3,000,000: 1 response = .2%
 - e. \$3,000,001 - \$6,000,000: 1 response = .2%
 - f. Over \$6,000,000: 0 responses = 0%
 - g. Do not know or not available: 230 responses = 49%
- Did not answer: 21 = 4.4%

10. Are there companies that you feel would benefit by exhibiting at AALL Annual Meeting?

Yes: 75 responses = 16%

Please list here:

- AbacusLaw
- Andrews Publishing
- Apple (3)
- Blackwell's Book Services (3)
- BNA
- Cambridge Univ. Press
- Canadian Association of Law Libraries
- CANON (2)
- Can't think right now. Get back to me.
- Caspr
- CDW

- Checkpoint, 3M
- compact shelving for fiche and books
- Compaq (2)
- DELL computers (2)
- Ebsco
- Emery-Pratt
- Endeavor Information Systems
- Equipment - vendors from Educause, ABA Tech Show, Syllabus
- expert witness software
- furniture
- Gallery Watch (2)
- Gateway
- General Academic Book Vendors
- General library fun like book character tshirts, stamps, bags, etc.
- HandSpring
- HP
- Hummingbird
- I don't have names. some of the benefit is mutual education.
- ICI Bookbinderies
- independent publishers, well known legal writers
- Inmagic, Inc., Woburn, MA (6)
- Levengers (sell supplies for readers)
- Lexis (3)
- Logitech
- many many more.
- Matthew Bender
- microform rdr/prtr outfits
- Microsoft (2)
- midwest library services (2)
- MINOLTA (2)
- Minolta microform equipment suppliers; compact shelving for microforms, etc.
- more companies with business info
- More Document Retrieval Systems
- More Rare Book Dealers
- More university presses
- non-legal info. providers
- NYU Press
- OCLC (5)
- Palm (3)
- Palm Pilot & other handheld organizer companies
- Panasonic
- Pro-Law
- RedHat

- rhode island law press
- Russ Bassett
- Shepards
- smaller private publishers
- Sony
- SpaceSaver Shelving
- Sun
- TheScientificWorld
- Those who traditionally exhibit at public and school library meetings
- tlc
- Too many to name!
- Univ. of Chicago Press
- vendors of above circ, reserve services
- Visor
- West
- Westlaw (2)
- WordPerfect (Corel)
- would like to see Intell. prop. vendors -(some of whom may have been at AALL this year) -- Derwent; EPO, Optipat/MicroPatent, USPTO, etc.
- Xerox (2)
- Yankee Book Peddler (3)
- ZipFix Products, St. Louis, MO 63132 product is Keeperz (reforcers for loose-leaf pages)

No: 167 responses = 35%

Did not answer: 230 responses = 49%

11. How many educational programs did you attend at the AALL Annual Meeting?

- a. 1-5: 93 responses = 20%
- b. 6-10: 259 responses = 55%
- c. More than 10: 111 responses = 24%

Did not answer: 9 = 1.9%

12a. Do you serve on an AALL Committee?

Yes: 129 responses = 27% (note: 153 responses show below in 12b = 32%)

No: 339 responses = 72%

Did not answer: 4 = .8%

12b. If you answered yes, how many committee meetings did you attend at the AALL Annual Meeting?

- a. 1-2: 116 responses = 76%
- b. 3-5: 33 responses = 21%
- c. More than 5: 4 responses = 3%

13a. Did you attend SIS business and committee meetings at the AALL Annual Meeting?

Yes: 289 responses = 61%

No: 171 responses = 36%

Did not answer: 12 = 2.5%

13b. If you answered yes, which SIS business and committee meetings did you attend?

- a. Academic Law Libraries: 77 responses = 27%
- b. Computing Services: 14 responses = 4.8%
- c. Foreign Comparative and International Law: 19 responses = 6.6%
- d. Government Documents: 16 responses = 5.5%
- e. Legal History and Rare Books: 12 responses = 4.2%
- f. Legal Information Services to the Public: 8 responses = 2.8%
- g. Micrographics and Audiovisual: 2 responses = .7%
- h. On-line Bibliographic Services: 21 responses = 7.3%
- i. Private Law Libraries: 85 responses = 29%
- j. Research Instruction and Patron Services: 20 responses = 6.9%
- k. Social Responsibilities: 13 responses = 4.5%
- l. State, Court and County Libraries: 41 responses = 14%
- m. Technical Services: 66 responses = 23%

14. How many SIS business and committee meetings did you attend?

a. 1-2: 227 responses = 48%

b. 3-5: 60 responses = 13%

c. More than 5: 11 responses = 2.3%

Did not answer: 174 = 37%

15a. Did you attend Chapter business meetings at the AALL Annual Meeting?

Yes: 152 responses = 32% (note: 158 responses show below in 15b = 33%)

No: 298 responses = 63%

Did not answer: 22: 4.7%

15b. If you answered yes, how many Chapter meetings did you attend?

a. 1-2: 154 responses = 97%

b. 3-5: 3 responses = 1.9%

c. More than 5: 1 response = .6%

16a. Did you attend SIS social functions at the AALL Annual Meeting?

Yes: 312 responses = 66% (note: 321 responses show below in 16b = 68%)

No: 144 responses = 31%

Did not answer: 16 = 3.4%

16b. If you answered yes, how many SIS social functions did you attend?

- a. 1-2: 280 responses = 87%
- b. 3-5: 41 responses = 13%
- c. More than 5: 0 responses = 0%

17a. Did you Attend Chapter social functions at the AALL Annual Meeting?

Yes: 205 responses = 43% (note: 208 responses show below in 17b = 44%)
No: 244 responses = 52%
Did not answer: 23 = 4.8%

17b. If you answered yes, how many Chapter social functions did you attend?

- a. 1-2: 202 responses = 97%
- b. 3-5: 6 responses = 2.8%
- c. More than 5: 0 = 0%

18a. Did you attend exhibitor social functions at the AALL Annual Meeting?

Yes: 398 responses = 84% (note: 402 responses show below in 18b = 85%)
No: 65 responses = 14%
Did not answer: 9 = 1.9%

18b. If you answered yes, how many exhibitor social functions did you attend?

- a. 1-2: 256 responses = 64%
- b. 3-5: 139 responses = 35%
- c. More than 5: 7 responses = 1.7%

19. As AALL looks at cities for future Annual Meeting site selection, which of the following cities would be your preference in the southeast region of the U.S.?

- a. Atlanta, GA: 260 responses = 55%
- b. Baltimore, MD: 242 responses = 51%
- c. New Orleans, LA: 311 responses = 66%
- d. Tampa, FL: 118 responses = 25%

20. As AALL looks at cities for future Annual Meeting site selection, which of the following cities would be your preference in the west region of the U.S.?

- a. Honolulu, HI: 192 responses = 41%
- b. Long Beach, CA: 117 responses = 25%
- c. Portland, OR: 306 responses = 65%
- d. San Diego, CA: 308 responses = 65%
- e. Vancouver, BC, Canada : 363 responses = 77%

The following comments were sent in via e-mail to ALA or HEI:

- I noticed that in your survey of potential meeting sites in the west, you omitted Las Vegas. That would be my preference if it had been listed.
- I am disturbed that the fees and arrangements of the display area are discouraging used book dealers from coming to AALL. Joe Luttrell (Meyer Boswell) did not come to Minneapolis. Greg Talbot of LawBook Exchange has reservations. These distributors are an ORNAMENT to the area and should not be treated like the very profitable corporate vendors. They are a significant part of what sets our display area apart from a common trade show. Michael J. Lynch, John Marshall Law School
- I would like to second Michael Lynch's very good comments about rare and second-hand book dealers... Would it make sense to have some sort of sliding fee scale so that smaller vendors could afford to come? Or those who do a small amount of business with us, or who would like to try out the AALL? Some sort of introductory fee for them if they are first time or first in 5 or 10 years? Betsy McKenzie, Director, Suffolk University Law Library
- As far as selecting sites for future meetings. I always enjoy a city where there's lots to do (museums, shopping) and decent restaurants in close proximity to the convention and hotels. Since I'm a technical services librarian (collection development), frequently there's blocks of time I have to visit the city. When the convention center of a city is sited poorly when you need a cab to get to anything, it's a problem. Anaheim was like that. If you didn't want to attend Disneyland, there was little else to do. I enjoyed Washington and Philadelphia for their proximity to everything. Boston is a great choice since it's an easy city to walk around in and close to everything. As far as Honolulu goes, it would be great, but I question how many of our directors would spring for the cost from the east coast. San Diego and New Orleans are wonderful cities, either would be good choices. I would be interested in Portland or Vancouver as well. I tend to attend anywhere from 4-6 programs depending on how many tech service programs there are. This year I attended 5. I spend a lot of time in the exhibit hall talking to exhibitors. Since I do book selection I am always interested in seeing the latest law school treatises, nutshells, in addition to university press books related to law. I am always disappointed that Lexis and West and the other large law publisher are busy promoting their electronic products and there are few books to look at. I have mentioned this a few times, but my suggestion never seems to be implemented. There only seems to be one booth where there are university press titles displayed, but it's only a distributor who doesn't necessarily have the latest catalog or publication dates. I wonder if the university presses such as NYU or Univ. of Chicago are not large

enough to set up their own table. They used to have a AALL bookstore with AALL merchandise and some of the titles that were discussed at the various workshops in the exhibit hall. I didn't see that this year and would like to see it reinstated. It was also nice to pick up a gift like a library Tshirt for a child at home as well. Was this not profitable, so it was discontinued? Hope you'll pass on my suggestions. Thanks for listening. Lisa J. Arm, Collection Development Librarian, Boston University Law Library