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President's Message

Dear MichALL Members:

The revival of our *MichALL Newsletter* presents the perfect opportunity to bring you this update on activities of our Executive Board and Committees, as well as other developments that impact our Association. It has been a very active year so far and the momentum promises to continue.

The MichALL Website

With its launch of a new AALLNET last spring, AALL moved to a more robust web server. All SIS, Chapter and Caucus content was migrated to the new server. MichALL Webmaster & Listserv Administrator, Jessica Fields, was able to make needed adjustments and has done a wonderful job keeping our website current with new content.



During the Annual Meeting in July, AALL notified Chapters of additional requirements pertaining to use of their AALL-hosted websites. First, the AALL required all Chapter listservs to be "closed" lists, necessitating an approval process for admitting members to the list. The MichALL Executive Board opted to have our Listserv Administrator admit MichALL members to the listserv in response to their individual requests. AALL also required each Chapter to post a copyright policy and a discussion list policy on its website. [MichALL Listserv Rules and Conditions](#) and the [MichALL Web Copyright Statement and Release](#) were adopted by the MichALL Executive Board in August 2011. These policies are intended to protect both MichALL and AALL from liability claims.

The MichALL listserv is a great communication tool for our Association and I hope you will take a few minutes to sign up. You will find instructions for requesting addition to the MichALL listserv on the website at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/michall/listserv/index-listserv.htm>.

2012 Elections

In January, the *Nominating Committee* chaired by Jan Bissett submitted an outstanding slate of candidates for the 2012 Election. Congratulations to Executive Board Members-elect Amy Ash, Vice President/President-Elect, Pat Bravender, Treasurer, and Michelle Lalonde-Reaume, Member-at-Large! Please join me in thanking all of our candidates for their participation and willingness to serve our Association.

To improve the voting process this year, the Executive Board decided to administer the 2012 Election using SurveyMonkey. SurveyMonkey tallies votes automatically so we were able to announce the newly-elected Executive Board members shortly after the ballots were in. This approach also enabled us to protect the anonymity of ballots and make voting more convenient. If you care to share your thoughts about the voting process, please contact any member of the Executive Board - we're all ears!

Programming

Congratulations to the *Education Committee*, chaired by Vice President/President-Elect Yolanda Jones, for organizing a successful Fall Dinner Meeting on October 26 at Steve & Rocky's in Novi. The meeting featured a lively presentation and discussion on consumer advocacy in legal publishing with guest speaker, Joe Hodnicki. Joe is Director of the Butler County (Ohio) Law Library, but many of you may know him best as editor of the *Law Librarian Blog* for his incisive commentary on a range of issues that affect our profession. More exciting programming is in store for us on May 18 at the Spring Educational Meeting to be held at the Gerald Ford Museum in Grand Rapids. Hope to see many of you there!

Committees

Before closing, I would like to take just a moment to acknowledge the contributions of our members who serve on MichALL Committees. In addition to providing ongoing support for the Association, our Committees help us grow by engaging our membership in MichALL's organizational activities. From *Authentication* to *Newsletter* to our *Webmaster* "committee of one"—we wouldn't be where we are without them.

With very best wishes,

Virginia C. Thomas

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S UPDATE
BY YOLANDA JONES

2011 MICHALL FALL MEETING

MichAll had a successful Fall Meeting at Steve & Rocky's in Novi, Michigan, on Wednesday, October 26th, 2011. The speaker was Joe Hodnicki, Director of the Butler County Law Library in Hamilton, Ohio. Joe is co-founder of the Law Professor Blog Network and co-editor of the Law Librarian Blog (<http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law-librarian-blog/>). He has written extensively on issues in legal publishing, including consumer advocacy. Mr. Hodnicki's discussion of "Consumer Advocacy in the Legal Publishing Industry" was both spirited and enlightening.

MAKE PLANS NOW
SPRING MEETING – FRIDAY, MAY 18TH 2012

Planning is currently underway for our annual Spring Meeting which will take place on Friday, May 18th 2012 at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum (photo right) in Grand Rapids. Come hear about Ebooks and how they affect our law libraries with speakers Paul Gallagher from Wayne State University, Jeremy York, Project Librarian, HathiTrust, and Sara Glassmeyer, Director of Content Development, CALL. Cost of the seminar is \$30.00 for members and guests and \$10.00 for students. Please register by May 14, 2012 by sending your payment to MichALL- 29488 Woodward Ave., # 440, Royal Oak, MI 48073 or by e-mailing Kineret Gable at kineret-gable@gmail.com. Please see the MichALL website for more information. The members of the Education Committee who are helping with the event are: Chair Yolanda Jones, Beth Foster, Beth Applebaum, Donyele Darrough, Xiaomeng Zhang, and Clare Membiela.



Courtesy Gerald R. Ford Museum

MICHALL AMERICAN ASSOCIATION CHAPTER REPORT
BY JANET ANN HEDIN

The Michigan Association of Law Libraries (MichALL) has been very busy during these last couple of years. With a roster of 82 members, we were proud to bestow lifetime memberships on four great Michigan law librarians – Joan Byerly, Georgia Clark, Jerry Dupont, and Margaret Leary. MichALL has grown a great deal with the knowledge and talents of these people and we hope to continue that growth with them as lifetime members.

MichALL holds two annual functions every year – our Fall Dinners and our Spring Education Meetings. In 2009 and 2010, our Fall Dinner was held at Hershey's Steak and Seafood Restaurant in Okemos, MI. At these dinners, members had a chance to relax as they reconnected with old friends and met new ones. We started a new tradition in 2009 by arranging to have a special guest speaker discuss a current topic. In 2009, the members heard from Michigan State Representative Joan Bauer (photo right; credit Bauer website) on the State Library of Michigan while in 2010, Jane Meland, Assistant Director for Public and Faculty Services, John F. Schaefer Law Library, Michigan State University College of Law (MSU Law), brought us up to date on AALL's National Inventory of Legal Materials project.



Above: "Town Hall" Meeting; Right: MichAll Members Discuss Important Skills (Photo credit: MichAll © 2009)

Our Spring Education Meetings were also a great success. In 2009, the meeting was held at MSU Law where the topic was how well our law students were mastering the skill of legal research and how they use that skill while being summer associates. The day started off with Katie Leonard from West who gave us an overview of their New Associate Skills Survey which helped us understand what law firms considered to be "the most important skills" for law students entering the profession. Then Vickie Eggars, Director of Thomas M. Cooley's (Cooley) Faculty Center, assisted the group through brainstorming sessions in order to help prepare questions for our own Town Hall panel discussion on "Legal Research Training in Michigan, Past, Present, and Future". The panel, consisting of speakers from law firms, law students, law professors, and career planning staff from all over Michigan was moderated by former MichALL President Clare Membiela, Associate Director for the Library and Instructional Support, Cooley. We were also honored to have as our special guest, Cornell H. Winston, former AALL Board Member, who brought us up to date on AALL activities.



Not to be outdone by such a spectacular program in 2009, MichALL went to new heights in 2010 by joining forces with the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL) for the first joint CALL/MichALL conference. MichALL worked hard to make sure that the programming being offered had both a Michigan and a Canadian influence. Speakers from Michigan included Jane Meland (MSU Law), Marlene Coir (Cooley), Pamela V. Lysaght, (University of Detroit-Mercy Law Faculty) Laura Leavitt (MSU Business Library), and Judge Donald E. Shelton (Washtenaw County Trial Court, Ann Arbor, Michigan). Their programs included on how to find free legal resources on the internet, how our libraries are existing in a changing world, twitter and blogging in the courtroom, collective bargaining, and many other great programs. Our AALL Chapter visitor, former AALL President, James E. Duggan, was also a speaker. MichALL members made many new friends from our good neighbor to the north and hope to keep this association growing in the years ahead.



As some of our members were not able to attend the CALL/MichALL conference, MichALL hosted another educational meeting in June, 2010 at Cooley Law in Lansing. At this meeting, members were enlightened by Ruth Dukelow, Associate Director, Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) on "Top Ten License Provisions and Clauses to Watch Out For in Licensing Agreements!" MichALL members definitely learned what to "watch out for" in all of our vendor agreements.

Recently, this last May, MichALL held their Spring Education Meeting at Cooley Law in Ann Arbor.

At this meeting, members were not only entertained but also learned a great deal about how to run a meeting and parliamentary procedure from Professional Registered Parliamentarian "Coco" Siewert. We also heard from Kimberly Koscielniak, Law Librarian, Library of Michigan, who updated us on the reorganization of the Library of Michigan. To update us on what was occurring on the national level was AALL Board Member, Mr. Ronald E. Wheeler, Jr.

MichALL has worked very hard to provide functions and programming that appeal to all of our members. We are looking forward to the year ahead with President Virginia Thomas, Director, Arthur Neef Law Library, Wayne State University (Wayne) leading the way along with Vice-President/President Elect, Yolanda Jones, Assistant Director, Wayne, Treasurer Kineret Gable, Library Manager, Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, Detroit, MI, Secretary, Frances Krempasky, Acquisitions/Serials Librarian, Cooley, Members at Large – Amy Ash, Reference Librarian, Cooley and Mark Heinrich, Head Librarian, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Detroit, MI and Past President, Janet Ann Hedin, Reference Librarian, MSU Law.



Above: (l-r) Kimberly Koscielniak and Ron Wheeler with MichALL Executive Board. Photo credit: MichALL ©2011

WAYNE STATE ARTHUR NEEF LAW LIBRARY UPDATE

BY YOLANDA JONES

Georgia A. Clark Law Faculty Scholarship Display Case Dedication



Georgia Clark looks over Law Faculty Display Case, photo credit WSU website (2011)

On October 21st, the Law Library facilitated the dedication of a new Law Faculty Scholarship Display Case in honor of Georgia A. Clark, Director of the Arthur Neef Law Library from 1976-2008. The Display Case was an expression of appreciation to Georgia for her many years of outstanding support for Faculty scholarship. A reception in the Law Library's Special Collections Room followed the dedication. Georgia was present for the dedication and had an opportunity to speak and greet her many friends at Wayne State. The inaugural display, which features current Law School Faculty books from the Law School Books & Blogs web page (<http://law.wayne.edu/faculty/blogs-and-books.php>), was created by Beth Foster, Librarian, with assistance from Mary Bonk from the library staff. More information about the event can be found in the November/December 2011 edition of the Wayne Law alumni newsletter (<http://law.wayne.edu/alumni/newsletter.php?newsletter=111>).

Damon J. Keith Youth Civil Rights Conference

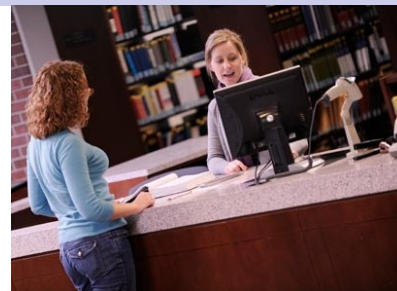
In conjunction with the Grand Opening of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights (<http://keithcenter.wayne.edu/>) which was held on October 19, the Law School sponsored the Damon J. Keith Youth Civil Rights Conference on October 22. The Law Library gave introductory legal research presentations to more than 45 high school students who had enrolled in the program.

Sad Loss

Gary Rivard, our long-time office manager, passed away unexpectedly in July of 2011. On October 21st, friends and colleagues of Gary Rivard gathered in the Law Library to remember and celebrate his life. Members of Gary's family were in attendance, as were colleagues from the Library System, the Law School, and Henry Ford Community College, where Gary was a member of the part-time faculty. The Law Library wishes to thank everyone who attended and who assisted with planning and preparing for the service. An obituary for Gary can be found in the November 2011 issue of the Henry Ford Adjunct Faculty Organization News (<http://www.hfcc-fo.org/news/newsletter5.1.pdf>).

**NEWS FROM MSU COLLEGE OF LAW SCHAEFER LAW LIBRARY
BY BRENT DOMANN**

The last couple of years have been quite eventful for us! In 2010, John F. Schaefer, Detroit College of Law graduate and a highly respected attorney in the field of matrimonial law, made a very generous contribution to the law college which established the John F. Schaefer Chair in Matrimonial Law. At the same time, Mr. Schaefer also made a significant gift to the law library. In honor of this donation, the law library was renamed the John F. Schaefer Law Library.



Schaefer Law Library Circulation Desk photo MSU website 2011

Since our last newsletter, we have hired two new staff members. Library Assistant Maggie Kiel-Morse was hired in January, 2010, to round out our technical services staff. A current student, Maggie looks forward to graduating in May, 2012, and continuing a career path in law librarianship. Brent Domann was hired as a Reference Librarian in April, 2010, and has assumed duties working with our growing Digital Commons repository and other online resources. Like Janet Ann Hedin, Reference Librarian, did in 2009, Brent attended the 2011 AALL Leadership Academy. Janet has also been appointed to the 2013 AALL Programming Committee.

Our Head of Library Technical Services, Lynn Heiden, retired in August, 2010. That same month, Reference Librarian Lara Leaf accepted a promotion and assumed Lynn's duties. Lara has been diligently leading several space planning and collection shifting projects and has continued to play an active role in our teaching and reference arenas.

We also had the opportunity in 2010 to work with MSU College of Law graduate Beth Foster as she completed a library-school practicum with us. After her practicum and completion of her MLIS, she stayed on until she accepted a position as research librarian at the Neef Law Library at Wayne State University.

On a final and sad note, the law college lost Professors Craig Callen and Al Storrs. They were beloved members of the law school community and welcome sight in the law library. On breaks from his research and teaching duties, Prof. Callen would frequently make rounds in the library asking students if they needed help and offering wisdom from his own course subjects as well as others. Prof. Storrs help established the MSU College of Law Tax Clinic and was always looking for the latest tax case to share with his students. In his memory, on April 10, 2012 the tax clinic will be renamed in his honor. Our law school community and our library will miss both Professor Callen and Storrs greatly.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COOLEY LAW LIBRARIES
BY MELISSA EWING**

In 2011 we welcomed three new faces to our Ann Arbor campus. Michelle Sawicki joined in August as circulation team leader, Tod Schlegelmilch joined in September as circulation team leader, and Andrew "Tig" Wartluft joined as reference librarian in November. Donyele Darrough, head of circulation at the Auburn Hills branch, attended the 2011 AALL Leadership Academy, October 28-29. Also, in 2011, Aletha Honsowitz, head of public services, and Amy Ash, reference librarian, both at the Grand Rapids campus published a CALI lesson entitled Michigan Primary Resources.



New bookshelves and tables at Auburn Hills campus; photo by John Meiu; Cooley website © 2011

In 2010, we completed the first phase of a \$6 million expansion of at our Lansing campus library. The newly opened expansion includes a study hall, accessible 24 hours a day by students, and a 43-seat student lounge. When completed, the expansion will fill the former Lansing Town Center building, a two-story structure between the Cooley Center and the Thomas E. Brennan Law Library on Capitol Avenue.

Last March, we unveiled our expanded Auburn Hills campus library at a grand opening ceremony. The expansion essentially doubles the seating, group study rooms, shelf space, and square footage of the facility. The resulting increase in total volumes brings Cooley's four-campus library system at its Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills, Grand Rapids, and Lansing campuses to more than 670,000 volumes, making it now the second largest law library in the state.

Our new branch located in Tampa Bay, Florida, will open in May of this year. The initial staff will all be current library employees moving from our Lansing branch. Bryan Van Pottelsberghe will be head of public services, Eric Hoheisel will be head of circulation, and Julie Swagart will be a circulation team leader. Last bit of news is that Cooley will implement Innovative Interfaces' Sierra Services platform in fall of 2012. The platform is a new system and not an upgrade of the existing Millennium platform. Sierra has updated usability which hopefully will make us all more efficient.