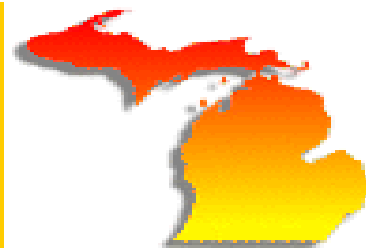


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Michael Samson, Wayne State University Law Library

We heard at our annual meeting in May a strong and loud demand for more and varied MichALL activities.

Since June 2004 the MichALL Executive Board (Barbara Bonge, Larissa Sullivant, Pat Parker, June VanWingen, Chris Bloodworth, Jeanne Stuart, and Anne Cottongim-our first volunteer-at-large) has been busy meeting almost every month and planning several events for all our members.

At this point we are close to putting the final touches on several dates, places and programs for the next 3 months: a Shanty Creek (<http://www.shantycreek.com>) 'family retreat' in October, a membership dinner in November, and a co-sponsorship of the GODORT of Michigan late November or beginning of December program dealing with government documents, legal resources and XML/RSS technology.

We also reviewed our Constitution and made several suggestions that will provide us, we hope, with opportunities to work, communicate and decide on important association issues by taking advantage of Internet technology (e-voting, on-line surveys, blogging of current news and events).

Please take the time to read this issue as it will provide you with detailed information on most of the issues outlined above.

We hope to see most of you at the events we have organized not only for you but also for your family.

Enjoy the Fall change of colors!

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MichALL President's Report on 2004 AALL Annual Meeting

For the past three years now AALL has been offering workshops and roundtables focusing on building chapter leadership and strength. Chapter executive board and committee members receive specialized training during these events. The most important aspect of this program is that chapter future leadership members (vice-presidents, who, as a rule, are in charge of organizing the annual membership meeting) have the opportunity to learn, exchange ideas with other chapter members, and compare their activities with the ones offered by chapters throughout the county.

I attended all the Saturday chapter events offered during the AALL annual conference in Boston this past July: the Chapter Leadership Training, conducted by Council of Chapter Presidents Chair Susan Goldner, the Chapter/SIS Leadership Lunch (chapter vice-presidents, presidents and SIS chairs only) and the Professional Development Workshop. These three events are extremely valuable in terms of training opportunities for chapter vice-presidents and they all take place on the Saturday before the official opening of the conference. This is why, after my return from the conference, I brought to the attention of the MichALL Executive Board the issue of requiring the attendance for all future MichALL vice-presidents and supporting this training through a MichALL travel grant. This will be an investment in the organization's leadership training and also a way to encourage future member's participation in order to nurture their interest in assuming more responsibility in the organization.

Other chapter functions covered by roundtables and workshops during the conference were:

- Treasurer training with Steve Ligda, AALL Director of Finance and Administration
- Membership development with Susan Fox, AALL Executive Director
- Meeting management with Susan Siebers, AALL Public Relations Committee Chair
- Government relations with Mary Alice Baish, AALL Associate Washington Affairs Representative
- CONE (Chapter of Newsletter Editors) workshop on online publishing.

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MichALL President's Report, continued from Page 1

All these roundtables and workshops are wonderful training sessions. They provide extremely valuable ideas for chapter members assuming responsibilities within their chapters.

My only regret is that I just wish I knew about the opportunity to attend the vice-president training before I became the MichALL president!

The positive outcome of this regret: I took this issue to the MichALL Executive Board and received their commitment to help future vice-presidents learn in advance about this program and to encourage and support their attendance financially. The board also agreed to promote this annual AALL chapter program through the web site, listserv, and newsletter.

EDITOR'S NOTE

As you can see, our newsletter has a new color, design and layout. This issue highlights two upcoming Fall events: the October 22-24 Fall retreat at Shanty Creek and the November 10 Law Librarian's Dinner at Tuscan House in Dexter. It also introduces two new sections: Law Library Updates and Points of Interest. I hope that you find this current issue of the MichALL Newsletter aesthetically pleasing to the eye, easy to read and informative.

During the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston, I attended the Council of Newsletter Editors (CONE) Workshop. I found this program very productive as well as informative. The CONE Workshop reviewed basic elements of newsletter design, layout and style and introduced recommended electronic formats and conversion software. During the workshop, I gained some valuable tips on newsletter design, color, layout, format and content. The most important lesson that stuck with me was that a newsletter must contain information that is not only informative, but visually interesting and easy to find. Hopefully, I effectively applied this lesson in improving our newsletter.

So please check out our new look newsletter. Take it around the block and kick the tires. If you like the newsletter or have any suggestions for improvement, please let me know by sending me an email or letter. Thanks for your support.

Christopher T. Bloodworth, Editor, MichALL Newsletter

FEATURES

MichALL to hold first-ever Fall retreat at Shanty Creek resort

On the weekend of October 22-24, MichALL will host the first-ever Fall retreat at the Shanty Creek Resort & Club in Bellaire, Michigan.

The 2004 Fall Retreat is both an educational and social event for MichALL members, non-members and their families. It will be an opportunity for members to learn, network, socialize and have fun participating in a wide range of programs and activities.

The retreat was planned by the MichALL Board in response to a general consensus decided among members during the May 2004 Annual Meeting: MichALL should have more social, informal events and activities for members who wish to attend and participate in.

Shanty Creek Resort & Club is a four-season complex that consists of three unique villages: Summit, Schuss and Cedar River. It offers a wide range of activities and events throughout the year including Fall color tours on horseback, solar lighted disc golf, bicycle riding, swimming, fly fishing, water aerobics and day excursions for hiking, shopping or boating. The resort also has a children's center and a variety of activities for kids.

There are a variety of affordable living and sleeping accommodations at Shanty Creek. Lodging options for October 22-24 include single and double guest rooms at Summit Village for \$84 per day.

Guaranteed check-in is 6:00PM and check-out is 12NOON. Early check-in requests are accommodated as lodging becomes available.

Dining options at Shanty Creek include La Vigna, an Italian bistro, Lakeview at Summit Village, Arnie's and Ivan's Fun, Food and Spirits.

MichALL will organize a series of programs/activities for the Fall retreat depending on the number of members who register for, or express interest in attending, the event. **To guarantee room reservations, forms must be mailed or faxed to Shanty Creek Resort & Club by October 8, 2004.** Mail and online registration forms and directions to Shanty Creek are re-printed on pages 4-6.



MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES
 OCTOBER 22-24, 2004

Please return this form to:
 Reservations Department
 Shanty Creek
 One Shanty Creek Road
 Bellaire, MI 49615

Group Code: 9579



CHECK IN TIME:
 Guaranteed by 6pm
 CHECK OUT TIME:
 12:00 Noon

Name: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone () _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Business Phone() _____

E-Mail address: _____ (For confirmation)

You are welcome to arrive early or extend your stay following this scheduled event. At times specified accommodations are not available prior to or following your event. If the room type requested is not available, we reserve the right to assign the next available room type and rate.

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ # Adults: _____ # Children: _____

Reservations must be received by October 8, 2004

	Please reserve the following accommodations			
ROOM TYPE:	1 ADULT	2 ADULTS	3 ADULTS	4 ADULTS
_____ Guest Room	\$84	\$84		

The above rates are Per Room, Per Day, plus 6% state tax and 4% Resort fee.

THIS FORM MUST BE MAILED OR FAXED IN TO RECEIVE THE GROUP DISCOUNTED RATES.

Deposit Policy: You must guarantee your room reservation with a major credit card or a check for deposit of first nights lodging. Credit card WILL BE charged for the above deposit. Debit cards are not accepted for deposit. Refund of your deposit will be made if cancellation occurs at least 5 days prior to arrival, less a \$10 handling fee.

Card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature (required) _____

Shanty Creek will be sending you a written confirmation of this reservation request. Upon receipt, please review all information.

Do you have any special lodging requests?
 _____ Barrier free _____ Non Smoking _____ Other (please indicate) _____

For questions and information call: 1-800-678-4111 or FAX: 231-533-7004

How Do I Get to Shanty Creek??



From Chicago

Leave Chicago via Interstate 94 East; at Benton Harbor, MI, turn onto Interstate 196 North to Grand Rapids, take US 131 North to Mancelona; in Mancelona, take M-88 West to the Shanty Creek Main Entrance.

From Detroit

Follow Interstate 75 North from Detroit to Grayling; M-72 West toward Kalkaska. In Kalkaska turn North on US 131 to Mancelona. From Mancelona, take M-88 West to the Shanty Creek Main Entrance.

From Lansing

Proceed North on US 27 to Grayling, M-72 West to Kalkaska, Turn North on US 131 towards Mancelona. In Mancelona, take M-88 West to the Shanty Creek Main Entrance.

From Grand Rapids

Take US 131 North from Grand Rapids to Mancelona. In Mancelona, turn west on M-88 to the Shanty Creek Main Entrance.

From the Upper Peninsula

Take I-75 South to exit 282 (Gaylord). Turn right onto M-32. Take M-32 to US 131, turn left (south) towards Mancelona. Take US 131 to M-88. Head west on M-88 towards Bellaire about 6 miles to the Shanty Creek Main Entrance.

By Air

Regularly scheduled commercial flights land at Traverse City Cherry Capital Airport daily. Private aircraft are also served by the nearby Antrim County Airport, a general aviation facility appropriate for craft ranging in size up to a DC-9.

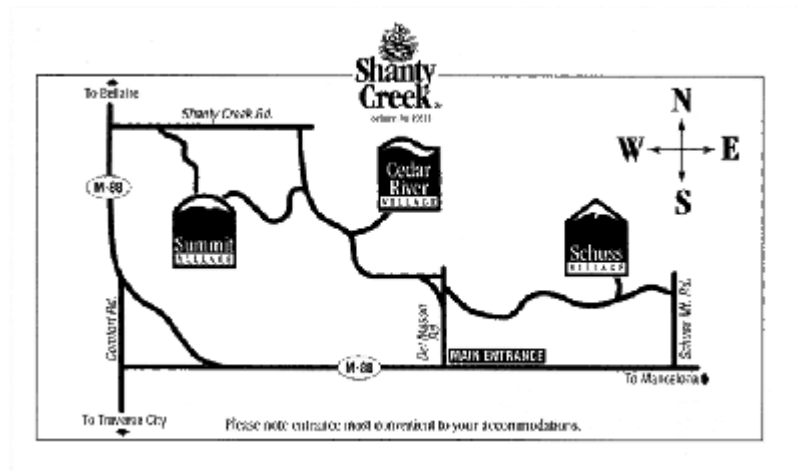
From Traverse City

[Click Here](#) for a map and more specific directions.

Resort Map

[Click on the Resort Map for a Larger View.](#)

Please confirm with your reservations agent what village you will be staying at before your stay.



MichALL to hold Membership Dinner in Dexter

On November 10, MichALL will hold its Fall Membership Dinner at the Tuscan House (formerly Cousins) in historic downtown Dexter.

The dinner will include a choice of entrees and dessert. There will also be a cash bar and wine bottles available for purchase with dinner. The cost of the dinner will be \$25.00 per person.

Located approximately 5 miles west of Ann Arbor off I-94, the Tuscan House is a historic building situated in the heart of Dexter. It has a dining area that can seat up to 60 people.

Please mark your calendar to attend this wonderful event. More details and a reservation form will be sent out to MichALL members soon.

Please see menu and schedule for the Fall Membership Dinner on Page 7

Law Librarians' Dinner, Tuscan House, Nov. 10, 2004**Hors d Oeuvres: (5:00 –6:15)**

Fruit and Cheese Tray
Chicken Curry in Phyllo Baskets

Dinner at 6:15**Salad**

Romaine Hearts, Sweet Onion, Tomato and Mozzarella Salad
Topped lightly with Angel Hair Pasta

Dinner Served with Pumpkin Seed Crusted Bread

Entrees (Will list all Three on Menu)

Sambuca Chicken Florentine Roulade
North Atlantic Salmon in a Lemon Buerre Blanc
Vegetarian Stuffed Yellow Squash
(Stuffed with Tofu, Red, Yellow, Green Peppers, Seasoned Spicy and topped with Salsa)

Tiny Potatoes Roasted on Rosemary Branches

Green Beans

Dessert (Will list all Three on Menu)

Lemon Curd Tart with Blueberries
Chocolate Tort
Tiramisu

Drinks

Soft Beverage

MichALL held 2004 Annual Meeting program at the Wayne State University Law Library

For the first time in 5 years, MichALL held its annual meeting in southeast Michigan.

On May 21, 2004, the MichALL Annual Meeting took place in Detroit at the Wayne State University (WSU) Law Library. It was attended by 47 members who participated in an educational program, business meeting and tours of the WSU Law Library and Law School.

The program for the 2004 Annual Meeting, "From ICLE to LLMC: Digital Legal Resource Initiatives in Michigan and Beyond," featured five presentations on digitization projects:

- 1) "Michigan Law Online," by Mary Hiniker, ICLE Publications Director;
- 2) "Law Library Microform Consortium (LLMC)—Digital," by Jerry DuPont, LLMC Executive Director;
- 3) "Digitization of Michigan Legislative History Analysis Documents," by Richard Lucas, Reference Librarian and Digitization Project Coordinator, Law Library of Michigan;

- 4) "Detroit News Photo Archives," by Jeff Trecziak, WSU Libraries Computing & Media Services Director; and
- 5) "Government Printing Office (GPO) and Legacy Documents," by Michael Samson, MichALL President and Government Documents Librarian at the WSU Law Library. These presentations focused on the effects these projects have on current and future information access, as well as on time, costs and efforts involved in selecting the appropriate technology and digitization formats. Three of these presentations (1, 4, 5) are posted on the web at: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/michall/presentations/index-presentations.htm>.

Michael Samson, MichALL President, coordinated the program for the 2004 Annual Meeting and offered it free of charge to members in good standing, "We had good attendance at our May 21st annual meeting, and several members expressed their appreciation for the free program and good speakers' presentations."

The meeting ended with a tour of both the WSU Law Library and Law School. The tour of the Law Library also included a demonstration of Wayne State's two mobile wireless carts that store, secure and recharge 30 Gateway wireless laptop computers for classroom instruction.

Two New Librarians on Board at WSU

This past summer, the Wayne State University Law Library hired two new law librarians: Anne Cottongim as Public Services Librarian and Lauren Collins as Instructional Services Librarian.

Anne has been at the WSU Law Library since June 7. She is a graduate of Wayne State University's Library and Information Science Program (LISP). As an LISP practicum student, Anne worked at the Wayne State University Law Library prior to graduating from the program. She also was formally Reference and Electronic Services Librarian at the Ave Maria School of Law Library in Ann Arbor.

Anne says she is adjusting to change from a small private law library at Ave Maria to an urban-based, public law library at Wayne State, "I believe that there is plenty of room to develop my library skills here. I like the way the Wayne State Library System is set up. I am on several library committees and have even overcome my fear of public speaking by participating in the 1L instruction program and various research support presentations on (the WSU) campus."

As Public Services Librarian, Anne coordinates reference and research support services, updates the reference desk schedule, conducts bi-monthly reference staff meetings, creates and maintains legal research guides and handouts and serves as faculty research liaison. Anne especially likes to help people of different backgrounds find what they are looking for, "We (WSU Law Library) have a wide variety of patrons, from senior faculty members to members of the public with no legal background and the different types of questions we (law librarians) get at the (reference) desk is amazing so it is always rewarding to find what the person needs when they need it."

Anne says what she finds most challenging about her position is scheduling a staff of 5 busy law librarians to work the reference desk, "With all of our busy schedules it is hard to maintain full-desk coverage given the high number of reference assistance hours that we provide."

Lauren has been at the WSU Law Library since August 16. She received her library degree from the University of Michigan and her J.D. from the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. Before joining the WSU Law Library staff, she was Reference/Faculty Services Librarian at the University of Miami in Florida.

As Instructional Services Librarian, Lauren teaches legal research, schedules legal research training sessions and serves as research liaison for Lexis and Westlaw. She says, "There are

quite a few obligations that go with each responsibility (of this position); the good news is the level of responsibility make the work days seem short.”

Lauren likes to work with students, specifically first-year law students. She conducts legal research training sessions for students in the WSU Law School's Legal Research and Writing Program. To Lauren, this is the most rewarding part of her job, “I enjoy working with the Legal Research and Writing program. (It) is the one subject where a first-year (law) student can accurately gauge his or her success as he or she goes along. When a student finally has his or her ‘Ah-ha’ moment (as Oprah would say), I like being a part of it.” Lauren says she would like to teach legal research classes to both beginning first-year students and advanced upper-level students in the WSU Law School.

MichALL Board member reviews SLA virtual learning presentation

“Becoming a Great Web Searcher” by Rita Vine

Reviewed by: June VanWingen, MichALL Member-At-Large, President-Elect of Western/UP Michigan Chapter, SLA, and Law Librarian, U.S. Attorney’s Office – Western District of Michigan

I attended a Special Libraries Association (SLA) 2004 Virtual Learning Series presentation “Becoming a Great Web Searcher” by Rita Vine of <http://www.workingfaster.com> on September 14th. The Western/UP Michigan Chapter of SLA hosted the event at ITT Tech in Grand Rapids. The videoconference was produced in partnership with Information Outlook. The Professional Development Center at SLA produced additional reading material on web searching before, during and after the seminar. The following URL is the link provided for this material: <http://www.sla.org/content/learn/learnmore/distance/virtsem2004/sept14virtsem.cfm>

Rita reviewed 5 key ingredients to become a great web searcher:

- 1- Know what’s ‘under the hood’ of search tools
- 2- Understand web-based business models of free search tools
- 3- Accept the limitations of search engines
- 4- Use selected power features of search engines, when needed
- 5- Know how to evaluate new tools

For item 1, knowing what the structure of the search engine has been, how it works and who contributes to the content is vital to understanding how search engines work. Librarians Index to the Internet does web site evaluation, as do many of the web sites that track search engines. Analysis of search engines should include the size of the database, how it’s organized and what advanced search features are available.

For item 2, the goal of the search engine, whether it’s non-profit, not-for-profit, or a commercial search engine needs to be researched. The mission statement, reliability, regular updating, authority of the contributors are all part of this picture.

Item 3, understanding the limitations of search engines, relates to the invisible web, database size, ranking algorithms and profit motives of the companies. Knowing when to use a search engine is just as important: this includes locating a web site you don’t know the URL for, a distinctive name, locating a particular form or items even when it’s not a revenue source. Rita suggested there are times when a search engine is not recommended: when the name or language is unclear or the information may have different spelling variations. There is no one perfect starter site. The way to approach a search will vary depending on how much information is available.

Item 4 - After a question and answer session, Rita reviewed some power features of search engines. Link: URL, Search by file type, language and date = are good ways to locate information. This will limit the results to manageable amounts.

Item 5 – Evaluate all new free search tools against the standards: Any search tool should be evaluated by a compelling business model that is easy to understand and use, links to free information, covers many subjects, is browseable, and has an expert available for assistance and the best available in their subject areas.

Rita gave an example of a great site, the University of Michigan's Oiaster, which is geared to academic information. It uses a variety of web search tools: directories, specialized portals, quick lookup tools, country and regional portals, catalogs, directories and search engines; all of which should be part of a triangle of research tools.

Rita said several steps should be used when beginning the search, such as: write down ideas (keywords), types of sources, and starter sites; use search engines to locate ideas and consider strategy; and expand searching to journals, business publications, portals, associations and government sites. One of her biggest recommendations is to stay current.

USA PATRIOT Act Sparks Debate and Discussion at Wayne State

Representatives of Michigan's legal and academic communities met Tuesday, September 28 at Wayne State University to participate in a panel discussion on The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT) Act.

The panel discussion, titled "National Security and Academic Freedom: the Impact of the USA PATRIOT Act on the University," featured lively debate on issues affected by this Act such as academic freedom, immigration, criminal justice, governmental authority and privacy rights.

The panel included distinguished experts in both the legal and higher education fields: attorneys Saul A. Green and P. Rivka Schochet; Craig S. Morford, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan; Kary L. Moss, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Michigan Chapter; Robert Sedler, Wayne State Law School Professor; Louis Lessem, Vice-President and General Counsel for Wayne State University; and Linda Seatts, Counselor, Wayne State Office of International Students and Scholars.

The panel addressed two main questions raised by enforcement of USA PATRIOT Act: 1) Does the USA PATRIOT Act restrict academic freedom? And 2) Does the USA PATRIOT Act protect or endanger American freedoms?

As a federal prosecutor, Morford said the USA PATRIOT Act allows him to employ measures, such as wiretapping, necessary to fight terrorism, "The use of wiretaps and (other forms of) surveillance have previously been accepted by the public and employed by law enforcement to bring down the Mafia. These are tools that have been used responsibly over the past 30 years to fight organized crime and should be employed the same way to fight terrorism."

Morford said that there must be fair criticism of the USA PATRIOT Act, especially in situations when it adversely affects civil liberties, but the stakes are too high for the security of the nation to repeal the Act entirely, "It is important to defend sections of the Act which are necessary to fight terrorism, but continue to open up lines of debate and dialogue to address concerns."

According to Moss, Director of the ACLU Michigan Chapter, the problem is not necessarily the USA PATRIOT Act, but the expanded powers granted by the Act to the U.S. Attorney General's

Office and Department of Justice. She said, "The overreach of the Executive Branch has created a serious threat to our system of checks and balances that makes our democracy vital."

Moss said the USA PATRIOT Act has created a climate of fear and secrecy by undermining privacy rights and the fair due process of law, "The Act eliminates probable cause to obtain wiretaps and access unlimited records of personal data to investigate terrorism."

The USA PATRIOT Act, according to Prof. Robert Sedler, is not the biggest threat to academic freedom on college campuses. Instead, it is students and faculty, in fear of violating the Act, not maintaining a climate of free expression and thought on U.S. foreign policy. He said, "Universities need to be concerned, but can't recognize the Act's chilling effect (on college campuses) due to a lack of sufficient evidence. However, they need to be wary of the dangers (the Act poses to) to academic freedom."

Sedler said that it is difficult to determine how the USA PATRIOT Act impacts academic freedom on college campuses because the law is too vague and bound by secrecy, but does raise initial concerns as how it will impact foreign students and the privacy of school records.

"When we (colleges, universities, lawyers and law enforcement agencies) assess the PATRIOT Act, we must realize provisions that endanger and protect civil liberties," He said. "We must attempt to achieve the right balance between law enforcement and civil liberties."

Sandra Yee, Dean of the Wayne State University Library System, said WSU libraries follow a policy that require law enforcement agencies to present a warrant to search library records. The goal, she said, is constant training and preparation for Library System staff to handle situations involving the USA PATRIOT Act.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MichALL Board is working on additions and changes to bylaws.

The MichALL Board is working on updates to two articles of the Constitution. The changes would allow for votes by email, change the nomination schedule, and provide a grant for the Vice President/President Elect to attend the Chapter Leadership Training at the AALL meeting. Once the Board agrees on the language, MichALL members will vote on the changes by the present system of changing the Constitution.

Changes are underlined.

Article VI. Officers.

A & B [no changes]

C. Duties of Officers

1. [no changes]

2. [new] The duties of the Vice President/President Elect shall include, but are not limited to, attending the Chapter Leadership Training at the AALL annual meeting. The association shall grant the Vice President/President Elect at least \$500 to help with the expenses of attending this training.

3. The duties of the Secretary . . . [only change is in numbering]

4. The duties of the Treasurer . . . [only change is in numbering]

Article IX. Nominations and Elections and other Membership Votes

Note: In these provisions, where email is the stated means of communication, the communication to those members who do not have email easily available to them shall be by regular mail.

A. General Elections

1. The Executive Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee, consisting of three members of the Association that fairly represent the membership at large.

2. The Nominating Committee shall submit the names of nominees to the President by January 20. The President shall promptly announce the nominations by posting them on the website.

3. Additional nominations may be made by any member by communicating such nomination to the President in writing, including by email, endorsed by the signatures or by emails of at least five percent of the Association's members. These nominations and endorsements must be received by the President by January 30 to be accepted.

4. Ballots including all names duly nominated shall be emailed by the Secretary, or by another Executive Board member if the Secretary is a nominee, to the membership on the first Monday after February 10.

5. Election ballots must be received by the Secretary (or other Executive Board member, as provided above) by the Monday two weeks following sending out the ballots. Email ballots shall be returned by a direct reply to the ballot email.

6. The Secretary or Executive Board member receiving the filled-out ballots shall print out all email ballots and present them and any ballots returned by regular mail along with a tally of the votes to the President, who will announce the results to the membership. The paper record of the ballots shall be maintained until the new officers take office at the spring business meeting.

B. Vacancies and Special Elections.

1. [no change]

2. Vice President/ President Elect. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice President/President Elect, a special election will be held to elect a new Vice President/President Elect to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. Such a special election shall be held as soon as practicable and shall observe the procedures established for General Elections, with the dates of necessity being changed and the time periods being reduced by up to one-half if the Executive Board decides the reduction desirable.

3. [no change]

4. [no change]

C. Membership Votes

1. The affairs of the Association, including elections, shall be conducted by the majority vote of members voting unless otherwise provided in the Constitution.

2. If the Executive Board determines that a particular decision should be decided by the vote of the membership, it will also determine whether that vote will be at the spring business meeting, by special business meeting, or by mail vote.

3. A notice of the decision to be voted on, along with the exact wording to appear on the ballot, shall be sent by the President to all members at least twenty (20) days prior to a vote.

4. Ballots shall be emailed by the Secretary to the membership on a Monday.

5. Ballots must be received by the Secretary (or other Executive Board member, as provided above) by the Monday two weeks following sending out the ballots. Email ballots shall be returned by a direct reply to the ballot email.

6. The Secretary or Executive Board member receiving the filled-out ballots shall print out all email ballots and present them and any ballots returned by regular mail along with a tally of the votes to the President, who will announce the results to the membership. The paper record of the ballots shall be maintained until the end of the next business meeting.

MichALL Nominations for Officers!

Thus far, the Nominations Committee has received names of the following 4 candidates to serve on the Executive Board during the 2005-06 term:

Vice President/President-Elect: Larissa Sullivant, Ave Maria Law School
Treasurer: Jim Mooradian, Library Management Systems, Inc.
Secretary: Anne Cottongim, Wayne State University
Member-at-Large: Lauren Collins, Wayne State University

All positions are two-year terms with the vice-president becoming president during the second year. For more detailed information on duties and responsibilities of officers, check out the MichALL Nominations web page at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/michall/nominations/index-nominations.htm>. If you would like to nominate someone or would consider running yourself, contact Jeanne Stuart at jstuart@bodmanllp.com.

Smith to retire from U.S. Courts Library in November

Linda D. Smith, Circuit Satellite Librarian at the U.S. Courts Library, recently announced her retirement. Her last day at the U.S. Courts Library will be November 26. Her position will be posted soon, but may be only part-time.

Whitmer retires from State Law Library of Michigan in July

Nancy Whitmer retired from the State Law Library of Michigan effective July 30. Her former position, Senior Reference Librarian, has been posted on AALL and remains unfilled.

Grand Traverse County law librarian gives birth to baby son in May

Michele Howard, librarian at the Grand Traverse County Law Library and former MichALL Treasurer, gave birth to a baby boy on May 7, 2004. His name is Gabriel James. He weighed in at 9 lbs. Congratulations!

Wayne State University Library System and Law School to host first joint GODORT-M/MichALL meeting

On November 19 or December 10, 2004, from 9 am till 4 pm the Wayne State University Library System and Law School will host the first 2004-05 GODORT of Michigan Membership Meeting.

The MichALL Executive Board unanimously approved to partner with GODORT-M to co-sponsor this program.

The program and theme of the meeting will be the following:

"Government documents awareness via Rich Site Summary (RSS): aggregation and syndication of e-government resources in real-time using XML".

Michael Samson, MichALL President and coordinator of the GODORT-M meeting, said "As RSS, a dialect of XML, is becoming a standard feature in browsers, blogs, web sites, and advanced ILS, this program will be a good introduction to this new technology, its use and future potential for real-time awareness of government information (federal, state, local) in the library field."

We hope to have one national expert on RSS for government resources as a guest-speaker for

this meeting. More information and registration details will be made available by October 08, 2004. Please contact Michael Samson at ad4092@wayne.edu for more information.

SEMLOL to hold Library Summit at Schoolcraft College in November

Library Summit: Models for Statewide Library Cooperation

Friday, November 12, 2004, 10:00 a.m.
Schoolcraft College, Livonia, MI
VisTaTech Building

The following program is sponsored by SEMLOL, the Southeastern Michigan League of Libraries:

Keynote Speaker: Tom Sanville, Exec. Director, OhioLINK

OhioLINK is a cooperative of Ohio academic libraries & the State Library of Ohio

Sanville will address the following questions:

What library system should we have? What database(s) do we need most? How can we get books from other libraries most quickly? Those are questions we all hear, and often even ask ourselves.

We tend to answer those questions by indicating what we think is best for our institution. But, in Ohio, they have excelled at statewide library cooperation by answering such questions in a very different way.

Lunch: Pasta Italiano Bar (brief Membership Meeting during lunch)
Lunch is included **if** you register by November 5th - \$20 Registration
Details: Gary Cocozzoli, Lawrence Technical Univ., 248-204-3000

An afternoon Panel will discuss Cooperation in Michigan:

- Randy Dykhuis, Executive Director, Michigan Library Consortium (MLC);
- Michael Boulus, Executive Director, President's Council, State Universities of Michigan
- Alida Geppert, Director, Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative
- Eileen Palmer, The Library Network (TLN)
- Sarah Martin, Detroit Area Library Network (DALNET)

ALL are welcome!!! SEMLOL membership is not required.

DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARD AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FROM SLA

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) provides wonderful leadership and learning opportunities for students and professional librarians of diverse backgrounds.

The Diversity Leadership Development Award provides a monetary stipend of \$1000 as well as mentoring and leadership opportunities to an SLA member of an under-represented population group. The Affirmative Action Scholarship is given to a graduate student of an under-represented group who is working toward a Master's degree at an accredited school of library and/or information science.

For more detailed information about the Diversity Leadership Development Award or the Affirmative Action Scholarship, please visit the following links on the SLA website:

Affirmative Action Scholarship:

<http://www.sla.org/content/learn/scholarship/sch-index/applicat.cfm>

Diversity Leadership Development Award:

<http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/awardsrecognition/awardsdescriptions/dlpnomform/index.cfm>

LAW LIBRARY UPDATES

ACADEMIC NEWS

Ave Maria School of Law Library Report

Mitch Counts, Library Director

Personnel:

- Larissa Sullivant has returned to Ave Maria after a brief stint at the UM Law Library. Larissa reprises her role as Head of Technical Services at Ave Maria. It's GREAT to have her back.
- Anne Cottongim, Reference/Electronic Services Librarian, left us in June for a position at the Wayne State University Arthur Neef Law Library.
- Nathan Collins has been hired to replace Anne, although the position description has been altered and Nathan will be our new Access Services/Reference Librarian. Nathan has a J.D. degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law and is finishing up his M.A. in Library Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is currently the registrar at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Nebraska.

Website:

- The library and information technology staffs teamed up this summer to create a completely redesigned website for the Ave Maria School of Law. With enhanced aesthetics and functionality, the new design is already getting rave reviews from interested persons. Kudos go to Robert Linz and Edie Andrew for taking the lead roles in this endeavor. Please take some time and give it a look (<http://www.avemarialaw.edu>).

Teaching:

- Mitch Counts, Robert Linz, and Janice Selberg will be team teaching with Ave Maria research, writing, and advocacy instructors this fall. The teams will give six legal research lectures to the new first year students, primarily in the month of October. The professional librarians will also be teaching Westlaw next spring for the first time in the history of the Law School.

Distance Learning:

- The Ave Maria School of Law Library has recently joined the Consortium for Distance Education from CALI (CODEC). CODEC is designed to act as a clearinghouse for distance education initiatives at member schools. Ave Maria has already been involved in one

distance education venture with Wayne State University, and CODEC will make it easier for the school to partner with other schools in the future with regard to distance education initiatives.

Electronic Library:

- Ave Maria is now a subscriber to the Lexis/Nexis US Serial Set Digital Collection. The US Serial Set is an ongoing collection of US Government Publications compiled under the directive of Congress and captures the essence of American life from the early 19th century onward.
- The law school has also recently subscribed to Serials Solutions which, among other things, will provide access to electronic journal packages through our OPAC, including full MARC records for e-journals in the library catalog.
- The Marking of Modern Law from Thomson Gale is a digital database that Ave Maria may purchase in the future. This is the equivalent of the 18th, 19th, and 20th century legal treatises that the library already has in microfiche.

Arthur Neef Law Library Report, Wayne State University **Georgia A. Clark, Law Library Director**

There are new people and new services at the Law Library.

New Staff:

- LaCesha Clark, who's working on her Masters in Instructional Technology, is our new application specialist. She's been invaluable in helping our other new person, Lauren Collins, in setting up and using the mobile wireless laptop carts introduced last year. LaCesha's first day was August 9.
- Lauren M. Collins, formerly of the University of Miami Law Library, is our new Instruction Services Librarian. Lauren's first day was August 16.
- Anne L. Cottongim, formerly of the Ave Maria Law Library, is our new Reference/Research Services Librarian. Anne's first day was June 7. What an old timer!

New Services:

- *Millenium: III* is our new, user friendly catalog. Within the next few weeks the University Libraries will be loading and testing Millenium Silver. You can get to it from our homepage (<http://www.lib.wayne.edu/lawlibrary>) or by bookmarking <http://www.elibrary.wayne.edu> We love it!
- *WILD*: We went WILD on July 26 with our Wayne Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery service. WILD is our new interlibrary loan and document delivery system which utilizes ILLIAD software. Faculty and *Wayne Law Review* and *Journal of Law in Society* students seem to love it. Users create their preferences in a one time registration form. Once that's done they can go into their account to order items or check on their status. Leslie Hearon is having a GREAT time managing queues. We expect to offer it to law firms and other fee based customers within the next month or so.
- *Orientation*: New first year, transfer, visiting and LLM students received their library information on 16 MB Gateway flash drives during orientation week. New students were the envy of upper class persons. Law School administrators were breaking down our doors for

this “new” device. Flash drive information can be updated in the law library’s law student computer lab.

Thomas M. Cooley Law School Library Report ***Duane Strojny, Library Director***

The Thomas M. Cooley Law School Library has seen a lot of activity during the past few months as our facilities, collections, and, staff continues to grow.

June 23 was the Grand Opening of our new Grand Rapids location. With over 28,000 square feet and 19,000 linear feet of shelving, there is plenty of room for growth. The initial collection contains core materials as suggested by the ABA including case reporters, statutes, and regulations at both the federal and state level. In addition, a collection of treatises dealing with basic legal topics, Shepards, and historical legal materials is available to our students and the Grand Rapids public.

September brought the debut of our tax collection room at our Rochester location. Adjacent to the main collection area, the tax collection room houses our growing specialty collection print materials as well as provides seating for LLM seminar classes and library outreach programs.

Hours for all Cooley Law Library locations are posted at:
<http://www.cooley.edu/library/circulation/hours.htm>

The Lansing Brennan Library will host a Domestic Violence Awareness exhibit in its lobby during the first week of October. The exhibit, an enhanced doorway reflecting issues surround domestic violence, will also be displayed at the Lansing City Hall and the State Capitol during the remainder of the month.

The Grand Rapids location will host the traveling exhibit, "A Case for Diversity: The Affirmative Action Debate at the University of Michigan" from October 2 through 27. A complete list of events surrounding the exhibit, one of six locations in the state hosting it, is available at:
http://www.cooley.edu/newsevents/gr_diversityexhibit.htm

Michigan State University College of Law Library Report

Michigan State University-DCL College of Law has a new name – Michigan State University College of Law. The name change recognizes the academic integration and collaboration between MSU Law and Michigan State University.

Barbara Bean is the new reference librarian at the Michigan State University College of Law Library. Barbara received her JD from Georgetown University Law Center and recently completed her MSIS at State University of New York at Albany.

University of Michigan Law Library Report ***Margaret Leary, Library Director***

STAFF: Our Head of Technical Services, Suzan Burks, was married this winter and moved to Spokane with her husband. Suzan had been here five years, and we miss her terribly. Her good news is mixed with bad, because she has serious illness. We're still seeking her successor. Larissa Sullivant, an Associate Librarian in Technical Services, resigned earlier this summer to return to Ave Maria, and we miss her too. Finally, Beatrice Tice, our Foreign and Comparative Law Librarian, left us in July, to become the Director of the University of Toronto Law Library. We're seeking a successor for her.

FACILITIES: Last summer, we completed a 4,800 square foot section of the Smith Addition that we hadn't occupied since we moved in here in 1981. The space now has a group study room, a

reshelving room, and compact movable shelving. We love it, and lots of it is still empty, so come on down if you'd like to experience shelf-envy. To draw in more students, we're adding electric outlets in the study spaces that don't have any (all the carrels already do), and improving the wireless in the Smith Addition.

SERVICES: We keep expanding our website; we hope to add "MetaFind" to our Ill system, Lexcalibur, this fall, enabling patrons to search several catalogs and databases at once. Especially useful items are "Secondary Sources", a list of books by topic with links to the bib records in Lexcalibur. See it at:

<http://www.law.umich.edu/library/refres/bibliographies/2dysrcs/secondarysourcesindex.htm>

We've added BNA's "tables of contents" to our catalog with coverage back to 1991.

SPECIAL EFFORTS: We've begun to reclassify our collection!! We began using the LC classification for most new material just after the turn of the Century, and are fully confident we'll finish the reclassification well before the next T of C. This comes on the heels of the near-completion of correcting the recon records that a vendor wrecked about 6 years ago; the descriptions are pretty well fixed and we're working on authorities now. All this without a Head of Tech Services, and down another professional and one support position in Tech Services--kudos to everyone on our staff, because everyone has picked up part of the work either directly or indirectly. Special thanks to Marylee Dalton and Freda Baum who took on Suzan's work 18 months ago.

BUILDING PROJECT: The Law School has worked for several years with Renzo Piano, the Pritzker Prize winning Italian architect, to design a new building which will add classrooms and offices for faculty, clinical professors, and the legal practice program. The building will complete the Law Quadrangle by filling in the space at the corner of Monroe and Tappan. Yes, that is right where the Smith Addition is! The new building will be on top of the addition!! The "bustle" of stacks on Legal Research will come down (in a controlled manner) and be replaced by a new building which will have underground space with the same amount of shelving that we will lose, and which will be immediately next to what we call sub-2 and sub-3. Our whole collection will finally be in one building--are we ever excited! This will happen immediately upon our raising about \$135 million; please don't ask me to estimate a date.

LAW FIRM NEWS

Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss P.C., Detroit
Sylvia Arakelian, Head Librarian

Jaffe Raitt is relocating to Southfield as of Friday, October 1st. The Library began moving its collections to the firm's new home on September 27 and will re-open on Monday, October 4. Jaffe Raitt's new address is:

27777 Franklin Road
Suite 2500
Southfield, MI 48034

Plunkett & Cooney, Detroit
Barbara Morrow, Law Library Manager

Plunkett & Cooney recently hired Kevin Barry as a Library Intern. He was previously a graduate student assistant at the Wayne State University Law Library. Kevin is coming up on his final few classes in the WSU Library and Information Science Program and is currently testing the waters in a busy law firm library.

Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge, Grand Rapids
Penelope A. Turner, Director of Records & Information Resources

This is a list of several things we do at our law firm library with a small staff:

- Oversee the main library, 3 regional libraries and order/process library materials
- Oversee our records management system and process closed files
- Conduct research for 88 attorneys & 16 legal assistants
- Coordinate orientation of new hires
- Manage one part-time library assistant
- Maintain our expert bank and subject file
- Work on special projects as requested
- Oversee the library's budget
- Negotiate contracts with vendors

LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NEWS

GRALL News

Mary Karpinski, President

The Grand Rapids Association of Law Libraries continued its schedule of monthly meetings during the summer. Member libraries take turns hosting the meetings which provide a venue for presentations from outside speakers or for informal discussions on relevant issues among members.

In June, librarians toured the new Thomas M. Cooley Law Library facility which celebrated its grand opening during the same month. (GRALL members have a special connection to the library since unpacking and shelving new books back in February!)

Lexis Library Relations Consultant, Matt Wagner provided an update on new products and services during the July meeting at Mika Meyers Beckett and Jones.

Librarians gathered at the U.S. Attorney's office for the August meeting. Members shared SLA and AALL Annual Convention stories and selected recordings of convention sessions to be purchased by GRALL for all members to share.

The September meeting was held at Varnum Riddering Schmidt & Howlett. June Van Wingen reported on upcoming MichALL activities.

Librarians will gather in October at the Cooley Law School Library at the GR campus to tour the special exhibit, "A Case for Diversity: the Affirmative Action Debate at the University of Michigan". Cooley was chosen as one of six venues in Michigan to host the exhibit which will run from October 2-27.

GRALL officers are: Mary Karpinski, President; Korrie, Vice President; and June Van Wingen, Secretary/Treasurer.

MichALL OFFICERS 2004-2005

- President: Michael Samson
- Past-President: Jeanne Stuart
- Vice-President: Patricia Parker
- Secretary: Christopher Bloodworth (2003-05)
- Treasurer: Barbara McDowell Bonge (2002-05)
- Member at Large: June VanWingen (2003-05)
- Member at Large: Larissa Sullivant (2002-05)
- Volunteer at Large: Anne Cottongim

MichALL committees are composed of a liaison from the Executive Board, the chairperson, and individuals who have designated their interest in committee activity on the annual membership renewal form. If you are interested in getting involved in one of the committees, please contact the designated chairperson.

MichALL MINUTES

Michigan Association of Law Libraries Annual Business Meeting Friday, May 21, 2004 Detroit, MI

Held at 1:00PM

Partrich Auditorium, Wayne State University Law School

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from 16 May 2003 approved.

III. Treasurer's Report – Barb Bonge

Our current balance is \$3603.11. We have had bank service charges totaling up to \$105.49 and deposits for Annual Meeting sponsorships and membership renewals totaling \$3468.35.

IV. Committees

1. Education – Michael Samson

Education Committee agreed unanimously to offer the 2004 Annual Meeting as a free program to all paid members (as of February 29, 2004) as a 'thank you' for their past support and as an incentive for future participation and involvement. The committee believes this is critical in light of MichALL's declining programs. Members of the committee include: Anne Cottongim, Mitchell Counts, Randy Foreman, Eric Kennedy, Wilson Northcross, Pat Parker and Jeanne Stuart.

2. Listserv and Website – Michael Samson

The committee has created two new web-based forms for the 2004 Annual Meeting: an online registration for paid members and a regular mail form to be used by non-paying program attendees. Software for the MichALL listserv has been changed 3 times in the past 3 years.

3. Membership

We currently have 89 paid members and 108 members on the MichALL listserv.

4. Newsletter – Chris Bloodworth

Since the last MichALL Annual Business Meeting on May 16, 2003, two issues of the MichALL Newsletter were published in October 2003 and May 2004. For both issues, Chris has received a total of 12 submissions from MichALL members and approximately 10 submissions from AALL and non-members. He stressed the need for more article and news items relevant to the Michigan law librarians. The next issue will be published in October 2004. Chris will post an email to the MichALL listserv by mid-September to request news and/or article submissions and encourage suggestions for improving the look and content of the newsletter.

5. Nominations – Duane Stronjy

The following offices for 2004-07 remain unfilled: President-Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer, and a second Member-at-Large.

V. Old Business

The MichALL/ORALL Joint Luncheon has been disbanded. MichALL members are casually invited to the ORALL Reception during the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston.

VI. New Business

Discussion took place among members regarding the future of MichALL. Due to low participation levels and declining membership, Duane Stronjy, Michael Samson, Janice Selberg and other members stressed the need to re-evaluate how MichALL is serving the needs of Michigan law librarians. Members suggested ideas ranging from disbanding MichALL to having only one annual meeting of Michigan law librarians. Chris proposed setting up an exploratory committee to further investigate this issue.

Pat Orr raised the issue of undeliverable emails on both the MichALL and LLMD listservs. Michael said the problem is caused in most instances by filtering software and advised using simple text and not html as format for e-mail communication.

Barb Bonge made a motion to transfer MichALL's bank account from Comerica to National City Bank. It was approved by the Board.

VII. Announcements

Michael announced that the MichALL Travel Grant will be available for travel in 2005.

Linda Smith announced the death of Dick Beer, former Director of the Oakland County Law Library, who passed away in October 2003 and stressed the importance of networking among MichALL members and the need for 'face-to-face' meetings.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 1:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Chris Bloodworth

**Michigan Association of Law Libraries
Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, July 01, 2004
Ann Arbor, MI**

Held @ 1:00PM, Ave Maria Law School

Present: Barb Bonge, Christopher Bloodworth, Anne Cottongim, Pat Parker, Michael Samson, Jeanne Stuart, Larissa Sullivant and June Van Wingen

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes - Christopher Bloodworth

Minutes from the May 21 Annual Business Meeting were approved with recommended changes from the Board.

III. Treasurer Report - Barb Bonge

Our current balance is \$3,879.53. We have had bank service charges totaling up to \$12.77 and deposits for Annual Meeting registrations and membership dues totaling \$405.00.

IV. Committees

. Education – Michael Samson

The Education Committee was commended for approving the program for the 2004 Annual Meeting at the Wayne State University Law School. The program, held May 21, was well attended by approximately 47 registrants. Michael had posted 3 of 4 presentations given at the 2004 Annual Meeting on the MichALL web site. Michael also proposed to continue to offer the Annual Meeting program free to current paid members.

. Listserv and Website - Michael Samson

The committee will update the officers' lists, including board assignments and terms of appointment. Michael introduced Anne Cottongim from the Wayne State University Law Library as a new committee member. She plans to gather news updates from Michigan law schools and post them both on the MichALL web site and newsletter.

. Membership - Barb Bonge

Barb will update the current list of members.

. Newsletter - Christopher Bloodworth

Chris announced that he will attend the Council of Newsletter Editors (CONE) Workshop at AALL in Boston. Links to the MichALL Newsletter have been updated on the CONE web page. Chris also requested more submissions from MichALL members, including news of involvement at the AALL Annual Meeting, for the next issue in September/October 2004. The Board recommended that profiles for MichALL officers be included in the newsletter.

. Nominations - Jeanne Stuart

The Board confirmed final nominations for officers during the 2004-05 term: Pat Parker, Vice/President/President-Elect; Barb Bonge, Treasurer; Christopher Bloodworth, Secretary; and Larissa Sullivant and June Van Wingen, Members-at-Large. Michael recommended that ballots for nominating officers should be prepared in advance of the Annual Meeting program in order to attract newer candidates.

. Annual report for LLJ- Jeanne Stuart

The Board reviewed the MichALL 2003-2004 Annual Report and suggested minor changes and revisions. Jeanne will make the appropriate changes, submit a second draft to Board, and send the final draft upon Board approval to LLJ.

V. Old Business

The Secretary signed the following resolution from the Treasurer: "It is resolved that the Michigan Association of Law Libraries should transfer its funds from the Comerica bank account to a National City small business checking account." It was approved by the Board at the May 21 Annual Business Meeting.

VI. New Business & Announcements

. AALL chapter council events in Boston

Michael urged officers and Board members to attend.

. AALL chapter VIP program

. 2005 AALL chapter award for MichALL

. Travel grant for VP/PE to attend AALL

Michael proposed motion to provide a \$500 travel grant to the MichALL Vice-President to attend the Chapter of Council Presidents as well as all AALL chapter-related events. The motion was approved and passed by the Board.

. Fall 2004 meeting

The Board discussed the possibility of planning a social event/retreat for MichALL members in Fall 2004. Pat proposed holding the Fall 2004 Board Meeting at Cooley Law Library in Grand Rapids.

Next Meeting: Friday, August 6 @ Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:30PM.

Respectfully submitted
Chris Bloodworth

**Michigan Association of Law Libraries
Executive Board Meeting
Friday, August 6, 2004
Ann Arbor, MI**

Held @ 12NOON, Ave Maria Law School

Present: Barb Bonge, Christopher Bloodworth, Pat Parker, Michael Samson, Larissa Sullivant and June Van Wingen

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes - Christopher Bloodworth

Minutes from the July 1 Executive Board Meeting were approved by the Board with a recommended omission from the Listserv and Website Report.

III. Treasurer Report - Barb Bonge

Our current balance is \$3,546.02. We have had bank service charges totaling up to \$13.77 and deposits for Annual Meeting registrations and membership dues totaling \$265.00.

IV. Committees

. Education – Pat Parker

The Board discussed ideas for programs and related topics for the 2005 MichALL Annual Meeting. Members agreed that the theme of the program will continue to reflect the theme of the AALL Annual Meeting.

. Listserv and Website - Michael Samson

Michael announced that Lauren Collins will be the new Instruction Services Librarian at the Wayne State University Law Library. Michael expressed interest in training Lauren to take over maintenance of both the MichALL listserv and web site.

. Membership - Barb Bonge

Barb updated the membership list for 2004-05. She announced that there were 94 registered members in 2003 and, thus far, 44 registered members in 2004-05. The Board reviewed the list and verified past and present members.

. Newsletter - Christopher Bloodworth

Chris attended the Council of Newsletter Editors (CONE) Workshop during the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. He said the workshop was very productive and provided useful tips on newsletter design, layout and format and electronic conversion software and web-based options. Chris also announced and distributed his plans for the September/October 2004 issue of the newsletter. Michael will create an electronic suggestion form for readers and link it to the online version of the newsletter. He will also create a blog on the newsletter web page for news and other item submission.

. Nominations – Michael Samson

Michael proposed before the Board a revision of the bylaws to create and implement electronic voting on nominations. The Board agreed to revising the bylaws and will draft a ballot proposal in both print and electronic (email) format. The proposal will be sent to

only currently-paid or renewed members, who will vote for its passage or rejection. Upon passage of the proposal, electronic voting on nominations will proceed in the Fall in order to confirm commitment to serve from the Vice-President-elect and give him/her lead time to make travel arrangements to AALL. Barb will draft the language of the proposal and submit it to the Board for review before distributing to members.

V. Old Business

There was no old business to report.

VI. New Business & Announcements

Chris, Michael and Pat summarized AALL chapter council events in Boston. Pat will reproduce her notes on the AALL chapter council events she attended and send them to Chris as an item submission for the newsletter. Michael said he will also reproduce his notes and other information on the MichALL web site. He also proposed before the Board an additional amendment to the bylaws requiring the Vice-President-elect to attend the Chapter Leadership Roundtable and SIS Leadership Luncheon during AALL.

The Board discussed plans for a Fall 2004 'retreat' at Shanty Creek in northern Michigan. Michael will create the announcement and invitation and post them on the both MichALL web site and listserv for members to confirm dates and interest in attending the retreat. The Board has set Oct. 22-24 as a tentative date for the Fall retreat.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 10, 1:30PM @ location to be determined.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:30PM.

Respectfully submitted
Chris Bloodworth

**Michigan Association of Law Libraries
Executive Board Meeting
Friday, September 10, 2004
Ann Arbor, MI**

Held @ 1:00PM, Guy Hollerin's

Present: Barb Bonge, Christopher Bloodworth, Anne Cottongim, Michael Samson, Larissa Sullivant and June Van Wingen

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes - Christopher Bloodworth

Minutes from the August 6 Executive Board Meeting were approved by the Board with minor changes.

III. Treasurer and Membership Report - Barb Bonge

Our current balance is \$3,756.46. We have had bank service charges totaling up to \$38.33 and deposits for Annual Meeting registrations and membership dues totaling \$265.00. Barb updated the membership list for 2004-05. She announced that there are currently 57 paid members in 2004-05.

IV. Committees

. Listserv and Website - Michael Samson

AALL recently approved electronic ballots for online elections. The Board agreed to change the bylaws to include provision that election of officers will be conducted online via electronic ballots. Electronic ballot forms will soon be posted on the MichALL web site. The Board will review these forms and send feedback to Michael.

. Newsletter - Christopher Bloodworth

On Sept. 1, posted request for submissions to the upcoming September/October 2004 issue on both the MichALL and LLMD listservs.

Selected new MS Office newsletter template for the September/October 2004 issue. A copy of the template was passed around to Board members for their input and approval.

Announced that there will be an article on WILD (Wayne Interlibrary Loan & Document Delivery) in the September/October 2004 issue.

Anne has contacted academic law library directors in Michigan for updates or news about their libraries. So far she has received two submissions, one from Ave Maria School of Law and the other from the University of Michigan Law Library.

Michael will create blogs for news updates and submissions via RSS feeds.

. V. Old Business

There was no old business to report.

VI. New Business & Announcements

The Board discussed plans for a Fall 2004 'retreat' at Shanty Creek in northern Michigan. Michael will contact LexisNexis for sponsorship and support. He will also give a presentation and demo on RSS technology during the retreat. The Board has confirmed Oct. 22-24 as the official date of the Fall retreat.

The Board also discussed plans for a Second Social Event to take place either Nov. 10 or 17. Location for the event will be either in the Ann Arbor or Lansing area. The price limit will be \$20-25 per person. Recommendations for dining include Cousins' in Dexter, the Common Grill in Chelsea and the Kellogg Grill in Lansing. Larissa will contact these restaurants for pricing and reservations. She will email her findings to the Board by Friday, Sept. 17. The Board will review and then decide on a location and official date for this event.

Next Meeting: The Fall Retreat @ Shanty Creek, October 22-24, 2004

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:30PM.

Respectfully submitted
Chris Bloodworth

MichALL TREASURER'S REPORT

As of September 10, 2004, MichALL has \$3756.46 in its treasury. The June 30, 2004 Treasurer's report stated assets of \$3879.53.

Expenditures after June 30 were:

Pat Parker AALL meeting travel grant	500.00
Postmaster – postage for dues reminder letters	18.50
Barb Bonge – reimbursement for paper for membership dues mailing	6.35
Barb Bonge – reimbursement for July 1 Exec Bd lunch	59.89
Hunters Harvest catering for Aug 5 Exec Bd lunch	50.00
Bank Service Charges (June-Aug)	38.33
Total of expenditures	\$673.07

Deposits after June 30 were:

Annual Meeting registrations	\$25.00
04/05 Membership dues	\$240.00
Total of deposits	\$265.00
Renewal checks to be deposited	\$285.00
Total additions	\$550.00
Present balance in treasury	\$3756.46

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Goes WILD at WSU Law Library *Christopher T. Bloodworth, Wayne State University Law Library*

This past summer the Arthur Neef Law Library at Wayne State University implemented a new system to submit interlibrary loan and document delivery requests and track them electronically in a secure online environment.

WILD (Wayne Interlibrary Loan & Document Delivery) is the new electronic, Web-based interlibrary loan and document delivery service that allows anyone to place requests for books, articles and other items needed from any library throughout the world. It replaces both time consuming online and print request forms required in the past.

WILD gives users the capability to:

- Request items electronically in a secure, Web-based environment 24 hours a day from any computer with Internet access.
- Submit their name, address, delivery preference and other profile information into the system only once to place requests.
- Create a unique username and password that will give them secure access to their profile and information about their requests.
- View and track the status of all current and past requests.
- Obtain copies of articles in electronic format.

WILD is available for a fee to libraries, non-profit institutions, lawyers and for-profit centers. For libraries and other non-profits, fees for WILD services are \$10 for books and/or photocopies up to 15 pages. For lawyers and for-profit centers, fees are \$20 for books and/or photocopies up to 15 pages. Rush service is available for an additional charge of \$5.00 per request. Turnaround time (Monday-Friday) is 24-48 hours for books and 24 hours for photocopies.

To use WILD, complete a brief registration form for the first and only time by signing on at <https://wayne.hosts.atlas-sys.com/illiad/lawill/logon.html>

All Wayne State Law Library resources in one file on a compact flash drive! *Michael Samson, Wayne State University Law Library*

During their first week of classes at WSU all 2004-5 first year JD and LLM students received a 16 MB compact flash drive (Gateway USB 1.0), as part of the Law Library Orientation program. On this drive they were provided with information about all the law library resources. These resources were 'captured' together in one file, in 'mht' format (3 MB), using the OnFolio (<http://www.onfolio.com>) Internet agent.

'Mht' stands for 'multi-part html', an industry standard supported by Internet Explorer 5 and above. The major advantage of this type of file is that it can contain multiple documents, in any format (html, Word, Excel, text, JPG, PDF, etc.) and it can be browsed in a web-like fashion, using Internet Explorer, with or without an active Internet connection. Another advantage is that, when an Internet connection is available, all the links in these files work and they will take the user to the files they point to. You can view a sample of this file by pointing your Internet Explorer to: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/michall/presentations/aall2004/index.htm>

The file is available on the computer lab network and accessible via the Internet Explorer's links toolbar for updates. Instructions for flash drive file synchronization, via the Windows built-in 'Briefcase', were added lately to this file, so that students get automatically the latest additions/revisions of this file on their flash drive.

13 MB of flash drive space is left available for student's storage of personal files.

Flash drive advantages: they are extremely small and durable, they work on any computer platform (PC, Apple, Unix, etc., provided there are USB connections available), do not require driver installation (on latest operating systems) and prices are getting better by the week (512 MB & 1 GB could be had for under \$60 and \$80, respectively)

Buy a flash drive and take it anywhere for work, presentations, demos, etc. Use the Windows 'Briefcase' for synchronization and you can forget about when and where you last updated your most important files!

NOTE for webmasters: if you post Microsoft Office PowerPoint presentations on the web, by saving them to 'mht' format you will create one single file for the whole presentation. This way

navigation for the user will be a lot easier once he/she is buried deep in the presentation. One click on the 'back' button and the PowerPoint is out!

POINTS OF INTEREST

MARKER UNVEILED AT HOME OF CIVIL RIGHTS CASE

The following is an AP wire story reprinted in Detroit Legal News, July 26, 2004

The Michigan State Historical Commission unveiled a marker this summer at the home of an African American obstetrician whose 1920's arrest and subsequent vindication in a murder case established the principle that people have a right to defend their homes.

Dr. Ossian Sweet was arrested, along with his wife, brother and seven others, after a mob began pummeling with rocks the home the home in a white neighborhood where he had just moved with his family. Shots were fired and one of the white men was killed.

Sweet's trial ended in a deadlocked jury, and his brother was acquitted. His lawyer, Clarence Darrow, argued that he had the right to protect his home from the angry mob.

"This marker commemorates a milestone in the civil rights movement and in Michigan history," Sandra Clark, director of the Michigan Historical Center, said in a statement.



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