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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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Dear Members:

Welcome to the beginning of the MichALL 2007-2008 calendar year. Thank you to Larissa Sullivant for her leadership last year. The Board has some interesting ideas for programs this year and will be requesting your input on which programs will provide the most value to you.



I am honored to be serving as MichALL President. I attended AALL in New Orleans in July, representing MichALL. Called the Crescent City or the Big Easy, even two years after Hurricane Katrina, this wonderful city shows many of the effects from that killer storm. The Big Easy is still recovering. Everywhere I went, New Orleans hospitality was evident. Everyone I met said, "Thank you for coming."

It was heartening to see the New Orleans Convention Center restored to a gleaming, clean, well-run facility from the nightmare scenes during the Hurricane. Some areas of New Orleans still have damaged homes that are boarded up, and FEMA trailers are still a common sight. Even riding in from the airport, the impact on this economy is apparent. Other areas such as the Warehouse District have been renovated or are in the process of being renovated. A block from my hotel, lofts and apartments were being rebuilt. Businesses are reopening, indeed one restaurant where I had a luncheon meeting just reopened that week. Another bar by the hotel was announcing a Grand Reopening.

Many volunteers from AALL worked on projects while in New Orleans. The Habitat for Humanity project "Musicians Village," Louisiana State Museum (volunteers working with entering item records on missing items from their collection), Second Harvest (food-packing assembly) and the Recovery School District's "Recovering New Orleans: One Book At A Time."

Before the Conference officially began, I attended the Leadership Training. This training discussed several initiatives such as "Developing Law Librarians for the Future." This initiative is intended to begin the process for developing the next generation of law librarians.

Also, the AALL/BNA Continuing Education Grants Program (CEGP) has a program to encourage program development and promote sharing among AALL entities. This is a pilot program and these procedures will be reviewed and revised in order to meet the goals of AALL's Continuing Professional Education Program.

Editor's Note:

Here is another edition of the MichALL newsletter. I hope you enjoy it...

Kori Kasara



How To Join The Membership:

Join MichALL!

At present, there are 70 MichALL members, including one student member. There are still more than 20 members, however, who haven't sent in their renewals.

If you haven't renewed or if you know someone who would like to join, you can print the form from the website:

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/michall/organization/join-michall.pdf>

The dues are still very modest at \$15.00.

The Michigan Association of Law Libraries has a 100 year history of providing Michigan law librarians a sense of community and an opportunity to get involved.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN (continued)

A number of sessions at the AALL Annual Meeting dealt with a special report on "How Trustworthy are State-Level Primary Legal Resources on the Web?" AALL is pleased to announce the publication of the *State-by-State Report on Authentication of Online Legal Resources* that answers this important and timely question. The comprehensive report examines the results of a state-by-state survey investigating whether government-hosted legal resources on the Web are official and capable of being considered authentic. A hardcopy edition of the 241-page report is available or can be read online via the link below:

http://www.aallnet.org/aallwash/authen_rprt/AuthenFinalReport.pdf

It is my hope that during this year, MichALL members will bring this report to the attention of state officials. Michigan failed this state-by-state survey. Actually, every state failed this survey. A session on this report at the Annual Meeting dealt with the results and provided some hope on official web sites that show promise. Law librarians can contribute to the discussion on this issue.

Although there was decreased attendance at this year's AALL, those who did attend had a good time. From the Lexis "Dessert Opening Reception" on Saturday night to the Closing Banquet, the spirit that is New Orleans made it a meeting and party at the same time. The shortened format of the Annual Meeting made it difficult to attend several sessions I was interested in.

Purchasing the Educational Materials from the conference allows me to review the materials when I have more time as well as to follow-up when a new issue of law is discussed. Also, the Grand Rapids Law Libraries group purchases a number of the audiotapes which we circulate among the members.

For MichALL, one of the first meetings for this year is the Fall Dinner on Wednesday, October 17th at Gilbert & Blake's in Okemos. Please keep that date open.

Also, if anyone would like to volunteer for the Education Committee about upcoming programs, please let myself or Aletha Honsowitz know.

I hope to see you at upcoming programs in the next year!

June VanWingen

MichALL President - 2007-2008

FEATURES - 2007 MichALL Spring Meeting

Spring Meeting Recap:

**Jane Edwards, Reference Librarian,
Michigan State University College of Law**

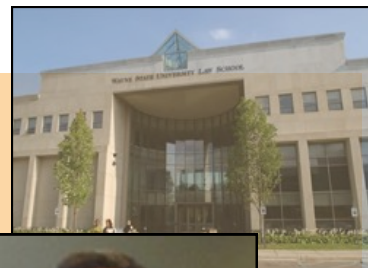
MichALL's 2007 Annual Spring meeting was a rigorous two day event featuring distinguished speakers, valuable training sessions and thought provoking interactive activities. The theme for the first day was the intersection of medical and legal research and the second day focused on proactive librarianship.

Day One's events commenced with a breakfast provided by LexisNexis and an informative discussion by Professor Albert J. Dib, Esq. on the intersection of medical and legal issues. The late morning and early afternoon sessions included practical cross training sessions on medical and legal research and valuable demonstrations of health related databases on Westlaw and LexisNexis Academic. After the morning's intensive activities, the group met for lunch provided by Westlaw. The closing lecture was given by Professor Lance Gable, JD, MPH, who discussed health information privacy and the entire day was capped off by a bus tour of Detroit.

The theme for Day Two was proactive librarianship, focusing on knowledge innovation and leadership for library professionals. Our spirited facilitator, LaVentra E. Danquah, MLIS, led us through a variety of interactive activities and group projects focusing on three themes: the changing nature of the library profession; innovation, creativity and risk

taking; and connecting within the profession. The highlight of the day was a group activity where each group was asked to develop an advertising campaign for some undesirable product or service. This exercise called for creativity and imagination and there was no shortage of either. Who can forget the fast talkers charged with the job of selling snow plows to libraries in Hawaii or the group who offered a dating service to overworked law firm associates?

Overall, the 2007 MichALL spring meeting was a wonderful mixture of learning, networking and thought provoking activities.



Online Information Links:

- ◆ [2007 Meeting Home](#)
- ◆ [Pictures | Slideshow](#)
- ◆ [Detailed Program Info](#)
- ◆ [Spring Meeting Flier](#)

Wanted! Creative thinkers, dedicated implementors and those brimming with ideas to serve on the planning committee for the 2008 Spring Meeting. Interested? Contact Aletha Honsowitz at: honsowia@cooley.edu

FEATURES - 2007 Fall Dinner Announcement & Details

Michigan Association of Law Libraries Annual Fall Dinner Invitation

Where: Gilbert & Blake's Seafood and Steak Grille
3354 Okemos Road • Okemos, MI
Phone: (517) 349-1300
Located off I-96 at the Okemos exit #110.
North less than ½ mile. Parking is free.

When: Wednesday, October 17, 2007
Social Time: 6PM | Dinner: 6:30PM
During the social time, appetizers will be served
and drinks will be available on a cash bar basis.



Cost: \$40 per person (\$20 for MichALL members who have paid their dues for the 2007-2008 year by October 10).

Dinner choices:

- Flat Iron Steak Alorno – Grilled and topped with a melted basil parmesan & garlic crust
- Cedar Planked Salmon – Salmon fillet oven-roasted on cedar wood and served with a berry Beurre Blanc
- Chicken Dijon – Tender chicken marinated in Dijon mustard sauce & grilled
- Crepe Aubergine (vegetarian) – Thinly sliced eggplant stuffed with ricotta, mozzarella, & baked

All the dinners come with rice or mashed potatoes and a vegetable. Guests will make their dinner and dessert selections at the restaurant.

All dinners also include a Vineyard House Salad (fresh greens, red onions, walnuts and bleu cheese tossed in cherry vinaigrette), rolls, beverage (wine available for purchase) and dessert (Chocolate Lava Cake or Cheesecake).

Don't put off sending in your reservation; there is a limit of 40 people for the group dining area. To reserve your spot, refer to the MichALL [website](#) for a [reservation form](#).

Send the form with your check to Barbara Bonge by October 10. Hope to see you there!

New Members: Welcome to MichALL!

So far there are four new members, three of which are from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Rochester Hills Campus:
Monica Duke, Head of Circulation
Barbara Jackson, Circulation Team Leader
Sarah McIntosh, Part-time Reference Librarian
and the new Executive Director of the Law Library Microform Consortium:
Kathleen Richman, taking over the reins from long-time MichALL member Jerry Dupont.



FEATURES - AALL Conference Reports

NEW ORLEANS AND THE 100TH ANNUAL AALL MEETING: RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Janet Ann Hedin, Reference Librarian
Michigan State University College of Law

While flying to New Orleans, I learned from my seatmate that I was going to visit a fabulous city. After the 100th Annual AALL Meeting and Conference was over, I knew she was right. The theme for this year's meeting - Rise to the Challenge - emanated throughout the city and the conference. Being waited on hand and foot at Emerill's Nola Restaurant in the French Quarter, eating beignets at the LexisNexis dessert reception, listening to Dixie while cruising the Mississippi or to jazz at the fabulous House of Blues West Party, learning from informational as well as educational conference programs and exhibits, enjoying the Mardi Gras style banquet that ended the conference, and holding an alligator while floating the swamps and bayous of Louisiana gave me a love for this lovely city, and definitely had me rise to the challenge of being a better librarian.

One person who rose to the challenge was our keynote speaker Joan Biskupic, U.S. Supreme Court Correspondent for *USA Today* and the author of *Sandra Day O'Connor: How the First Woman on the Supreme Court Became Its Most Influential Justice*. Ms. Biskupic explained that her book could not have been written without the assistance she received from librarians who worked at the archives and libraries she visited. We heard stories about Justice O'Connor's early life and how she influenced many Supreme Court opinions. By Ms. Biskupic sharing her insights and information about Justice O'Connor, we were able to learn more about this influential justice than the fact that she sat on a bench wearing a black robe. It certainly made me want to add this title to my ever growing list of books to read whenever I have the time. ➤

New Orleans: Rise to the Challenge (cont.)



Two other programs also rose to the challenge. At "Collection Analysis Made Easy: OCLC's WorldCat Collection Analysis Service," Glenda Lammers from OCLC explained what this new service was and how it worked. Georgia Briscoe, Associate Director & Head of Technical Services from the University of Colorado Law Library and Billie Jo Kaufman, Associate Dean for Library Information Resources from American University, Washington College of Law explained how they used this service in their libraries while Teresa C. Stanton, Reference Librarian for Foreign and Comparative Law from University of California-Berkeley School of Law Library discussed how this service worked with the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN).

The speakers found that the service was good in confirming a library's collection strengths and weaknesses so they knew where to enhance their collections. They were candid in discussing the problems they had implementing the service as well as the weaknesses in the actual product such as subjects hidden in other categories or being too broad or narrow. Ms. Lammers explained that OCLC was working on fixing those problems and welcomed any suggestions on how to improve the service. The speakers felt, however, that this service was a good product worth the cost in evaluating their collections.

In OCLC's "WorldCat: Our Collections at the World's Fingertips," Mindy Poznell from OCLC explained how WorldCat.org helps library users use the web in discovering library resources from those that have been cataloged in the WorldCat database. A new enhancement is WorldCat Local which was in a pilot program with four libraries. This service provides a customized view of WorldCat.org that libraries or consortiums could use as a discovery service. How the service is working for the pilot libraries will probably be a new program for AALL in 2008. ■

FEATURES - AALL Conference Reports

GLOBALIZATION MOVED MY CHEESE: OR, HOW DO I FIND INTERNATIONAL LAW?

Barbara Bean, Reference Librarian

Michigan State University College of Law

The overflow crowd at this lively panel held at the 2007 AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans attested to law librarians' high level of interest in being able to "find" international law. Even librarians whose job title does not include the words "foreign" or "international" field questions that require them to locate international agreements or foreign laws. Two experienced foreign and international law librarians, Jean Wenger of the Cook County Law Library and Mary Rumsey of the University of Minnesota Law School, took the audience through a series of exercises that demonstrated some of the sources and strategies they use to assist their patrons. Jean opened the session with an overview of international law, some important sources of international law (including a number of useful websites) and described some typical research scenarios.

Mary Rumsey then took the audience through a series of actual research requests: from finding a treaty to which the United States is a party; to locating recent changes in Korean requirements for food imports. Her "students" were asked to think of possible sources, using her helpful hints, and finally to consider some possible answers. The interactive exercises kept everybody fully engaged.

In addition to Jean's powerpoint slides, and Mary's workbook exercise sheets, participants were provided with a well organized bibliography to take away.

This top quality program surely served to reduce the anxiety many librarians might experience when faced with questions about foreign or international law. ■

MY AALL EXPERIENCE

Lana Ahumada, Librarian

Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC

The librarians arrived in New Orleans for the 2007 AALL Conference and were greeted by hot and humid weather. Thunder and rain came along daily, giving all attendees many opportunities to run - depending where you were at the time.

Ira Kurzban's program on "Immigration Law & Research" was an absolutely outstanding historical lesson on United States Immigration Law. The attendees learned about "The Great Stairway" that immigrants faced who arrived on Ellis Island. Doctors stood at the top of this stairway and watched for anyone who had physical limitations that made the climbing it difficult, as well as looking for those who could have contagious diseases such as tuberculosis. They say that Immigration is a civil matter but Congress treats it like a criminal matter, in which half of the detention facilities are no different than prisons and jails. U.S. Immigration Officers at borders are judge, jury and trial. If an officer feels someone should not come into the country, for whatever reason (examples mentioned were dress attire and facial features), they are rejected and there is no course for judicial review. This is the only group of people who have no legal recourse.

Immigration reform between 1986-1995 created a registry date that granted amnesty and residency to certain aliens with the registry cut off date of Jan.1, 1972. Additional immigration reform in 1996 dramatically revised immigration laws, making some extremely harsh. Mr. Kurzban stated, "All they need to do is change the date to 2007 and it will solve the current problem."

Our country is in need of immigrants for such professions as nurses, farm laborers and some high and low skilled technical workers. In fact, Canada has more lenient laws than the U.S. when it comes to political asylum. Microsoft moved part of their business to Canada because they needed high technical workers now, not in 10 years. ■



FEATURES - AALL Conference Reports

AALL RECAP

June VanWingen, MichALL President

Law Librarian, U.S. Attorney's Office



The following sessions provided a great deal of good information. They included Kendall Svengalis' presentation "Legal Information: Globalization, Conglomerates and Competition - Monopoly or Free Market." The author of the annual Legal Information Buyer's Guide & Reference Manual provides an important tool in reviewing legal publishers, their costs and products. A comparison of Thomson (41/5%), Reed Elsevier (23%) and Wolters Kluwer (20%) 2006 market shares, revealed that "The Big Three control about 85% of the market for legal information." The operating profit margins for the Big Three in 2006 were Thomson (31%), Reed Elsevier (24.20%), and Wolters Kluwer (17%). Tracking average annual increases in supplementation costs from 1995-2006, Thomson increases costs by over 12%, Aspen by over 9%. Thomson's print publication annual supplement cost increases included: 22% for digests, 11.5% for NRS Advance Sheets, 11.5% for statutory codes and 11.5% for treatises. Ken also expressed concern for the changes in the publication, the Price Index for Legal Publications 1st, 2d, 3d. Thomson is no longer included in the Third Edition. Ken included a link to the full report after the convention. It is located at: <http://www.rilawpress.com/AALL2007.ppt>

Several presentations reviewed the 2007 AALL Report "State-By-State Report on Authentication of Online Legal Resources" which is available online at: http://www.aallnet.org/aallwash/authen_rprt/AuthenFinalReport.pdf One session reviewed how the survey was conducted, the findings of the survey, and the conclusion reached by the survey states that, "The detailed findings of this report provide guidance for revising existing laws and, at the administrative level, adjusting policies and practices to ensure each state's publicly available legal resources on the Web are authoritative and reliable." AALL hopes that this Report will help direct states into providing official, authoritative legal information on the Internet.

Related to this Report was another session entitled "At the Top of the Rise: Government Web Sites That Have Met the Challenge." MichALL's Jane Edwards was one of the presenters on this panel. Using the core values from the "Principles & Core Values Concerning Public Information on Government Web Sites," five general areas were examined and applied to government web sites: accessibility, reliability, official status, comprehensiveness and preservation guidelines. Some examples of reliability are listed below:

At the Top of the Rise: Utah State Legislature - <http://le.utah.gov/>

Other notable sites:

Minnesota Statutes - <http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/statutes.asp>

Nevada Revised Statutes - <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRSIndex/>

Code of Virginia: Popular Name Table - <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+TOA>

Nebraska Legislative Documents - <http://uniweb.legislature.ne.gov/legaldocs/view.php?page=s5406001000>

The Publishing Initiatives Caucus provided a review of a portion of their publications in the Exhibit Hall and during the session "How to Serve Self-Represented Litigation" included Core Materials on Self-Represented Litigation Innovation." Materials from various projects around the country were reviewed, from web sites to centers for self-help, forms, ➤

FEATURES - AALL Conference Reports

AALL RECAP (cont.)

judicial training materials, courtroom services, funding and technology. For more information check out: <http://www.aallnet.org/caucus/pic/brochure.pdf> or <http://www.aallnet.org/caucus/pic/index.htm>



The Minnesota Report of the Statewide Law Library/Self-Help Center Project Advisory Workgroup in January 2007 reviewed this initiative in establishing Minimum Standards and Best Practices for Minnesota County Law Libraries. Partially funded by a grant from Thomson West, this report recommended print publications and self-help web sites; and collaborations among law libraries, legal service providers and the courts. The 5th District Law Library Project was the model for this project. Other public libraries could use the list at: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/legrespublib.pdf> to begin a similar project.

The "E-Lifecycle Management: GPO in the 21st Century" session with Ric Davis (Acting Superintendent of Documents) and Mike Wash (Chief Technical Officer) reviewed electronic content at the GPO. The GPO is trying to provide the "official" and "authentic" content for digital documents. These challenges, in addition to providing permanent public access to the content, bibliographic records, will be met using FDSYS. This will provide access to records from all three branches of the federal government. Release 1 will occur in fiscal year 2007, Release 2 in 2008 and Release 3 in 2009.

"The Challenge of Electronic Discovery: How Reference Service, Records Management and Litigation Support Interact" provided an "EDD Annotated Directory of Resources for Law Librarians" including books, law review and journal articles, web blogs, web portals, E-Discovery Lifecycle Model sites, compilations and surveys, key cases, professional associations/ listservs and trade shows. John C. Montana, J.D. of the PelliGroup reviewed the Sedona Conference and FRCP 26.

A Pathfinder on U.S. Immigration Law was provided by Mark Plotkin of the University of Miami. The noted author Ira Kurzban provided a review of Immigration Law and how it evolved over the years.

Thomson West held a Town Hall Meeting at AALL on "Research Skills for Lawyers and Law Students." This session was held after legal research roundtables and partner interviews last fall, involving 62 academic, law firm and government librarians and law school faculty. The concerns raised were that law schools taught students how to pass the bar exam, not practice law. The opinion was shared that law students are not "cost effective" researchers who are able to use both print and online resources. In addition, poor research skills cost firms in write-offs and attrition. All librarians were concerned that students relied too much on the Internet. Students also appear reluctant to use print resources, and do not know how to use indexes and tables of contents and do not understand the limits of online research.

This study resulted in suggestions for more integrated Westlaw and print training, in law school and in practice. More visual relationship from the resources online to the actual book resources, a greater emphasis on using secondary sources to locate primary information and less reliance on going online with word searches immediately would be emphasized. ■

FEATURES - Law Library Updates (Academic Law Libraries)

Thomas M. Cooley Law School Duane A. Strojny, Associate Dean for Library and Instructional Support

The Thomas M. Cooley Law School Libraries will be hosting the national exhibit "Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation" at The Honorable Thomas E. Brennan Law Library in downtown Lansing from October 18 to November 30. The exhibit consists of reproductions of rare historical documents and draws on the latest scholarship in the field. The visiting hours are daily from 8AM to 8PM and it is open to the public. Organized by the Huntington Library, San Marino, Calif., and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York City, in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA), this traveling exhibition is made possible through major grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, created by Congress and charged with planning the national celebration of Lincoln's 200th birthday.

For more information about the exhibit, please visit our exhibit's website at: <http://www.cooley.edu/newsevents/events/foreverfree.html>

The Oakland County location of Cooley Law School will be moving to new facilities as of January 2, 2008. The new location is located on Featherstone Drive in Auburn Hills directly across from the Chrysler World Headquarters.

Staff from all three locations attended the Fifth Annual Cross-Campus In-Service in Lansing on August 27. The day of professional development and teambuilding activities included a presentation on working in stressful situations and a summary of accomplishments and future planning from Law School President Don LeDuc. ■

Wayne State University Law School, Arthur Neef Library

Georgia Clark, Director

Our new Instruction Services Librarian, Veronica Foster, began on July 30, 2007. She is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy Law School and for the past two years has been the Resident Librarian at the Edward Bennett Williams Law Library of Georgetown University Law Center. She is established in her loft apartment in downtown Detroit and is excited about being back in her hometown.

We have a new WSU Library and Information Science Program intern. Clare Nathan, another University of Detroit Mercy Law School graduate, began work on September 17. She is currently working on a dedupping project in our LC collection and will soon begin spending time at our reference desk.

Steven Assarian, began a volunteer assignment on September 24. His first assignment involves an analysis of the titles in the "Making of Modern Law" digital collection as compared to our print collection.

Everyone else on the staff remains committed to delivering the high quality service expected of us by our varied users. ■

FEATURES - Law Library Updates (Law Associations, Firms, Postings)

GRALL News

Kate McCarthy, GRALL Vice-President Librarian, Varnum Riddering Schmidt & Howlett LLP

Professional development has been GRALL's theme for 2007 as we purchased the PLI DVDs "The Law Library 2007: Skill Strategies & Solutions" to watch at our monthly lunch meetings. Recently we watched and discussed "Competitive Intelligence: Where Marketing & the Law Library Meet."

Our membership has participated in the following ➤

FEATURES - Law Library Updates (Law Associations, Firms, Postings)

GRALL News (cont.)

2007 conferences:

Jennifer Lunt attended the AALL Management and Leadership Institute in Tucson.

Aletha Honsowitz and Kori Kasara attended the IUG (Innovative Users Group) conference in San Jose.

Ruth Stevens attended "Back to the Future of Legal Research" at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Kate McCarthy attended the SLA annual conference in Denver.

June VanWingen and Lana Ahumada attended the AALL annual conference in New Orleans.

Mary Lou Wilker will be attending the upcoming Internet Librarian conference in Monterey.

We continue to rotate our meetings amongst members working at five law firms, the Department of Justice library, the U.S. Courts library and Thomas M. Cooley Law Library, Grand Rapids Campus. This fall GRALL also welcomed our 17th member, Jessica Fields, Part-time Reference Librarian at Thomas M. Cooley Law Library, Grand Rapids Campus.

At our first ever summer outing, we enjoyed lunch and a visit to the Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park on a beautiful day in June. We enjoyed viewing The Thinker, on loan from the Detroit Institute of Arts that is currently at the Gardens until October. Also at this meeting, we discussed what we learned at conferences we attended to date or were planning on attending later this year.

Upcoming meetings will include a session on International Law lead by Cooley Professor Paul J. Carrier ➔

GRALL News (cont.)

as well as a meeting with the new director of the Grand Rapids Legal Assistance Center to learn about their current and future projects.

We are pleased to have several of our members become part of the new MichALL board:

* President: June VanWingen (2007-8)

june.vanwingen@usdoj.gov

* Vice-President: Aletha Honsowitz (2007-8)

honsowia@cooley.edu

* Member at Large: Kori Kasara (2006-8)

kasarak@cooley.edu ■

LISTSERV Information

michall@aallnet.org is the official discussion list of the Michigan Association of Law Libraries (MichALL). All those interested in law libraries may join the list for discussion of topics directly of interest to this group. MichALL listserv is hosted by the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Below you will find information on how to set and configure your initial profile. You will only have to do this once.

- 1) First, visit <http://share.aallnet.org/read/>
- 2) Enter your email address (twice if asked). Click OK.
- 3) Next you will be brought to the 'Essentials' tab. BE SURE TO CLICK "SAVE CHANGES" or your name will not be saved.
- 4) Click the 'Advanced' tab.
- 5) Enter the password of your choice. BE SURE TO CLICK "SAVE CHANGES" or your password will not be saved.
- 6) You're done!

You can post to the MichALL forum (listserv) using the AALL graphical user interface at:

<http://share.aallnet.org/read/?forum=michall>

or by email to michall@aallnet.org

MichALL BOARD MINUTES (Aug '07)

Jane Edwards, Secretary

(August 16th, 2007)

June, Aletha, Barb, Jane, Helen and Larissa met via conference call at 10:00 am. Kori was absent.

Jane read notes from spring meeting.

Barb mentioned that we're doing very well financially. June provided membership numbers and recent bank balance. Noted that membership application on the website should be updated. E-mail our web developer and he will take care of changes.

June provided a report of her experiences at the AALL conference. She e-mailed everyone the link for education materials from the conference and she mentioned that the Grand Rapids Association of Law Librarians usually purchases audio tapes of the AALL programs, in case someone would like to borrow them. June described the leadership program she attended, which was geared for AALL chapter presidents.

We talked about the newsletter and ideas for content. We discussed the possibility of having someone write up summaries of the programs from the MichALL spring conference. Jane Edwards offered to write something. There are pictures from the spring conference, but we haven't received them yet (may need to follow up with Lauren Collins). June is going to write up summaries of the AALL programs she attended for the newsletter. Jane Edwards offered to write something up regarding some of the AALL academic programs. Someone should post a message on the listserv to solicit articles for the newsletter. We agreed that September 15 would be the deadline for articles with a publication date of October 1 for publication.

We briefly discussed ideas for disseminating more legal information to the public.

The fall dinner was the next agenda item. We agreed on ➤

October 17th as the date for the dinner, and decided that it would be best to hold the dinner somewhere in the Lansing area. Barb agreed to create a list of possible restaurants. We discussed the idea of having MichALL subsidize a portion of each attendee's meal.

We discussed the possibility of granting Jerry Dupont life membership in MichALL. Barb mentioned that the procedure explained in the MichALL constitution is quite involved and requires a vote of the entire membership. Executive board voted to grant Jerry lifetime membership. Next step is to submit this proposal to all MichALL members for a vote. We discussed the possibility of voting electronically, and June said she would check the MichALL constitution to see if this is permissible.

We discussed the Continuing Professional Education Committee. June mentioned that there are several educational grants available through AALL. The deadline for the first round of grants is September 7. This grant money can be used for future programs. June sent out link to AALL webpage that describes the grants and criteria. We discussed the possibility of pod casting some of our future educational programs, which seems to be one of the criteria that AALL considers when approving grants.

June and Larissa discussed AALL's recruitment to law librarianship committee. The group talked about ways we might participate in this.

Aletha brought up the topic of planning for the spring meeting. We discussed the possibility of using Survey Monkey to poll the membership about their interests. We also brainstormed ideas for recruiting people to serve on the spring meeting planning committee. One idea that was suggested was to place an announcement in the next newsletter.

A question came up about whether MichALL had sent flowers to Pat Parker, who has been ill. June offered to check with Kori to see if flowers have been sent.

Our next board meeting will be held on October 17 at approximately 5:00pm before the MichALL Fall Dinner. ■

TREASURER'S REPORT

Barbara Bonge, Treasurer



As of September 21, 2007, MichALL has \$8511.55 in its treasury. The May 11, 2007 Treasurer's report stated assets of \$8590.52.

Expenditures after the May 11 treasurer's report were:

AVI FoodSystems Inc for catering for MichALL	\$2081.43
Lauren Collins reimbursement for tour guide fee	\$74.00
Anne Cottongim reimbursement for purchase of flowers for Pat Orr	\$40.94
Barb Bonge reimbursement for postage for mailing out dues statements	\$24.60
Total of expenditures	\$2220.97

Deposits and receipts after the May 11 treasurer's report were:

AALL grant	\$1000.00
Spring Meeting registrations	\$152.00
2008 dues	\$990.00
Total of deposits and receipts	\$2142.00

Present balance in treasury: \$8511.55

MichALL Website Updates by RSS Feed:

To subscribe: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/michall/rss/rss.htm>

MICHALL OFFICERS AND HOW TO CONTACT THEM:

The MichALL officers are always available to hear your ideas for annual meetings and additional programming. Have a good idea for a social or educational get together? Send it on! Email addresses for all officers are listed below.

President: June VanWingen,
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AALL SPECTRUM MEMBER TO MEMBER QUESTION

MichALL member Jessica Fields will be featured in the "Member to Member Question" column of the September/October AALL Spectrum. Read below for a sneak peak...

What Continuing Professional Education Did You Participate in this Summer?

"As a recent graduate with very little hands-on experience working in any library, let alone a law library, I wanted to grasp any opportunity I could to bolster my skills (and my resume). In May, I attended a Westlaw training session and became certified. I feel this initiative on my part was one of the reasons I was hired as a part-time reference librarian, my first professional librarian position. Since being hired, I've continued to educate myself using the Westlaw research exercises provided on its Web site. I'm also working through the school's research exercises so that I'm familiar with the materials in expectation of any questions that might come up. Lastly, I'm enrolled in a self-paced, Web-based course called, "Cutting the Red Tape: Finding Online Government Information," offered through Kovacs Consulting. All in all, it's been a summer filled with learning opportunities!"

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