President Janet Camillo called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Bijal Shah provided a Treasurer’s Report, which stated, among other info, that LLAM took in $600 at the Holiday Party Silent Auction, of which $300 will be donated to the Maryland Food Bank. We are also awaiting a check from West Publishing for their contribution to the Holiday Party.

**New Business:**

**Legal Research Institute (LRI):** The LRI will take place on Mar. 19, 2008. Catherine McGuire and Anne Morrison are handling the publicity. Catherine reported that the flier has been prepared and copies are being distributed. She distributed some copies to board members. An announcement has been sent to the listservs of LLAM, SLA, MLA, and LLSDC. There was some discussion of other means of publicizing the LRI to court house employees, paralegals, and other groups. Catherine also reported that the Division of Library Development & Services (DLDS) has approved the awarding of CE credits to library staff for attendance at LRI. (For more on the LRI, see Committee Reports below.)

**Legislative Day:** Library Day at the Maryland Legislature will take place on Wed., Feb. 6. LLAM will again sponsor the breakfast, which is held at the Anne Arundel Public Law Library. Anyone is encouraged to attend this day of activities aimed at raising awareness of library issues in Annapolis.

**AALL Board Meeting:** Janet Camillo mentioned several matters that she is considering bring up at the AALL board meeting. Agenda items are due on Feb. 27.

One matter is the North East Regional Meeting, and some concerns about the delays in resolving the meeting finances for the information of the sponsoring chapters.

Two others are the decision to stop publishing “Chapter Notes” in the AALL Spectrum, and the decision to drop the Chapter Annual Reports from the Law Library Journal. Susan Herrick agreed to ask Janet Sinder, editor of LLJ, for any background on the latter decision, and report back to Janet Camillo.

Janet Camillo also mentioned that this was the time to submit an application to reserve a table for LLAM in the Exhibit Hall at the annual meeting. (See below under the Public Relations Committee report)
AALL Annual Meeting Registration Grant: LLAM is one of 10 chapters to receive a grant this year. The grant covers registration costs for the annual meeting in Portland. Janet Camillo has appointed a committee, consisting of five former LLAM presidents (Anna Cole, Pat Behles, Joan Bellistri, Anne Garrett, and Jim Gernert as chair) who will award the grant according to the AALL criteria that the grant go to a “newer” member of AALL, and at the committee’s own discretion. Joanne Dugan made a motion, which was seconded by Pat Behles, that LLAM award an additional $500 to the recipient to help with travel and lodging expenses. The motion was carried by an “aye” vote of the five board members in attendance, with no nays.

Old Business:

Procedure Manual: Janet Camillo distributed copies of a LLAM procedure manual. The only missing component is a chapter on LLAM history, which Pat Behles offered to look into developing. It was decided that the manual will be posted on the LLAM Web site as well as being distributed in print. Kurt Meyer will look into this.

North East Regional Law Libraries Meeting: Janet Camillo reported that we have still not received a financial report from the organizers of the NE Regional meeting in Toronto, and that they have not yet closed their books. Thus we don’t know whether LLAM will receive any part of its $1000 seed money back. Janet will continue to press for info. Also, LLAM’s NE Regional Committee will be writing a report to summarize our participation in this event, and to serve as a resource for planning of future regional meetings.

County Code Checklist - The Conference of Maryland Court Librarians is meeting later this week, and participating county librarians have been asked to check the entries for their county for accuracy and currency.

Holiday Party – see above under Treasurer’s Report.

Committee Reports:

LRI: Joanne Dugan reported that the faculty at LRI will include herself, Steve Anderson, and John Cannan. Facilitators at the “hands-on” stations to follow the presentations will include Pat Behles, Janet Camillo, Anna Cole, and Susan Herrick. Joanne also announced that the room at UB has been reserved and that parking will be provided to attendees, both at no charge to LLAM. Maxine Grosshans will be handling the reproduction of handouts, and speakers are requested to submit their handouts by March 6. Several alternatives were discussed for recording and making available the presentations via the LLAM Web site; this will be explored further.
Archives:  no report. Janet reminded people to forward appropriate documents etc. to Joe Bennett, the LLAM archivist.

Govt./Vendor Relations:  Janet reported for Joan Bellistri that there was no news regarding the proposed letter in support of the No Child Left Behind reauthorization, or regarding other items described at the last board meeting. Catherine McGuire told the board about S.B. 86, which has been introduced in the Maryland Assembly. This bill is of concern because it would reallocate fines levied for certain drug offenses to development of county drug treatment programs; this would take funding away from some county law libraries, which receive between 5 and 30 percent of their budgets from fines, fees, and forfeitures. It was suggested that LLAM may wish to consider taking a position opposing this bill.

Membership:  Trevor Rosen reported that the updated membership directory has been completed and will soon be posted, in password-protected form, on the LLAM Web site. It was previously agreed that the directory would be published in electronic format only. Trevor stated that the directory is in OCR/PDF format, which means that it is searchable and also can be easily printed out for those who wish to do so.

Mentoring:  no report.

Newsletter:  no report. It was noted that publicity for the LRI will appear in the next issue.

Placement:  no report. Tonya Baroudi was again commended for doing a great job getting job openings sent out via the list serv.

Programs:  Future lunchtime programs include the session on Long Term Care which will take place on Jan. 30 at Tydings & Rosenberg, and the author talk on Feb. 27 (location TBA.)

Public Relations:  There was additional discussion about the LLAM table at the AALL Annual Meeting in July. Joanne Dugan suggested that LLAM could, in lieu of its usual table, join with the Stitching SIS, which has been sponsoring “Stitch-a-Thons” at recent annual meetings, with proceeds donated to a local charitable cause. This will be discussed further.

Publications:  no report.

Technology:  Kurt Meyer reported that his authorization by AALL as Web master for LLAM is forthcoming. He has been working on the coding on the LLAM Web site to keep the e-mail addresses that appear there from being vulnerable to spam. He has also been working on the password protection for the membership directory.

25th Anniversary:  Pat Behles reported that her request for a governor’s proclamation in honor of LLAM’s 25th anniversary had been held up because the request was not associated with a specific date, which apparently is customary. It was decided that she will request a date during National Library
Week, which takes place April 13-19. Also, she will request that the Pratt window commemorating LLAM be scheduled for April or May.

President Janet Camillo adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.
President Janet Camillo called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

It was noted that the minutes of the January 2008 Board meeting had been approved.

Bijal Shah provided a Treasurer’s Report stating that LLAM took in vendor contributions for sponsorship of the Holiday Party, as well as registration fees for the Legal Research Institute. On the debit side, LLAM reimbursed Joanie Bellistri for refreshments for Maryland Library Day.

**New Business:**

**Legal Research Institute (LRI):** The LRI will take place on Mar. 19, 2008. Joanne Dugan reported that registration numbers have been good. The handouts are in process and will be sent to Maxine Grosshans to arrange for duplication. Other details are being finalized.

**Spring Fling:** The 2008 Spring Fling will take place on Friday, May 9, on the patio at Tydings & Rosenberg. The Baltimore Bar Library is the backup location in case of inclement weather. Lexis has tentatively agreed to sponsor the Fling.

**April Program:** Janet Camillo reported that the April program will be held on April 16 and will deal with library marketing. Various LLAM members will present the program. Location TBA.

**2008-2009 Program Scheduling:** Janet Camillo suggested that LLAM consider adopting, instead of monthly brown bag programs, a quarterly program schedule. She reported that she has surveyed a number of other AALL chapters to see how often they offered programs; she found that 4 offered a monthly program and about 12 offered programs only twice a year. Janet proposed having one fall and one spring program, possibly half day programs, in addition to the Holiday Party and Spring Fling. She suggested that we might conduct a survey using a program such as Survey Monkey to see what the LLAM membership thinks of this idea, as well as what type of programs might be of interest. Susan Herrick offered to help. Pat Behles suggested that another option would be to retain the September program as a welcome to new members and a recap of the summer conferences, and to otherwise adopt the schedule suggested by Janet.
**LLAM Executive Board voting:** Janet proposed revising our current e-voting procedure for approval of minutes and other matters, since we are not following it, and replacing the current procedure that appears on our Web site. The new e-voting procedure will also be added to the Procedure manual.

**Election:** The LLAM election of officers and Board members is not far away. A nominating committee will be constituted. The ballot packages will be sent out around April 10.

**SEALL:** SEALL has invited Maryland law librarians to join its organization. Some LLAM members (Joanne Dugan, John Cannan) are attending the joint LLSDC/SEALL meeting on March 27 and presenting programs.

**Court Law Library Directors Conference:** Janet Camillo announced the creation, with approval of Judge Bell, of this conference. This group will be able to address concerns of court law libraries and foster communication and cooperation among the directors.

**Old Business:**

**AALL Matters:**

- **Awards:** AALL Annual Meeting Registration Grant: LLAM is one of 10 chapters to receive a grant this year. The grant covers registration costs for the annual meeting in Portland. The LLAM Board voted at the last meeting to award an additional $500 to the recipient to help with travel and lodging expenses. Although the announcement has gone out on the list serv, the committee appointed to award the grant has not yet received any applications. The committee consists of Jim Gernert (Chair), Pat Behles, Anne Garrett, and Anna Cole.

- **Chapter News:** Steve Anderson has reported that the matter of excluding the Chapter News from the print publication of Spectrum was thoroughly discussed by AALL, and that he doubts that this issue would be ripe for reconsideration in the near future.

- **Table in Exhibit Hall:** Joanne Dugan volunteered to be the designated person from LLAM to set up the LLAM table in the Exhibit Hall at the annual meeting in Portland.

**North East Regional Law Libraries Meeting:** Pat Behles and the NE Regional Committee submitted a report summarizing LLAM’s involvement in the meeting, and raising some issues to consider regarding sponsorship of future meetings. Pat also stated that there has still not been a final accounting from the NE Regional meeting.

**County Code Checklist:** Updates will be sent to Maxine Grosshans as they come in.
Committee Reports:

Archives: No report.

Govt./Vendor Relations: Joan Bellistri sent Janet Camillo a report on the 2008 Maryland Library Day at the Legislature. As noted in the last board meeting’s minutes, the Maryland Library Association (MLA) and LLAM are tracking bills that would impact funding for court libraries. The MLA president attended committee hearings to speak against the court library bill. Jill Burke has joined Joan’s committee and will be handling vendor relations. Joan also authored a letter, which Janet Camillo is reviewing, to the MLA on library disaster planning.

Grants & Awards: See above under “AALL Matters: Awards: AALL Annual Meeting Registration Grant.”

Membership: No report.

Mentoring: No report.

Newsletter: Sara Witman reported that the March 2008 issue of LLAM news has just been published. The deadline for the next issue is May 15, which will allow coverage of the LRI and also of the Spring Fling. Susan Herrick offered to take some photos at the LRI.

Placement: Tonya Baroudi reported that she has started to keep statistics on how many job postings she posts to the LLAM list serv. She posted 6 in Jan. 2008; 17 in Feb. 2008; and 3 so far in March 2008. Tonya also noted that she sent a set of LLAM brochures to Catholic U. for its Open House at the library school and will contact them to see if the brochures generated any interest. CLIS is hosting another job fair but LLAM will not participate this year.

Program: No report. See above under “New Business.”

Public Relations: No report. The Committee has been handling publicity and registration for LRI.

Publications: No report.

Technology: No report. Janet Camillo will talk to Kurt Meyer about putting the Procedure Manual up on the Web site, as well as taking down the procedure related to e-voting pending its revision.

25th Anniversary: Pat Behles reported that her request for a governor’s proclamation in honor of LLAM’s 25th anniversary had been held up because the request was not associated with a specific date; she plans to request that the proclamation be dated April 15, which is Library Workers’ Day. Also, she reported that the Pratt window commemorating LLAM should appear in May.

President Janet Camillo adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.
LLAM Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 16, 2008

Location: Miles & Stockbridge

Board members present: Janet Camillo, Pat Behles, Jean Hessenauer, Susan Herrick, Bijal Shah, Glen Spangler

Committee members present: Joan Bellistri, Maxine Grosshans, Kurt Meyer, Anne Morrison, Sara Witman

President Janet Camillo called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

It was noted that the minutes of the March 2008 Board meeting had been electronically approved.

Bijal Shah provided a Treasurer’s Report. LLAM took in $2800 on the Legal Research Institute. Bijal also received a check from West for the sponsorship of the Holiday Party.

New Business:

Election and related matters: The 2008 LLAM election of officers and board members is under way. The ballot packages were sent out on April 10 and ballots must be returned by April 24 to be counted. Janet Camillo proposed creating two year terms for the Secretary and Treasurer positions, and made a motion to that effect. Pat Behles seconded, and the Board voted to approve. The terms would be staggered (i.e., a new Secretary would be elected in even numbered years, and a new Treasurer in odd numbered years) Janet will draft language for a change to the bylaws, which must be approved by the AALL Committee on chapter bylaws.

Baltimore Zoo and adoption: Janet Camillo moved that LLAM adopt LLAMbert, the Jacob sheep, for a second year. The cost for this second year would be $35. Glen Spangler seconded, and the board voted to approve.

SEALL: Janet Camillo reported that the joint SEALL/LLSDC meeting was successful and that LLAM members were welcomed. LLAM members John Cannan and Joanne Dugan presented programs at the meeting. Janet Camillo suggested that we might want to investigate the possibility of co-sponsoring a meeting with SEALL, to be held in Baltimore, sometime in the future.

AALL Matters:

-Awards: AALL Annual Meeting Registration Grant: LLAM is one of 10 chapters to receive a grant this year. The grant covers registration costs for the annual meeting in Portland. The LLAM Board voted at the last meeting to award an additional $500 to the recipient to help with travel and lodging expenses.
The Grants & Awards committee (Jim Gernert (Chair), Pat Behles, Joan Bellistri, Anna Cole, and Anne Garrett) has received four applications. The deadline to award the grant is in early May.

- **Table in Exhibit Hall**: Joanne Dugan and/or Jean Hessenauer will be arriving in time to organize the LLAM table in the Exhibit Hall at the annual meeting in Portland.

- **Annual Report**: Janet Camillo will be submitting an annual report to AALL, and she asked that board members and committee chairs send her their reports by May 1 so that she can incorporate them in her chapter report. She will also be suggesting that an announcement and links to the chapter annual reports be included in Ann Fessenden’s electronic newsletter, as the chapter reports no longer appear in Law Library Journal.

- **Procedure Manual**: The LLAM procedure manual has been posted to the Web site. Any changes should be submitted to Janet Camillo.

- **North East Regional Law Libraries Meeting**: Janet Camillo received a letter from the NE Regional organizers reporting that the meeting had finished “in the black” and that at least our $1000 seed money will be returned to us, along with our share of a small profit of between $500 – 700.

- **LLAM Service Award**: Janet Camillo suggested that LLAM institute a Service Award to be given in recognition of contributions to the organization. It would be awarded at the discretion of the Grants & Awards Committee, and would be awarded only when deemed appropriate (not necessarily every year.)

**Old Business:**

- **Legal Research Institute (LRI)**: The LRI was a great success. Joanne Dugan received several useful comments from LLAM members, which she will compile for future reference. Maxine Grosshans will put copies of the prepared handout materials in the LLAM Archives.

- **Spring Fling**: The 2008 Spring Fling will take place on Friday, May 9, on the patio at Tydings & Rosenberg. The conference rooms at Tydings will be the backup location in case of inclement weather. Invitations have gone out and the announcement has been posted to the LLAM Web site. Westlaw and Lexis have each agreed to contribute, and have requested signs and an announcement of their sponsorship.

- **County Code Checklist**: Updates will be sent to Maxine Grosshans as they come in.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Archives**: No report.

- **Govt./Vendor Relations**: Joan Bellistri, who is on the legislative panel of the Maryland Library Association, reported on the just-ended session of the Maryland Assembly. The major bills that were
opposed by the MLA this session, particularly the one affecting funding of county court libraries, were killed. Joanie called the group’s attention to “Capwiz” on the MLA web site, which is a tool for contacting government officials. She also noted that MLA is conducting some sessions of the annual conference, physically held in Ocean City, virtually this year. Pat Behles reminded the group that we have a reciprocal arrangement for registration fees for MLA (meaning that LLAM members can register at MLA member rates.)

**Grants & Awards:** See above under “AALL Matters: Awards: AALL Annual Meeting Registration Grant.”

**Membership:** Trevor Rosen reported to Janet Camillo that he recently received one new membership.

**Mentoring:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Sara Witman needs a volunteer to write a story about the LRI for the June issue. It was decided that the membership form should be included in the newsletter in both June and in the first issue in the fall. The deadline for the June issue is May 15. Susan Herrick and Sara will take pictures at the Spring Fling for inclusion in the June issue.

**Placement:** Tonya Baroudi previously reported to Janet Camillo that 14 jobs were posted to the LLAM listserv in the past month.

**Program:** Jean Hessenauer will try to schedule a trip to the Maryland Zoo in June, to get a picture of the Board with LLAMbert, our adopted Jacob sheep, and to conduct a final board meeting for the year.

**Public Relations:** Anne Morrison noted that the listing of the LRI in the Daily Record’s electronic calendar of events was free, and opined that it had a positive effect on our registration numbers. It was noted that Catherine McGuire’s father had passed away. Janet Camillo will send a card on behalf of the Board and will look into making a donation.

**Publications:** See above under “Old Business- County Code Update.”

**Technology:** Kurt Meyer reported that the announcement of the Spring Fling has been posted on the LLAM Web site, along with the procedure manual. Kurt also will be looking into making some cosmetic changes to the site over the summer.

**25th Anniversary:** Pat Behles reported that she requested the governor’s proclamation in honor of LLAM’s 25th anniversary to be dated April 15, which is Library Workers’ Day, but that its status was uncertain. Also, the Pratt window commemorating LLAM will appear beginning the first week in May.

President Janet Camillo adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.
The meeting began at 3:20. Present were Board Members: Jean Hessenauer, President, Joanne Dugan, Vice President, Janet Camillo, Past President and Bijal Shah Treasurer. Also present were Committee members Sara Witman, Newsletter, and Joan Bellistri, Government/Vendor Relations.

Minutes
There were no minutes presented.

Treasurer’s Report
The Treasurer’s reports (LLAM Financial Report 2007-8 and Accounting Update) were accepted. The estimated budget was discussed and will be revised to include money for a potential VIP at the AALL Convention (see discussion below) and Archival Supplies. Bijal Shah also asked if the Board would approve moving approximately 25% of the money currently held in savings to a CD. The Board approved this action.

New Business
There was a discussion of having fewer but longer programs which was acceptable to the Board. The tentative schedule for programs was also discussed. Joanne Dugan suggested the following programs:
- Review of the conventions (AALL and SLA) in early September.
- A program in late October on web 2.0
- Holiday party/membership meeting in December
- Talk in January on legislative advocacy to generate interest in Library Day at the Legislature in February. Joanne will ask Mary Alice Baish to speak.
- April LLAM reads book talk. Author to be determined.
- May Spring Fling

Janet Camillo raised the possibility of changing the mentor and awards/grants committees from special to standing committees since the work of these committees is intended to continue for more than a year. New standing committees must be approved by a vote of the membership. The Board voted to ask the membership for such a vote at the next general meeting – the Holiday Party.

Janet Camillo also asked the Board for LLAM’s sponsorship of a program on the establishment and work of the Conference of Maryland Court Law Library Directors at the 2009 AALL Convention. The Board voted to be a sponsor of this program. The Board also voted to approve sponsorship of a program on the business of horse racing which Jean Hessenauer and Janet Camillo are hoping to put together.
There was a discussion of having a Chapter VIP at the 2009 AALL Convention in D.C. The Board voted to approve sponsoring a VIP at the 2009 AALL convention and approved allocating approximately $500 for the VIP’s expenses. Steve Anderson will be asked to contact Judge Bell to ascertain his willingness to attend. If he cannot attend, other VIP possibilities mentioned were Lynn Bataglia or one of the law school deans.

**Old Business**
The by-law revision, concerning increasing the terms to two years for the Treasurer and Secretary, was reintroduced. It had been approved by last year’s Board. This bylaw change will allow these officers to become more familiar with their duties. The Board approved the by-law change and it will be presented to the AALL By-law Committee by Janet for review before being presented to the Membership for final approval.

Janet reported that the Procedures Manual will be posted on-line with the revisions received from board and committee members.

Jean will adopt the sheep from the Baltimore Zoo again.

**Committee Reports**
The Newsletter deadline is August 15th.
LLAM Executive Board Minutes – Sept. 24, 2008

Location: University of Baltimore Law Library

Present: Board members: Pat Behles, Joanne Dugan, Susan Herrick, Jean Hessenauer, Bijal Shah, Glen Spangler, Thea Warner

Committee Chairs present: Joan Bellistri, Maxine Grosshans, Kurt Meyer, Sara Witman

President Jean Hessenauer called the meeting to order at 10:58 a.m.

It was noted that the minutes of the Aug. 3d board meeting had already been approved by e-mail.

A Revised Estimated Budget, along with a LLAM accounting update, was presented by Bijal Shah. The board previously voted at the August 3d meeting to place up to 25% of our funds into a CD. Bijal reported that she could purchase an 18 month CD at 4%. The board voted approved investing $2500 from the treasury. The board also voted to approve the budget.

New Business:

Bylaw change – It was noted that the bylaw revision, which would create two year alternating terms for the LLAM Treasurer and Secretary, which had already been approved by the 2007-2008 board, was approved by the 2008-2009 board at the August meeting. This amendment will be presented to the AALL By-Law Committee for review before being presented to the membership for final approval.

Longer Programs – Joanne Dugan noted that last year the board agreed to try sponsoring fewer and more substantial programs, rather than having monthly brown bag programs. This year the planned programs are as follows:

October – A program on Web 2.0, with a hands-on session to follow, will be presented by Harvey Morrell. A tentative date of Oct. 29 was suggested.

November – no program.

December - Holiday Party. Various options for location were discussed. Tentative dates of either Thursday Dec. 4 or Thursday Dec. 11 were agreed upon. Joanne and Pat Behles will investigate options for location in Baltimore, with the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court library as a backup location.

January – a talk on legislative advocacy presented by Mary Alice Baish or someone else from the AALL Washington office is tentatively planned.

February – Maryland Legislative Day

March – no program

April – An author book talk will be held. Anyone with ideas about a speaker should contact Joanne.

May – Spring Fling.
We also agreed that board meetings would generally be held before the programs, with Oct. 29 being the next board meeting.

**Old Business –**

**AALL** - The board already approved allotting funds to sponsor a VIP to attend the AALL meeting in Washington next summer. Jean will contact Steve Anderson about asking Judge Bell if he would attend.

Procedure Manual – This has been completed and will be given to Kurt to place on the LLAM home page.

Standing committees- The board previously voted to ask the LLAM membership for a vote on changing the mentor and awards/grants committee from special to standing committees. The membership will be asked to vote on this at the Holiday Party.

**Committee reports:**

**Archives** - Janet Camillo will be transporting more archived material over to U. Md., where the LLAM archives are currently stored. The window display that appeared at the Pratt Library main branch, which commemorated LLAM’s 25th anniversary, has been moved and is also being stored at U. Md.

**Government/Vendor Relations** – Joan Bellistri reported that the MLA Legislative Panel has new officers this year. Ongoing concerns are the state budget and the possible impact of budget cuts on library funding and prison libraries.

**Membership** – Pat Behles is taking over as membership chair to fill in for Trevor Rosen, who has temporarily left law librarianship to pursue religious studies. Membership renewals have been slow. Pat will send out another announcement/reminder.

**Mentor** – no report.

**Newsletter** – the Sept. issue was distributed last week. The next issue will be in December after the Holiday Party. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 15.

**Placement** – no report.

**Programs** – see above under “New Business.”

**Public Relations** – no report. Jean distributed some magnets and showed some sample bumper stickers and other publicity materials featuring the LLAM logo, that Anne Morrison obtained for free.

**Technology**- Kurt Meyer reported that he has been working on redesigning the LLAM Web site. Jean and Janet have seen the sample front page. It was agreed that Kurt should forward the sample page to the board and that we can discuss it via e-mail.

**25th Anniversary** – no report.
Also, Pat Behles reported that the NE Regional Law Libraries meeting, held Oct. 2007 in Toronto, still has not closed its books.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12 noon.