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President's Message

By Mary Jo Lazun
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Winter has been a very productive time for LLAM.

This January LLAM hosted its first **New Member Breakfast** at Gordon Feinblatt. This was an informal gathering to acquaint new members with the organization. It was a fun morning and I am happy to report that LLAM has quite a few members—some are new to the profession and others are highly accomplished librarians who are new to LLAM.

Toyna Baroudi continued to provide LLAM members with superior programming. In February, Andrew Jezic, co-author of *Maryland Law of Confessions* spoke to LLAM members at the Maryland State Law Library. He did a masterful job of presenting the topic by soliciting attendees' thoughts on a very interesting case that was recently and closely decided by the Court of Appeals. This was the second time that LLAM has hosted an author of a major Maryland legal treatise—last year with Arnold Rockvarg author of *Principles and Practice in Maryland Administrative Law*. This is a new tradition I hope we continue.

On behalf of LLAM, **Joanie Bellistri** hosted breakfast at the Anne Arundel County Law Library for couple dozen Maryland Library Association members attending Maryland Library Legislative Day. In her usual quiet and highly effective style, Joanie made sure MLA members knew that was LLAM who was responsible for making sure they were well fortified before beginning their appointed rounds with members of the Maryland Legislature. **Jackie Curro** from the Maryland Dept. of Legislative Service suggested members stop by her library for a well deserve break and a chance to meet the librarians who serve the legislators.

Catherine McGuire and Pamela Craig held LLAM's first Lunch and Learn during Maryland Library Legislative Day. Catherine provided attendees with the basics on how to conduct a Maryland legislative history and why it is important. Pamela Craig from the Library of Congress provided orientation on the new features and search techniques for Congress.gov, the successor to THOMAS.

Electronic archives of LLAM
LLAM news are available on
the LLAM web site at
<http://llamonline.org/newsletter/>

Sara Witman and Kirstin Nelson submitted LLAM's application for the AALL Chapter Professional Development Award for last year's Full Disclosure conference. LLAM was notified earlier this in March that Full Disclosure was awarded the AALL Chapter Professional Development Award. Great News!!

David Matchen, Flossy Barnes, and Kathy Sweeny have agreed to be this year's Scholarship Committee. The Committee will evaluate applications and select a LLAM member who will receive \$500 to attend AALL's Annual Conference.

Mark Desierto of Venable will be hosting a brown bag discussion on integrated library systems and library technology. With so many LLAM member libraries using so many so many systems, old and new, this promises to be an excellent discussion. Details coming soon.

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Musings on Conferences

Mary Jo Lazun, Maryland State Law Library

The arrival of spring heralds what I call Conference Season. And recently, while mentally gearing myself up for the season ahead, I began to think about my love/hate relationship with conferences.

The list of events that take place during Conference Season is long and impressive. Computers in Libraries kicks things off in April, followed by the Maryland and Delaware Library Associations' Joint Conference in May. The Special Library Association holds their conference in June; the American Library Association spans June and July; and the season culminates with American Association of Law Libraries' Annual Meeting and Conference in July.

So what do I mean when I say that I have a love/hate relationship with these events?

First, I love having the chance to get out of the library. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy my work, but there is something to be said for the opportunity to gain a different perspective on what I do and how I might do it better. I adore poring over a conference program and putting together a schedule. I never end up actually *following* the schedule, of course, but just the exercise of sitting on my hotel bed and looking at all the choices reminds me just how many things there are for me to learn about.

I enjoy it when I enviably end up at the wrong session that it turns out to be the best one of the conference. I relish adding names of people to email, books to read, and web sites to visit to the to-do list I keep at the back of my notebook. And I savour those moments of serendipity when I meet someone new and learn a little something about them that makes me think differently about myself and my profession.

On the other hand, what I hate about most about conferences is that there is always just too much to do, and not enough time to do it all. (I think it was at last year's AALL when the three sessions I most wanted to attend were not only scheduled at the same time, but were also scheduled on the last day during the final session!) Being a bit of an introvert, I hate being admonished for not spending my "free time" at the bar meeting people; I just does not work for me. There are always plenty of opportunities between sessions and during breaks to talk with people; I need the evening to get recharged for the next day or having a quiet dinner with a small group of old (or new) friends.

When I present at a conference, I hate the knot I get in my stomach before the session and the nagging feeling that I get afterward that I forgot to mention something critical. When walking through the exhibitor hall, I hate that guilty feeling whenever I avert eye contact from vendors who are desperate for a sale or a contact.

And finally, I hate time zones. My body is just clueless how to adjust. At Portland a few years ago, I woke up every day at 3 a.m. Thank goodness the west coast has coffee shops that open at 4.

As this year's conference season approaches, I've promised myself that I will try to remember that the things I enjoy about going to conferences outweigh the things that I hate about them. It's not hard; after all, the thing that I enjoy most of all is that every conference reminds me anew that I work an exceptional profession with exceptional professionals.

Thank you all for the privilege of being able to work with you!

Applications for the LLAM Grant to AALL Seattle!!!

The AALL 106th Annual Meeting & Conference will take place at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle from July 13-16, 2013, and LLAM is offering a \$500 conference grant for a deserving member. An application was sent out via email on April, 3rd or go to <http://llamonline.org/2013/04/06/llam-scholarship> . Please send completed applications to dmatchen@ubalt.edu, no later than **Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.** We will announce the recipient at the Spring Fling on May 4.

In the meantime, should you have any questions about the grant requirements or application, please feel free to contact David Matchen directly at dmatchen@ubalt.edu.

Bylaws Change Up for a Vote

LLAM's bylaws require that members be notified of a vote to change the bylaws in advance of the annual meeting, aka the Spring Fling, this year on Saturday May 4th. AALL's Bylaws Committee has reviewed the wording and given it their blessing.

The proposed change replaces the current procedure that requires changes to bylaws be done only once per year and by in-person voting at the annual meeting. The proposed change would allow votes cast by a mail or electronic ballot and scheduled anytime.

ARTICLE X. Amendment of Bylaws

Amendments or changes to the Bylaws shall be proposed by the Board of Trustees or by petition signed by no fewer than ten percent (10%) of members of the Corporation. The number of members shall be based total members at the start of the Corporation's current fiscal year.

These Bylaws may be changed by a simple majority of the votes cast by a mail or electronic ballot conducted by the secretary. In case of a tie, a majority vote by the Board of Trustees will break the tie.

Notice of proposed amendments or changes to the bylaws shall be provided to members or published in the Corporation's newsletter at least 30 days prior to the mailing of ballots.

Amendments of the bylaws shall be submitted to the American Association of Law Libraries bylaws committee by the secretary after approval by members.

Time Well Spent

Tonya Baroudi, Director, Prince George's County Circuit Law Library

As I reflect upon the end of my term as Vice President, I feel fortunate to have served with an array of talented people who supported me and assisted me along the way. Mary Jo Lazun's leadership style served as an inspiration and encouragement which helped to generate the following five LLAM educational programs:

- A Slice of Full Disclosure - In October, a segment of LLAM's Spring 2012 Conference "Full Disclosure: Librarians Sharing Best Practices", returned to the stage with five of the many compelling sessions. Core topics of the day were legal research tools and instruction, Power Point designs, and the use of print and online methods. We were also honored to have a Chapter Visit with AALL's current President Jean Wenger who shared AALL's new and upcoming initiatives.
- LLAM's second program was an online demonstration of Bloomberg Law. Jim Murphy, Law Librarian Relationship Manager and Charlotte Harrington, Legal Research Specialist, provided a look into the new world of Bloomberg Law as enhanced by the Bloomberg BNA Content - such as dockets, company analytics and litigation, news and much more.
- LLAM welcomed Mr. Andrew Jezic, co-author of the *Maryland Law of Confessions*, as a guest speaker on February 6, 2013, in which he shared his experience with the publisher, Thomson Reuters, and the relevancy and connection of this resource and libraries. A steady stream of questions was presented as the lively discussion panned from interrogations to chain of custody.
- Maryland Legislative History - LLAM's Lunch and Learn session with Catherine McGuire, Outreach Librarian at the Maryland State Law Library and Pamela Craig, Instruction/Reference Librarian at the Library of Congress was held in conjunction with Maryland Library Legislative Day. LLAM member, Catherine McGuire provided a refresher course on Maryland Legislative History and Pamela Craig provided us with an orientation on the new features and search techniques for Congress.gov, the successor to THOMAS.
- On March 20, speakers Rock Toews, owner of Back Creek Books in Annapolis, MD and Valerie Piechocki, Chief of Materials Management at the Prince George's County Memorial Library System explained how eBooks have impacted booksellers, public libraries and publishers. Law librarians learned how to balance print and eBook formats to better serve their patrons.

In short, I have enjoyed each phase of my term and I hope you have gained something positive as well this year. I am preparing for the upcoming year and as we chart the course together I am confident that this team will accomplish many tasks and feats. I welcome your continued input as we venture upon the next chapter.



Featured Member - Vanessa E. Williams

Tonya Baroudi, Prince George's County Circuit Law Library

For those of you in the Baltimore area, you may already know our featured member, Vanessa E. Williams, from Goodell DeVries, Leech and Dann, LLP, and for those who do not know Ms. Williams, well this is your opportunity to do so.

Vanessa performs a dual role at Goodell as a litigation paralegal as well as assisting with library tasks. This gives her the opportunity to continue to learn and prosper; aspects of life that she is passionate about. Vanessa is a native New Yorker, who moved to Baltimore to attend college. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Johns Hopkins University. Vanessa has been a member of LLAM for over ten years.

Prior to her four years and counting with Goodell, Vanessa was employed at the Baltimore law firm of Baxter, Baker, Sidle, Conn and Jones for sixteen years, as litigation paralegal where she also assisted in library procurement. As a litigation paralegal at Goodell, research is an integral part of assisting in the defense matters for the Firm's clients. Vanessa supports the medical malpractice defense litigation and general litigation team and when opportunity permits, she assists the business litigation, personal injury defense, labor and employment and real estate practice groups. To sum it up, Vanessa has no shortage of assignments; she is quite busy. Every day is a constant juggling act. Each team's case is important and each attorney/client requires the utmost care and attention. However, she admits she may be her own worst enemy as she tries to please everybody.

Like so many of us, Vanessa drifted into the field of law. Her path began with a summer job working as what she referred to as a "Girl Friday" for a solo practitioner. She found her niche and as they say, "the rest is history".

When asked what advice she has for her colleagues, she encourages them to continue their quest for knowledge and increased learning.

Vanessa enjoys gardening, exploring museums, and reading. Her greatest accomplish to date is the satisfaction from the joys of life. She has a happy marriage and a happy household. I could not have asked for a better ending than the following quote provided by LLAM's featured member, Vanessa E. Williams.

"At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent".

Barbara Bush

EVENTS

April 12

Peabody Library Tour

The [George Peabody Library](#) is the 19th century research library of The Johns Hopkins University, located on the Peabody campus at Mount Vernon Place in Baltimore. The collections are available for use by the general public, in keeping with the philanthropist George Peabody's goal to create a library "which is to be maintained for the free use of all persons who desire to consult it."

Learn more about the collection and history during a tour on Friday, April 12 from 12:00 to 1:00 with Curator, Paul Espinosa.

The Johns Hopkins University
The George Peabody Library
17 East Mount Vernon Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

Parking and direction details below:

<http://www.peabodyevents.library.jhu.edu/directions.html>

Please RSVP to Tonya Baroudi at tebaroudi@co.pg.md.us by Thursday, April 4, 2013.

Hope to see you there!

April 18

AALL Local Chapter Lobby Day

Date: Thursday April 18, 2013

Time: 8:30 - 5:00 pm EST

Location: Lutheran Church of the Reformation*

212 East Capitol Street

Washington, DC 20003

Who: Local AALL members and members of LLAM, LLSDC, SEAALL, and VALL

Join AALL's Government Relations Office staff, local chapters, and AALL members for a full-day Lobby Day event on Capitol Hill! Washington-area members are invited to attend a morning training session where you'll learn best practices for successful meetings with your members of Congress. In the afternoon, you will attend pre-scheduled meetings with your members of Congress and/or staff to advocate for

AALL's policy positions. Constituent meetings with members of Congress are one of the most effective tools for advocacy. These lobby visits solidify relationships between the Association, our members, and their legislators, while providing elected officials with the critical information they need to make informed decisions. In turn, lobby day meetings serve to reaffirm AALL's reputation as the authority on information policy issues and empower law librarians as advocates for themselves and the profession. Don't miss out on this chance to make a difference!

There is no registration fee for AALL and chapter members. Breakfast, coffee, lunch and an afternoon snack will be provided. Participants will have the opportunity to visit the Library of Congress, Law Library of Congress, and Folger Shakespeare Library during afternoon free hours.

May 4

Spring Fling Picnic

Saturday, May 4 - 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Kinder Farm Park @ Black Oak Pavilion

Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, side dishes, desserts and beverages served. Frisbee toss, board games, pie-baking contest, volleyball, horseshoe and much more!

ALL LLAM members, families and friends are welcome!

- Adult tickets: \$10.00 each
- Child tickets: \$5.00 each (12 and under)
- Parking entrance fee: \$6.00 per vehicle.
Pay upon entry.

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On The Radar: What's New in the Library World?

James Durham, Deputy Director of Maryland State Law Library

This selection of upcoming events and opportunities has been gleaned from library organization discussion lists, blogs, websites, and conversations. What looks good to you...?

- **Stealth Librarianship: Creating Meaningful Connections Through User Experience, Outreach, Liaising.** Tuesday, April 23, 2013, from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. at McDaniel College, Hill Hall, Room 108. Register online at <http://www.mdlib.org/happenings/register.asp>. Contact Donald Dahl at ddahl@towson.edu.
- **How to Work through Difficult Transitions.** Wednesday, April 24, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Web seminar. Speakers: Filippa Marullo Anzalone, Faye Jones, and Pauline Aranas. \$30.00 for AALL members. \$60.00 for non-members. \$150.00 for site (one group, one site) registration. Go to: <http://www.aallnet.org/Home-page-contents/Events/How-to-Work-through-Difficult-Transitions.html>.
- **Strategic Liaisons: Game Changing Conversations.** Tuesday, April 30, 2013, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. at the Marriott-Greenbelt, 6400 Ivy Lane. Speakers: Maureen Sullivan, ALA President, and Deb Hunt, SLA President. Register at <http://www.maryland.sla.org/events2013/strategic-liaisons/>. Contact Annette Haldeman at Annette.haldeman@mlis.state.md.
- **Forging New Paths - Radical and Relevant. The 2013 MLA / DLA Joint Annual Conference.** Wednesday, May 8 - Friday, May 10, 2013 at the Clarion Resort in Ocean City, Maryland. For a full conference program, hotel information, directions, vendor list, and online registration, go to <http://www.mdlib.org/conference/default.asp>.
- **Special Libraries Association Annual Conference.** Sunday, June 9 - Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at the San Diego Convention Center. Details and online registration are available at <http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conferences/ac13/index.cfm>. *Registration is now open.*
- **23rd Annual CALI Conference (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction).** Thursday, June 13 - Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. Details and online registration are available at <http://www.cali.org/CALI-Conference>. *Registration is now open.*
- **Rethink Your Value. The 106th Annual Meeting and Conference of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).** Saturday, July 13 - Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle. Details and online registration are available at <http://www.aallnet.org/conference>. *Registration is now open.*

Member News

LLAM Members on AALL Committees

Anne Arundel Circuit Court Law Library Director **Joan Bellistri** has been appointed as the next AALL Representative to the Self Represented Litigation Network.

University of Baltimore Law Librarian **David Matchen** will be serving as chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Morningstar's **Kirsten Nelson** will be vice-chair (2013-14) and then chair (2014-15) of the AALL Recruitment Committee.

Congratulations to everyone!!

Award for Full Disclosure Conference.

LLAM's Full Disclosure Conference from 2012 won AALL's Chapter Professional Development Award. Thanks to Sara Witman and Kirstin Nelson for writing up the award nomination.

Not only did we have a winning program, we had a winning team!!!!

LLAM 2013/2014 Election - Don't Forget to Vote

It's time for our annual elections. Please take a moment out of your busy schedule to go to the following link to vote for 1) our new Vice President/President Elect; 2) Treasurer; and 3) Board Member. You will find biographies for each of the candidates on the first page of the survey.

Voting will be open to all LLAM Members until the last week in April.

The link for online voting is: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5TGTWHD>

For membership inquiries, please visit the LLAM Membership page at www.aallnet.org/chapter/llam/membership.htm or contact Membership Committee Chair Pat Behles by email at pbehles@ubalt.edu.

Requesting Submissions for LLAM News

The LLAM Newsletter Committee welcomes submissions from LLAM members on a variety of engaging topics, including but not limited to legal research tips, member news, and local events. Submit your contribution by April 15 for inclusion in the Spring 2013 issue!

LLAM News is a quarterly publication of the Law Library Association of Maryland, a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. LLAM members are the most important part of this newsletter. The articles appearing herein are by us and for us. We encourage all members to submit articles to LLAM News. The editor will be glad to assist with the process of bringing your ideas to print. Send articles, letters to the editor, news updates, advertising inquiries, photographs, comments, and suggestions to the Newsletter Committee, preferably via email.

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