President’s Message

As a member of the 1999 Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee, I have been given the unique opportunity to step back and view the overall or “big” picture of law librarianship. Reviewing program proposals submitted by AALL members nationwide and working closely with a national committee of law librarians from diverse backgrounds, has allowed me to “experience” the broad range of issues and concerns facing law librarians—academic, private, court, government, and/or corporate. Though each type of law librarian has a number of type specific concerns to address, most of the important, “big” issues affect all law librarians no matter what type of library they work in.

Technology, the legal publishing industry, professional status, and funding are examples of issues that concern and affect us all. As a law librarian, it’s very easy to be consumed and overwhelmed by the day-to-day issues of running a law library—performing online research, ordering missing looseleaf pages, deciphering invoices, etc.—and lose sight of the major issues involving our profession. Fear not. Your continued involvement with LLAM and AALL will help keep you abreast of the major issues affecting law librarianship and most importantly, give you information on how to anticipate, prepare, and respond to those issues.

To address the issue of technology, LLAM has created a new standing committee. The Technology Committee, ably headed by Melissa Harter, will keep our website updated, keep members informed about “hot” technology topics, and coordinate the MSBA\LLAM web site project. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Melissa. In addition, Steve Anderson, Program Chair, is planning a Legal Technology Fair for one of LLAM’s spring programs. Stay tuned.

No matter what position you hold in a law library, the present state of the legal publishing industry is bound to affect your work. Endless mergers have complicated the librarian’s tasks of locating, ordering, purchasing, and using legal publications.

President’s Message, continued on page 3

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December 7: Annual Holiday Tea
At Government House
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March Meeting
How to Plan National Library Week Events and Promotions
With Kate Martin, AALL Board Member and Librarian at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in DC

Spring Technology Seminar! See p. 9

May Meeting
Annual "Spring Fling" (Watch for Details!)
President's Message, continued...

A recent discussion on the LLAM listserv identified the need for LLAM to have some sort of unified voice, similar to AALL's CRIV, to respond to potential changes and/or changes in the legal publishing industry that affect our members. At the present time, rather than creating a special committee, the LLAM Board has decided that, where warranted, the Board will send a letter on behalf of LLAM to a particular vendor expressing LLAM's interest and/or concern about a particular product/service/situation. If you have any CRIV like concerns, please post them to the LLAM listserv or if you don't have email access call a board member or officer and have him/her post your concern. Listserv discussion will assist the Board in determining how to respond to your concern in a fair and constructive manner.

However, there are two sides to every story. Though legal publishing vendors may complicate our library lives from time to time, they also greatly enrich our lives. Through vendor support, LLAM is able to offer a greater range of benefits to its members. In response to the increased generosity of vendors, the LLAM Board has created a Vendor Support Statement to reflect LLAM's appreciation for such donations and clarify LLAM's position on accepting donations. The Vendor Support Statement is located on page 7 of this issue.

The 1999 AALL Annual Meeting "At the Crossroads: Legal Information Management, Technology, and Policy", will provide opportunities for LLAM members to improve their own particular professional status and the status of the profession as a whole. The Chapter VIP program provides two free registrations for LLAM to use to send two local VIPs (non law librarians who are in positions of influence, e.g. law school deans, judges, rainmaker partners, state legislators, etc.) to the conference. LLAM will only need to pay for transportation costs if necessary. This is a great opportunity for LLAM to gain recognition for its membership's talents, needs, and concerns.

Please send me VIP nominations via email (bsandison@rocketmail.com) or phone me at 410-887-6042. The Paraprofessional Forum, another program offered at the 1999 meeting, will give LLAM an opportunity to perform membership out reach to paraprofessionals in the Baltimore-Washington area. LLAM will be sponsoring a snack break at this daylong program. LLAM will also be holding a drawing for a registration grant for a paraprofessional from a LLAM member library to attend the July 19th event. To enter the drawing, please submit paraprofessional's names to me by April 15th.

As you can see from the above discussion, LLAM and AALL are working to help you navigate the wiles of law library land. So next time you feel stranded and alone in your library, remember the big picture. Look to your professional associations for ideas, inspiration and empathy.

Happy Holidays!
Betsy Sandison

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Attention writers! The Call for Papers Committee seeks your original works of scholarship relating to law librarianship for the annual AALL/Matthew Bender Call for Papers Competition.

There are three categories of eligibility (and potential winners): Open Division (current AALL members who have been members for five years or more); New Members Division (current AALL members who have been members for less than five years); and Student Division (students currently enrolled in library school or law school, whether or not AALL members). Papers must be postmarked by March 1, 1999 and received by March 8, 1999 in order to be considered for this year’s competition.

The Call for Papers’ Competition is a wonderful opportunity to share your work with others and to obtain recognition for your scholarly efforts. Winners each will receive a cash award of $750 (generously provided by Matthew Bender) and will receive recognition at the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., as well as the opportunity to present their papers during one of the Annual Meeting programs.

Further information about submission requirements, along with the required application form, can be found on AALLNET (look under Member Services). The Call for Papers Committee looks forward to your submissions!

- Ellen McGrath

AALL Allstars

I’ve been lucky to have been involved in many AALL activities over the years and have gotten to know many of the members. I’m always amazed at how many talented professionals are in this group, people with true star quality. We all know stars and this is your opportunity to recognize these stars either for their contributions to AALL or to the organizations where they work by nominating them for one of the following awards. The awards will be presented at the next annual meeting in Washington.

The JOSEPH L. ANDREWS BIBLIOGRAPHICAL AWARD recognizes a significant contribution to legal bibliographical literature. The nominated work may be a book, pamphlet, periodical contribution or publication in some other form. Only works published during the 1998 calendar year are eligible for consideration. The work need not be prepared by a law librarian or a member of AALL. Legal bibliographical literature is broadly defined and is not limited by the author’s use or nonuse of the term “bibliography” in the title of the work. Submit as complete a description as possible (it is not necessary to submit a copy of the work). The deadline for nominations is February 1, 1999. Send nominations to Grace Mills, Chair, Andrews Award Subcommittee, North Carolina Central University School of Law Library, 1512 S. Alston Ave. Durham, North Carolina 27707 Fax 919-560-5321.

The MARION GOULD GALLAGHER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD is presented in recognition of extended and sustained service to law librarianship, exemplary service to the Association, or contributions to the professional literature. Nominees are those who are or have been members of AALL and who are near or at the end of their careers. The Award may be given posthumously. Nominations should include either additional supporting letters or the names of other persons to contact for further information concerning the nominee. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 1999. Nominations with accompanying documentation should be sent to Carol Parris, Gallagher Award Subcommittee Chair, Reference/Research Services Librarian, University of Kentucky College of Law Library, 620 South Limestone, and Lexington, KY 40506-0048.

The LAW LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS AWARD (LLP) – The Law Library Publications Award honors achievement in creating in-house print or non-print library materials that are outstanding in quality and significance. Rissa Peckar, of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, received the print award for her
library’s 1997 Summer Associates Manual. After hearing of the award, she promptly notified her supervisor. The good news quickly made its way up the management tree and soon a congratulatory e-mail was sent throughout the firm.

The non-print award was given to Cornell University for the Cornell Law Library Web Site. Claire Germaine is justifiably proud of being part of the group that contributed to it and the LLP award will be listed as one of the Cornell University Library system awards, as well as being mentioned in the Cornell Law Alumni magazine. What a wonderful morale boost!

If you would like to receive an award that you could use to demonstrate how effective and useful your in-house publications are to your patrons, please consider submitting it for the Law Library Publications Award. The application packet can be found on AALLNET, under the Member Services section, or you may receive a copy by contacting the LLP subcommittee Chair, Amy Eaton at (206) 626-6000 or amy.eaton@stokeslaw.com.

The AALL/WEST LEGAL DIRECTORY EXCELLENCE IN MARKETING AWARD (EIM) honors outstanding achievement in public relations activities. The five categories for this award are: Best Brochure, Best Newsletter, Best Campaign, Best P.R. Toolkit and Best Use of Technology. There is a $250 award for each category from West Legal Directory. A brochure detailing EIM Award objectives, qualifying materials, entry requirements and procedures will be sent to the entire membership. Nominations are sent to Carol Bredemeyer, Public Relations Committee Chair. The PR Committee will prepare a list of finalists, which will be sent to the Awards committee for final selection. You may contact Carol Bredemeyer, Public Relations Committee Chair, 606/572-5395 for additional information or AALLNET for copies of the brochure.

The LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR AWARD honors outstanding achievement in researching and writing an article published in Law Library Journal for the preceding volume year. A subcommittee of the Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum Advisory Committee and Editorial Board, in consultation with the editor of the Law Library Journal, will review each article in volume 90 of LLJ and will recommend three or four articles as candidates for the award to the Awards Committee Chair. As Chair of the Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum Advisory Committee and Editorial Board, Ruth Levor (619-260-4604) will appoint the initial review subcommittee. The final selection is made by a subcommittee of the Awards Committee.

The NEW PRODUCT AWARD honors a new (less than two years in the library related market place) legal information product that enhances or improves existing law library services or procedures. The Award honors development of innovative products that improve access to legal information, the legal research process, or procedures for technical processing of library materials. Members of the New Product Subcommittee of CRIV solicit and review nominations and recommend finalists to the Awards Committee, which selects the recipient. Recipients of the award need not be law librarians or members of AALL. Nominations may be made by any member of the group within AALL, including legal information vendors. Send nominations by January 15, 1999 to Frosty Owen, New Product Subcommittee Chair, Manager of Library Services, Hunton & Williams, 951 E. Byrd St., Richmond, VA 23219.
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MEMBER NEWS

Maxine Grosshans' mother, Stella Prozek, passed away in August. Our sympathy goes out to the entire family.

Fay Sauchelli, Librarian at Weinberg & Green LLC, reminds everyone that the firm is now known as Saul, Ewing, Weinberg & Green. They have become a regional office of Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul LLP of Philadelphia.

Karen Hinson has left Linowes and Blocher and recently started at the D.C. office of Hale and Dorr. Her new address and phone will be:

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Melissa Harter has agreed to take the helm of LLAM's new Technology Committee! Melissa will provide the energy and creativity necessary to bring this new committee alive. Melissa will be assuming the Chair position this month. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Melissa.

Anne Garrett and Beverly Rubenstein recently returned from trips to Spain and Fay Sauchelli is going there in January. Is anyone interested in starting a Cordero Committee of LLAM?

DID YOU KNOW?

NEW MD RULE ON CITATION FORMAT (8-115)

A new rule has been proposed by the Maryland Rules Committee that concerns citation format of all opinions filed by the Maryland Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals.

According to the new rule, all reported opinions and orders of the Courts entered after January 1, 1999 will be effected. According to the Reporter's Notes, "the rule presents a new universal citation system which allows for the citation of appellate cases disseminated on the Internet or CD-ROM. The proposed system is medium-neutral, in that it is suited to both print and electronic publication. It is also vendor-neutral, in that the citation number and internal paragraph references are assigned by the court, rather than a proprietary entity."

The following examples have been adapted from the Committee Note. The cite for the first decision of the Court of Appeals for 1999 might look like this:

AAA v. BBB, 1999 MD 1

The pinpoint citation to a quotation taken from paragraph 12 in that decision would be:

AAA v. BBB, 1999 MD 1, 12

Parallel citation format would be as follows:

AAA v. BBB, 1999 MD 1, 12, 723 A.2d 452

The first decision of the Court of Special Appeals in 2001 would be cited:

CC v. DD, 2001 MD App. 1

If a decision is revised after being released to the public, the modified decision or errata is assigned a new sequential number, and the case would be cited as:

AAA v. BBB, 1999 MD 1, modified, 1999 MD 37.

(1999 should be an interesting year, folks!)

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A program can be considered successful if those attending learn something new and useful. Here are some of the new and useful bits of information that those attending "Researching the Regs: COMAR and the State Depository Program" on November 10, 1998 learned:

1. Bernan is preparing a "true subject index" to COMAR. It should be available in February.

2. In addition to COMAR online through Westlaw, LOIS will publish COMAR on CD-ROM; updated by the Maryland Register on the Internet. The Division of State Documents also has plans to publish COMAR online but with restrictions on downloading; i.e., it may be possible to download a few pages free, after that, a credit card would be necessary. The Division also plans to have the Maryland Contract Weekly online by December.

3. In the licensing agreement that the Division has with West, West can be only one issue behind in loading the Maryland Register. Why, then, is COMAR on Westlaw current only through June? Need you ask? How many replacement volumes have we received from West in the past few months?

4. West, at first, objected to the licensing fees asked by the Division of State Documents. They agreed to pay the fees and added COMAR to Westlaw because (drumroll) the Attorney General's Office wrote into their RFP that they would sign a contract for online services with the company that could provide COMAR. (Send your thanks this way.)

5. As for those pesky documents incorporated by reference, the Division of State Documents keeps them all forever. So, if you are looking for a superseded BOCA Code, call them.

The first speaker on the program was Kathy Fay, Administrator of the State Documents Program, who described the history and services of the State Depository Program, which began in 1983 as a means to identify and disseminate state documents. A major problem was and is persuading state agencies of the need for sending their documents to the Program. Many agencies have started putting their documents on the Internet and, of course, this leads to the problem of archiving. In addition, more documents are being sold to cover the cost of production and some, such as the Maryland Statistical Abstract, have been privatized. The citizens of Maryland owe an enormous debt to Kathy and the Program for making government information available in 15 locations throughout the state.

The second speaker was Patricia Smith, Senior Editor of COMAR and the Maryland Register, who described the onerous task of keeping track of the documents incorporated by reference. (Maryland has a larger list than any other state.) Robert Colborn, Administrator, Division of State Documents, spoke of the state documents law of 1974 which brought into being COMAR and the Maryland Register. (Before, "all was darkness.") He described the meticulous process of editing regulations and gave credit to the Assistant Administrator, Dennis Schnepe, who has read every word in the 22,000 pages that currently comprise COMAR.

Finally, Susan Herrick, Marshall Law Library, spoke of the nitty-gritty -- how to find regulations on a subject, how to trace them through the Register and COMAR and how to be sure that you have the most recent version. She began by quoting Justice Scalia, "Administrative law is not for sissies." But her talk made brave men and women of all of us.

The current president of the Government Information Division of the Maryland Library Association is our own Bill Sleeman, Marshall Law Library, and he and his committee are to be commended for a fine program.

Beverly Rubenstein
Attorney General's Office
LLAM Programs:  
Looking Forward to 1999

The first half of 1999 promises to be an exciting one for LLAM. Kate Martin, a member of the AALL Executive Board and Librarian at Morgan Lewis & Bockius in Washington, DC, will tentatively present a program in March on "Using National Library Week to Market Your Library Services". The "Spring Fling" in May will be exciting, as well!

The "crown jewel" of next year's programs hopefully will be a "Tech Showcase and Seminar" sometime in April or May. If there is sufficient interest, the event would consist of several hour-long legal technology programs, coupled with display booths for highlighting vendors' systems, books, and programs. The event would be advertised with the Maryland State Bar Association in order to show practicing attorneys the innovation and sophistication of legal information systems and law librarians!

If any of you are interested in working on these events, please contact Steve Anderson as soon as possible at 410-576-4255 or sanderson@gfrlaw.com.

Assistance is needed in organizing some of these ambitious projects!

- Steve Anderson

The National Digital Library Program:  
A Gift from the Library of Congress

The Maryland Special Libraries Association sponsored a field trip to the Library of Congress on November 12th. I've been a member of SLA for over two years and had never taken the opportunity to participate in a meeting. The chance to see the Library of Congress' recently renovated Jefferson Building was simply too enticing to pass up, so I RSVP'd early!

The afternoon began with lunch in the LC Cafeteria, then we gathered for a "tour" of the National Digital Library. This event was more of a presentation, or a "virtual tour" of the project. The objective of the program is to digitally reproduce primary source materials owned by the Library of Congress and make them available electronically, via the Internet. Included in this digitized collection are books, pamphlets, motion pictures, manuscripts and sound recordings, all of it being made available to the American public on their desktops!

A pilot project, launched in 1989 was known as the "American Memory Project." Seeing a need for primary-source historical materials such as those included in the Library of Congress' collection, materials were originally put on CD-ROMs and videodisks during the pilot project. Response to the materials was positive. Although the CD-ROMs and videodisks are no longer supported, the materials can now be found on the Library of Congress website.

The American Memory Collection contains a very impressive compilation of documents (books, pamphlets, handwritten and typed papers and sheet music), pictorial images (photographs, prints, and architectural drawings), motion pictures, sound recordings, and maps. The response from our group of librarians was one of awe. To realize that library users can, at a "click of a mouse," gain access to Thomas Jefferson's hand-written drafts of the Declaration of Independence or Lincoln's drafts of the Gettysburg Address was phenomenal! We watched a motion picture actually filmed by Thomas Edison, and listened to a political speech by one of Teddy Roosevelt's daughters during the Presidential Election of 1920!

We had only a short one-hour "tour" of this impressive project, and then had to hurry across the street to the Jefferson Building to see the beautifully done renovations! AALL members will have the opportunity to visit here during the 1999 Annual Meeting's Opening Reception. Don't miss it, if you haven't seen this building! It is a must-see for everyone.

The year 2000 will mark the Bicentennial of the Library of Congress. To visit their website and experience part of the American Memory collection, set your browser to www.loc.gov and click on the American Memory homepage. Enjoy.

- Anne Morrison