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NEW HORIZONS: AALL SUMMER PROGRAMS

BRIGHTENING THE NEW HORIZON: USE OF HUMOR AS A MANAGEMENT TOOL

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THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE AALL CONFERENCE CAME EARLY. On Sunday afternoon Gary Cummins, Manager of Education Services at Pouder Valley Health System in Fort Collin, Colorado, taught a group of enterprising librarians how to use humor to "motivate employees or to diffuse stressful job situations." He taught us about the physical and mental benefits of humor and how to find recovery techniques we could use to help ourselves deal with the stress of modern work and modern life. He did this with illustrations, belly laughs and humorous comebacks. Most importantly, in this era of political correctness, he did it with class.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL BENEFITS OF HUMOR

According to Cummins, the physical benefits of humor include increased T-cells, the multiplication of endorphins, the relaxing of your skeletal structure, positive muscle sensations and increased oxygen intake. Mental benefits include the ability to make better decisions, to diffuse tense situations, to promote less absenteeism and to bond us to others. When we are young — and this is before the age of six—we do not worry about winning and losing. Once we become concerned with how we look in a situation or whether we have won, we lose the ability to laugh at ourselves.

Laughing is a critical skill that adults should not lose. We can all be winners. To illustrate this, he asked the people sitting in each row to pick the person in their row who most looked like him. I was picked in my row. Since Cummins is rather short in stature, slightly overweight, has gray hair and was wearing a suit, I guess I was a winner. He was quick to point out that while those of us who were chosen as look-

ing most like him were fine winners, the ones who were not chosen were probably feeling even better about losing this particular contest. And we were all laughing!

Cummins cites research by Dr. William Fry, Jr. that suggests, "Three to five minutes of intense laughter can double the heart rate — the aerobic equivalent of three strenuous minutes on a rowing machine!" Additionally, a Rockefeller Study interview of over 20,000 people showed that the most popular traits in a favorite boss are humor and acceptance of individuality.

RECOVERY TECHNIQUES

Cummins says we should have at least twenty activities for recovery techniques that are useful for both work and home. Find the things you like to do, and do them! At home try flying a kite, drinking herbal tea, chopping wood, jogging, singing, having watergun fights, writing a letter and much more. Have a party at work to celebrate something that went so wrong that everyone felt it. Celebrate your mistakes just like you celebrate birthdays and weddings. Use workplace props, including such things as red clown noses and bumper stickers.

Cummins urges us to "cultivate the outrageous" and to use humorous comebacks. Just saying "I didn't do it and I won't do it again," can help almost any situation. Start a meeting with a brain teaser, a story or joke. If you cannot tell jokes, use props. For example, wear a clown nose and you will not have to say anything, as people will instinctively smile.

Anyone can learn to use humor. Lightening up at the workplace and at home can help all managers. Remember, "you don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing." ■

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Carolyn P. Ahearn
Wiley, Rein
& Fielding

ATTENDING THE ANNUAL AALL LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS YET AGAIN REINFORCED MY PRIDE IN LLSDC. Without a doubt, we have the most active, most ambitious and most talented chapter in the country. During every round table discussion and with every chapter issue raised, LLSDC was cited as a leader or creator of a solution. What a pleasure it will be for us to show our stuff in 1999 when AALL comes to town!

FOCUS ON TECHNOLOGY

Technology continues to be an issue of great importance to us all. The pace of change and the importance of technology in our professional lives seems to be increasing dramatically. Has technology made our lives as law librarians easier? No, certainly not for most of us. Has it made us better able to do what it is we are all about...getting information to our users better, faster, cheaper...the answer certainly has to be "yes." Over time, will technology work for us and make our lives better? The answer seems to be a resounding "yes!" As Professor Irwin Corey said, "If we don't change direction soon, we'll end up where we're going." If we continue our efforts to master the beast, we may actually tame it to our advantage.

TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE

And so, I've chosen technology as the theme for this year's activities for LLSDC. Pat Keller and the Education Committee are busy putting together an ambitious program of educational opportunities as part of a Technology Institute, similar to last year's highly successful Management Institute. One highlight will be a Technology Boot Camp designed to give participants a glimpse inside the box on their desk and tools to be successful at troubleshooting.

LLSDC WEBSITE ENHANCEMENTS

Emily Carr and the Website Committee are planning and implementing changes and additions to the LLSDC Website to enable that particular technology to work even better for members. Stephanie Paup is investigating electronic access to *Dates To Remember*, which would allow for fast, easy and cost effective access.

CONCLUSION

In sum, while the bad news is that technology has had all of us tearing our hair out at one time or another, the good news is that our efforts to work

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IN AN EFFORT TO GET TO KNOW THE LLSDC LEADERSHIP A LITTLE BETTER, we have asked three questions, suggested by President Carolyn Ahearn, of each of the new board members.

- Why did you become involved in librarianship in general and LLSDC in particular?
- Where is law librarianship heading?
- Where is LLSDC heading and are the two on the same course?

New board members Dennis Feldt, Ann Green and Herb Somers are featured in this issue. The officers who are new to the Board will be featured in the November/December issue of *Law Library Lights*.

DENNIS G. FELDT

WHY DID I BECOME INVOLVED IN LIBRARIANSHIP?

Part of my answer to this question consists of the same replies that most, if not all, librarians give: I have always loved libraries and books. But, my desire to pursue a career in librarianship has actually developed over time. After graduating from college with a business degree, I considered careers in several fields, including librarianship. I was working in the MIS department of a hospital in St. Louis at the time, so I was very interested in pursuing something in the information field; however, I was offered and accepted a job in accounting at a division of Emerson Electric Corporation. Later, I applied for a two year financial management training program with the Department of the Navy, which brought me to the Washington, D.C. area in 1990. Beginning in 1992, I worked as a budget analyst for the Naval Air Systems Command, spending four and a half years in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation branch. I realized, early on, that a career crunching numbers was not for me. In 1992, I began to reconsider a career in the information field. I became particularly interested in librarianship because it was the one field that had everything of interest to me: books, libraries and computers. I was accepted into the Catholic University Library Science program, and was lucky to have chosen to take a class in legal research taught by Adeen Postar at Georgetown. This class helped me make the decision to pursue law librarianship.

WHY DID I BECOME INVOLVED IN THE LLSDC?

Starting out in a new career as a law librarian, I wanted to become involved in the profession right away, and the fastest way possible was to get involved in LLSDC. I figured that this would

provide me the best opportunities to learn more about the profession and meet other law librarians in the area.

WHERE IS LAW LIBRARIANSHIP HEADING?

I'm not one of those people who respond by saying that in the future there will be no libraries, and that all information and knowledge will be accessible through the Internet or the huge, super fast and error free network envisioned as eventually replacing the Internet. I think that there will always be a place for physical libraries and books. In fact, I see more paper in offices now than when I entered the work force only ten years ago. Computer/Internet users still spend a great deal of time and resources printing what they find online. The Internet has brought about a way to distribute information quickly to people like never before. Now, we are overwhelmed by the amount of information that we can access. Here is where the librarian will find opportunities to become the organizer and 'sifter' of information for those who don't have the time, knowledge or desire to do so.

I have found that there are certain resources that are quickly accessible through the Internet or online databases, and then there are those that are totally inaccessible except through books. There are many places to find Congressional Reports over the Internet and online databases. But, there are few clients who want to read a 500+ page report on the computer screen or spend the time printing it. I think computers and online information systems will continue to increase in use and value to the librarian profession, but there will always be that needed blend of paper and electronic systems to help us in performing our jobs.

WHERE IS LLSDC HEADING?

Since I have only been a member of LLSDC for the past year, I can't really say with certainty where the Society is moving. I believe that LLSDC will always cater to the needs and the interests of its membership. In my opinion, its best approach to its membership is if it stresses continuing education. During my graduate work, I received little training in the use of the Internet/online systems for reference work or web page design and creation. Yet, I have had to learn these new staples of the library profession quickly on the job. Probably most law librarians in the Society have had to do this. With the steadily increasing use of information systems to answer our clients' questions, having the Society address and promote education and training in this area

DENNIS G. FELDT

for its membership is a crucial objective for the future. But, promoting continual learning about general and legal research must also be a continual goal of LLSDC as well.

ANN CLIFFORD GREEN

WHY DID I GET INVOLVED IN LLSDC?

My first job out of library school was with a large DC law firm. I remember going to the Holiday Party at the Woman's Democratic Club, but that was the extent of my involvement with LLSDC. The only librarians I knew were the other members of my library staff. When I moved to Wisconsin, I became very active in the Wisconsin group in order to meet other law librarians. I participated in the downtown Madison group. I got involved at the state level, because new librarians all were expected to take their turn. When I moved back to D.C., I really missed my Wisconsin contacts and knew that my survival here would also be linked to networking and keeping my skills fresh. I rejoined LLSDC, determined this time not to be just another name in the Membership Directory. I became active with the PLL/SIS, which was a positive experience for me. As a new LLSDC Board Member, I look forward to working with all of LLSDC.

**ANN CLIFFORD
GREEN**

Alert Publications

WHY DID YOU WANT TO BECOME A LAW LIBRARIAN?

I did not grow up thinking: "I want to be a librarian," but I did spend many happy hours in the law library at the University of North Carolina with my father (a professor), and every year I sold mint Girl Scout cookies to a wonderful law librarian. Graduating with a liberal arts major led me (and my twin sister) to Washington, D.C., to be paralegal(s). As a paralegal, I was mentored by two wonderful librarians at Pierson, Ball & Dowd; Sandy Peterson and Cathy Bayer. I was impressed by their research and people skills. I was even more amazed by their confidence in answering all sorts of odd questions, and their unfailing sense of humor. I decided I wanted to be like them. I went to library school and took all of the relevant courses I could at the University of Michigan, which, at that time, had a career track in law librarianship.

WHERE IS THE PROFESSION HEADING/WHERE IS THE SOCIETY HEADING AND ARE THEY ON THE SAME COURSE?

The profession is heading in many directions. Law librarianship will continue to add people from other careers into its fold. I think we can learn from these people (lawyers, computer professionals, paralegals, other paraprofessionals, etc). A part of me is sad to lose the companionable fold of people like those I went to library school with, who shared a common tradition of theory and coursework. On the other hand, we as a society (LLSDC or AALL) cannot endlessly debate "Who is a law librarian?" We must work hard to be inclusive rather than exclusive. We need to make sure that those who are providing information are doing it correctly and efficiently and in a professional manner.

As for LLSDC, it must continue to provide relevant educational programs to help its members remain viable. The society however, cannot help us keep our jobs if we don't participate in it. We must work to ensure our own survival in our individual work environments. There are those who say that in the old days of LLSDC or AALL, it was easier to network and that librarians from different work environments got along better. I think they got along better simply because there was strength in numbers. There have always been divisions in our library organizations. Now that LLSDC is so large, I think the key to survival of our society is to focus on smaller subsets of LLSDC, such as the Franklin Square Group, and to offer smaller series of workshops such as the LLSDC Management Institute. LLSDC could add more networking groups, organized by geography, such as the Franklin Square Group. To further increase par-



ticipation and networking, LLSDC should consider focusing and refining the volunteer list and the Freelance Registry. After all, we are LLSDC and it is up to us, its members, to help each other to thrive and survive in our chosen profession.

HERB SOMERS

WHY DID I GET INVOLVED WITH LLSDC?

I think it's the fastest way to really meet a lot of your colleagues and do some networking and make some connections. I've been in a professional library since 1988. Actually I got my first job right out of college in an academic library at Tufts University in Medford, Mass. Working there, I just got totally hooked on librarianship and decided to go to library school. About three years ago I took the plunge and went to law school and got my law degree and sort of made a 45 degree turn into law librarianship. As a professional I've been primarily a documents librarian, so it really wasn't that much of a change for me to go in that direction.

WHERE IS THE PROFESSION HEADED?

I think we're moving toward becoming information managers and packagers of information. We're moving away from management of physical collections and looking at getting the right

information in the right formats to our users - working on web design and packaging and harnessing the information that is available on the web to our users as they need it.

WHERE IS LLSDC GOING?

They are sort of moving in the same direction. Look at INEX, which is being done to help people harness how quickly the information landscape is changing and keep them up with technology. Looking back at some of the previous *Lights* and programs that were being held, it seems like there is more on preparing people on how to be managers and their management skills. I think we're moving in the right direction. I look forward to working with the board and the membership. ■

HERB SOMERS

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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MANY YEARS AGO, IN 1980 TO BE EXACT, Charles A. Goodrum published a book entitled *Treasures of the Library of Congress*. This is a marvel of a book, providing a tantalizing glimpse into the collection's breadth and variety. My boss at the time, Sandy Peterson, purchased this book, and I remember well the day she brought it to work. It had wonderful information on the original score for the musical *Oklahoma*; on Alexander Graham Bell's first sketch of the telephone; on a Sumerian cuneiform tablet from 2040 B.C.; on a Walt Whitman manuscript, preserved because Mr. Whitman had written a list on the back of the manuscript pages. There were cartoons, maps, and portraits, and the knowledge that what Mr. Goodrum was presenting was just the tip of the iceberg in terms of the Library's actual holdings.

SANDY PETERSON'S JOY IN LIBRARIANSHIP
Over the years, I have often thought that Sandy's joy in this particular book reflected her joy in librarianship, where you could never know when an obscure nugget of information would make all the difference to a library patron. Sandy knew how to go after these obscure nuggets and her example taught me, and numerous other librarians, something about hunting for those treasures. I thought about the *Treasures of the Library of Congress* in relation to Sandy after joining approximately 130 friends and librarians at the June 19th Sandy Peterson Memorial Lecture, held at the Supreme Court. We arrived on a muggy evening to enjoy an address by Professor Robert C. Berring, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, University of California School of Law Library, Boalt Hall, followed by refreshments in an adjoining room.

Carolyn Ahearn, Director of Library Services for Wiley Rein & Fielding and LLSDC President, graciously introduced Bob Berring to the audience. Carolyn and Sandy had been friends for years, and Carolyn's remembrances of Sandy were a poignant reminder of what our community of law librarians lost with Sandy's premature death. Bob had worked with Sandy on a national level for many years. As AALL president in 1986, he and Sandy had almost daily telephone conversations, leading up to the annual meeting held in Washington, D.C. Sandy was the local arrangements chair, and, as Bob said, whenever he panicked about a detail that he was sure he had forgotten to attend to, he would call Sandy, whose response was always the same: "Don't worry, Bob, I have already taken care of it." Anyone who knew Sandy could have saved Bob the long-distance telephone call. Sandy

always took care of everything within her sphere of influence.

BERRING ON LIBRARIANS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Bob's address in honor of Sandy dealt with librarians and our role in the 21st century, a theme he has recently discussed in other forums. Bob commented about the state of information, particularly information published in electronic format, and the relative ease by which anyone today can become both an author and a publisher. He commented on the editorial process of years gone by, when individuals spent a good proportion of their time becoming experts in their field, so that they could add context and meaning to the written word. In today's climate of instant web pages, and Internet postings that change within twenty-four hours, he puzzled with us over how valuable some of this instant information truly is. Although Bob embraces the advancements in technology that we have all become accustomed to using daily, he asked us to carefully consider instant information for context as well as content, and use the same criteria in judging it as we use for judging traditional (print) information products. When Bob's fourteen year-old son learned that Bob was traveling to Washington D.C. to address a group of law librarians on the state of librarians and librarianship in the 21st century, his son's response was something like, "Dad, why would they want to listen to you about the 21st century when you have a hopelessly 20th century mind?"

I disagree with Bob Berring's son; I suspect Bob does have a 21st century mind, in addition to a 20th century mind, and a 19th century mind and a 18th century mind. He understands that information flows, from years ago to years in the future. To make sense of all the information we have access to, we must embrace the past as well as the future. Sandy Peterson clearly embraced the past and the future; her joy in the *Treasures of the Library of Congress* was matched over the years by her excitement in technological advances, from implementing an online catalog to providing advanced online research services.

Sandy's professionalism and dedication to her peers and colleagues has always been an inspiration to me in my career. Having the opportunity to spend a few minutes listening to Bob Berring, who traveled 3,000 miles to speak in tribute to Sandy Peterson, was inspiration all over again. I miss Sandy as I am sure many of you reading this do as well. ■

SANDY PETERSON MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

*Ann M. Simpson
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"SANDY'S PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION TO HER PEERS AND COLLEAGUES HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO ME IN MY CAREER."

LAW
LIBRARIANS'
ROLE AS
CONTENT
DEVELOPER/
EVALUATOR:
THE SHEPARD'S
MARKET FOCUS
GROUP AT AALL

Rachel Jones
*Dickstein Shapiro Morin
& Oshinsky, L.L.P.*

IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY OPINION THAT LAW LIBRARIANS CONSIDER ATTENDANCE at the Exhibit Hall of the Annual Meeting to be a good thing in measured doses, spread out over the course of the meeting. These visits typically consist of one of four objectives, and sometimes, I guess, maybe all four of these objectives at the same time! The exhibit hall certainly provides an opportunity to talk about existing products and services, an opportunity to get a "heads up" view of new products and services, an opportunity to discuss problems, and of course an opportunity to perfect the surreptitious acquisition of trinkets and toys. Most of these opportunities were experienced within groups or herds of librarians, with very little chance for individual attention. But I believe there has been a change in opinion on both sides, the vendor's and the librarian's, about what the Exhibit Hall visits should be, in an effort to maximize communication and to really address issues of concern to us and our institutions.

"TECH CENTERS"

The Exhibit Hall at the Anaheim conference had a different feeling for me and I think a trend has developed among the vendors that we will see for quite some time. The "tech center" approach

used by Lexis/Nexis, West Group and CCH provided an opportunity for presentations of new software and products on an individual basis and away from the noise and distractions of the vendor floor. The individual attention was a welcome feeling, and I was able to bring back to the office concrete information and understanding about new products that will affect our library. The advanced notice of changes, enhancements, etc. is a wonderful way to try and ensure a smooth transition in our libraries.

FOCUS GROUP

In addition to Exhibit Hall visits, I also participated in a Focus Group sponsored by Shepard's on Citation Display and Information, which was coordinated three weeks in advance of the annual meeting. I have never participated in a gathering of this sort at the Annual Meeting, so I was not sure what to expect. Participants were required to sign a non-disclosure agreement, so I am not at liberty to reveal details regarding the presentation. I can say that librarians were gathered to evaluate various customized graphical displays of a Shepard's document, and were asked to provide opinions regarding the usefulness, quantity and quality of the information presented. Our opinions were solicited by questions posed throughout the presentation, and by written survey at the conclusion of the presentation.

There were six librarians in my session, comprised of academic and private law firm librarians, with reference and technical services expertise. I think the methodology is important here, as our group comprised a cross section of our profession, and I assume that other participating groups were similarly composed. We all had varying degrees of experience with the Shepard's product, and our reactions to the displays were equally varied. Each of us was more than ready to discuss institutional obstacles (idiosyncrasies) ranging from technological considerations to reluctant attorneys and faculty. And as Shepard's (like other vendors) strives to smoothly migrate from their CD-ROM and proprietary software delivery mechanisms to the Internet, the solicitation of information in advance of a "roll out" is certainly beneficial to both sides.

If vendors, and in this case Shepard's, seek our guidance and expertise to efficiently and effectively develop features in their products that combine functionality and content, then we have arrived at the spirit of a cooperative relationship that is essential for the success of both of our missions. I think this relationship will ensure products and services that are better for all of us. ■

TLC/On Point

*Jennifer G. Eckel
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind,
Wharton & Garrison*

"THE BEST WAY TO CHANGE TIME MANAGEMENT IS TO START WITH ONE THING AND GET IT UNDER CONTROL," said one-person librarian and time management expert Andrew Brunner, who addressed the AALL conference goers in the session, "Time Management for the One-Person Library: Is There Light on the Horizon?"

The eager crowd of solo librarians laughed and raised their hands to Brunner's rhetorical questions: "Who has a time management problem?", "Who knows what to do, but doesn't always do it?", "Who likes to procrastinate?" Brunner, who is also a "One-Person Librarian" (OPL), agreed. One had the feeling that he knew what it was like to work in the trenches, and could realistically offer solutions to time management problems.

Brunner spoke to the crowd not as an expert, but as a librarian who has mastered an efficient technique for completing his work. It was a refreshing change, and what he said made sense. The audience listened to what he had to say, and very few people left the room once the presentation began.

Brunner urged us to plan, plan, plan. "Planning is the effective keystone of time management." When we plan, we are able to set priorities and avoid procrastination. OPLs often do not plan because we have "no time," "we give up our freedom," or "we plan when we get all caught up." Brunner confided, and room full of OPLs agreed, that there is no such thing as "getting caught up" in a one-person library. As OPLs, however, we also have the unique advantage of being able to change our plans at will.

GOAL SETTING

Brunner showed the audience how to set long-term, intermediate, and short-term goals. Long term goals have the greatest importance and meet the user's needs. Long-term goals should be very broad, and kept to a minimum number. He cited the example of "Collection Enrichment" as a long-term goal. The long-term goal gives the OPL long-term guidance. Intermediate goals support long-term goals, are somewhat limited and are also satisfying to achieve. Short-term goals can be daily projects that support long term and intermediate goals, but they are not part of the daily work routine.

All goals must meet certain criteria cited by Brunner. Goals must be 1) set by the individual so that you must "buy in" to your own goals, 2) challenging and 3) attainable. A challenging goal leads to stimulation on the job, while the non-attainable goal leads to frustration and inertia. Successful goals are also specific, written, compatible

with other goals, and include a deadline.

When we break our goals into project level pieces, we find that as we complete the projects they naturally progress into successful goals. Brunner's motto for time management could be read as "Start with a Part." Goal setting is a very important part of time management, and Brunner advises that we set priorities that will enable us to meet our goals. When we work toward our goals, we avoid "spinning our wheels" and lacking a focus in our work.

AVOIDING PROCRASTINATION

Brunner candidly discussed procrastination as a pervasive problem that interferes with effective time management and affects the quality of our work. He said that it is natural for us to want to avoid unpleasant tasks and the fear of failure. We can always blame poor performances on a lack of time. Brunner gave some fine examples of procrastination by asking how many times we have made statements like, "I could have done a better job if I'd had more time," or "I only work well under pressure."

Brunner offered several steps to working around procrastination:

- Use realistic, self-imposed deadlines.
- Reward yourself.
- Complete an unpleasant task and then do a fun task.
- Tell others what you are working on. We often disappoint ourselves, but we hate to disappoint others, so by telling others about our work, we increase the chance of completing our projects.
- Avoid momentum busters by starting on a project with an idea and a plan, writing things down and crossing them off. "Give yourself the satisfaction of crossing off a completed task."
- Quit projects on a high rather than stopping at frustrating points.

As he summed up his presentation on time management, Brunner offered one last thought, "Making a commitment to change is a first step to improved time management."

Note: There were no handouts at this program, and a tape was not made of the presentation. Brunner is presenting a Special Libraries Association self-paced online course entitled "Time Management in Libraries and Information Services." The course is designed to help you learn "valuable strategies to maintain control, stay on schedule, and accomplish more every day." For more information see <http://www.sla.org/professional/self.html>. ■

**"START WITH ONE
THING AND GET IT
UNDER CONTROL"**

Lexis

ALTHOUGH I LEARNED A GREAT DEAL IN ANAHEIM AT THE AALL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER, I want to focus on what I learned about this profession. Although I have been working in a law library for the last five years, I finished my M.L.S. only this past December. Until that time, I did not feel qualified to jump into the professional development side of this job. So, after I spent six months recovering from library school, I picked the AALL Annual Meeting as my jumping off point into the library world as it exists outside my own library. Right away, I learned that the world that I as yet had shied away from is very friendly and inviting, as well as dynamic and challenging.

CONELL

I attended the unique experience that is called CONELL (Conference of Newer Law Librarians) and I would highly recommend it to anyone. The sub-conference consists of one day of introduction to all aspects of AALL, as well as providing networking opportunities. An extra bonus was that the CONELL attendees were given a white ribbon to hang from their nametags, marking us for easy conversation targets throughout the next four days. Included in the CONELL activities was an ask the experts session, where several brave souls volunteered to lend their wisdom to the newcomers. I spoke with Patricia Cervenka, Director of the Mercer University Law Library in Macon, Georgia. Of all the pieces of advice that she gave, the one that has stuck with me the most concerns responsibility. She encouraged us to volunteer as much as possible, as did all of the people who spoke during the day. She put an extra caveat in with her advice, however, "If you are going to volunteer for something, do it well, and do it on time, because if you do not, the professional reputation you will have started is difficult to overcome." I think she has a good point, and she certainly made me rethink my commitment before I made the leap to put my name on the volunteer list for the PLL/SIS.

WORKPLACE 2010

In every session I attended, there was an affirmation of the enthusiasm and dedication of the librarians present. One of the more influential sessions that I attended was presented by Yvonne Chandler, University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences, and Kay Todd, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker, titled "Workplace 2010: What is on the Horizon for Law Libraries?" In this session, the speakers outlined what they expected to change in the next twelve years as well as what they expected to stay the

same. Although the uses for information and the methods of retrieving information may change, our role in providing that information will still be necessary. Just as necessary will still be our roles as teachers, meaning that our communication, writing, and presentation skills should not be neglected. Chandler also stresses the librarian's role as recruiter. Bringing new people into our profession as well as looking forward to new opportunities to make the profession remain fresh for "veterans" is crucial. In the years ahead, the assumption that the Internet will replace librarians will be even more prominent, and it is our responsibility to communicate that our role in the Information Age is not obsolete - it is necessary. When I chose to enter this profession, it was because I believed that even though it was an old profession, it was young and new at the same time. This session, along with the underlying message that resonated throughout the entire meeting, reaffirmed that belief.

From everyone I spoke to during the Annual Meeting, the general consensus is that attendance at the meetings, as exhausting as they can be, is exhilarating. It would be very difficult indeed to spend four days surrounded by people who are excited about what they do and not come away with a bit of that excitement for yourself - I certainly could not! With all of the things that I learned at this meeting, most importantly, I learned that I have picked the right profession for me, and I am already looking forward to attending next year's Annual Meeting! ■

PERSPECTIVES FROM A FIRST-TIME CONFERENCE GOER

*Leslie M. Weingarden
Kirkland & Ellis*

"OUR ROLE IN THE INFORMATION AGE IS NOT OBSOLETE—IT IS NECESSARY."

LLSDC SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS COMMITTEE



The LLSDC Scholarships and Grants Committee provides awards for registration fees to professional meetings, seminars, workshops, classes, coursework, and other forms of continuing education. Deadlines are August 1 (for Fall semester), December 1 (for Spring semester) and May 1 (for summer). For more information please contact, Gordon Van Pelt at 202/662-9191. Application forms are available on the LLSDC website at www.llsdc.org/llsdc/grants.html.

THAT'S NOT LEGAL: BUSINESS INFORMATION SOURCES

Lisa Wagman
*National Economic
Research Associates*

WHAT IS GNP? WHAT PROFITS DID MICROSOFT HAVE LAST YEAR? Who is the CEO of Host Marriott? Can I get a copy of the most recent 10-K for General Motors? On Monday, July 13, 1998, Kathy Shimpock presented, "That's Not Legal: Business Information Sources," to help librarians answer these and other business related questions.

Ms. Shimpock provided valuable information regarding the selection of business information sources. She said that the criterion used is much like that used in selecting legal sources. This includes looking at the end user, format of material, currency of material, frequency of use, and scope of material. She noted that a major difference is that with business information sources, there is no precedence, new information is good.

Ms. Shimpock later went on to break down business sources into the most common disciplines (accounting, finance, marketing, etc.) and then gave examples of information requests and where to find the answers. When answering business type requests, you need to evaluate what exactly you are looking for and will the answer be better found in a directory or a company filing. For example, when looking for company information, sometimes the best place to go is the Internet and look at the home page. Sometimes, Shimpock said, the hardest part is getting the correct spelling of a company. There are also many directory types of Internet sources that can get you started on your research.

See Shimpock's article, *How to Use the Net for Company Research*, *The Internet Lawyer*, Oct. 1997, at 1. ■

FEDERAL BAR LIBRARY COLLECTION TO BE SOLD

Lilian J. Weber
*Foundation of the
Federal Bar Association*

AFTER MORE THAN 36 YEARS OF SERVING THE WASHINGTON, D.C. LEGAL COMMUNITY, the Library of the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association must either relocate or be sold. The Foundation has decided to sell. It has been my pleasure to work as Librarian (and as Assistant Librarian and Library Assistant) at the Federal Bar Library for over seventeen years. I have had the chance to work with many of the attorneys in the D.C. area, and I have had the distinct honor of working (at least a little) with most of you. Your support and help over the years has been a source of great joy, reminding me often of what a truly helpful and caring group we librarians are.

Most of you are aware of the valuable resources contained in the Federal Bar Library's collection. The Foundation that owns the Library has obtained an appraisal of its 36,000 plus collection and is now prepared to offer it for sale.

We have all 50 state codes (plus D.C. and Puerto Rico), First and Second series of the National Reporter System, and about 75 law review titles. We also have U.S. Codes in different versions, and historical collections of U.S., Maryland, Virginia and D.C. materials. We house a substantial taxation collection, antitrust and trade regulation, labor and many federal practices and general materials, to say nothing of our loose-leaf services. Our local area practice collection is also quite substantial.

If at all possible, the Foundation would like to sell the collection in its entirety. If you or your firm are interested in purchasing the collection, or if you have information regarding someone who might be, please call me at 202/638-1956.

I will do my best to keep you all informed of the status of the library. It has been my pleasure working with all of you for these many years, and I thank you for all your help! ■

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with technology are likely to be to our advantage both personally and professionally. And the very good news is that LLSDC has an incredible array of very talented people willing to share their time and their knowledge with their colleagues. Opportunities for all of us to learn and grow will be available throughout the year. We just need to take advantage of them.

I want to give special thanks to all of the folks who have volunteered for committees and other activities this year despite busy schedules and work demands. You are what makes this Society so wonderful and such a pleasure to represent!!! ■

DATES TO REMEMBER



To publicize your event, please submit "camera ready" copy by the 21st of each month to Stephanie Paup at Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle LLP, Suite 800, One Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005. Phone 202-457-5367 or fax 202-457-5355 or e-mail spaup@nhdd.com.

LLSDC TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE 1998-1999



INFORMATION: CHOOSING SOURCES & FORMATS

Date: September 22, 1998 (Tuesday)
Registration: 8:30-9:00 Program: 9:00-11:00
Location: Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Library
1800 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Speaker: Pat Gudas Mitchell, Head Librarian,
Piper & Marbury, LLP

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Date: October 22, 1998 (Thursday)
Registration: 8:30-9:00 Program: 9:00-11:00
Location: Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky
2101 L Street NW Suite 700
Speaker: Paul G. Mitchell, Center for
Business Knowledge, Ernst & Young

INTRANETS

Date: November 24, 1998 (Tuesday)
Registration: 8:30-9:00 Program: 9:00-11:00
Location: TBA
Speakers: Martin Kalfatovic, Information Access
Coordinator, Smithsonian Institution Libraries
Ned Kraft, Smithsonian Institution Libraries

PUSH TECHNOLOGY

Date: February 25, 1999 (Thursday)
Registration: 8:30-9:00 Program: 9:00-11:00
Location: TBA
Speaker: Deb Wiley, Next Wave Consulting

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Date: March 23, 1999 (Tuesday)
Registration: 8:30-9:00 Program: 9:00-11:00
Location: TBA
Speaker: Sally Wiant, Director of the Law Library
and Professor of Law

SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

Date: April 22, 1999 (Thursday)
Registration: 8:30-9:00 Program: 9:00-11:00
Location: TBA
Speaker: Joan Axelroth, President, Axelroth & Associates

PRICING FOR LLSDC MEMBERS:

\$75 for entire series due by Friday, September 18th.
Registration is transferable within institution.
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before the program.

Registration costs include program materials and
continental breakfast.

Space is limited. Register early.

Registration will continue until program is filled.
Speakers availability may be subject to change.

Questions concerning the Technology Institute should be
directed to: Nancy Ciliberti, Willkie Farr & Gallagher;
Christine Dulaney, Catholic University Law Library;
Carol Gruenburg, Miller & Chevalier; and Rachel Jones,
Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

Kay West
Mayer, Brown
& Platt

MEMBER NEWS:

John Walker Chaffin, formerly Reference Librarian at Bryan Cave LLP, is the new Reference Assistant at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

Kate Clukey, the Legislative Librarian at Reed Smith, announces the birth of her daughter, Abigail Kathleen, on 3/21/98.

Linda J. Davis, formerly Head of Cataloging at Georgetown University Law Center, is the new Head of Acquisitions/Serials at George Washington University, Jacob Burns Law Library.

William H. Grady, formerly Law Librarian at U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. in Baltimore, is the new Librarian at Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker LLP.

Kevin Morton, formerly Reference Librarian at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom is the new Librarian at Kilpatrick Stockton LLP.

Lisa Wagman, formerly Librarian at Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker LLP, is the new Information Specialist at National Economic Research Associates, Inc.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!
Kineret Abramson, Check-In Assistant, Georgetown University Law Center.

Peter J. Anthes, Reference Librarian, Epstein Becker & Green.

Darrell M. Atkins, Reference Assistant, King & Spalding.

Bernadette G. Bailey, Library Assistant, American Federation of Teachers.

Scott Baron, Library Technician II, Morrison & Foerster.

Angela Buffington, Reference Assistant, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan.

Christa A. Caporiccio, Facilities Maintenance Coordinator, Hogan & Hartson.

Edith Crutchfield, Librarian, Long, Aldridge & Norman.

Christine Cutsinger, Research Analyst, Hogan & Hartson.

Amy Denniston, Reference Librarian, Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay.

Jennifer Dollar, Assistant Librarian, Peabody & Brown.

Ann E. Doty, Legislative Librarian, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton.

Charlean Eggert, Librarian, DuPage County Law Library.

Tammy Fluegge, ILL Specialist, Howrey & Simon.

James C. Gernert, Associate Librarian, Baltimore County Circuit Court Law Library.

Barbara A. Gibson, Dombroff & Gilmore.

Melinda V. Golub, Associate Counsel, U. S. Dept of Health & Human Svcs, OIG Office of Counsel to Inspector General.

Jennifer Grove, Legal Research Spec./Librarian, Carr Goodson Lee & Warner.

Elizabeth J. Gullotta, Junior Reference Librarian, U.S. Comptroller of the Currency Library.

Diane C. Haug, Asst Librn/Tech Svcs & Spec Coll, U. S. Supreme Court Library.

Richard Hebron, Reference Assistant, Crowell & Moring.

Jeri Lynn Hunter, Secretary/Librarian, Burt, Maner & Miller.

Barbara (B.J.) Hurr, Branch Manager, TeleSec CORESTAFF.

Ronnie James, Library Assistant, Crowell & Moring.

Sara K. Kearns, Reference Librarian, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart.

Tanya Kemp, Legislative Assistant, Crowell & Moring.

Joori Kim, Library Assistant, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft.

Jennifer Korpacz, Library Assistant/Student CUA, Covington & Burling.

Steve Kover, Law Librarian, U.S. International Trade Commission.

Telesec

Monique LaForce, Research Librarian, Steptoe & Johnson.

Miroslav Lazarevich, Technical Services Librarian, University of the District of Columbia School of Law.

Ondrea Lugo, Serial Assistant, Hogan & Hartson.

Megan MacGilvray, Library Technician, Weil, Gotschal & Manges.

Julie McCubbin, ILL Coordinator, Steptoe & Johnson.

Karen McLaurin, Library Clerk, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur.

Quinn Miller, Arthur Andersen.

Anne Morrison-Low, Assistant Librarian, Venable Baetjer & Howard.

Allen R. Moye, Asso. Dir./Public Svcs, George Mason University Law School Library.

Justin T. Murray, Senior Librarian, Garcia Consulting, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, Parker Law Library.

Lee Passacreta, Library Assisant II, Morrison & Foerster.

Joan Godwin Pierson, Independent Research, Defendent Pro Se.

Rebecca Power, Library Assistant, Epstein Becker & Green.

Andrew Rice, ILL Specialist, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering.

Hillary C. Rubin, Technical/Reference Assistant, Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti.

Lauren Sayer, Librarian, McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe.

Charles Simms, ILL Assistant, Crowell & Moring.

Richard J. Spinelli, Vice Pres., Sales & Mktg, William S. Hein & Co..

Tanya L. Spratt, Assistant Library Director, Zuckerman, Spaeder, Goldstein, Taylor & Kolker.

Curtis Stoltzfus, Library Assistant, Dechert Price & Rhoads.

Julie A. Stuckey, Library Assistant/Student UMD, George Mason University Law Library.

Ellen Terrell, Arthur Andersen.

Tiffany Toyoshima, Information Technology Analyst, Hogan & Hartson.

Gwen Wilcox, Acquisitions Technician, Hogan & Hartson.

Stephanie Young, Library Assistant, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton. ■

A REMINDER FOR ALL PLANNERS OF SOCIETY EVENTS



All meetings, educational programs and other LLSDC events must be coordinated on the Society's calendar. Each person who is planning a meeting must check with the Corresponding Secretary, currently Mabel Shaw, 202/662-9139, shawm@law.georgetown.edu, to ensure that the date is available, and that the planned function does not conflict with any other gathering. Additionally, this will enable your meeting to be included in the Current Events listing on LLSDC's Events/Job Hotline, 202/310-4570. The Corresponding Secretary will also help you with information regarding vendor support, if requested, and will record any vendor support that you have secured, so that particular vendors are not burdened with repeated requests for donations.

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ACADEMIC SIS NEWS

Virginia Bryant
George Washington
University Law Library

THE ACADEMIC SIS IS BUSY PLANNING THE ANNUAL PICNIC, our most popular and best attended event each year. Did you know that this year will be the Tenth Annual Picnic? After some historical research, in what else but *Law Library Lights*, I discovered that the first picnic was held on September 14, 1989, at Howard University Law Library. The previous year, a very popular tea organized by Mary Ann Denham and Patty Tobin was held in the Lafayette Room of the Hay Adams Hotel. The tea was one of several events planned for 1988-89 to encourage greater participation by the membership in the Academic SIS. Early in 1988, the Academic SIS leadership was so concerned about the lack of interest in the SIS, that they issued a survey in *Law Library Lights* to decide whether or not to continue the SIS.

TEN YEARS OF SUCCESS

Ten years later, I am happy to report that the Academic SIS is alive and well due to the continuing efforts of the membership, totaling 67 as of May, and the talented leadership of past presidents Patty Tobin, Joanne Zich, Marla Schwartz, Rae Best, Penny Schroeder, Christine Dulaney, Gordon Van Pielt, Brian Baker, and most recent-

ly, Penny Zhao. In the past year, Penny did an excellent job organizing the Ninth Annual Picnic, held at Catholic University Law Library; two tours, one of the National Archives II and the second of the Library of Congress Law Library; and two brown bag lunches, "Publishing as an Aspect of Career Development" and "Communications with Your Law School Computer Department."

NEW OFFICERS

The 1998-99 officers include Virginia Bryant (president), Susan Ryan (vice-president), and Miroslav Lazarevich (treasurer). We are planning the usual mix of tours and brown bag lunches, and are brainstorming for new events. The Tenth Annual Picnic, on October 16th at George Washington University Library, will kick off at the year's activities. We encourage academic librarians and their staff members to attend this year's picnic and help make it an event to remember. Please consult *Dates to Remember*, or the "Calendar of Events" in *Law Library Lights* for future happenings.

As always, if you have any new ideas for events, please give one of the officers a call. We welcome any and all suggestions from the membership. ■

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A NEW YEAR OF PROGRAMS, PLOTS AND PLANS IS STARTING... Trite to note, perhaps, to some of you, but as the new President of the Legislative SIS, it means lots of work ahead. We have already had a couple of preparatory meetings and laid the groundwork for our calendar of events.

GPO PUBLICATIONS

Our meetings so far have centered around discussions of Congressional Quarterly's cancellation of their *Congress in Print* weekly insert. Members of the SIS are volunteering time to call the Government Printing Office's publications line twice daily and transcribe the list of newly-released publications. These compiled lists are then reorganized and posted on the LLSDC web site by Emily Carr (thanks very much Emily!). We began this project as a temporary measure, and have discussed what the possibilities are for a permanent takeover of the task. Our hopes are currently pinned on the GPO. Ideally, we would like them to post the list (daily or weekly) on the GPO's web site, or to provide the listing of publications as a fax service to interested parties.

However, it will be some time before the GPO will begin doing any such thing, and in the meantime, we are continuing our transcribing and posting. The process is not difficult, but can be time-consuming without a good number of volunteers - so if you can help out, we all would appreciate it! Just contact me (crogalin@cgsh.com or 202/974-1935) and I will explain the procedure and sign you up!

ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING YEAR

We have also begun laying the groundwork for programs this coming year. The suggestions have been plentiful. We are currently firming up plans for a GPO tour, to take place early this fall. Also, there has been some interest in having a speaker or two, particularly someone from GPO Access, as this site has grown enormously in the last couple of years and has become critical for anyone doing legislative research.

We also plan to complete and release a new edition of the *Union List of Legislative Histories* as well as put out our annual *Directory and Sourcebook*.

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

I would like to make one of our goals this year increased involvement by our many members. If you have any interest in, or need to know about, legislative matters, we would love to have your input. Attendance at our last two meetings was up from previous numbers, and I would like to see that level continue. Many hands make light work

and all that. I have no real qualms about bugging people to volunteer time and thought, so don't be surprised if you hear from me or our newly-elected vice-president, Carole Moroughan of Steptoe & Johnson, sometime this coming year (by the way, congratulations Carole!). We deeply appreciate any help.

And finally, to our new past President J.O. Wallace, thanks for the leadership this past year, and don't be a stranger! ■

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SIS NEWS

Catherine Rogalin
Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton

YOUR NAME IN "LIGHTS"



We invite you to submit articles for inclusion in *Law Library Lights*. Of particular interest for volume 42, are articles related to technology: CD-ROMs, online connections, Internet information access, Intranet design, network trouble-shooting, selection criteria for electronically delivered information, etc.

Law Library Lights Guidelines Content

Law Library Lights aims to inform its subscribers. In the pursuit of that goal, we ask our contributors to provide our readers with complete, objective data. We recognize that many topics lend themselves to opinion as well as to fact. We value your expertise, but caution you to offer your opinions with some regard to the confines of libel law. We reserve the right to withhold from publication articles that could jeopardize the position of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C., Inc.

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The editors of *Law Library Lights* review and modify articles for consistency and style, but strive to preserve their content. If you would like to see our edits before publication, please let us know when you submit your article.

Contact

Please contact Laura Whitbeck at 202/508-6058 or LWHITBECK@bryancavellp.com if you would like to submit an article or idea for *Law Library Lights*.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN SIS NEWS

John Louis Leigh, Jr.
Piper & Marbury, L.L.P.

NEW OFFICERS

Hello, my fellow law librarians! Well, another year has come for the LLSDC and, as seasons change, so do the officers of the Interlibrary Loan/Special Interest Section. As the incoming President of our group, I would like to take this moment to introduce the new officers for the 1998/1999 term: Vice President/President-Elect Keith Gabel (Beveridge & Diamond); Secretary Peter Vay (Williams & Connolly); Treasurer Eva-Marie Nye (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius). Fortunately, we have retained our beloved Eva-Marie for a second term!!!

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

All librarians, whether they are interlibrary loan specialists or not, are welcome to come and participate in our monthly brown-bag meetings. We meet every second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. We promise to have wonderful, informative one-hour sessions that will help enhance a profession that involves much more than bor-

rowing and lending books. Meetings from this past term have ranged from Internet research to obtaining medical articles to touring the law library at the Library of Congress. Reminders that meetings are approaching and their locations will be posted in *Law Library Lights*, *Dates To Remember*, and on the LLSDC Internet listserv.

THANK YOU TO LAST YEAR'S OFFICERS

I would be remiss without extending a heartfelt "Thank You" to our outgoing President, and my mentor, Maria Rodrigues from Shea & Gardner. She did an excellent job in leading our group. Kudos also go out to Crystal Groce of Ginsberg, Feldman, & Bress, who was our Secretary. She is also to be commended on her excellent service!

If you have any questions, concerns, or even suggestions for future meetings, feel free to call me at 202/861-3946, or send me an e-mail at gleigh@pipermar.com. I/We look forward to seeing you! ■

PRIVATE LAW LIBRARIES SIS NEWS

Joan Sherer
*Wilmer, Cutler
& Pickering*

NEW OFFICERS

The new officers met in late June to begin planning what we hope will be a very exciting, productive and fun year for the Private Law Firm Librarians' SIS. The officers for 1998-99 are:

President: Joan Sherer - Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering

Vice President/President-Elect: Mindy Klasky - Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn

Secretary: Beatrice Wise - Howery & Simon

Treasurer: Scott Larson - Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.

THANKS TO OUTGOING OFFICERS

I would like to acknowledge the outgoing officers: President Ann Green, Secretary Margot Chisholm and Treasurer Martha Klein, and thank them for their hard work and dedication during the past year.

PRIORITY ON VISIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

One of our priorities for this year is to make the Private Law Firm SIS more visible by increasing our activities. Brown bag lunches, educational and social events are being planned. We are soliciting program ideas, so this is a golden opportunity to share your thoughts and suggestions. We want our programs to appeal to the broad spectrum of interests of our membership.

Another goal is to increase membership participation. PLL has three standing committees: Education/Program, Social Events and Nomi-

nating. These committees require very little time and can be very rewarding. Committees should encompass the entire membership, so new members, seasoned veterans, solo librarians and large firm librarians are all welcome to participate.

ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATES EXCHANGE

Due to the poor response to the Duplicates Exchange over the past several years, this activity will be eliminated. With the advent of LLSDC's listserv we find this program may no longer be necessary. If you have strong feelings concerning the continuation of the Exchange, please contact Joan Sherer.

If you would like to serve on a committee, have a suggestion for a program or would like to host a program, please contact Joan Sherer (202/663-6770 or jsherer@wilmer.com) or any of the other officers. Your support is needed to make this a successful year. ■

LIGHTS DEADLINE

■ ■ ■ The deadline for the November/December 1998 *Law Library Lights* is September 25, 1998. For submissions, call Laura Whitbeck at 202/508-6058 or e-mail LWHITBECK@bryancavellp.com.

SEPTEMBER

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

- 9 Interlibrary Loan SIS Brown Bag Lunch Meeting. Time: 12:30 p.m. Location: Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, 1800 M St., NW. Contact: John Leigh, 202/861-3946.
- 16 LLSDC Board Meeting. Time: 9:00 a.m. Location: Wiley, Rein & Fielding. Contact: Carolyn P. Ahearn, 202/828-3103.
- 24 LLSDC Opening Reception. Location: Hotel Washington, 515 15th St., NW. Time: 6:30 p.m. cocktails; 7:00 p.m., dinner. Cost: \$29.00 per person. Contact: Judith Leon, 202/828-2069.

OCTOBER

- 16 Academic Law Libraries SIS Annual picnic. Location: George Washington University Law Library. Time: 3:30-6:00 p.m. Contact: Virginia Bryant, 202/994-1378.
- 21 LLSDC Board Meeting. Time: 9:00 a.m. Location: Wiley, Rein & Fielding. Contact: Carolyn P. Ahearn, 202/828-3103.

NOVEMBER

- 5-6 Special Libraries Association's 1998 State-of-the-Art Institute: "Content Management: Putting Knowledge to Work (r)." ANA Hotel. Cost: \$420.00 (SLA Members). Contact: SLA Professional Development Dept., 202/234-4700, ext. 649.
- 18 LLSDC Board Meeting. Time: 9:00 AM. Location: Wiley, Rein & Fielding. Contact: Carolyn P. Ahearn, 202/828-3103.

DECEMBER

- 16 LLSDC Board Meeting. Time: 9:00 AM. Location: Wiley, Rein & Fielding. Contact: Carolyn P. Ahearn, 202/828-3103. ■

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BOARD SUMMARY

Karen Silber
LeBoeuf Lamb
Greene & MacRae,
L.L.P.

THESE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 1998 BOARD MEETING of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C., Inc., were approved at the LLSDC Board meeting on August 26, 1998.

ATTENDANCE AND CALL TO ORDER:

Present: Steve Mellin, Karen Silber, Linda Davis, Elmo Dattalo, Carolyn Ahearn, Rita Kaiser, Ann Green, Mabel Shaw, Laura Whitbeck, Barbara Fisher, Dennis Feldt, Herb Somers, Debbie Trocchi, Rick McKinney, Brian Baker.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Ahearn at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were approved without corrections.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President's Report: Carolyn announced that we will follow *Robert's Rules of Order* and asked that we review LLSDC's constitution, bylaws, and the Procedures Manual. She also asked that we review liaison assignments and report liaison responsibilities. Use *Dates to Remember* to advertise upcoming events. Carolyn will use e-mail to communicate. The Public Outreach Committee, Vendor Relations, and Contemporary Social Issues Committee do not have chairs. Opening Banquet - the proposed date for the opening banquet is September 17, 1998 and Carolyn would like Jim Heller to appear. One hundred people signed up for the Peterson lecture, all are encouraged to attend. The deadline for *Law Library Lights* is August 1, and the deadline for *Dates to Remember* is August 14.

Outgoing President's Report: Elmo reported that we are trying to get tax exempt status 501(c)(3) to reduce the tax burden, we therefore need to continue our public outreach programs.

Outgoing Treasurer's Report: Linda gave us some background on where the funds in LLSDC's accounts come from: membership, publications, and vendor support. Linda also reported the balances for all accounts.

Treasurer's Report: Rita gave an updated report of the balances for all accounts. All check requests should be sent to Rita Kaiser as soon as possible. Rita reported that Thompson & Associates had wrong address.

Assistant Treasurer's Report: Barbara reported that she had a lot of deposits to make. Discussion of Corporate seal - need to check with Laura Bedard. To move funds around, signatures are required.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Mable encouraged all Board members to communicate with their liaisons and avoid conflicts.

Board Members: Rick said the Federal SIS election are coming up. Ann Green reported that the PLL president is Joan Sherer.

Management Company Report: The chapter currently has 532 members. *Law Library Lights* now has 19 subscription from outside the Chapter. A motion to accept the 31 new members as presented was approved. Debbie Trocchi explained what the PSI (a.k.a. "The Management Company") does for LLSDC: handle administrative work, renewals, send material to new members, send labels, mailings for *Law Library Lights*, status of members, and publications. The Management Company (MC) is open daily from 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. They will not pay bills, but will send out reimbursement forms. They also keep publications and have inventory. The MC has eleven full and part-time employees; they work for four groups.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNSEL - Postar letter dated 6/15/98. Ms. Postar recommended that we go forward with this year's edition of COUNSEL as planned. We never received income from CAPCON, \$11,500. Ms. Postar suggested that the Society redo the contract with CAPCON. Elmo suggested skipping an issue. Linda reported things change so frequently that we should keep an annual. Other formats - CD-ROM. We own holdings, not title. Determine if we need to do this on an annual basis - Linda will post a query on the listserv. It was determined that we are locked into this year's issue - too far in the cycle. Should we wait - CAPCON will charge us for waiting. Options: table, tell CAPCON to wait, stop process (some members have already paid), get another vendor, there's next year. Mabel wanted to know if we'll always have to have relation with CAPCON, Linda said no, there are others who can do. Motion was made and passed to go ahead with process and bring attorney involved if necessary to get money back.

Website. Move host from Howard to for-profit host. Want front page extensions and Howard will not do. Rita asked if the cost was based on the hits - Brian does not think this is an issue. Laura - Dates on Website - providers accept interactive forms. Proposal for Highway - consensus of Board.

NEW BUSINESS

National Equal Justice Library falls under the public outreach. Donate money. Rita suggested \$250 - motion was approved.

Special projects - fixed pot of money - bud-

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Thursday, September 24, 1998
Reception begins at 6:00 pm followed by Dinner at 7:00 pm

WHERE

Hotel Washington
Pennsylvania Ave. at 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC
Metro: Metro Center

COST

Cost: \$29.00

R.S.V.P. by Thursday, September 17, 1998

Please send a check payable to LLSDC and this form to: Judith Leon, Shea & Gardner, 1800 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

NOTE: Contributions, gifts, dues or registration fees paid to the Society are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Please send one form per person registering.
Please make checks payable to LLSDC.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

AFFILIATION _____

Menu Selection: (check one)

- _____ Grilled Tuna Steak w/Wild & White Rice Fresh Baby Vegetables
_____ Chicken Parmesan w/Medley of Vegetables and Fettuccini Pasta
_____ Pasta w/Marinara Sauce and Vegetables

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PRINT PUBLICATIONS

Journal of Law and Social Challenges, 1997-

Published annually by the University of San Francisco School of Law, Kendrick Hall, 2130 Fulton Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-1080; 415/422-2241, Fax: 415/666-6433.

Price: \$20.00 per year.

This title publishes articles, student commentaries and case notes, and book reviews dealing exclusively with social issues currently under legislative or judicial consideration. Each issue is thematic in nature and explores the featured issue from a variety of domestic and international perspectives.

Journal of Health Care Law & Policy, 1998-

Published semiannually by The University of Maryland School of Law, 500 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; 410/706-2115, Fax: 410/706-4045.

Price: \$25.00 per year.

This journal is a product of both the University's Law School and its Law and Health Care Program. It seeks to address legal aspects of health care issues; its first issue was devoted to a symposium concerning medical research and the decisionally impaired.

ON-LINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

E-Bank Futures, 1998-

Monthly password-protected website subscription available from Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, Attn: 21st Century Book, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20004-2505; 800/559-1187, Fax: 202/639-7008.

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get line item \$3,500 - members could apply for special projects and lecture/speaker. First come, first serve? Quarterly? Would honor other requests. Motion to establish special projects budget line item passed.

Laura Whitbeck requests \$500 for baseball caps. Motion to approve \$500 for purchase of 12 dozen baseball caps for hospitality booth in Anaheim and Washington passed.

Budget. Discussion of fund from SIS. Mailings are expensive, if we don't use *Dates to Remember* and *Law Library Lights*, it costs 50 cents a member, so encourage them to use *Dates to Remember*. Motion to pass budget as presented was passed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. ■

Price: \$35.00 per year. The book that this site updates (*21st Century Money, Banking & Commerce*) is \$95.00.

In yet another new way to use the Internet, the publishers of the book, *21st Century Money, Banking & Commerce* have decided to offer purchasers an on-line mechanism for receiving updates. Subscribers are sent e-mail messages whenever an update is added to the website (www.ffhsj.com/21stBook). The on-line updates concern legislative, regulatory, security, privacy and technological developments in electronic commerce and financial services.

TITLE CHANGE

Brandeis Journal of Family Law, 1998-

Published quarterly by the University of Louisville, 2301 South Third Street, Louisville, KY 40292; 502/852-6396, Fax: 502/852-0862.

Price: \$30.00 per year.

Formerly *University of Louisville Journal of Family Law*, this new publication began with volume 36, issue 1 dated Winter 1997-98. The last issue of the previous title was volume 35, issue 4 dated Fall 1996-97. ■

EYE ON SERIALS

Susan Ryan

Georgetown Law Library

Library Management Systems

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Mary Grady
U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency

NEW PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

The new procedures for submitting proposed bylaws amendments are in effect as of June 1, 1998.

1. Proposed amendments may be submitted by members of the LLSDC Executive Board or by a petition signed by at least ten members of the Society who are eligible to vote.
2. Proposed amendments and petitions should be sent to the Chair of the Bylaws Revision Committee. The Committee will review them and present them to the Executive Board. Keep in mind that proposed bylaws amendments may not be in conflict with the bylaws of the AALL.
3. A notice of the proposed amendment will be given to the voting members of the Society no less than thirty days prior to the meeting of the Society at which the amendment will be discussed. This is usually the Town Meeting.
4. During the Town Meeting, the amendment will be open for discussion and may be amended at the meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that a quorum is present.
5. Voting on the final version of the proposed amendment is by mail ballot. Ballots will be sent to voting members of the Society within ten days after the meeting at which bylaws amendments were discussed. Ballots must be returned to the Recording Secretary within twenty-five days after they were mailed.
6. Proposed amendments become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year when approved by a two-thirds majority of the returned ballots. The enacted changes are filed with the AALL for review.

Please contact me if you have any questions about these procedures. Mary Grady, Chair, Bylaws Revision Committee, 202/260-5920, grady.mary@epa.gov. ■

PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Ellen S. Feldman
Williams & Connolly

WETA VOLUNTEERS

Fifteen members of LLSDC donated their time on August 9th to assist WETA Public Television in its membership drive. Over \$40,000 in pledges was raised for WETA and LLSDC was mentioned frequently on the air.

LLSDC members will have their next opportunity to participate as volunteers for the WETA pledge drive on Sunday, December 13, 1998.

LAW DAY VOLUNTEERS

The success of LLSDC's Law Day activities last March (in which LLSDC volunteers provided legal research assistance to District of Columbia residents) has resulted in an opportunity to become involved in this worthwhile activity again this year. LLSDC has agreed to offer legal research assistance to the public at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library, 901 G Street, NW, for 2 hours from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM on the third Saturday of each month starting in October.

How can you become involved? If you did not participate in Law Day last year, you should plan to attend one of the hour long training sessions/tours of the collection being conducted by Paul Mills, Chief Sociology, Education and Government Division at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library. You can attend any of the training sessions which are scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the following dates: Tuesday, September 15, 1998, Thursday, September 17,

1998 or Tuesday, September 22, 1998. You only need to attend one of the sessions and they should take less than the full hour. If you want to volunteer but cannot attend one of these sessions, please indicate that, and additional training times may be arranged.

Volunteers can participate for one or more Saturdays, as your schedule allows. Please contribute a few hours of your time to help LLSDC provide this valuable service to the District of Columbia community.

To volunteer, please contact one of the members of the Public Outreach Committee: Ellen Feldman, Williams & Connolly, 202/434-5301, elsfeldman@aol.com; Pam Mandel, Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, 202/661-2247, pmandel@capaccess.org; or Martha Birdseye, Andrews & Kurth, LLP, 202/662-2761, mbirdseye@andrews-kurth.com. ■

LIGHTS DEADLINE

■ ■ ■ The deadline for the November/December 1998 *Law Library Lights* is September 25, 1998. For submissions, call Laura Whitbeck at 202/508-6058 or e-mail LWHITBECK@bryancavellp.com.

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COUNSEL	PUBLICATIONS
DATES TO REMEMBER	SCHOLARSHIPS
DIRECTORY	VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
EDUCATION	WEBSITE
LIGHTS	

Please fill in the blanks and mail to: LLSDC, 669 South Washington, St., Alexandria, Virginia 22314, or Call Matt Mahaffie, Chair of the Volunteer Committee at 202/452-7938.

NAME _____

LIBRARY _____ PHONE _____

_____ I would like to volunteer for the following committee: _____

_____ No preference but I'd like to volunteer in some way. Call me.

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Contact Local Advisory Co-Chair, Kate Martin, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP, 1800 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, mart7131@MLB.COM to volunteer.

See the LLSDC website at <http://www.llsdc.org/llsdc/local99/volunteerform.html>

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