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President's Message

Bev Butula, Davis & Kuelthau, s.c.

Almost everything in life has a learning curve. Remember when you were learning to ride a bike, how many times did you fall down before you made it to the corner? At this point in our lives, most of us can just get on that bike and ride without a second thought. It is the same with work, relationships, and life commitments. Initially, they are often challenging and we are hesitant in our actions. But as time goes on and familiarity sneaks in, things seem easier and make more sense. Learning curves are not bad things.....actually it is quite the opposite.

In December of this year, I took over as President of LLAW. Ted Potter vacated the position when he accepted a position with Iowa. I asked myself at that point, what do I know about being the President? I didn't think I'd be in this position until next May! (Bev, I'd like to introduce you to your next learning curve). I had watched and learned from Ted, as well as, Bonnie and Connie. They were excellent examples of what the LLAW President should represent. So, with that thought, I took the gavel in hand.

Well, here it is two months later. How is that learning curve you ask? It is still there, but it is leveling out more every day because I gained something during that time. I gained a comfort level in being President due to the members of the LLAW Board and my co-workers. I would like to thank them both. My co-workers have assisted me, without hesitation, on more than one occasion. But it is truly the members of the Board that have made this transition easier. I have a question, go ahead and ask. I have another question, ask again. They are always receptive to my inquiries. More importantly, they are all dedicated and prepared, making my job that much easier.

Why am I sharing this with you? Simple, LLAW is a wonderful organization. Within the next few months, we will be looking for people to fill positions on the

Board and serve on committees. Many people are interested, but aren't sure what to expect --- fearful of the "learning curve". Think about being involved, we would love for you to join us. Don't worry too much about that curve. I speak from experience, with the support of the other members - it is almost a flat line!

Please contact me at bbutula@dkattorneys.com if you have any questions regarding LLAW. And, as a reminder, on April 13th, LLAW and the Wisconsin Chapter of SLA will be celebrating National Library Week with an evening of networking and fun! ComedySportz will be the featured entertainment. Mark your calendar!!!

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LLAW BOARD MEETINGS

Second Quarterly Board Meeting Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin Wednesday November 16, 2004 Marty's Pizza Delafield, WI 4:30 pm

I. President Ted Potter called the meeting to order at approximately 4:35 pm.

Present: Amy Easton Bingenheimer, Bev Butula, Diane Duffey, Amy Gannaway, Julia Jaet, Jim Mumm, Ted Potter, Carol Schmitt, Paula Seeger, Liz Shelton, Bonnie Shucha, Amy Thornton.

Absent: Carol Bannen, Olivia Bradford-Jaskolski, Tony Chan, Diane Medcalf, Melissa Mooney, Kellee Selden-Huston, Heidi Yelk.

II. Minutes for the September 22, 2004 (First Quarterly) Board Meeting were approved.

Motion: Amy Easton Bingenheimer; second: Carol Schmitt

III. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> (Jim Mumm)

| Total Ending Balance | \$8,684.57 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Savings Account Ending Balance | 3,640.02 |
| Checking Account Ending Balance | 5,044.55 |

Motion by Amy Easton Bingenheimer: To approve budget with the adjusted amount of \$40 slated for the Membership Committee, and the addition of two categories – "Board of Directors" and "Operating Expenses."

Second: Amy Thornton

Discussion: The Operating Expenses category will cover expenses like LLAW's registration with the Department of Financial Institutions. The category for the Executive Committee will be changed to be called "Board of Directors;" this is a category to be used at the discretion of the Board.

Motion approved.

IV. President's Report – Ted has received the new brochure for the AALL Excellence in Marketing Award, and has forwarded it to Kellee Selden-Huston, the Public Relations Chair. He noted that AALL elections by electronic ballot began yesterday. He also informed everyone that Kellee's mother passed away the night before; there is a card to sign, but memorial donations will be up to individuals.

V. <u>Committee Reports</u>

<u>Archives</u> – No report from Olivia. Ted reported that he still plans to meet with Olivia about the items in the Archives.

Government Relations – No report.

Grants – Amy T has published grant information in the LLAW newsletter and on the Grants page of the

LLAW BOARD MEETINGS

Third Quarterly Board Meeting
Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin
Tuesday January 18, 2005
Davis & Kuelthau s.c.
Teleconference, Madison and Milwaukee, WI
12:00 pm

I. President Bev Butula called the meeting to order at approximately 12:07 pm.

Present: Carol Bannen, Bev Butula, Tony Chan, Diane Duffey, Amy Gannaway, Jim Mumm, Carol Schmitt, Kellee Selden-Huston, Bonnie Shucha.

Absent: Amy Easton Bingenheimer, Olivia Bradford-Jaskolski, Julia Jaet, Diane Medcalf, Melissa Mooney, Paula Seeger, Liz Shelton, Heidi Yelk.

II. Minutes for the November 16, 2004 (Second Quarterly) Board Meeting were approved.

Motion: Jim Mumm; second: Kellee Selden-Huston

III. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> (Jim Mumm)

Checking Account Ending Balance 5,139.70
Savings Account Ending Balance 3,641.36
Total Ending Balance \$8,781.06

Treasurer's Report approved.

Motion: Amy Gannaway; second: Carol Schmitt

IV. President's Report – Bev reported that Ted Potter's resignation was sent to the Board on December 8, 2004; as of that date, Bev has been serving as President. She thanked Jim Mumm for having caught the references to "mail" in time to make the corrections to the ballot on revisions to the bylaws, since it is LLAW's goal to progress toward electronic voting. The ballot was approved by the Board by email last week; Bonnie has notified members via email and Amy G has posted the ballot on the web site.

The Board approved a motion to have Diane Duffey step into the Vice President/President Elect position for the rest of this year.

Motion: Kellee; Second: Carol Bannen

Diane will then be on the ballot in April for the 2005-06 Vice President/President Elect position. She will vacate the secretary position at that time.

V. <u>Committee Reports</u>

Archives – No report.

<u>Government Relations</u> – Tony provided a summary of legislative issues he is tracking (report attached). He added that he is also monitoring a case in the Southern District of New York in which the court struck down portion of Patriot Act on FBI's authority to issue national security letters for library

LLAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Second Quarterly General Membership Meeting

Diane Duffey, Habush, Habush & Rottier

There was not a quorum at the second quarterly general membership meeting; therefore, no official business was conducted. Ted informed those present of the motions made during the Board meeting earlier that night. Updates were given for each of the committees - please refer to the Second Quarterly Board Minutes. Amy Easton Bingenheimer of the Nominating Committee reminded everyone that it is never too early to consider serving as an officer. Bev gave a summary of upcoming programs for the rest of the year - the videoconference on copyright at the end of January; a panel on public libraries in March; and Comedy Sportz on April 13, 2005, to be co-hosted with SLA-Wisconsin Chapter and catered by Saz's. Bonnie let everyone know that she plans to present the bylaws revisions at the March meeting. Amy Easton Bingenheimer announced that she has a videotape of a recent presentation given by employees of Thomson West on Knowledge Management, and can lend it out if anyone is interested. The meeting was followed by a presentation by Rick Hendricks on his research involved with his soon to be published book on "Weird Wisconsin." Rick discussed some of his projects, including interviewing people about sinister fairies and astral travels, and doing research in newspapers on stories like the "Female Man" from the 1800s.

Third Quarterly General Membership Meeting

Diane Duffey, Habush, Habush & Rottier

There was not a quorum at the third quarterly membership meeting; therefore, no official business was conducted. Bev informed those present that Ted Potter officially resigned the presidency on December 8th, at which time Bev took over. She also reported the following:

The ballot on revisions to the bylaws was approved. A quorum (about 40 members) is needed at the next membership meeting, in order to make it an official meeting for the presentation of the bylaws revisions to the membership.

The program for the membership meeting on March 2nd will be Barb Dimick from the public library system in Madison and Mary Jo Hansen, a reference and business librarian from Grafton, who will both speak about the state of public libraries. There will be a final meeting on April 13th - a joint meeting with the Wisconsin Chapter of the Special Libraries Association which will feature ComedySportz.

The Board approved a \$100 donation from LLAW to Hospice Care, Inc. in Madison in memory of Diane Medcalf's husband, Wally.

Following the business meeting, Dr. Tom Lipinski of the UW-Milwaukee School of Information Studies gave a presentation on copyright.

LLAW's AALL Annual Meeting/ Workshops Grants Deadline April 1, 2005

The Grants Committee of LLAW is pleased to announce it is now accepting applications for two \$750.00 grants for the upcoming AALL Annual Meeting. This year's meeting will be in San Antonio, Texas, July 16-20, 2005.

In selecting grant recipients, the Grants Committee will consider:

- 1. Lack of financial assistance from employer
- 2. Commitment to law librarianship as demonstrated by employment record and professional activities
- 3. Participation in LLAW and potential benefit to the chapter
- 4. Potential benefit to the applicant for enhancing skills and professional development
- 5. Whether the applicant has been awarded a LLAW grant previously

For additional information, including the application form, see

http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llaw/grants/index.htm

Supporting New Professionals: the AALL Annual Meeting Grants

Paddy Satzer, AALL Grants Committee Chair

The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to law librarians or graduate students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, AALL, and AALL individual members. Grants are awarded to cover the Annual Meeting registration fee or the registration fee for workshops presented at the Annual Meeting. Preference is given to applicants who are new to the profession and active in AALL or one of its chapters.

The AALL Grants Program began in 1952 and is one of the oldest and most successful AALL programs. More than 1,000 librarians have received funding to assist them in attending AALL educational activities. Many of those recipients are leaders in the profession today. For additional information, check out the application on

the Association's web site. http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grants.asp

In 2001, the Minority Leadership Development Award was created to assure that AALL's leadership remains vital, relevant and representative of the Association's diverse membership. The Award provides up to \$1,500.00 toward the cost of attending the Annual Meeting, an experienced AALL leader to serve as the recipient's mentor, and an opportunity to serve on an AALL committee during the year following the monetary award. For additional information, check out the application on the Association's web site, http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_mlda.asp

Applications for both AALL Grants Programs must be received at the Association's headquarters by April 1, 2005.

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LLAW web site.

<u>Membership</u> – Carol S reported that there are currently 104 LLAW members, including 90 active members, 8 associate, 4 sustaining, 2 student. In addition, there are 3 newsletter subscribers. Maureen Burns of Jones Day in Chicago is the newest member of LLAW.

Motion by Jim Mumm: to investigate changing the bylaws requirement for a quorum at the general membership meetings in two initial steps - 1) to verify what the AALL guidelines would be; 2) to take a look at the history of attendance at LLAW general membership meetings for the past three years. Second: Bev Butula

Discussion: Currently, the LLAW bylaws state that a quorum for a general membership meeting is 40% of membership; however, it has been difficult to reach a quorum at a number of the recent membership meetings. It was suggested to survey the membership again about programs to see if lack of interest is the issue. It was also suggested to revisit the membership categories to see if changes should be made to the definition of an active member. These two ideas will not be pursued for the time being.

Motion approved.

<u>Newsletter</u> – Julia said the next newsletter will be issued in the next week or so, and will include pictures.

<u>Nominating</u> – Amy B will be looking into e-balloting and following AALL's progress with it. She also said that she posed the issue to the Bylaws Revisions Committee about whether LLAW should still have a Nominating Committee/Chair, or if this should be a function of the Past President.

<u>Placement</u> – Liz has been forwarding library job postings to the LLAW listserv and webmaster. She

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had one request for the 2001 LLAW salary survey, which the past Placement Chair sent to her for future requests.

<u>Program</u> – Bev reported that Tom Lipinski from the UW-Milwaukee School of Information Studies will speak on copyright at the videoconference meeting at the end of January. She is working on assembling a panel for the March meeting on public library perspectives.

<u>Public Access</u> – Paula reported (via Ted) that the "@ Your Law Library" Campaign is underway.

Public Relations -

<u>Articles Subcommittee</u>: Ted said that Mia Sefarbi and Kira Zaporski's article is scheduled to appear in the next *Wisconsin Lawyer*. Amy G's article will appear in the December issue. The committee still has many active projects, but Carol B does plan to step down after this year, so a replacement will be needed.

Web Site – No report.

By-Laws Committee – Bonnie plans to present the bylaws revisions to the membership at the general membership meeting in March. The revisions to the Procedures Manual only need to be approved by the Board. For the bylaws, the Board has to approve the revised language in time for ballots to be sent out 45 days prior to the membership meeting at which the revisions are presented.

The Board examined the proposed bylaws revisions. Most proposed revisions were accepted, but it was decided to eliminate the one related to changing the dates of the fiscal year. Also, two proposed revisions relating to an LLAW Annual Meeting will be studied more closely, since Wisconsin rules of incorporation may require having an Annual Meeting.

<u>Digitization Committee</u> – No report.

VI. Old Business - No old business to report.

VII. New Business - No new business to report.

VIII. Other Announcements – No announcements.

IX. <u>Adjournment</u> – the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm. Motion: Bev Butula; second: Amy Gannaway

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Respectfully submitted, Diane Duffey

LLAW Statement of Accounts 2004/2005

| Quarter 3 | Checking | \$ 4,849.70 |
|-----------|----------|----------------|
| | Savings | \$ 3,644.14 |
| | Total | \$ 8,493.84 |

From LRB to Cannon Research Service: Q&A with Peter Cannon

Julia Jaet, Marquette University Law Library

Peter Cannon recently retired after 26 years as a legislative analyst for the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) and is now starting a research service. In this Q&A, Julia Jaet sought to find out more information about what he is currently up to, and how he is still helping law librarians.

What was your role at the LRB?

I was one of seven legislative analysts. The analysts are part researcher and part reference librarian. Their primary job is answering questions asked by legislators. To do this they compile and synthesize information on topics of legislative interest and prepare the Wisconsin Blue Book.

Most state legislatures have something similar to the LRB, but they are one of the few that serves the public as well as the legislature. The reference desk and library collection are open to the public and answer questions from anyone who calls us. As a result, the analysts are experts on legislative process. I used to tell people that my job was teaching "Civics 101" on the phone. Because the library retains copies of legislative documents, the analysts are also experts on finding bills and acts and explaining how bills proceed through the legislature.

I enjoy teaching, so in addition to the general tasks I shared with other analysts, I began to make presentations to various groups on the activity of the LRB and the legislature. These presentations gradually evolved into lectures on how to find documents related to legislative history and I have presented this information to a variety of groups.

As the legislature began to establish a presence on the Internet, I was one of a team of people who designed the web site and decided what material should be available. I was the person who read email addressed to "webmaster".

What were some of the big changes you saw at the LRB?

Leaving aside changes in the legislature itself, the biggest change may have been the increase in the use of legislative history by the legal system. When I started working at the LRB, the number of requests we received for legislative history materials was only two or

three in a week. Now, it would not unusual to receive the same number in a day. The number would be even higher if it were not for the placement of microfiche copies of drafting records at Marquette Law Library. This has greatly reduced the number of requests from the Milwaukee area.

The second major change is the advent of the Internet as a document depository. When I started, bills and acts were available only in hard copy and just a handful of libraries in the state had copies of bills. Drafting records were available in hard copy and we had just started to microfilm them. This was a major project that took most of a decade, with disasters like loosing several record boxes of files to an overly efficient janitor. Today all current legislative documents are available and past records are being scanned so they are available on the Internet.

What are some of your future plans?

Since the LRB's primary function is answering legislative questions, it cannot do rush jobs for the public. If a legislator calls, other work is set aside until the legislator's question is answered. Staff cannot do the kind of in-depth research some projects require. That leaves the LRB unable to help researchers faced with time constraints or people who simply didn't have the knowledge necessary to do the research for themselves. While I agree with the policy, I was always somewhat uncomfortable with the lack of any alternative.

Since I enjoy doing research, I decided to try to fill this gap by starting "Cannon Research Service", peter.cannon@charter.net, (608) 692-1276. I will find documents related to the legislative history of bills and acts and, where necessary, explain how the documents came to exist. It's a way to continue doing research and continue to use the expertise I've spent years developing.

What other projects do you have going on?

I am starting to catch up on much delayed genealogy projects and working through a reading list that I doubt I'll ever finish – people keep writing new books. I've also increased the amount of time I spend on volunteer work with the Madison Audubon Society. I'm the program chair and have been helping keep their Internet site updated.

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records and such.

Grants – No report.

Membership – No report.

Newsletter – the deadline for the upcoming newsletter is February 7th.

<u>Nominating</u> – No report.

<u>Placement</u> – Liz reported (via Bev) that she has been continuing to forward library job postings to the LLAW listserv and webmaster. Bev will let Liz know that she is to post only law related library job announcements to the LLAW listserv.

<u>Program</u> – Bev reported that the next membership meeting is this Thursday. Also, the membership meeting on March 2nd will feature a panel on public libraries, including the head of the Madison Public Libraries and the Reference and Business Librarian at Grafton Public Library. Bev is planning to hold the meeting in Sullivan (Milwaukee and Madison are equidistant from Sullivan). The final meeting of the year will be the ComedySportz event on April 13th.

<u>Public Access</u> – No report.

<u>Public Relations</u> - Kellee said she has arranged for four speakers from LLAW to participate in the Wisconsin Library Association's meeting in October: Bev, Bonnie, Trish Cervenka (Marquette) and Carol Schmitt.

<u>Articles Subcommittee</u>: Carol B said that there was another article in late December/early January in the Wisconsin Law Journal by an LLAW author [Heidi Kuehl's article, "Cost-Effective Canadian Legal Research in the December 29th issue]. She will announce this on the listsery shortly.

Web Site – No report.

<u>Digitization Committee</u> – No report.

By-Laws Committee – Bonnie reported that AALL has approved the proposed changes for the LLAW bylaws. She said a quorum will be necessary at the membership meeting in March in order to have a vote on the bylaws changes – this is the meeting at which the proposed changes will be presented. She will then mail out the ballot to all members, requesting that they be returned within two weeks of the date of mailing. Ballot mailings will include a return envelope, but not return postage. Two thirds of the ballots send out must be returned in order to make the changes official.

The Board then examined the proposed revisions to the Procedures Manual (document attached) through the bottom of the fourth page. The item for the Treasurer, #3 would be changed from "Is the primary registered signature" to "Is the primary registered signing agent...." The other proposed revisions were accepted as is. The items on pages 5-7 will be discussed at a subsequent Board meeting.

VI. Old Business - No old business to report.

VII. New Business

a) Grants Committee - Bev will confirm whether Amy Thornton will be retaining her position as chair of the Grants Committee.

LLAW Government Relations Committee Report

Tony Chan, Government Relations Committee Chair

On Sept. 28, 2004, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York issued a ruling in *John Doe, et al v. John Ashcroft, et al* striking down Section 505 of the Patriot Act on the grounds that it violates free speech rights under the First Amendment as well as the right to be free from unreasonable searches under the Fourth Amendment. Section 505 of the Patriot Act grants the FBI authority to issue "National Security Letters" (NSLs) ordering certain kinds of businesses to turn over sensitive customer records.

The ACLU noted that the Patriot Act provision was worded so broadly that it could effectively be used to obtain the names of customers of websites such Amazon.com or Ebay, or a political organization's membership list, or even the names of sources that a journalist has contacted by e-mail.

The government has said it will appeal Judge Marrero's decision. Accordingly, the case is likely to be before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in early 2005.

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On April 2, 2004, Rep. Major R. Owens [NY-11] submitted House Resolution 597 congratulating the American Library Association (ALA) as it celebrates its first annual National Library Workers Day on April 20, 2004. HR 597 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

The text of the Resolution is available at http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=108_cong_bills&docid=f:hr597ih.txt.pdf

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On March 11, 2004, a brief amici curiae of the Ameri-

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Wisconsin State Law Library Website Wins "Webbie"

Connie Von Der Heide, Wisconsin State Law Library

The Wisconsin State Law Library (WSLL) website, http://wsll.state.wi.us, has won the 2004 Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) "Webbie" award for Best Reference Site. The award was announced November 3 during the WLA annual conference in Lake Geneva. The WSLL website was one of nine nominees in the Best Reference Site category.

The WSLL website (http://wsll.state.wi.us) launched in March 1999, provides access to Wisconsin, federal, tribal, and other states' online legal resources such as statutes, regulations and case law. It also includes an index of over 300 legal topics, each with links to relevant web resources and pertinent statutes and regulations. The library's catalog and monthly newsletter are available, as well as links to legal forms, law reviews, and a wide variety of directories and general reference tools. The website is designed and maintained by WSLL staff members Elaine Sharp (shown below, right), Technical Services Librarian, and Amy Crowder (left), Web Resources Librarian/Cataloger.



The WLA Media and Technology Section awarded "Webbies" in four different categories plus best of show. A complete list of recipients is available at http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/mats/webbies/default.asp.



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- b) Memorial for Wally Medcalf Following approval by the Board in late December, a check has been sent to HospiceCare, Inc. in Madison in memory of Diane Medcalf's husband, who died on December $22^{\rm nd}$.
- c) Electronic voting AALL will be sending a package on the program they used for their electronic ballot to the chairs of the web committees. Their recent elections by electronic ballot drew more votes than in previous years.
- d) Board meetings at lunch time Bev will look into having the next Board meeting in March at lunch time again, and via teleconference or videoconference.
- **VIII Other Announcements** No announcements.
- IX. <u>Adjournment</u> the meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm. Motion: Jim; second: Kellee

There was not a quorum present at the General Membership meeting on January 20, 2005; therefore, no official business was conducted.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Duffey

Things are Bigger in Texas

Monica M. Ortale, South Texas College of Law

"Things are Bigger in Texas!" Just take a look at the giant sized boots outside North Star Mall. A tribute to just two of my not so secret vices, shopping and shoes!



San Antonio has fabulous shopping, and La Villita is next to the Hilton, a complex of 27 restored buildings on the site of a Coahuiltecan Indian Village. Each building showcases various artists. There's painting, jewelry, pottery and beautiful weavings, all unique to the region.

Just a short trolley ride down Commerce St. is El Mercado, a veritable warehouse of pottery, and then there's the farmer's market. If you don't get enough to eat browsing the stalls, then head to the restaurants. La Margarita is my favorite, and I can picture it now as the colorful waiter carries the sizzling fajitas platter, the steam streaming behind and, oh, the aroma!

But, for those with a car, head north on I-35 for about 30 minutes and be prepared to visit the mecca of all shopping -- The factory outlet stores of San Marcos, hundreds of them, too many to mention, but definitely worth the trip when you consider the savings.

Ah, but I digress. For those who love shopping for footwear, there are marvelous bootmakers. Try Lucchese, hand made bootmakers since 1883, or Crazy Horse custom boots, both in San Antonio.

For me, shoes are everything, and the factory outlet shoe stores are an option. But, if you want something closer to the convention center, then Dillards & the shops in River-Center have a wonderful assortment. When all are tried on and bought, there's nothing like relaxing at a table on the Riverwalk level, watching the tourists and the riverboats, sipping a Starbucks coffee, knowing that the bags surrounding you are full of shoes just waiting for the right occasion, like, the General Business meeting.

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can Association of Law Libraries, et al. was filed with the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Richard B. Cheney, Vice President of the United States, et. al., v. U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia*. The amici are the American Association of Law Libraries, the American Library Association, the Association of Research Libraries, the Center for American Progress, Common Cause, the National Security Archive, People for the American Way Foundation, the Society of American Archivists, and the Special Libraries Association.

The case concerns the request by the Sierra Club and Judicial Watch for disclosure of whom, outside of the government, participated in the vice president's National Energy Policy Development Group. Vice President Cheney has refused to disclose any information about the group.

The amici joining in this brief share the conviction that broad access to government records protects values essential to representative democracy and promotes public participation in public policy. They hold that "public participation in government can be meaningful only if the people know what officials are doing, and how they are doing it. Equally, without that information the people can't hold public officials accountable for their actions."

The brief is available at http://www.ala.org//ala/washoff/ogr/Cheneysuit.pdf

The case status is available at http://www.supremecourtus.gov/docket/03-475.htm

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Wisconsin Assembly Bill 169-- an Act to amend 43.30 (1); and to create 43.30 (4) of the statutes; relating to: the disclosure of public library records, was been signed into law by Governor Doyle on 4/8/04 as 2003 Wisconsin Act 207. http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/03Act207.pdf

Section 43.30 (4) states: Upon the request of a parent or guardian of a child who is under the age of 16, a library supported in whole or part by public funds shall disclose to the parent or guardian all library records relating to the use of the library's documents or other materials, resources, or services by that child.

The Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) supported language that would have changed the age to 14, rather than 16. The WLA position is that this should be an issue of local control. WLA has concerns about the age specified in the bill and its comprehensive application to use of materials, resources, or services, since libraries may not maintain records of patron usage of all its resources and services. (see http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/legis/LegislativeStatus.htm for more info)

Source: Heidi Yelk

Member News

Carol Bannen, Reinhart Boerner, was chosen by LexisNexis to participate in the Advanced Management in Private Law Libraries (AMPLL) Conference in April 2005.

Bev Butula, Davis & Kuelthau, published "BLOGS - Another Online Resource" in the Fall 2004 issue of *Class Action* (Wisconsin Association of Legal Administrators),

http://www.wi-ala.org/winca/wala0409.pdf

Amy Gannaway, Lathrop & Clark, published "Using the Wisconsin Legislature Web Site" in the December issue of the *Wisconsin Lawyer*, http://www.wisbar.org/wislawmag/2004/12/practice.html.

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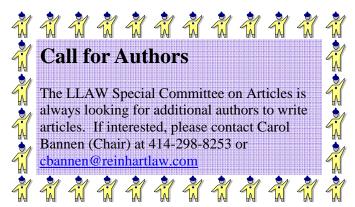
Heidi Kuehl, Marquette Law Library, published "Cost-Effective Canadian Legal Research: Finding Free Canadian Legal Materials on the Internet" in the December 29, 2004 issue of the *Wisconsin Law Journal*, http://www.wislawjournal.com/archive/2004/1229/canadian-1229.html.

Ted Potter has taken a position as Public Services Librarian with the University of Iowa College of Law Library.

Paula Seeger, Dane County Legal Resource Center, has had her article "Essential WI Legal Resources Available for Free on the Internet" published in v. 28:1 Winter 2005 p. 16 of "The Verdict," a quarterly publication of the WI Academy of Trial Lawyers. It may also be eventually posted on their website: http://www.watl.org/.

Mia Sefarbi, Marquette Law Library, and **Kira Zaporski**, Loyola University of Chicago Law Library, published "Citing Unpublished Opinions in Wisconsin State and Federal Tribunals" in the November 2004 issue of the *Wisconsin Lawyer*,

http://www.wisbar.org/wislawmag/2004/11/Sefarbi.html



Julie Tessmer, Wisconsin State Law Library, visited libraries and law libraries in Serbia in mid-November as a law library consultant for the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) Rule of Law project. The project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), includes studies on reducing case backlogs and improving efficiency in the courts, and assisting law schools in developing curricula.

Connie Von Der Heide, Wisconsin State Law Library, gave an Internet legal research presentation on November 16 to two paralegal classes at Bryant & Stratton College's new west campus in Wauwatosa. The presentation included a tour of the Wisconsin State Law Library's website, instruction in searching the Wisconsin Statutes, WSCCA.i and CCAP, and general online research tips.

Heidi Yelk, Wisconsin State Law Library, was featured in an article about law librarianship. "Who Could Keep a Lawyer Quiet?" written by Kathryn Kingsbury is published in the January 2005 issue of *Madison Magazine*, http://www.madisonmagazine.com/index.php?section_id=918&xstate=view_story&story_id=189831

Dane County Legal Resource Center News

Paula Seeger, Dane Co. Legal Resource Center

A brand-new, updated website for the Dane Co Legal Resource Center has officially launched at http://wsll.state.wi.us/branch/dclrc/ - take a look and spread the word.

Many, many thanks to Elaine Sharp at the State Law Library for doing the legwork with programming and formatting the new pages.

Thanks again for your continued support of the Dane County Legal Resource Center!

RECOMMEND READINGS

Cindy May, University Of Wisconsin Law Library

Abramowicz, Michael. "An Industrial Organization Approach to Copyright Law." William and Mary Law Review 46:33-125 (October 2004)

Using the literature on product differentiation as a framework, this article argues that the greater the success of copyright law in generating large numbers of works, the more copyright law should care about access.

Angeles, Michael. "Using a Wiki for Documentation and Collaborative Authoring." <u>LLRX</u> (November 28, 2004) http://www.llrx.com/features/librarywikis.htm

Biehl, Kathy. "Bloggers Beware: Debunking Eight Copyright Myths of the Online World." LLRX (November 28, 2004) http://www.llrx.com/features/bloggersbeware.htm

Carlson, Cindy. "Voice over IP: Finally, a Workable Option." LLRX (December 27, 2004) http://www.llrx.com/columns/notes75.htm

Cavallini, Donna F. and Pacifici, Sabrina I.

"Got Competitive Intelligence? Tips, Tools and Techniques for the Savvy Marketer." [PowerPoint presentation.] <u>LLRX</u> (November 28, 2004) http://www.llrx.com/features/gotci.ppt

Chander, Anupam and Sunder, Madhavi. "The Romance of the Public Domain." California Law Review 92:1331-1373 (October 2004)

The authors argue that the Internet's public domain, or digital commons, is not necessarily egalitarian, using as examples genetic resources and traditional knowledge.

Church, Ezra Dodd. "Technological Conservatism: How Information Technology Prevents the Law from Changing." <u>Texas Law Review</u> 83:561-595 (December 2004)

This note suggests that technology, although demanding great change, also promotes the preservation of, access to, and ultimately reliance on, the past. It examines the impact of technological conservatism on the future of legal argument and legal language.

Dannin, Ellen. "Privatizing Information and Information Technology: Whose Life Is It Anyway?" John Marshall Journal of Computer & Information Law 22:375-396 (Winter 2004)

The author contends that the contracting out to the private sector of governmental functions that involve personal data is putting the privacy of that data at risk, and suggests public debate and congressional action to stem the tide.

Desai, Anuj C. "Filters and Federalism: Public Library Internet Access, Local Control, and the Federal Spending Power." <u>University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law</u> 7:1-131 (September 2004)

Prof. Desai argues that federalism can help courts view the Children's Internet Protection Act in a new and important light and simultaneously help facilitate a process of lawmaking that is more likely to lead to better policymaking.

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Ditzion, Robert. "Electronic Surveillance in the Internet Age: The Strange Case of Pen Registers." American Criminal Law Review 41:1321-1352 (Summer 2004)

In Internet surveillance, pen registers may be used to record dialing, routing, addressing, or signaling information without a warrant. A search warrant must be obtained only to search "content." This case note explores how the content v. routing divide works in theory and practice.

Fitzgerald, Brian R. "Edelman v. N2H2: At the Crossroads of Copyright and Filtering Technology." Brooklyn Law Review 69:1471-1513 (Summer 2004)

Edelman wanted to write computer programs circumventing the encryption that protects the list of websites blocked by N2H2's filtering software. Although Edelman's case was dismissed, it raises important law and policy questions that are analyzed in this case note.

Fox, Lawrence J. "Those Unpublished Opinions: An Appropriate Expedience or an Abdication of Responsibility?" Hofstra Law Review 32:1215-1226 (2004)

This paper argues that the practice of generating uncitable opinions ought to end for public policy, ethical, and symbolic reasons.

Fullerton, Barbara and Pacifici, Sabrina I. "Spam, Phishing and Fraud on the Net." [PowerPoint presentation.] <u>LLRX</u> (November 28, 2004) http://www.llrx.com/features/spam.ppt

Gannaway, Amy. "Using the Wisconsin Legislature Web Site." <u>Wisconsin Lawyer</u> 77 (12):37-39 (December 2004) http://www.wisbar.org/wislawmag/2004/12/practice.html

The Wisconsin Legislature generates thousands of documents, making it difficult to find needed information. LLAW member Amy Gannaway explains how using the Wisconsin Legislature's Web site can add speed and precision to the search process.

Garvin, Peggy. "The Federal Web: Content at the Ten-year Mark." LLRX (December 27, 2004) http://www.llrx.com/features/federalweb.htm

Garvin, Peggy. "THOMAS: New Congress, A Few Changes." LLRX (January 17, 2005) http://www.llrx.com/columns/govdomain1.htm

Gasaway, Laura. "Drafting an Organizational Copyright Policy." <u>Information Outlook</u> 8(9):36 (September 2004)

This article covers the benefits of drafting a copyright policy, who should be involved, what it should contain, and pitfalls or difficulties in adopting it.

Gnatek, Tim. "Libraries Reach Out, Online." New York Times (December 9, 2004) http://www.nytimes.com/2004/12/09/technology/circuits/09libr.html?ex=1103601137&ei=1&en=a3663f9bed8d91af

Havens, Andy. "Extranets Will Hook Your Clients for Life." <u>LLRX</u> (November 28, 2004) http://www.llrx.com/columns/marketing5.htm (Recommended Readings continued from page 15)

Hilyerd, William A. "Using the Law Library: A Guide for Educators, Part III: Oh, Statute (or Regulation), Where Art Thou?" <u>Journal of Law & Education</u> 34:101-116 (January 2005)

This, the third of six articles, explains how to locate U.S. statutes or regulations by citation or popular name.

Hirtle, Peter B. "Copyright Term and the Public Domain in the United States." Information Outlook 8(11):26-33 (November 2004)

The author presents a chart to help librarians determine whether a work is still protected by copyright.

Holland, Abigail K. "Constitutional Law-Constitutionality of Mandatory Filters on Federally Funded Internet Access in Public Libraries—*United States v. American Library Association, Inc.*"

<u>Suffolk University Law Review</u> 38:217-222 (2004)

Recognizing Internet filtering as a library's collection decision, the Supreme Court held that public libraries' use of Internet filtering software did not violate the First Amendment. This case comment argues that the Court mistakenly applied the standard of analysis used for print collection decisions.

Kingsbury, Kathryn. "Who Could Keep a Lawyer Quiet? The Law Librarian, Of Course–Probably the Most Unheralded Employee at Every Firm." <u>Madison Magazine</u> (January 2005) http://www.madisonmagazine.com/index.php?section_id=918&xstate=view_story&story_id=189831

Madison Magazine's profile of LLAW member Heidi Yelk is great publicity for Wisconsin law librarians.

Krause, Jason. "Think Ink: A Modern Law Library Has a Place for Books." ABA Journal 91:61 (January 2005)

Interviews with several law firm librarians confirm the continuing importance of print resources in their libraries.

Kuehl, Heidi L. "Cost-Effective Canadian Legal Research: Finding Free Canadian Legal Materials on the Internet." Wisconsin Law Journal 18(52):11A (December 29, 2004) http://www.wislawjournal.com/archive/2004/1229/canadian-1229.html

LLAW member Heidi Kuehl discusses research portals and Canadian government websites as sources for Canadian statutes, case law, treaties, and research guides.

Kuhne, Cecil C. "The Steadily Shrinking Public Domain: Inefficiencies of Existing Copyright Law in the Modern Technology Age." <u>Loyola Law Review</u> 50:549-563 (Fall 2004)

The author recommends enactment of a requirement for copyright renewal every ten years after an initial thirty year period, and creation of a central registry for such renewals.

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Lee, Felicia R. "Questions and Praise for Google Web Library."

<u>New York Times</u>. Books Section (December 18, 2004) http://www.nytimes.com/2004/12/18/books/18libr.html? ex=1261112400&en=c401bfb3f3850ab3&ei=5088&partner=rssnyt

This article discusses Google's plan to convert certain holdings at Oxford University and at some of the leading research libraries in the U.S. into digital files, freely searchable over the Web.

Litman, Jessica. "Sharing and Stealing."

Hastings Communications and Entertainment Law Journal 27:1-50 (Fall 2004)

The article discusses the controversy over peer-to-peer file sharing of music on the Internet, and outlines a solution.

Markoff, John and Wyatt, Edward. "Google Is Adding Major Libraries to Its Database." New York Times (Dec. 14, 2004) http://www.nytimes.com/2004/12/14/technology/14google.html? ex=1104033563&ei=1&en=d73f4c63ee6f9c7a

Google plans to begin converting the holdings of leading research libraries into digital files that would be searchable online.

Mattar, Mohamed Y. "Trafficking in Persons: An Annotated Legal Bibliography." <u>Law Library Journal</u> 96:669-726 (Fall 2004)

According to the compiler, this bibliography is the first comprehensive attempt to compile annotated citations to articles exclusively about trafficking in persons into one source.

McHuge, Josh. "The Firefox Explosion." <u>Wired Magazine</u> no. 13.02 (February 2005) http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/13.02/firefox%5Fpr.html

The new browser called Firefox has become amazingly popular in a very short time. This article discusses its history, philosophy, significance, and future.

Mitchell, Thomas A.

"Copyright, Congress, and Constitutionality: How the Digital Millennium Copyright Act Goes Too Far." Notre Dame Law Review 79:2115-2182 (October 2004)

This note attempts to provide a thorough examination of all of the factors that contribute to the unconstitutionality of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

Morris, Andrew P. "Private Conservation Literature: A Survey." Natural Resources Journal 44:621-651 (Spring 2004)

Prof. Morris reviews books on conservation by private land owners, including textbooks, case studies, land type analyses, methodological analyses, and memoirs.

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Morrow, Amelia E. "Voting for Progress: Copyright and the Role of the Judiciary in *Eldred v. Ashcroft.*" Jurimetrics 44:465-486 (Summer 2004)

In *Eldred v. Ashcroft* the Supreme Court held that the twenty-year copyright extension passed by Congress in 1998 is constitutional. This note argues the Court's evaluation was flawed, and that it ended up leaving Congress with practically no judicial oversight on copyright legislation.

Olson, Adam B. "Why *Kelly v. Arriba Soft Corp*. Does and Doesn't Matter." Jurimetrics 44: 487-498 (Summer 2004)

In this case, the 9th Circuit Court ruled that the use of "thumbnail" versions of copyrighted images for Internet indexing purposes is fair use. In its opinion, the Court also withdrew its previous holding that a company's incorporation of copyrighted images in their entirety into its website by reference to the images' Internet locations was not fair use, and remanded to district court.

Pacifici, Sabrina I. "Corporate Blogging." [PowerPoint presentation.] LLRX (November 28, 2004) http://www.llrx.com/features/corporateblogging.ppt

Pearson, Martha Dragich. "Citation of Unpublished Opinions as Precedent." Hastings Law Journal 55:1235-1308 (May 2004)

This article examines the no-citation rules in light of the purpose and operation of the doctrine of precedent, and concludes that limited publication and no-citation rules are fundamentally incompatible with a system based on the rule of precedent.

Post, Leonard. "Subpoenaed Library Record Sparks Concern." National Law Journal 27(7):4 (October 18, 2004)

The FBI's attempts to trace who checked out books is frightening to librarians.

Piccardo, Larissa. "Filtering the First Amendment: The Constitutionality of Internet Filters in Public Libraries under the Children's Internet Protection Act." <u>Houston Law Review</u> 41:1437-1467 (Winter 2004)

In *United States* v. *American Library Ass'n* the Supreme Court upheld the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act, which requires public libraries, as a condition for receipt of certain federal subsidies, to install Internet filtering software on computer terminals. This case note argues that the Court erred in holding that CIPA does not violate the First Amendment and that it was incorrect in not applying the public forum doctrine to Internet access in public libraries.

"Preserving Legal Information for the Twenty-first Century: Toward a National Agenda." Law Library Journal 96:579-668 (Fall 2004)

Georgetown University Law Center hosted a conference in March 2003 on preservation of legal information. This special feature presents the official report of the discussion as well as a selection of articles derived from papers delivered at the conference.

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Ray, Laura Krugman. "Lives of the Justices: Supreme Court Autobiographies." Connecticut Law Review 37:233-320 (Fall 2004)

Supreme Court justices' autobiographies have changed in nature over the past two centuries. This article describes and cites to the autobiographical writings of nine nineteenth century justices and seven twentieth century justices.

Rivedal, Karen. "Blogs Become Hot Thing on Campus." <u>Wisconsin State Journal</u> (Dec. 9, 2004) http://www.madison.com/wsj/home/local/index.php?ntid=20596&ntpid=2

Sefarbi, Mia and Zaporski, Kira. "Citing Unpublished Opinions in Wisconsin State and Federal Tribunals." Wisconsin Lawyer 77(11):15-17, 52-56 (November 2004) http://www.wisbar.org/wislawmag/2004/11/Sefarbi.html

Law librarians Sefarbi and Zaporski focus on whether a particular court's rules or standards permit citing a particular unpublished opinion, even if only for persuasive effect, and on whether a cited opinion has any precedential value. An accompanying chart provides guidance on the mechanics of citation format for unpublished opinions.

Skalbeck, Roger V. "Macromedia's Contribute 3.0 -- Sophisticated Web Editing Made Simple." LLRX (November 28, 2004) http://www.llrx.com/features/contribute.htm

Sprigman, Christopher. "Reform(aliz)ing Copyright." <u>Stanford Law Review</u> 57:485-568 (November 2004)

This article argues that a few relatively modest and realistically implementable changes to the copyright laws could help address some of the legitimate concerns of copyright critics while preserving the basic structure of the law.

Terry, Amy. "*Tasini* Aftermath: The Consequences of the Freelancers' Victory." Journal of Art and Entertainment Law 14:231-256 (Spring 2004)

This case note examines the status of pre-*Tasini* works, how current freelance contracts are structured, and steps that freelance authors can take to forge better relationships with their publishers.

Walterscheid, Edward C. "Musings on the Copyright Power: A Critique of *Eldred v. Ashcroft.*" Albany Law Journal of Science & Technology 14:309-357 (2004)

In *Eldred v*. Ashcroft the Supreme Court ruled that Congress has the power to determine the intellectual property regimes that will serve the ends of the Constitution's Copyright Clause. This article asks whether, post-*Eldred*, there are any practical constitutional limitations on the copyright power of Congress.

Whisner, Mary. "Alphabetical Order and Other 'Simple' Systems." <u>Law Library Journal</u> 96:757-763 (Fall 2004)

Alphabetical order is simple, right? It ain't necessarily so.

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Events Calendar

| 2005 | | |
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| March 1 | Submission deadline: AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Competition http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp | |
| April 1 | Application deadline: AALL Annual Meeting Grants: http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grants.asp LLAW Annual Meeting Grants: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llaw/grants/index.htm | |
| April 10 – 16 | National Library Week http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/nlw/nationallibraryweek.htm | |
| April 13 | LLAW and SLA-Wisconsin Chapter Joint Meeting ComedySportz, 420 South 1 st Street, Milwaukee | |
| May 3 – 4 | ALA Library Legislative Day, Washington, D.C. http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/nlld/nationallibrary.htm | |
| June 5 – 8 | SLA Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2005/index.cfm | |
| June 23 – 29 | ALA Annual Conference, Chicago http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2005a/home.htm | |
| July 16 – 20 | AALL Annual Meeting and Conference, San Antonio http://www.aallnet.org/events/ | |

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Woo, Jisuk. "Redefining the 'Transformative Use' of Copyrighted Works: Toward a Fair Use Standard in the Digital Environment." Hastings Communications and Entertainment Law Journal 27:51-77 (Fall 2004)

This paper suggests that the question of whether a use is so creative that it enhances the social value in a way that is not likely to be possible if it is not allowed as a fair use deserves to be at least one of the considerations in a fair use inquiry.

Zillman, Marcus P. "Deep Web Research 2005."

<u>LLRX</u> (January 17, 2005) http://www.llrx.com/features/deepweb2005.htm

^{*} Photocopies of articles from periodicals cited herein may be obtained through the regular photocopy services of the UW Law Library (Outlaw: 608-262-3394) or the Wisconsin State Law Library (608-266-1600).



4th Quarterly Business Meeting – 2004-05 Wednesday March 2, 2005 Hi-Way Harry's, Johnson Creek

> 5:30 pm Social 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Meeting & Program

Public Libraries --- The State of Public Libraries and Legal/Business Reference in Public Libraries

We are honored to have two speakers for this program. Barb Dimick, Director of Madison Public Libraries, will share some of the current issues facing the public library system. And, Mary Jo Hansen, a reference librarian with the Grafton Public Library, will discuss handling legal and business reference questions in the public environment.

Dinner is a choice of Primavera Ziti, Chicken Rouladen, or Walleye Almandine. Entrees include rolls, salad, vegetable/potato and dessert. Cost: \$18.00

REGISTRATION: Please complete the registration form and mail to Bev Butula at Davis & Kuelthau, s.c., 111 E. Kilbourn #1400, Milwaukee, WI 53202 no later than <u>Thursday, February 24th</u>. Please make your check payable to: Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin. Please call Bev at 414-225-1721 or email <u>bbutula@dkattorneys.com</u> if you have any questions.

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Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin

Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws January 10, 2005

The following seven by-laws revision proposals, which have been approved by the Board of Directors, are hereby presented for review to members of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin. For convenience, both the old and new language is incorporated here. Text to be striken is indicated by a line through it. Newly created language is indicated by shaded text.

Note that current LLAW By-laws are available on the LLAW Web site at: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llaw/aboutllaw/bylaws/index.htm

There will be an opportunity for discussion of these proposals at the Third Quarterly Membership Meeting scheduled to be held in March. Within fifteen days of that meeting, a ballot will be mailed to all active LLAW members. Each provision will be counted separately and must receive a two-thirds majority of all votes cast by active members in order to pass.

PROPOSALS

Proposal 1

Article II, Section 7 of the By-Laws of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin shall be amended to read:

Section 7. Quorum; Action. Forty percent (40%) of the Fifteen active members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the members present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act or decision of the members, unless the law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these By-Laws require a greater proportion.

Reason for proposed amendment: It has become difficult to obtain a quorum at our membership meetings. Compared to other chapters and to AALL itself, the number of members that LLAW requires for a quorum is quite high. In addition, the AALL Bylaws Committee has suggested changing the quorum requirement from a percentage to set number.

Proposal 2

Article II, Section 8 of the By-Laws of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin shall be amended to read:

Section 8. Robert's Rules of Order The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure. Robert's Rules of Order The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure in the latest edition shall govern all deliberations by the membership when not in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation, these By-Laws, or special rules of the corporation. If the rules contained in the Standard Code do not adequately address the issue, then Robert's Rules of Order will be consulted.

Reason for proposed amendment: Many organizations, including AALL, have made the switch from Robert's Rules of Order to The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (Sturgis). Sturgis is generally considered to be simpler and easier to use.

Proposal 3

Article IV, Section 3(A) of the By-Laws of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin shall be amended to read:

(A) Election; Term of Office. The officers of the corporation shall be chosen annually by the active members by mail ballot, and each officer shall hold office for one calendar year or until such officer's successor shall have been duly elected and qualified or until such officer's death, resignation, or removal. Officers may be re-elected to serve more than one term in office.

Reason for proposed amendment: LLAW would like to investigate the possibility of conducting electronic balloting for election of officers. However, the word "mail" from this section must first be striken from this section of the by-laws.

Proposal 4

Article IV, Section 3(A), Section 3(C), and Section 3(D) of the By-Laws of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin shall be amended to read:

- (A) Election; Term of Office. The officers of the corporation shall be chosen annually by the active members by mail ballot, and each officer shall hold office for one calendar year or until such officer's successor shall have been duly elected and qualified or until such officer's death, resignation, or removal. Officers may be re-elected to serve more than one term in office.
- (C) Nominations. No later than February March 1 of each year the Nominating Committee shall present to the membership a slate consisting of at least one candidate for vice-president/president elect, treasurer, and secretary. The Nominating Committee shall request and retain written acceptance from each candidate placed on the slate. In the event it is known in time that the current vice-president/president elect cannot assume the presidency, someone shall also be nominated for president. Further nominations, except for the office of president, shall be made upon written petition of ten (10) voting members in good standing. Such petitions, accompanied by written acceptance of the nominees, must be filed with the secretary of the corporation not later than February March 15.
- (D) Ballots. The Nominating Committee shall mail provide ballots to all paid active members by March 1 April 1. Ballots must be received by the Nominating Committee by March 31 April 30.

Reason for proposed amendment: Moving the deadlines forward one month will give the Nominating Committee more time to identify officer candidates. This change, which was approved by AALL, should not adversely affect the nominations process or the installment of new officers. Also, the striking the word "mail" would allow for electronic balloting (see proposal 3).

Proposal 5

Article V, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin shall be amended to read:

Section 1. Establishment. The Board of Directors or the president may authorize standing and/or special committees to consider appropriate matters, make reports to the president and/or the Board of Directors, and fulfill such other advisory functions as may be designated. The authorization of such standing and/or special committees unless set forth in these By-Laws, and the members thereof, shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Directors. Standing committees shall be established for those purposes requiring the continuous attention of the corporation. Special committees shall be established for a stated period to accomplish a specific purpose. At the end of the stated period, the continuation of every special committee shall be decided by the Board of Directors. The standing committees of the corporation shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Archives
- (2) Membership
- (3) Newsletter
- (4) Nominating
- (5) Placement
- (6) Program
- (7) Public Access to Legal Information
- (8) Public Relations
- (9) Government Relations
- (10) Grants
- (11) Web

Reason for proposed amendment: Although the Web Committee has been a standing LLAW committee for the past few years, it has never been officially added to the chapter's by-laws.

Proposal 6

Article V, Section 4 of the By-Laws of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin shall be amended to read:

Section 4. Term of Office. Chairs of standing committees shall be appointed at the close of the annual business meeting for terms of one (1) year beginning June 1.

Reason for proposed amendment: Although the tradition of appointing new officers at the end of the fourth quarterly business meeting will continue, the Board feels that it is not necessary to designate in the by-laws where and when officers must be appointed. This change should accommodate circumstances in which a meeting might not be officially held (such as inclement weather, failure to achieve a quorum, etc.). Additionally, the fourth quarterly meeting isn't generally referred to as the "annual" meeting.

Proposal 7

Article VIII, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin shall be amended to read:

Section 1. Active members may, by a three-fourths (3/4) vote majority of all votes cast, amend or repeal any or all of the Articles of Incorporation. Active members may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote majority of all votes cast, amend or repeal any or all of these By-Laws. Notice of any proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws shall be filed with the secretary at least forty-five (45) days before the meeting at which the amendments are to be considered. The secretary shall place the proposed amendment on the agenda for discussion. Ballots shall be mailed provided to all active members in good standing within fifteen (15) days of the meeting at which the amendment was discussed.

Reason for proposed amendment: During the last by-laws amendment vote in 2000, this section caused confusion until a reading of Robert's Rules of Order confirmed that a two-thirds majority of votes cast by active members (not two-thirds of all active members) was sufficient to amend the by-laws. Clarifying the language for this section would reduce confusion on this point in the future. Also, the changing the wording from "mail" to "provide" would allow for electronic balloting (see proposal 3).