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FROM THE EDITORS

EMILY BARNEY, CLANITRA STEWART NEJDL, & MATTHEW TIMKO

Dear CALL members:

As we cling to the last days of Summer and prepare ourselves for the Fall, we are reminded that the remainder of 2018 will bring much activity. Soon enough the holiday season will be upon us, and with that the requisite Winter weather. In the spirit of savoring the rest of the Summer, we bring you the Summer 2018 issue of the CALL Bulletin, the final issue for the 2017-2018 CALL year.

This issue contains several conference reviews from CALL grantees. For example, Jesse Bowman shares his experiences at CALICon18. Eugene Giudice provides a report on his time at the 2018 Special Libraries Association conference. Finally, Lyonette Louis-Jacque discusses the “Law Books: History & Connoisseurship” course she took through Yale Law School. In addition to the grantee reports, this issue contains the year-end committee reports from each of the CALL committees.

We hope that you find this issue informative and that you enjoy the rest of your Summer!

Clanitra, Emily, and Matt



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

JOE MITZENMACHER

Dear CALL Colleagues,

Summer is transitioning to fall, and the business of CALL's 2018-19 year is ramping up. However, before we look ahead, let's take a quick look back and acknowledge some of the work that's been taking place during the summer months.

First, thanks to all of our members who presented over the summer at CALLcon18 in D.C. or at the AALL Annual Meeting in Baltimore. It's great to see so many of you making yourselves visible, sharing what you know, and representing CALL in a positive way. If you've been thinking about giving a presentation at a conference but you don't know how to make that happen, read on – CALL has a way to help you get started with that.

Also, thanks to the members of CALL's Strategic Planning Committee for their work gathering input from our members (and thanks to everyone who took the time to fill out their survey). With that information collected, the Committee will begin to create our new strategic plan that will carry us into the future.

Now for the “looking ahead” part. Many CALL committees have already commenced their work for 2018-19. The Continuing Education Committee is already setting up their programming schedule. In addition to planning our business meetings, the Meetings Committee is now going to be hosting our after-work meet-ups. These meet-ups are a great way to network with fellow CALL members in a relaxed setting while you’re off the clock. Look for the announcements of locations, dates, and times for our meet-ups on CALL’s listserv and Web site. The Mentorship and Leadership Development Committee will continue its mission of connecting newer and more experienced members for mentorship opportunities while officially adding a new component to its charge: helping CALL members with writing and submitting program proposals for conferences and with seeking out professional writing opportunities. And of course, the staff and editors of the *CALL Bulletin* have already been at work (but you knew that, because you’re reading this).

I can’t stress enough how grateful I am to all of you who are volunteering for CALL this year, whether it’s by serving on the Executive Board, chairing a committee, or becoming a committee member. There are only so many hours in a day, and we appreciate that you are willing to give some of your valuable time to help make CALL a source of professional development and support for all of its members. And if you still have a hankering to do some volunteering, let me know. It’s not too late to join in.

Here’s to a great 2018-19!

Best,

Joe Mitzenmacher

CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MAY 2018

ANNIE MENTKOWSKI

MAY Minutes

Board Members Present: Clare Willis, Todd Ito, Joe Mitzenmacher, Scott Vanderlin, Tom Gaylord, Lindsey Carpino, and Annie Mentkowski

Board Members Absent: None

Guests: Incoming Director Jesse Bowman, Incoming Vice President Jessie LeMar, and Incoming Treasurer Julie Swanson

Treasurer's Report Section (IV):

1. Harris Bank Balance as of April 30, 2018: \$21,170.71
2. Net Income as of April 30, 2018: -\$ 2367.82
3. Membership numbers as of May 7, 2018: 303

CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 2018

ANNIE MENTKOWSKI

JUNE Minutes

Board Members Present: Clare Willis, Todd Ito, Joe Mitzenmacher, Scott Vanderlin, Jesse Bowman, Jessie LeMar, and Julie Swanson.

Board Members Absent: Annie Mentkowski

Guests: none

Treasurer's Report Section (IV):

1. Harris Bank Balance as of May 31, 2018: \$20,387.36
2. Net Income as of April 30, 2018: \$1,584.47
3. Membership numbers as of May 7, 2018: 308

Significant action: The Board passed a resolution to amend the *CALL Bylaws*. This amendment removes the Associate member category and removes the requirement that a retired member was an active member of the Association for at least 10 consecutive years.



CONFERENCE REVIEW: CALICON 2018

JESSE BOWMAN

From June 7-8, 2018, thanks to the generosity of the CALL Grants and Chapter Awards Committee, I attended **CALIcon 18** at American University Washington College of Law, in Washington, D.C.



In addition to attending several excellent sessions presented by librarians, IT professionals, and law professors, I also presented a session of my own, entitled “**How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bot.**” In this column, I will highlight a few observations and experiences from my time at the conference.

I arrived in Washington, D.C. on the evening of Wednesday, June 6 and checked into the conference hotel: the Omni Shoreham. While exploring the hotel, I learned that it had played host to several inaugural presidential galas and that numerous musical legends, including the Beatles and Frank Sinatra, had spent time at the hotel.

After getting settled, I made my way to a local coffeehouse, Tryst, located a short walk away in the Adams Morgan neighborhood. Over dinner and an iced latte, I put the finishing touches on the slides for my session, then made my way back to the hotel in search of a good night’s sleep.

Opening CALIcon18

The conference kicked off Thursday morning with introductory remarks by John Mayer, CALI's Executive Director, delivered while dressed up in a Tyrannosaurus Rex costume. As anyone who has attended CALI in the past knows, it is a conference tradition that Mayer dresses up for his introductory remarks, and this year did not disappoint.

After welcoming attendees and thanking the conference sponsors, Mayer turned the stage over to Camille Nelson, the Dean of the law school, who also welcomed attendees and offered her thoughts on technology and legal education.

At this point, Mayer introduced Katherine Alteneder, the Executive Director at the Self-Represented Litigation Network, who delivered a **keynote address** focusing on technology's role in delivering access to justice. Ms. Alteneder's talk was thoughtful and engaging and was well-received by the audience. Once Ms. Alteneder concluded, it was time to begin the educational programming.

Favorite Session

Although I enjoyed each session I attended on Thursday, my favorite was "**Sparking Innovation in the Classroom: How to Introduce Faculty to Instructional Technology**," presented by Clare Willis, Past President of CALL, along with Alyson Carrel, the Assistant Dean of Law & Technology Initiatives at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.

In this session, Clare and Alyson relayed their experience of organizing TEaCH Law, a day-long educational technology conference for Northwestern's law school faculty. They also encouraged attendees to identify educational technology initiatives they have already attempted, or would like to attempt, at their own institutions, and they provided guidance on seeing projects through to completion.

In addition to the content of the session being well-received, Clare and Alyson also fielded several enthusiastic questions relating to their presentation tool, Nearpod, which allowed for extensive interactivity with audience members.

Presenting at CALIcon18

The next morning, I nervously awoke knowing that my session was only a few hours away. However, once I began presenting, I was immediately put at ease by a kind and receptive audience. During my session, I relayed my experience of attempting to build a chatbot for the Pritzker Legal Research Center.

I spent the first part of my talk describing the history of chatbots, as well as what led me to attempt to create my own.

Then, I asked audience members to spend some time testing out my chatbot, after which I spent the remainder of my session showing how the software I used to build the chatbot operates on the back-end. Audience members seemed engaged and intrigued by the idea and provided extremely useful feedback, which I plan to incorporate as I continue to work on the chatbot this summer.

60 Tips in 60 Minutes

Feeling both relieved and exhausted after my presentation, I attended a fantastic session in the afternoon called “[60 Tips in 60 Minutes for Law School Techies – The CALI Edition](#),” presented by CALL members Emily Barney and Debbie Ginsberg.

As is always the case, Emily and Debbie brought energy and creativity to their talk and I walked away from their session eager to incorporate several new tools into my instruction and marketing efforts. Following the session, I returned to my hotel, grabbed my bag, and headed to the airport for my flight home.

CALIcon18 Value

As I mentioned in the introduction, I would not have been able to attend CALIcon 18 were it not for the generosity of the CALL Grants and Chapter Awards Committee. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity, as attending this conference enabled me to make new contacts within the academic community, further develop my presentation skills, and gain valuable feedback for a project I plan to continue working on this summer.

I wholly encourage CALL members interested in the intersection between legal education and technology to attend a future CALIcon.



SPECIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE REPORT

EUGENE GIUDICE

This year's Special Library Association conference was held from 11 – 13 June 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland. The theme of this year's conference was "B'More" and there were ample opportunities for an information professional to gain the tools to truly **Be More**, from the educational sessions to the products on display in the exhibition hall.

I was most struck by the great egalitarian spirit that permeated the educational sessions. Time and again, I saw information professionals huddled together discussing what they had seen and heard, and making plans to see and hear even more. It was a great opportunity for me to meet other professionals of widely varied experiences: where else could you meet professionals from The Hershey Company *and* a design firm in upstate New York. The hardest part of the conference was selecting which sessions to attend. Through the use of the conference app, I was able to plan my days but the decisions on which sessions to attend were often difficult to make. The decisions were never between a good or bad session but rather choosing between better and best.

Each day of the conference had a keynote speaker and I was able to attend two out of the three keynotes; every speaker gave me additional food for thought. In addition, I attended many sessions, and below are my impressions of the three most influential.

In a round table discussion on *Reference Requests: Time Management and Expectation Setting* (moderated by Holly Lakatos and Heather Gamberg), the session attendees were seated at round tables and given a number of scenarios that are common when dealing with reference request, such as the client who wants “everything” on a particular subject or the difficult client who speaks ill of the research team. We discussed each scenario and came up with approaches to effectively deal with the situations. While each of the scenarios was different, the approaches to dealing with them were often markedly similar.

One of the key takeaways of this session was that in all situations, a robust reference interview is needed to help set boundaries and negotiate what is possible and what is not possible given the various constraints on the project. It was suggested that each request for research services can be looked upon as a mini-project. Each project has three fundamental components: time, resources, and scope. For a project to deliver true value each of these components must remain interdependent. For example, if on a particular project, the resources are in short supply, then the scope and the time for the project must be adjusted accordingly if the project is to deliver value. In addition to the reference interview, it was stressed that information professionals need to exercise self-care during the day, which means we should not be working through a lunch hour or foregoing some sort of exercise be it vigorous or something more meditative such as yoga. Training and the onboarding process of new staff was also highlighted. We, as information professionals must not be seen as the gatekeepers of materials but must strive to work in a collaborative fashion with our various constituencies so that we can provide true value to those constituencies.

It was a great pleasure to hear Dr. Carla Hayden at her keynote address. One of the stories that she told which impressed me was about a photograph of Harriet Tubman that the Library of Congress had acquired. She was showing it to somebody and this person asked how did Dr. Hayden know this was a genuine picture of Harriet Tubman. This question is all the more vital now in this era of misinformation. Dr. Hayden was able to give the assembled information professionals some hope because she said that we, as information professionals are trusted both in what we say and our ability to discriminate the true from the false. Dr. Hayden discussed a number of issues facing the profession today, namely that we need to attract younger people to the profession. This is in keeping with my personal beliefs that we are the trustees of this profession and owe it to future information professionals to pass on to them a strong profession.

Dr. Hayden also discussed the need for greater diversity in the profession, but she had a unique spin on the subject of diversity, in that, she was advocating for bringing people into the profession who may not have come into it via the traditional MLIS degree route. She was advocating inviting into the profession those individuals who have special skills that would make them good information professionals. She also challenged the assembled professionals to try and seek out ways to connect different types of libraries and to place service at the top of the professional agenda because in the final analysis, all information professionals work in the public sphere. It's just that the definition of "public" differs from one professional to another given the circumstances of their work. The fact that we all have a public of some sort to respond to is all the more reason why we should continue to find linkages between information professionals of different disciplines. During the question and answer portion of the Dr. Hayden's talk, she announced that all non-confidential Congressional Research Services reports will soon be available on Congress.gov.

Regulation and Legislation: The Impact of Government on Intelligence, led by Katie Cuyler, Craig Fleisher, and Jim Miller, was an extremely interesting presentation because I had never considered information provided by the government to be used in the competitive intelligence context. Government information can be used as an input to an organization's **STEEP Analysis**. For example, legislative and regulatory information can be used to help guide the government's purchasing plans. Another example is demographic data maintained by the government can help a company better understand where markets might be emerging or declining.

One of the challenges in trying to use government data is that it is not intended to be easily found, and so the ability to find and navigate government provided databases is an excellent skill to develop. In addition to being able to navigate government data sets, it is good for an organization to understand who has worked on similar projects, where the government is a significant stakeholder. Consequently, request for proposals (RFP's) that the government may issue are a great resource may only be available through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Being able to craft an effective FOIA request is also a useful skill as a FOIA request may help unearth policy approaches which could be impactful on a project. To that end, when putting together a FOIA request, one should always start with the "why" of the request.

This conference helped me by making me think in broader terms of who I am as an information professional and the fact that I am not bound in my career to what I have done in the past. It was clearly demonstrated to me that my career options are bound only by limits of my own imagination. I plan to make attending SLA conferences in the future a priority for my professional development.



YALE CONFERENCE ON RARE BOOKS REPORT

LYONETTE LOUIS-JACQUES

Thanks to a grant from CALL, I was able to attend the “[Law Books: History & Connoisseurship](#)” course at Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut from June 10 – 15, 2018. Mike Widener, Rare Book Librarian and Lecturer in Legal Research at Yale Law Library, and Ryan Greenwood, Curator of Rare Books and Special Collections at the University of Minnesota Law Library, co-taught the course. They were assisted by Douglas Lind, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law at Southern Illinois University School of Law and AALL award-winning author of the two-volume work *Lincoln’s Suspension of Habeas Corpus*.

Course materials included a [bibliography](#) of essential readings such as the *ABC for Book Collectors* and materials on book collecting, Anglo-American law, and Roman, canon, and civil law (including links to full texts when available), as well as links to online exhibits.

I was one of twelve participants. This year’s class included a law rare books cataloger, a legal historian, a law student, a University rare book librarian, several academic law librarians, and foreign, comparative, and international law (FCIL) librarians. Most of us were there to fill in gaps and build on our skills related to rare law books.

Morris L. Cohen and David Warrington taught the first iteration of the Yale Law rare book course, [Collecting the History of Anglo-American Law](#), from 1989-2006. Mike Widener taught the current iteration of the course, Law Books: History & Connoisseurship, alone in 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, and 2016. Douglas Lind was a Rare Book School (RBS) “follower” (i.e., he assisted Mike with the course) in 2016 when my colleague, Bill Schwesig attended through a CALL grant. [[Bill’s Grantee Report](#)]. This year, 2018, was the first time Mike brought on a co-instructor, Ryan Greenwood (the co-faculty approach worked very well, I think). Scholarships and grants are available to attend the law rare book school, but be sure to apply early if you are interested in taking the course.

The emphasis of the course per Mike is on “building interesting collections of law books – not just spending money, but taking a fresh look at your collection – building focused collections – more special than rare”. Mike Widener’s [Rare Books Blog](#) and [Flickr](#) collections of images are excellent examples of how to promote the special collections you build using social media.

During the week-long, intensive course, we learned about the following: the history of law publishing and printers, the history of law through books, the book as a physical object and an artifact, how to read rare book dealers’ catalogs, basic rare book terminology (vellum is animal skin...), rare law book finding aids and bibliographies, things to look for in selecting rare law books, and how to create a collection plan.

Because of my area of FCIL specialty, I was particularly interested in the lectures on Roman-Canon Law Books & Manuscripts, European and Latin American Law, and International Law. And because I have bibliographer/book selection responsibilities, I found the section on the antiquarian market, competitive pricing, what to look for when buying a rare book, and how to create and promote unique institutional collections very useful.

We had several homework assignments. They included creating a rare book dealer catalog description for a book and pricing it, as well as creating a collection plan in an area of interest or for collection area participants wished to promote to users. It was fun hearing about the collections the other participants were planning on creating.

I came away from the course with some great ideas for how to build unique collections and display or promote them. Exhibiting books in order of size. Exhibiting books by color. Acquiring association copies. Looking for books owned by a locally-famous person. Collecting books of geographic interest, on institutional law specialties, of unique value. Taking a fresh look at your collection by asking questions like – What is the tiniest book in my collection? What is the biggest book? What is the weirdest book or object in your collection? What is the oldest book? What is the first book your library ever acquired? What books have colorful illustrations or bindings? I cannot wait to start implementing some of these ideas at our institution.

CALL ARCHIVES COMMITTEE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

CLANITRA STEWART NEJDL & PATRICIA SAYRE-MCCOY

The 2017-2018 CALL Archives Committee was comprised of Committee co-chairs Patricia Sayre-McCoy and Clanitra Stewart Nejd, as well as Committee members Brittany Adams and Matt Timko. This year, the Committee focused its efforts on determining the best path forward for the digitization of the CALL Archives. As part of this process, the Committee provided an updated inventory of the contents of the CALL Archives to the CALL Executive Board. Additionally, the Committee considered whether there are sufficient “in-house” resources to support the digitization of the Archives or whether the assistance of a third-party company would be needed. The Committee also continued work on a plan for the possible digitization of just the photos within the CALL archives.

At the 2017 MAALL, LLAW, MichALL, MALL, and CALL Joint Annual Meeting in October 2017, the CALL Archives was represented in a panel discussion entitled “Preserving Our Histories, Telling Our Stories: What’s in Your Chapter Archives?”. During this panel discussion, Committee Co-Chair Clanitra Stewart Nejd shared information about the history, content, and policies of the CALL Archives. Throughout the year, materials were added to the CALL Archives as they were received from CALL members.

CALL BULLETIN COMMITTEE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

EMILY BARNEY, PHILIP JOHNSON, & MATTHEW TIMKO

The 2017-18 *Bulletin* Committee started as co-editors Emily Barney, Juanita Harrell, and Philip Johnson and Committee members Tami Carson, Anne Danberg, Debbie Ginsberg, Jill Meyer, Clanitra Stewart Nejd, and Matthew Timko. Our board liaison was Lindsey Carpino. Juanita transitioned to work in a non-law library in March, at which point Matthew Timko became a co-editor.

The Committee has published three issues this year, with the fourth issue set for publication within a week or so of the writing of this report. Our **Summer issue** contained most of the CALL Committee annual reports and a number of reports from various meetings and conferences. The **Fall issue** highlighted pieces on leadership and a fund read on chapter archives “on the road.” The **Winter issue** featured a piece by Debbie Ginsberg and recapped Lindsey Carpino, Annie Mentkowski, and Clanitra Stewart Nejd’s presentation at the MAALL, LLAW, MICHALL, MALL and CALL Joint Annual Meeting.

After the publication of the spring issue, Philip will step aside as co-editor and will be replaced by Clanitra Stewart Nejd.

CALL BYLAWS COMMITTEE 2017- 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

MARGARET SCHILT

There were no other committee members this year, as it was anticipated that the Committee would have very little work. The anticipation was accurate; no amendments to the bylaws were pursued this year. The President requested a report in November on the process for amending the bylaws. I submitted that report on 11/8/2017, recommending that, in view of the process for approving a proposed amendment and scheduling an election, it was very late in the 2017-2018 year to propose and pass an amendment, and that a better time frame could be achieved in the 2018-2019 year. The Committee had no further business.

CALL COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

JAMIE SOMMER & JULIE SWANSON

Co-Chairs: Jamie Sommer & Julie Swanson

Members: Carrie Port, Pat Sayre-McCoy, Patricia Scott, Sarah Andeen

Board Liaison: Scott Vanderlin

A summary of community service activities follows:

September 2017: Race Judicata

Race participants (plus CALL contribution): \$486.00

Monetary Donations: \$75.00 online donations

November 2017: Center for Economic Development

Member Donna Tuke, a manager of the Center for Economic Progress, spoke about the organization and need for volunteers. She also arranged for David Marzahl, CEO, to speak at the February meeting about CEP's mission to help income-eligible families and individuals improve their financial stability through their tax services.

February 2018: Greater Chicago Food Depository

In Kind Donations: 4 bags of groceries

Monetary Donations: \$576.58

May 2018: Liberation Library

In Kind Donations: 1 bag of books

Monetary Donations: \$218.00

The Community Service Committee convened in September, 2017 to discuss plans for the year.

In total, the 2017-2018 CALL Community Service Committee efforts collected \$1355.58 in monetary donations from our generous members.

In September 2017, CALL entered a team in the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Race Judicata. The race was on September 14 in the lovely Grant Park area of Chicago. In total, CALL subsidized 14 runners (including members and significant others). Participants paid CALL a portion of the fee to enter the race (\$20.00), and CALL was invoiced and contributed the remaining amount (\$14.00) of the entry fee (which was \$34.00 for early registration).

In February 2018, 9 CALL members volunteered at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. The group joined many other volunteers from around the city repackaging pears and rice for distribution to the organization's network of food banks. In that one day, 32,420 lbs. of food was packaged to be distributed throughout Cook County.

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions and continued generosity.

CALL CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

DIANA KOPPANG & JULIE M. PABARJA

Chairs

Julie Pabarja
Diana Koppang

Committee Members

Sally Baker
Tom Keefe
Jill Meyer
Sharon Nelson
Debbie Rusin
Sam Wertime
Lisa Winkler

Programs

Dictating the Must-Haves and Proposing a Program for AALL 2018 (August 8, 2017)

Presenters: Jennifer Wondracek, Julie Pabarja, Diana Koppang

Format: Webinar

Attendees: 8

Executing at the Level of WOW! (September 28, 2017)

Presenters: Face2Face Communications (Gail Johnson & Pam Parr)

Format: Brown Bag Lunch

Attendees: 15

Brewing Up Something New: Adding Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence Tools into Your Legal Research Curriculum (October 31, 2017)

Presenter: Jesse Bowman

Format: Webinar

Attendees: 20

Getting Ahead of It: Four Ways to Stay Informed - Not Overwhelmed - in the Age of Information (November 10, 2017)

Presenters: Sarah Andeen, Megan Mall, Jesse Bowman, Lisa Winkler

Format: Brown Bag Lunch/Roundtable

Attendees: 17

Identifying and Prioritizing High-Value Work (March 9, 2018)

Presenter: June Liebert

Format: Brown Bag Lunch/Presentation

Attendees: 21

In Search of the Missing Comma: A Quick Overview of how to Perform Legislative History Research in Illinois and What One Can't Expect to Find (April 26, 2018)

Presenter: Tom Keefe

Format: Webinar

Attendees: 42

CALL CORPORATE MEMORY COMMITTEE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

BETTY ROESKE

The 2017-2018 Corporate Memory Committee was Betty Roeske (chair), Judy Gaskell, Heidi Kuehl, Annie Mentkowski, Christine Morong and Susan Siebers.

The Committee spend the summer reviewing the 2016-2017 minutes via emails. A compiled spreadsheet was sent to Annie Mentkowski in the Fall.

The Committee met 3 times via telephone conference calls to review the 2017-2018 minutes.

The committee members appreciate Anne Mentkowski's prompt distribution of the minutes after the CALL Board Meetings.

Special thanks to Christine Morong for setting up the conference calls.

I would like to thank the Committee members for volunteering for the Committee.

CALL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

CAROLYN HERSCH

Members: Sally Holterhoff, Jeff Meyerowitz, Keely Ward

CALL Board Liaison: Todd Ito

The Government Relations Committee held a survey this year to get a better sense of CALL member's representation and pertinent policy interests to CALL members. The policies were taken from AALL's public policy initiatives,

The survey lasted three weeks and yielded 35 responses.

Top public policy interests include:

- Net Neutrality
- Access to Justice
- Government Transparency
- Access to Government Information

These initiatives will help inform the GRC's outreach goals to representatives for next year.

CALL GRANTS AND CHAPTER AWARDS COMMITTEE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

TODD ITO

The 2017-2018 Grants and Chapter Awards Committee was charged with selecting grant recipients based on established criteria for CALL members to attend professional meetings and selecting recipients of the chapter awards.

The Committee started the year by updating the CALL Grants Application Form and uploading new versions to the CALL website.

The Committee members identified educational opportunities from various associations that might be of interest to our members and periodically sent announcements on the CALL listserv promoting these programs and reminding the members that grant monies were available to help provide financial support to attend these programs.

The Committee met via phone or email a few times during the year to consider grant applications that were submitted and award grant monies based on the criteria listed on the CALL website.

CALL awarded grants to the following CALL members for the following programs:

- grant to attend AALL CI Foundations to Sally Baker
- grant to attend CALI conference to Jesse Bowman
- grant to attend Yale Rare Book School to Lyonette Louis-Jacques
- grant to attend SLA conference to Eugene Giudice
- grant to attend AALL to Debbie Ginsberg
- grant to attend AALL to Mandy Lee

In March 2018, the Committee started seeking nominations for the chapter awards. The Committee reviewed all of the nominations and selected the following winners based on the criteria listed on the CALL website:

- Award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Law Librarianship to Scott Burgh
- Award for Outstanding In-House Publication to Chapman and Cutler LLP Research Services team for departmental newsletter

The Committee was comprised of Chair Todd Ito and Members Therese Clarke Arado, Shari Berkowitz, Sean Rebstock, Beth Schubert, Patricia Scott, and Matthew Timko.

CALL MEETINGS COMMITTEE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

TAMI CARSON & TODD HILLMER:

The 2017-2018 Meetings Committee members were Todd Hillmer (co-chair), Tami Carson (co-chair), Brittany Adams, Sheri Lewis, Carrie Port, and Keely Ward. Joe Mitzenmacher was the Board liaison.

The Committee planned four meetings for the 2017-2018 year. Dates, locations, number of registrants for each meeting are shown in the table below.

Date	Location	Registrants
September 14, 2017	Nacional 27 325 West Huron St. Chicago, IL 60654	81
November 16, 2017	The Berghoff 17 West Adams Chicago, IL 60603	84
February 15, 2018	Italian Village Vivere 71 West Monroe Chicago, IL 60603	84
May 10, 2018	Wildfire 159 West Erie St. Chicago, IL 60654	74
	TOTAL	323

Improvements Recommended by the Committee

1. Name badge creation continues to be a time-consuming task. The Committee recommends considering permanent name tags which would make the check-in process more efficient and is a more ecologically sustainable solution.
2. Pricing and budgetary concerns are areas for concern. The Committee recommends considering raising the meeting fee to \$30.00 and possibly implementing a schedule of periodic increases to reflect changing economic realities. Surveying membership to gauge thoughts on such an increase may be in order first.
3. Inline registration C payment or prepayment via check to the Cii post office box has increased this year and should continue to be encouraged. This speeds up the check-in process and helps with concerns of handling large amounts of cash and checks on the day of the meeting.
4. That said, handling of large amounts of cash and checks remains a concern. The Committee recommends investigation by CALL board of commercial bonding for all committee members.
5. Members seem interested in returning to Maggiano's for a meeting. Members also seemed to enjoy the atmosphere of our November meeting at Berghoff, we may want to return again this November. The 2018-2019 Meetings Committee will explore these possibilities.

CALL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

STEPHANIE CRAWFORD & LUCY ROBBINS

During the 2017-2018 year, the Membership Committee published updates to the CALL Membership Directory in July 2017, September 2017, and January 2018. Over this year, the Membership Committee also assisted with updating the CALL Listserv email list and we worked with AALL representatives to create a list of potential CALL members.

CALL MENTORSHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

DEBBIE RUSIN & GRETCHEN VAN DAM

Co-Chairs:

Gretchen Van Dam
Deborah Rusin

Committee members:

Sarah Andeen
Ben Brighoff
Heidi Kuehl
Sally Holterhoff
Julie Melvin

For the CALL 2017-2018 year, the Committee had its kick-off meeting on September 12, 2017. On November 14, 2017, co-chairs Gretchen Van Dam and Deborah Rusin met with the CALL Board to discuss the initiatives of the Committee for the 2017-2018 CALL year.

For the 2017-2018 CALL year, the Committee tackled several initiatives in order to support the CALL membership and strengthen the relationships between more seasoned members of the Association and newer members of the Association. Many of the “newer” members were looking for guidance in their careers and a fellow librarian to speak to about all things law librarian. The Committee received multiple requests for mentorship matching and were able to meet those requests.

For each of the CALL Business Meetings, members of the Mentorship and Leadership Development Committee were given the names of those members who were new to the Association or at their first CALL Business Meeting by the Membership Committee in order that those members may be greeted by a member of the Mentorship Committee. Members of the Committee were encouraged to sit with those new members as a way of introducing them to other members of the Association and offering support.

Next, the Committee solicited members of the legal community and CALL to write an article(s) for the CALL Bulletin and in the FALL 2018 issue an article was published entitled “The Four S’s of Leadership.”

To round out the year, on June 6, 2018, the Committee held a luncheon event with a panel of speakers to speak on the value of conference attendance. The event was entitled “Deriving Value: Making the Most of Professional Conference Attendance” and was held prior to both the SLA as well as AALL conferences.

CALL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

JULIE M. PABARJA

Chair: Julie Pabarja

Members: Joann Hounshell, Diane Koppang, Juanita Harrell, and Debbie Ginsberg

The Committee started seeking nominations for candidates to run for Director, Treasurer, and Vice President/President Elect in August 2017 via the CALL listserv and recommendations from the Board and Committee members. The Committee identified members who would be suitable for these Executive Board positions and asked them to be put on the slate.

The slate was announced on the CALL listserv (see below). These members have risen to the top as leaders and ready to take on a more prominent role within CALL. The Committee thanked the candidates for running for these board positions.

Vice-President/President-Elect

Jesse LeMar – Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Shari Berkowitz – Jones Day

Treasurer

Julie Swanson – Locke Lord LLP

Sarah Andeen – Chapman & Cutler

Director

Clanitra Stewart Nejdil – Northern Illinois University College of Law, David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library

Jesse Bowman – Northwestern University School of Law, Pritzker Legal Research Center

The online election was held 2/16/18-3/15/18. The committee worked with AALL headquarters to set up the online election. There were 261 eligible voting members.

The results of the election are as follows:

Vice-President/President-Elect: Jessie LeMar

Treasurer: Julie Swanson

Director: Jesse Bowman

Julie Pabarja, Chair of the Committee, has recommended to the Board to review the bylaws on Membership types especially those who can vote and hold elected positions. She also thanks this Committee's members for their time and efforts serving on this committee.

CALL PLACEMENT AND RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

SUSAN BERG & MEGAN BUTMAN

- The Placement & Recruitment Committee continued the policy of receiving and posting jobs advertisements as they came through the CALL Web site.
- Job postings were added to the Jobs & Careers link and then also sent to the CALL listserv.
- The Committee posted over 18 new positions this year.
- In addition, an undertaking was done to clean up old postings that needed to be archived.
- We discussed a policy of retaining jobs posted on the site and to follow up with the job posting requester to find out if the position had been filled so the posting could be removed and archived.
- In addition, we stopped posting to library schools, directly, due to Human Resources issues and also the fact that this can now be done with ease by the school themselves.
- A goal for the upcoming year is to better monitor postings to ensure they do not stay posted longer than necessary and to ensure all postings are archived immediately once they are taken down.

CALL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

JESSE BOWMAN & DONNA M. TUKE

During the 2017-2018 business year, Donna Tuke and Jesse Bowman served as co-chairs of Public Relations Committee. In these roles, Donna and Jesse primarily promoted CALL events via the CALL website, Facebook, and Twitter. Moreover, using the CALL Twitter account, Donna actively re-Tweeted stories of interest to legal information professionals.

Recommendations

1. **Twitter:** Clarify what it means [per committee charge] to “inform the legal and library communities about CALL” and align it with the Twitter profile: “Supporting professional development and encouraging leadership, collaboration, and advocacy in the Chicagoland legal information community.” We got some pushback for some tweets and cautioned to only tweet what we would include in the listserv. I agree that the listserv is a private communication channel just for members. I recommend that Twitter be used to establish our brand and our expertise. Examples of tweets would include announcements about legal research developments, mentions of members’ article publications [if the member wants to do this], general legal industry news [think “Above The Law”], and AALL and other chapter news.
2. **Facebook:** Clarify what **Facebook** is best used for. I recommend that it is a channel for members’ information and CALL announcements that come between website updates. Including business meetings and information about the sponsors, articles in the recent CALL Bulletin, and more.
3. **Website:** Set a schedule of website updates. Committee members to send updates to PR chair if the Committee chair is not able or willing to do so. I suggest four dates: September 15 [for Board and Committee updates; Board meetings and business meeting updates]
 - December 15
 - March 15
 - June 15
4. Strongly encourage all Board members and Committee members to use social media and retweet/like the Committee’s posts.