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FROM THE EDITORS

EMILY BARNEY, EMILY BYRNE, MATTHEW TIMKO

Welcome to the Fall 2021 CALL Bulletin. As we enter what is often the busiest time of the year, we hope you have time to sit down this season and read the wonderful articles we have rounded up.

First, as always, the **President's message** from current president, Jamie Sommer. Then follow the Community Service Committee and their **Community Beach Cleanup** organized to fight plastic pollution. Learn all about **CALL Grant recipient** Brittany Adams' experience at Rare Books School (congratulate her, too.) Finally, to round it all out, we have our **Board Meeting Minutes**. Enjoy!



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

JAMIE SOMMER

Greetings CALL Colleagues,

As I sit down to write this, I see snowflakes in the forecast for the upcoming week, which means that the brief but glorious period of fall in Chicago is quickly transitioning into the colder, darker days of winter. Fortunately, it also means that the holidays are approaching and for many people such as me, this will bring celebratory gatherings with family and friends after a year of scaled back or cancelled festivities. Aside from the pure joy of sharing hugs and pumpkin pie, I appreciate the seasonal opportunity to pause and reflect on all that I am thankful for, including being part of this community.

I have often said that law librarianship is a perfect career for anyone who is endlessly curious or considers themselves a lifelong learner. One of my favorite aspects of my job is that I am constantly learning new things. Today I might be researching immigration law and tomorrow I'll be looking for company profiles and the day after that it will be historical news articles from the 1700s.

This year I am particularly grateful to **CALL's Continuing Education committee** for putting on such fantastic programming and continually expanding my horizons. In the past year they've held events on **cyber security, hate crimes, DEI in law librarianship, proposing conference programs** and most recently,

Sneaker Law! I have seen a sneak(er) peak of what they have in store for us in the coming months and the outstanding streak of events will continue into 2022.

I am also endlessly grateful to have such generous colleagues in the law libraries. As everyone on the listserv knows, we routinely help one another out in tracking down urgent resources. In particular, I am thankful to law librarians around the globe who were willing to share sources during the early days of the pandemic when many of us were locked out of our libraries and offices and didn't have access to our full collections. But it didn't take a global emergency to showcase the generosity of our members. We have routinely shared our time, our expertise and our services with one another.

This spirit of generosity is the foundation of our community, which is the last thing I would like to ex-press gratitude for this month. I am truly thankful for the fellowship and friendship of CALL members. Thank you to everyone who organizes the meetings and networking events, the media club and the trivia nights. And thank you to everyone who attends them too! These opportunities for gathering, even though we're still virtual, are essential not only to our professional development, but also our overall well-being.

Several years ago, I heard Michelle Norris, former NPR correspondent and current columnist with the Washington Post, **speak at a library conference**. She opened her talk by saying to the audience, "Let's learn new things together." That line has stayed with me over the years because I think it so perfectly en-capsulates what we do in libraries. In our community, we may take turns being the learner or being the one sharing our expertise, but regardless, we are doing it together.

Thank YOU for being a part of CALL and best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Jamie

CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 2021

SARAH ANDEEN

Board Members Present: Jamie Sommer, Scott Vanderlin, Tom Keefe, Sarah Andeen, Mandy Lee, and Carrie Port

Board Members Absent: Lindsey Carpino

Guests: None

Significant Actions:

I. Call meeting to order – President Jamie Sommer called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. Approve agenda – The agenda was approved.

III. Approve Secretary's minutes – The June meeting minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

a. Harris Balance as of August 1, 2021 – 20,851.87 in our CD and \$16492.59 in checking.

b. Membership numbers 163. Of these, 107 members are active, 52 are retired, and are 4 student. Tom will double check NEON numbers with membership committee. We are still a little low on membership numbers as in past years we usually have closer to 200 members.

c. Revenue is low in the balance just because membership checks from NEON were not being reflected accurately and there were checks in the post office box. Tom will figure out how to work with NEON to ensure that all incoming revenue posts properly. Revenue for fiscal year 2020-2021 was \$7,960.10. Expenses were \$6171.04

d. Shared proposed budget. CALL usually loses about \$1,000 on an in person meeting. This is not an issue this year as we are only planning two in person meetings. However, we may need to consider raising the price in the future. Especially if we move forward with paying speakers. The proposed 2021-2022 budget was approved.

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V. Old Business

a. Speaker Fees – Reached out to corporate memory to see if they remembered why could not pay speaker fees for business meetings it was just because they were usually local and did not want to raise costs for business meetings. So there is no reason we could not change the policy log to allow for it. We would need to make the change.

b. September social event: Had talked about having an in person social event, but with the Delta variant do not think it is a good idea to have an in person event. So we could have a virtual social hour. It was brought up that did we really need two virtual events? Charged Scott with coming up with a virtual event and do we want to try to get a sponsor. Scott thinks that we could ask a sponsor – and trivia events are popular and we could ask for them to sponsor the cost of running the program and prizes. Give them time to talk about their product. Scott thinks there is something special about the start of the year – so it could be nice, but agrees that people are tired of zoom meetings. People liked the trivia event. So maybe do a combined Happy Hour/Trivia night – get there 30 minutes early to chat. Maybe move it a little later to October. Moving forward with a trivia event. Scott is going to reach out to the events committee and some vendors and will plan for an October Happy Hour/Trivia event.

VI. New Business

a. September Business Meeting – September 23, 2021. Scott does not have a speaker for the virtual event, but he has someone in mind and is finalizing plans. He will send out an e-mail with details soon.

b. Leadership Training – No leadership training announcements sent out yet because Jamie is still working on content and format. Previous trainings have included NEON and WordPress training. Asked for ideas as to what might be a good idea for the training. Scott thinks the logistics of how to be a chair is a good idea. How committees are run that is valuable for new chairs. Carrie liked the fact of getting to know the rest of the people a little more, which is missing in the virtual environment. There are 15 chairs and only 2 are new. There will be a NEON meeting also this year for those who need it. Suggestions included just record tips; provide information via e-mail, or do them individually. Decided to have more of a meet and greet this year which would allow new chairs to ask questions of the returning chairs.

c. Updates to website – Two new members for the PR committee – Jesse Bowman and Kristina DeGuzman who will be updating the website. First role is to tidy up the site. Please look at the website and see if there are things that need to be fixed and send a list to Jamie of things you notice. Debbie Ginsburg is going to continue to help even though she is at Harvard.

d. Committee visits/call-ins – Going to ask 3 committee members per meeting to come to the virtual meeting. Decided that we should start with inviting Meetings, Continuing Education, and Membership. The following meeting will include Mentorship.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Archives – No updates
- b. Bulletin – Sarah – No updates
- c. Bylaws – Jamie – No updates
- d. Community Service – Carrie – Planning for in-person service events in September and May. Selected those months because they could be outside. Will see if members feel comfortable in person in September. Will still be choosing a specific organization for each meeting. Did not track donations last year due to logistical issues. Will continue not to track unless the board feels it is important to do so. (Information submitted via e-mail after the meeting)
- e. Continuing Education – Tom – They have a meeting scheduled for later this month for planning. Speaker planned for Sep 29th on diversity. Chicago FBI coming in October to talk about Hate Crimes. Talking about getting sponsors for speakers who charge fees.
- f. Corporate Memory – Sarah – Got an updated copy of the policy log from Jean
- g. Government Relations – Mandy – held kickoff meeting. Two members are on the AALL GRC. Will keep us updated on national issues.
- h. Grants & Chapter Awards – Lindsey – No updates
- i. Meetings – Scott – no additional updates. They have met.
- j. Membership – Lindsey – No updates
- k. Mentorship – Mandy – No updates
- l. Nominations & Elections – Jamie – No updates
- m. Placement/Recruitment – Carrie – Have met. Todd is co-chair. Going to work with membership.
- n. Public Relations – Scott – No additional updates.
- o. Strategic Planning – Carrie – No updates.

VIII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2021

SARAH ANDEEN

Board Members Present: Jamie Sommer, Scott Vanderlin, Tom Keefe, Lindsey Carpino, Sarah Andeen, Mandy Lee, and Carrie Port

Board Members Absent: None

Guests: Jill Meyer, Phillip Johnson, and Joe Mitzenmacher called in for parts of the meeting.

Significant Actions:

I. Call meeting to order – President Jamie Sommer called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. Approve agenda – The agenda was approved.

III. Approve Secretary's minutes – The August meeting minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

a. Harris Balance as of September 1, 2021 \$20,851.87 – in our CD and about in \$17,353.41 checking. \$1,370 revenue, \$34 in expenses.

b. Membership numbers: 202 active members:

175 full

23 retired

4 students

V. Old Business

a. October Trivia Event: The committee would like to hold a Halloween themed trivia contest hosted by Trivia Hub Live at a cost of \$449. Looking at October 26th as the possible date. This would cover between 29-75 people. The earlier trivia event had 34 people RSVP. CALL would host our own Zoom social event before the meeting. Scott is going to check on vendor support. Jamie suggested reaching out to Blythe McCoy from Thomson Reuters. Scott will do that. The board approved the \$449 expense.

VI. New Business

a. AALL Council of Chapter Presidents/SIS Quarterly Meeting Recap – Lindsey. Talked about how to increase membership and retention. One idea was a one-year check-in for new members. In a remote environment how do you connect with new members? Jamie is going to talk to the membership committee for a list of new members in the last year.

b. Canva subscription for PR Committee – Scott. The committee is excited to get going to promote CALL. The committee is requesting that the board approve the purchase of a Canva Pro account to help improve the quality of CALL communications. The cost would be \$12.99 per month or \$119.00 annually. Scott is not sure what the difference is between paid and full, but is just bringing up their request. Jamie uses the free version and likes it. Jamie is thinking maybe it allows for more collaboration. Scott will ask for justification as to why they need it.

c. September Committee Chair visits/call-ins

i. 9:20 am Meetings – Jill Meyer & Philip Johnson – both called in. Phillip said we have 53 people currently registered for the Fall meeting. Jill indicated that we will swap out the Happy Hour in October for the trivia event. No problems or concerns from the committee. Jamie indicated that now November is probably going to be virtual as well given the state of COVID. Jamie asked if there are plans to start up a book club/film club? Jill asked if they should be planning more of these kinds of events. Having guest facilitators is a good idea. Just let them run with what they want to do. Pick a book or movie and let them do it.

ii. 9:40 am Continuing Ed – Joe Mitzenmacher. Have an event coming up on the 29th and then the FBI in October 13th, and then in November they have a program with the authors of Sneaker Law. It was helpful to have leftover programming from last year and think this is a good idea to continue to do in the future. Some other ideas for the upcoming year include presenting at AALL and are asking for other ideas. Joe thinks Zoom has been helpful in getting people to attend. All they need from the board at the moment is ideas.

d. Remaining Committee Chair visits/call-ins schedule

- i. October: Membership, Mentorship, Community Service
- ii. November: Placement & Recruitment, Public relations, Nominations & Elections
- iii. December: Gov Relations, Grants & Chapter Awards, Strategic Planning
- iv. January: Archives, Bylaws, Corporate Memory

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Archives – No updates – COVID is still keeping them apart.
- b. Bulletin – Sarah – The bulletin is almost done. All articles are ready. They are just working on finishing up editing and putting together the issue. They are hoping to have it out shortly.
- c. Bylaws – Jamie – No updates
- d. Community Service – Carrie – Not tracking donations. Donations for the mee October 9th is the clean-up date for the day of service. On NEON now for sign up. They are ok with a lower turn-out. Will be announced at the meeting.
- e. Continuing Education – Tom – No additional updates
- f. Corporate Memory – Sarah – Theresa had nothing new to report.
- g. Government Relations – Mandy – Sarah Reese is checking to see if any other Chapters are doing anything interesting for ideas.
- h. Grants & Chapter Awards – Lindsey – No updates
- i. Meetings – Scott – no additional updates.
- j. Membership – Lindsey – Committee would like help getting news about members out. Could the board encourage the PR committee to get the news out. Board feels the PR committee is doing a good job and getting membership news out is not part of the membership committee charge.
- k. Mentorship – Mandy – Planning virtual new member breakfast; Update CALL website, maybe assign a new mentor automatically for new members, host a meeting on adaptable leadership, want to focus on wellness, maybe do a regular column in the bulletin.
- l. Nominations & Elections – Jamie – Call for nominations is currently open. Please reach out to the committee with your ideas for nominations.
- m. Placement/Recruitment – Carrie – No updates
- n. Public Relations – Scott – No additional updates
- o. Strategic Planning – Carrie – Going to have a meeting soon.

VIII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 2021

SARAH ANDEEN

Board Members Present: Jamie Sommer, Scott Vanderlin, Tom Keefe, Lindsey Carpino, Sarah Andeen, Mandy Lee, and Carrie Port

Board Members Absent: None- Tom Joined late at 9:10

Guests: Stacia Stein, Clare Willis, Lisa Winkler called in for part of the meeting

Significant Actions:

I. Call meeting to order – President Jamie Sommer called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. Approve agenda – The agenda was approved.

III. Approve Secretary's minutes – The September meeting minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

a. Harris Balance as of October 1, 2021 \$20,851.87 – in our CD and about in \$17,488.15, checking. CD has not changed.

b. Membership numbers: 213 active members.

V. Old Business

a. Canva subscription for PR Committee – Scott – He asked them the questions as to why they needed Canva Pro and they said they would get back to the Board eventually with the answers.

b. October Trivia Event: Prizes, Vendor sponsorship – Scott – Blythe McCoy from Thompson Reuters is interested in sponsoring and is sending gift cards and nice swag (blankets, etc). Next sign-up e-mail will mention this sponsorship. Had 8 or so sign up early.

VI. New Business

a. September Committee Chair visits/call-ins

i. 9:20 am Mentorship – Stacia Stein – Stacia said all was going well and everyone is motivated. She asked some questions like how can she update the website. Emily Barney will give her editing credentials. Hoping to do new programs and a breakfast. What is the approval process? Reach out to Mandy for any expense requests and to run by ideas for any programs for conflicts. Ideas include adaptive leadership and working on figuring out the mentoring signup process. Talking about developing something called CALL Connect. Trying to get more mentees rather than mentors. Also thinking about a regular column for the Bulletin.

ii. 9:30 am Membership – Claire Willis – Going to be updating the listserv – deleting people who are not members. There are 73 entries on the delete list. Some duplicate e-mail addresses. Not been done systematically regularly. Looking to make this a regular annual task. Provided a membership numbers re-port. It is hard to make sure that people are getting the Neon e-mails because of spam filters, but trying multiple kinds of e-mails from different places. Trying authority control for the directory. Want to be able to sort by institution. Going to add a pdf version of the directory too if possible, although there are issues like it going out of date too quickly. If it is possible to get the directory to do a search by institution then probably not needed. If not then maybe it would be necessary and could be updated annually. People would prefer the electronic version. Julie is reaching out to people who posted jobs to see if they were filled. Some jobs not getting filled. Using the new hires are a possible recruit. Considering doing a membership engagement survey – checking with people who left to see why they left and if they would come back. Neon has problems, but always works out in the end.

iii. 9:45 Community Service – Lisa Winkler – Had a good event cleaning up the beach on October 9th. 8 people turned out. Nice weather. Is going to write up something for the Bulletin. Thinking about doing a food bank service day on December 4th in the afternoon (1-3:45) Going to have an online platform so you can donate virtually. Going to work with meetings to coordinate with the speaker for the meetings and their interest. Also going to check with the board in the future as to conflicts. Looking to alternate inside and outside events if possible. Just depends on pandemic situation and what people seem to be up to doing.

b. Remaining Committee Chair visits/call-ins schedule

i. November: Placement & Recruitment, Public relations, Nominations & Elections

ii. December: Gov Relations, Grants & Chapter Awards, Strategic Planning

iii. January: Archives, Bylaws, Corporate Memory

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Archives – Tom – No updates
- b. Bulletin – Sarah – No updates. Reached out and heard nothing back.
- c. Bylaws – Jamie – No updates
- d. Community Service – Carrie – Information provided by Lisa Winkler in her update.
- e. Continuing Education – Tom -the committee have a program tomorrow and the AMPC one is next week and then the following month they have one on sneaker law. Do not need anything from the Board.
- f. Corporate Memory – Sarah – No updates
- g. Government Relations – Mandy -. No updates
- h. Grants & Chapter Awards – Lindsey – No updates
- i. Meetings – Scott – Phillip is sending out trivia announcements, sent out survey after the last meeting because of the different format. Survey was not helpful in that area. 14 people filled it out and were positive, but no written helpful feedback. No speaker yet for November meeting.
- j. Membership – Lindsey – Information provided by Claire in her call in update
- k. Mentorship – Mandy – Information provided by Stacia Stein in her update
- l. Nominations & Elections – Jamie – No updates
- m. Placement/Recruitment – Carrie – Planning first committee meeting
- n. Public Relations – Scott – No additional updates
- o. Strategic Planning – Carrie -.No updates. Planning first meeting

VIII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.



GRANTEE REPORT: LAW BOOKS: HISTORY & CONNOISSEURSHIP RARE BOOKS SCHOOL

BRITTANY NICHOLE ADAMS

This summer, thanks to a **CALL grant**, I was able to take Law Books: History & Connoisseurship, a course held through the **Rare Book School** at the University of Virginia.

The course, which was held remotely, took place from August 1-6 and was team taught by **Mike Widener**, recently retired from the Lillian Goldman Law Library at Yale Law School, and **Ryan Greenwood**, of the University of Minnesota Law Library.

The curriculum covered the canon of historical law books, as well as the history of the trade in Europe, America, and Latin America. The course was framed with a view to collection development: assignments required me to think strategically about how I would like to curate a collection, and a rare bookseller was invited as a guest speaker to offer insight into the current market.

Personal Interest

I had long had my eye on this class; in fact, I think it had been in the back of my mind since I started in my position as Special Collections, Digitization, and Archival Services Librarian at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law five years ago.

However, it is only offered every other year, and other professional development opportunities had previously prevented me from taking it. Therefore, I was thrilled when it finally came together this past summer.

In particular, I was excited to learn about the canon of historical law books. My background is in special collections and early modern history; working in a law school library, I have been trying to learn about legal history and its touchstone books, but nothing has been as helpful as this course.

Course Content

Mike and Ryan went over genres, titles, and authors that have shaped the law over time. This knowledge has already proved valuable as I work with our collection, and as I know it will continue to be so as I pursue future initiatives.

Law Books: History & Connoisseurship provided an excellent introduction into the history of legal print, but aside from its content, the expertise of the instructors also provided inspiration for highlighting and promoting rare legal collections.

Since I was able to take this course, I feel more confident managing my collection as well as in finding new and creative ways to engage others with these gems.



COMMITTEE ROUNDUP: COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTROSE BEACH CLEANUP

LISA M. WINKLER

October 9th was a beautiful sunny day in Chicago. On that day eight CALL volunteers assembled at Montrose Beach with our garbage bags and rubber gloves and got down to business collecting trash. And there was plenty of garbage to be found, unfortunately. As we walked along the waterfront, everything from food wrappers and pieces of broken toys to Bulls baseball hats and cell phone accessories mingled with the sand and surf. Small bits of plastic are a disproportionately large pollution hazard that can travel well beyond the lakefront shore when wildlife fatally ingest them. Our group sent at least eight garbage bags of trash off to the land fill, a great start to getting some of the mess contained for proper disposal.

Besides the camaraderie and good feelings that come with doing any volunteer work, why was this particular trash initiative a pressing concern? **Plastic pollution** is a growing problem in our Great Lakes, Chicago's source of fresh drinking water. We organized this opportunity as a work group for the **Alliance for the Great Lakes**, a nonpartisan nonprofit organization working across the region to protect our most precious resource: the fresh, clean, and natural waters of the Great Lakes. Whether you joined us on Oct. 9th or not, consider taking the Alliance for the Great Lakes' **Plastic-Free Great Lakes Pledge** and start actively changing your own daily habits to reduce plastic consumption.

This was the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic began that CALL members came together in person to help our community through volunteering. Thank you to all the volunteers with a special note of gratitude going to Mike McMillan, Community Service Committee member, for planning, coordinating, participating, and supporting our clean up crew. We look forward to seeing more CALL members at future volunteer days, pandemic and weather allowing!