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# Chicago Association of Law Libraries

## 2022-2023 Executive Board

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Joe Mitzenmacher  
Todd Hillmer

Corporate Memory  
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Grants and Chapter Awards  
Lindsey Carpino

Meetings  
Jill Meyer  
Philip Johnson

Placement and Recruitment  
Julie Pabarja

Mentorship and  
Leadership Development  
Stacia Stein

Nominations and Elections  
Jessie LeMar

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Sarah Reis

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Sarah Walangitan

Strategic Planning  
Jean Wenger



## LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

EMILY BARNEY, STACIA STEIN, MATTHEW TIMKO

Another CALL Year has closed, and we say goodbye to one president while welcoming another. Scott Vanderlin gives his last message as President, and we welcome Mandy Lee as the new CALL President at the May Business Meeting at Osterio Via Stato (where Judge Jesse Reyes spoke).

Additionally, Scott Burgh gives an update on his longtime advocacy of Coroner Research Fee Reduction Bill and its progress through the General Assembly. Finally, we congratulate the CALL Award Winners and new Board Members, while thanking the Community Service Committee on another great project!

Now get outside and enjoy the summer while you work on your Committee Reports for the Summer Issue (never to late to plug!)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SCOTT VANDERLIN

I know what you're thinking, CALL Members:

*Twelve. More. Months.*

**TWELVE. MORE! MONTHS!**

But term limits exist for a reason, so with that in mind, and with tears on my keyboard, I type to you one last time as CALL President.

I am so proud of our accomplishments as an organization in the past year. While I am unable to recount all of the moments that defined my year as President, the standout event for me was our 75th Anniversary event at the Columbia Yacht Club last June. Not only was it a beautiful day filled with

great food and conversation—it was also our first opportunity to gather together in person since before the COVID pandemic. I can not think of a better setting to toast to one another and to the organization that brought us all together.

The results of our 2023 CALL Executive Board election were recently announced, with three new members being elected:

**Vice President/President-Elect:** Philip Johnson

**Secretary:** Clare Willis

**Director:** Lucy Robbins

I look forward to serving with all of you! Heartfelt thanks go out to our entire slate of candidates for your willingness to serve on the CALL Executive Board.

Of course the rigid CALL Handbook dictates that the Executive Board is a zero-sum body, and so for every arrival there must be a departure. And so, I want to give special thanks to outgoing Executive Board members Sarah Andeen (Secretary), Carrie Port (Director), and Jamie Sommer (Past President). It has been a pleasure to serve with each of you, and although you will be losing access to the CALL expense accounts and private jet, you will remain valued members of the CALL community.

Finally, I want to once again congratulate three CALL members for winning AALL Awards this year:

Recipient of the **MARIAN GOULD GALLAGHER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**:

**Keith Ann Stiverson, Retired**

Director of the Law Library and Senior Lecturer  
IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law

Recipient of the **HALL OF FAME AWARD**:

**Jean M. Wenger**

Director of the Law Library/Senior Lecturer  
Chicago-Kent College of Law

Recipient of the **EMERGING LEADER AWARD**:

**Mandy Lee**

Head of Research & Instruction

Chicago-Kent College of Law

Look, I'd be lying if I said I hadn't contemplated refusing to step down at the end of my Presidential term. In fact, as recently as last week that was the plan. It appears, however, that Mandy has emerged at just the right moment for CALL, and I will be proud to pass my President's gavel to her at our May Business Meeting. You're in good hands, CALL members!

It has been the honor of the professional development portion of my last year to serve each of you as CALL President. This organization and its members mean the world to me, and I'll say now what I've said countless times over the years—I've gotten more than I could ever give back to CALL.





# CORONER RESEARCH FEE REDUCTION BILL PASSES ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SCOTT BURGH

On May 8<sup>th</sup> this year, SB 686, the coroner fee reduction bill, passed both the Illinois House of Representatives and Senate and was sent to the Governor on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Three days later on June 9<sup>th</sup>, Governor JB Pritzker sign the bill into law as PA 103-73, effective January 1 2024.

The newly signed legislation has two main provisions—1) provides that the fees for a copy of a transcript of testimony of a coroner's inquest over 20 years old declaring the request is for research or genealogy purposes is a flat rate of \$15.00; and 2) provides that, a coroner may waive, at his or her discretion, any coroner fees for those who are indigent or under other special circumstances.

The current version of this legislation is the fruition of the last 6 years. In 2017, I sought to obtain a corner record for a death caused by an industrial accident in 1917. I learned that the rate was \$5 per

page based on Illinois statute. After some back and forth, I was provided with the statutory authority of an Illinois public act number, which I then found codified at 55 ILCS 5/4-7001 *et. seq.* as the authority behind the current law of \$5 per page.

I researched the background and the legislative history and learned that this fee was added in 1979 at \$2.00 per page with one no vote. The sponsor indicated that the coroners asked for this change and that they should pass it. Subsequent legislation increased the fee to \$5 per page with no debate. I had also researched other county fees in Illinois and saw that most fees on par with various county offices back into the 1800s. That pattern changed in 1979. Also, in talking with other researchers, I heard various stories of exorbitant fees being charged for such records at \$1200, \$785, \$680, to name a few.

I wrote up a summary of the issue and its analysis and sent it to about four or five Illinois senators and representatives. One representative responded and her staff had the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) draft language. The problem then was to find a sponsor because every member of the General Assembly had their own priority bills. Eventually, we found a sponsor, added the drafted language as an amendment to a shell bill, and scheduled a hearing. As it was time for witness slips to be added, a great number of Illinois coroners filed in opposition to the bill. I asked the sponsor to hold the bill.

I reached out to the Illinois coroners' association to learn of their position and the reason for the opposition and learned that LRB went too far in capping all fees at \$10. This loss of income affected their operation budgets, which is not the goal of access to research documents. In the summer of 2019, I met with the association's legislative committee and we exchanged stories and positions. They then wrote the core language which passed this year, which is modelled after the Illinois Vital Records Act.

In 2020, the new bill was introduced which also had a provision for the coroners to increase cremation permit fees. That bill passed out of committee on February 2020 by a vote of 13-1. The one no vote was because of the cremation permit increase. The bill was ready to move to the floor, but then COVID hit. As we all know, institutions shut down, including the General Assembly and thus, COVID killed the bill

This year, we have our current bill SB 686, which is two amendments onto a shell bill. The effective date of the bill is January 1, 2024 and it is not retroactive. We added these provisions to allay any unfounded fears. The bill also exempts counties of 3,000,000 because we will approach Cook County on a separate fee schedule, similar to that of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Scott G. Burgh is a retired law library director in Chicago, longtime member of CALL, and lifetime member of AALL.





## FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING – JUDGE EDMOND CHANG

SARAH ANDEEN

President Scott Vanderlin gaveled in the first meeting of 2023, which had 63 registrants and 27 participants attending for the The Future of History in Legal Research. One new member joined CALL - Amy Tomaszewski and Scott welcomed her.

Vice President Mandy Lee introduced Judge Chang who provided an overview of two Supreme Court cases and how they show how the role of history impacts the decisions rendered in those cases.

### Speaker Introduction

**The Honorable Edmond E. Chang** has served on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois since January 2011. At that time, he was the youngest then-serving federal judge in the nation. He is the first Asian-Pacific American Article III federal judge in Illinois.

Before joining the judiciary, Judge Chang was an Assistant United States Attorney in Chicago. After prosecuting a wide variety of federal offenses, he was promoted to Deputy Chief of the General Crimes Section and, later, to the Chief of Appeals of the criminal division. From 1997 to 1999, Judge Chang practiced employment law at Sidley Austin.

Since 1996, Judge Chang has taught Civil Rights Litigation as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Northwestern University School of Law. Judge Chang is the author of the Civil Rights chapter in the American Bar Association Section of Litigation's treatise on Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts.

## Applying Historical Precedent

As attorneys and researchers it is important to know how to research and apply history and historical precedent. Also important to know how to describe the events and relate them back to the case at hand.

### Tennessee v. Garner (1985)

First case Judge Chang discussed was *Tennessee vs. Garner* (1985) 471 U.S. 1 – a 4th amendment case covering Memphis case that started in 1974 with a police chase which ended with the police shooting a 15 year old male who was running after committing a robbery. The police was acting in accordance with both Tennessee law and the police policy. A section 1983 claim against the police for use of deadly force. Lower court dismissed the claim. 6th Circuit reversed and said it was deadly force. The US Supreme court looked at the historical context for the use of deadly force. Looked at English law from 1736 and that indicated that deadly force was considered lawful if the suspect fled. This information was obtained from Hale's reporters. Hale was well respected, but he was also someone who oversaw Witch Trials in England.

However law does not exist in a vacuum. Have things changed since then? Why did they standards exist? So they kept looking at other sources. One reason that deadly force was always approved for fleeing felons is that all felonies back then were capital offenses. So if caught they would have been put to death in any case. So then the court looked and analyzed do these reasons still hold? Answer is

no. Most felonies at that time were not capital offenses. Also when the standard was put in place most interactions with police would have ended in hand to hand combat. So the police officer's life was in immediate danger. In the modern day most police officers have firearms and that is why the new standard applies that deadly force cannot be used unless there is immediate danger. So the Supreme Court upheld the 6th Circuit.

In a modern day New York State Rifle & Pistol Association vs Bruen (2022) 142 S.Ct 2111 in which two private individuals wanted concealed carry licenses. However, under NY state law there needed to be a specific need to show proper cause to obtain the licenses. A local official was the one to make the determination as to if there was cause. It was a may issue not a shall issue state. NY was one of 6 states that have subjective criteria. 2nd Circuit looked at this standard and did a two step analysis. First – is this conduct protected by the Second Amendment. If the conduct is protected then is the regulation a severe burden on the right. If it is a severe burden then it needs to survive strict scrutiny. The Supreme Court in Bruen held that if the Second Amendment protects the conduct then what is the historical tradition of firearms regulation in the US then they ruled it is unconstitutional.

Bruen did a long historical analysis including looking at the Heller decision and how the US right to bear firearms was inherited from the English traditions – and although the court in Bruen said yes, we said that, but we need to be careful about taking English law as set gospel. For example NY found an example of English law where they restricted the right to carry arms and the court said well there were historical reasons for the regulations and also it was more related to armor. There were many examples in a range of historical document and examples that the litigants and courts cited. Think about how you would find these sources and how they were used. (see slide image below for sources). Then think about where you could confirm this information and how could you find the primary sources. The court finally decided there was no good history of historical bans. After that there was no further analysis as to if NY had any good reasons or anything. What is considered the relevant history? The time of the 2nd amendment or the time of the 14th amendment as this is a state question as well. The court also adopted reasoning by analogy and if there is something in the modern day that did not exist at that time is there a good analogy for today. Also pointed out that historical bans were very limited to sensitive places such as legislative houses. There were also comments that in some sensitive locations that firearms possessions might be encouraged – such as in high risk schools.

Miller vs Smith 2023 WL 334788 the 7th circuit vacated an Illinois statute that said that regulations about bringing firearms into daycare and other locations needed to be re-examined through a historical lens.

Historical analysis is not just limited to the second amendment. It can be used to look at other rights. So as librarians we need to get to be more skilled in researching historical precedents.

## Questions–

- Law students find citations to very old items, but it is likely that those authors never saw those source documents either. Where are people getting these cites? From law reviews or where? Judge Chang says by the time it gets to the Supreme Court you should only be citing to documents that you have seen. Either by finding the primary source itself or citing to the secondary source. Push back on the authors of the secondary source as to where they saw the primary materials. At the District Court level there are now experts being appointed who have the job of finding those materials. As more materials are digitized there will be greater access.
- Is there a threshold for if someone is fleeing – what is the standard for if they are a danger to community? For example a fleeing burglar is less likely to be a risk. Are they armed? If they are driving are they acting recklessly? Garner might not be the be all end all standard. It is just probable cause. It is an ongoing debate and is there qualified immunity. There will be no damages if a reasonable officer believed they have probable cause. To ensure that government officials are not thinking with their pocket books. Government officials should be acting in behalf of the best interest of the public.

## Committee Announcements:

- Meetings – Trellis is sponsoring a Happy Hour on March 23rd at Beatrix. Details will be circulated next week. May 18th in person business meeting. Details to follow.
- Mentorship – – There is a breakfast event for new members (either new to the profession or CALL). 8 am at Revival Food Hall on Tuesday, Feb 26th.
- Continuing Education – Two programs in the works. One aiming for mid-April with Kristen Peters. A civil rights attorney out of NY and she is working on another panelist. Another program in the works is on State Docket research.
- Nominations and Elections – The slate of candidates is available at <https://vote.aallnet.org/chp-call/index.asp> and please vote by March 14th.  
AALL Scholarship awards jury wanted to remind people there is an April 1st Deadline if you want to apply. Information is available on the AALL website.
- Community Service Projects: Open Books & Cradles to Crayons :In connection with the February business meeting, the Community Service Committee encourages CALL members to make a monetary donation to support Open Books. Their mission is to transform lives through reading, writ-

ing, and the unlimited power of books. Its model began in 2006 with a simple idea – to collect used books and sell them to support its literacy programs in Chicago. Since then, Open Books has expanded its programs to serve tens of thousands of Chicago youth, all in service to its vision that all of the city's children have what they need to become lifelong readers. Open Books welcomes donations of any size! You can make a donation online at: <https://www.open-books.org/> then click "Donate" in the top right corner.

Additionally, there will be a day of volunteer service opportunity coming up in March at Cradles to Crayons. On March 11 at 1:30 PM, CALL members (and their children age 5 and older) will have the opportunity to help pack up items for Cradles to Crayons. They provide children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. They supply these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities. New and nearly new children's items are collected through grassroots community drives and corporate donations. Donations are then processed and packaged by volunteers in their warehouse, The Giving Factory®, and are then distributed to local children. Register online at [www.cradlestocrayons.org/chicago/pre-register](http://www.cradlestocrayons.org/chicago/pre-register) with this registration code a0R3b00000aPEnA on the right of the page.



## MAY BUSINESS MEETING – JUDGE JESSE G. REYES

SARAH ANDEEN

The May meeting kicked off at 11:30 am with early attendees networking. 68 people registered for the event, including new members Kamilah Wentworth and Katie Leonard. The event was sponsored by S&P Global. Representatives Tim Gilroy & Cortland Martin were present. Lexis provided the door prizes. Tim Koppang from Lexis attended.

Scott Vanderlin opened the Meeting at 12:03 and gave a brief welcome statement and introduced the new members Kamilah Wentworth, Katie Leonard, and Christian Naick. He thanked S&P and Lexis for their continued support of CALL and introduced Mandy Lee.

**Speaker:** Incoming president Mandy Lee introduced **Judge Jesse G. Reyes, Appellate Justice – Illinois Appellate Court, First District, Third Division.** Jesse Gregory Reyes received his B.A. degree

from the University of Illinois at Chicago and his J.D. degree from the John Marshall Law School. He has been a member of the judiciary since December, 1997, serving both as an associate and elected judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Judge Reyes was elected to the Appellate Court in November, 2012.

Judge Reyes spoke and talked about his early background and his entry level work at Lord Bissell and how impressed he was with the setting. On his interview tour of the firm for a position in the mail-room he met the librarian and she asked him to file some CCH binders. He did a good job and was offered a job in the library instead. He worked there all through college and law school and this gave him a solid grounding in the law.

A major issue for trial court judges are all the appellate districts and how those are conflicting at the moment. There is some overlap as to which appellate district the County trial courts choose to follow and the Illinois Supreme Court does not take a lot of cases. This means the appellate court judges often have the last word and they need to make sure their rulings are as clear as possible to make sure if there are conflicts between the district it can be a problem.

How do they develop their rulings? First they determine which kind of case it is, is it a Rule 23 case or a different kind of ruling or case. Do they need to have oral arguments or can they do it only on briefs? The First Circuit tends to give people more than 15 minutes for their oral arguments. Once the oral arguments have been heard they have a judicial conference to discuss the case and then they write bench memos based on the briefing. Judge Reyes loves oral arguments as this gives him time to interact with the attorneys and have some fun with the questioning. As they come to their determination Judge Reyes prefers to get his colleagues to come to an agreement so that the authority is clear when people are looking at the opinions for precedential value. Judges have law clerks and a staff attorney that help write the opinions. COVID has had a major impact on their staffing load. However, the court does need to be back and operational. As of September, 2022 the court has been doing oral arguments in person. This has not been without challenges including elevator issues.

### **Question:**

One question that was asked is which would you prefer – Merit Selection or Election Retention? He would not give an opinion on which is better, but talking about the various methods of getting to be a judge, such as appointment or merit selection (such as getting vetted and asked to run and put your name on the ballot). Judge Reyes was on a committee set up by Governor Thompson looking at Merit Selection for judges and that report was filed in the drawer and never seen from again. The issue with



Merit Selection is who is doing the selecting and are they really non-partisan. The current system is the closest you can probably get to merit selection.

## Chapter Awards:

Jamie Sommers presented the Chapter awards

- **Award for Outstanding In-House Publication** – Emily Byrne, Chapman and Cutler LLP Emily won for her work this year on the Library Week publications. She has also won in 2018 and 2019.
- **Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship** – Shari Berkowitz Duff & Jessie LeMar
  - **Shari Berkowitz** – Shari has dedicated her career to supporting library communities such as RIPS and the Private Law Librarians. She also has supported the AMPC committee and helping people develop programs for annual meetings.
  - **Jessie LeMar** – Jessie has served on the CALL board and many CALL committees. She is always willing to lend a hand as needed and updated the CALL directory.
- **Lifetime Achievement in Law Librarianship Award** – Claire Toomey Durkin & Bill Schwesig
  - **Claire Toomey** – Throughout her career she was known for being a wonderful manager and always available to her staff and the law students. Claire has been a strong member of the John Marshall, UIC, and CALL community for years.
  - **Bill Schwesig** – He started in 1986 at the U of C library and he has built up the U of C's law school collections. His career expanded to becoming one of the Deans at the U of C's law library and has supported the law school and community for over 36 years.

## Board & Committee Announcements

- **Jessie LeMar** – Membership: Please renew your membership. Make sure you do it before the end of June or you will need to join again as a new member. If you need an organization invoice please reach out as you cannot do this online.
- **Lisa Winkler** – Community Service: CALL volunteered for Cradles to Crayons. Also volunteered for the Chicago Rivers and helped clean up the river. For our final business meeting, the Community Service Committee would like to encourage donations for **Books to Women in Prison**. They accept any size monetary donations, but you can also purchase books from their wish list. Let community Service know if there is some organization you would like to support.
- **Diana Koppang** – Mentorship & Leadership Development – Wed, June 7<sup>th</sup> there will be an event on how to survive the conference and get the most out of them.

## Door prize drawings

The Lexis door prizes were drawn by Claire Willis and were won by Katy Lenard and Scott Byrd.

## Board transition

Scott Vanderlin announced the board transition and handed over the gavel to incoming president Mandy Lee.

- **Transitioning off the Board**
  - Sarah Andeen (Secretary)
  - Carrie Port (Director)
  - Jamie Sommer (Past-President)
- **New Board Members**
  - Clare Willis (Secretary)
  - Lucy Robbins (Director)
  - Philip Johnson (Vice President/President-Elect)

Presidential Gavel Passing : (Mandy Lee, incoming CALL President)



## COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE – CRADLES TO CRAYONS

MIKE MCMILLAN

In conjunction with the February Business Meeting, the CALL Community Service Committee coordinated a volunteer clothes-sorting outing at Cradles to Crayons on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> with CALL members Brandy Ellis, Mandy Lee, Beth Schubert, Stacia Stein, Leah Whitesel, and Mike McMillan attending. Special thanks to Kent Law students Shabnam Mahammadli and Khrystna Slyusarchuk for joining us as well as the team at Cradles to Crayons for providing great guidance in a fun environment. We also raised money to support Open Books.

In conjunction with our May Business Meeting, we are readying plans to volunteer and participate in Chicago River Day at Horner Park on May 13<sup>th</sup> coordinated by Friends of the Chicago River. We are also encouraging donations to the Books to Women in Prison organization.

# 2023-24 CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD – NEW MEMBERS

LINDSEY CARPINO, SCOTT VANDERLIN

Congratulations to the new members of the CALL Executive Board

I am thrilled to announce the results of this year's CALL Election:

## Vice-President/President-Elect



**Philip Johnson**

*Instructional & Student Services Librarian*  
UIC School of Law

## Secretary



**Clare Willis**

*Research and Instructional Services Librarian*  
Pritzker Legal Research Center,  
Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

## Director



**Lucy Robbins**

*Assistant Director for Access and Technical Services*  
Loyola University Chicago, School of Law Library

Philip, Clare, and Lucy will be joining the remaining members of the current Board: Past-President Scott Vanderlin, President Mandy Lee, Treasurer Todd Hillmer, and Director Jill Meyer.

Thank you to outgoing members of the Board Jamie Sommer, Sarah Andeen, and Carrie Port.

# 2023-24 CALL AWARD WINNERS

JAMIE SOMMER

The CALL Grants and Chapter Awards Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's CALL awards. Please join me in congratulating our honorees:

## **Award for Outstanding In-House Publication**

Emily Byrne, Chapman and Cutler LLP

## **Lifetime Achievement in Law Librarianship Award**

Claire Toomey Durkin

Bill Schwesig

## **Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship**

Shari Berkowitz Duff

Jessie LeMar

# FEBRUARY 2023 CALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SARAH ANDEEN

## Conference Call

February 14, 2023 9:04 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Scott Vanderlin, Sarah Andeen, Mandy Lee, Jill Meyer, Carrie Port, Jamie Sommers, and Todd Hillmer

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

## Significant Actions:

1. **Call meeting to order** – President Scott Vanderlin called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. **Approve agenda** – The agenda was approved.
3. **Approve Secretary's minutes** – The January meeting minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
  - Harris Balances as of February 1, 2023: \$20,867.56 in our CD and \$18,088.17 in checking.
  - Membership numbers: 216 current total members.
5. **Old Business**
  - CALL Committee Summit Follow-up
  - Archives
    1. DropBox account – Mandy set it up and will e-mail the password to the board. Anyone who has anything relevant should upload it to the account.
  - Bulletin
    1. Mandy created a schedule of committees and the month they should contribute. This was done by quarter with 3 or 4 committees contributing each quarter. Mandy will circulate the



proposed schedule for people to comment.

- Community Service
  1. Previous Event – Food Drive January 21, 2023. Successful. 6 CALL members & 2 guests. Mandy will ask Mike McMillan to write a Bulletin article.
  2. Next event is on March 11, 2023. Cradles to Crayons.
  3. Continuing Education
    1. Mini-AALL – CE Committee – will be asked to set a Wednesday date in June
- Diversity and Inclusion
  1. DEI proposal on layout of DEI section of website is coming.
  2. Follow up with the DEI plan to work with other CALL committees on how to improve DEI.
- PR
  1. PR Discord server roll-out announcement ready for Mandy/Scott to send out?

#### 6. March in-person happy hour

1. Date: Tuesday March 21, 2023
2. Location: Beatrix 155 N Wacker – Carrie checked on availability. Space for 20 people max.
3. Sponsor: Trellis. Wants to know how much they need to contribute? and if they can send handouts? Should ask Trellis for about \$1,500. They can have flyers and a notice saying they can
4. Reservation Deadline:
5. Cost Per Call Member: \$10 proposed to make sure people who sign up come, but Carrie thinks it should be free for members. Want to encourage people to come. It was decided to make it free.
6. Announcements & Registration – have meetings set is up.

#### 7. New Business

- CALL website – Handbook & bylaws – files not found. Emily Barney changed something and there have been issues fixing. Need to follow up with her to get it fixed and also any other WordPress issues. Carrie offered to try to fix the issue and the board said fine, she could try to do that.
- MLDC informal meet and greet at the Revival Food Hall at the end of this month (2/28 @8am) and a more structured zoom event at the end of next month (3/27 @9am). All Board members welcome at both.
  - funding for 2/28 in person event \$50 for coffee and food, for Diana Koppang (who will be “hosting” the in-person event) to pick up orders and we will reimburse her if she turns in the receipts.

- Visit from AALL Exec Board member. It is one less speaker. Turn it over to the next VP to coordinate if we are on the schedule and it works with our timeline.

#### **8. Committee Reports :**

- Archives: Todd – Nothing to report. Tom is on leave until May.
- Bulletin: Sarah – The next issue should be out by Friday of this week. There have been some issues with WordPress and the slate of candidates working for some people. Matt is reaching out to Rachel Ford to see if she can help, but this may be something the board may need to help with in the future. The committee got two additional Bulletin members: Rachel Ford at NIU and Shannon Conder at Chicago-Kent.
- Bylaws Todd Nothing to report
- Community Service: Carrie – Covered in old business
- Continuing Education: Todd –State court docket program will not have any vendors involved. Panels discussion in the works with a civil rights attorney.
- Corporate Memory: Sarah – Nothing to report
- Diversity & Inclusion: Scott – Covered in old business
- Government Relations Mandy–.AALL is soliciting nominations for the GRC awards. Nominations are due March 1, 2023
- Grants & Chapter Awards- Jamie – Nothing to report
- Meetings: Jill – Testing Zoom this week to make sure it is working for the meeting.
- Membership: Mandy -Nothing to report
- Mentorship: Mandy – See new business
- Nominations & Elections: Scott – Nothing to report
- Placement/Recruitment Carrie – Nothing to report
- Public Relations: Jamie – Discord rollout. Who wants to roll this out? Jessie to draft and Mandy to send out.

9. Announcements –No announcements.

10. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

# MARCH 2023 CALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SARAH ANDEEN

## Conference Call

March 14, 2023 9:05 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Scott Vanderlin, Sarah Andeen, Mandy Lee, Jill Meyer, Carrie Port, Jamie Sommers, and Todd Hillmer

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Mike McMillan, Clare Gaynor Willis at the start to discuss Beatrix Happy Hour

## Significant Actions:

1. **Call meeting to order** – President Scott Vanderlin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Approve agenda** – The agenda was approved.
3. **Approve Secretary's minutes** – The February minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
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  - Membership numbers: 216 current total members.
5. **Old Business**
  - CALL website – Handbook & bylaws – files not found (Mandy). There are some links that do not work because of a plug in issue. Some files can be archived. Emily Barney has them archived at Chicago Kent. There are a lot of things that are old and outdated such as old directories, bios from old elections, etc. All links should work on the site, but what should be done with the older materials. WordPress can be difficult to use. Biggest issue is who really should be responsible for managing this. Conversation for new president is to consider a re-design of the website and look into something easier to maintain. Immediately the issue is to make sure that the current

links are working. Maybe we need a new committee to manage this – like a technology committee. Next steps is figuring out what materials to keep, where to store them, and who is going to maintain the website going forward. Need to look at moving away from WordPress and into something more people can maintain.

- Beatrix Happy Hour (3/21)
  - Who will be there – Seven of the board members. So far 16 people have registered so far
  - Anything we still need to figure out – One more reminder to people
  - Ordering ahead of time (Carrie) – Going to order Package one, ordering individually at the bar, order food as needed, and give them a count of 20 people.
- Discord Server -Need more people to sign up. Do a more targeted e-mail maybe suggesting a topic for people to discuss. We will also send out another registration link and announcement. Maybe have someone other than Jessie be admin for the Discord server so that more than one person can send out the registration e-mail. Should there be a CALL board channel so that we can use it as needed. Is it possible to add different e-mails or profiles to Discord for people who have multiple Discord accounts. Maybe create a QR code for the registration link to hand out at the Happy Hour.
- CALL Bulletin Contribution Schedule – Do committees know when they are due to submit things? Please let your committees know when they are set to have materials turned into the bulletin.

## 6. New Business

- Archives – Large folder of old documents from Judith Wright – Lots of materials back to the 1970's including old bulletins, etc. Going to give to Tom in May when he is back.
- Schedule mini-AALL program in June – sample programs people may be teaching at AALL. Continuing Ed has this on their radar. Todd can reach out to them and see what is up and where they are in the process.
- CALL meetup in Boston – Something to explore. Might be nice, but people from here see each other regularly. Something that usually happens more informally. Is there a way to promote an event that would allow people who might want to move to Chicago to attend. Mandy will reach out to AALL to see when it would need to be on the schedule. Is there something less formal? Like a meeting chat board where we could post something closer to the time. Something like the Beatrix Happy Hour?
- Media club Meeting – There was a question at Cradles to Crayons as to if it would happen again and when? Jill was managing it, but there was no formal mechanism, Carri offered to take it on next year. It is just a sub-section of meetings born from the pandemic. Could be a way to leverage Discord. Does Meetings have anyone on the committee who could manage. We will check in and coordinate with Meetings who could handle.

## 7. Committee Reports :

- Archives: Todd – Nothing to report. Tom is on leave until May.
- Bulletin: Sarah – Lindsey Carpino has resigned from the committee, but Stacia Stein has volunteered to replace her..
- Bylaws Todd Nothing to report
- Community Service: Carrie – Mandy covered Cradles – 8 people showed up 5 who were CALL members. Sorted clothes by size. Next volunteer day is May 6<sup>th</sup> for a Chicago Parks District event. May meeting charity is Books to Women in Prison. Prefer money, but can donate books. Have donated to them before. Please review and let Carrie know if you have objections.
- Continuing Education: Todd –Nothing to report. Mandy knows that May 10<sup>th</sup> is probably set for the state docket program. April 12<sup>th</sup> for the Civil Rights attorney program. Topic will be re-search related to the departments they service.
- Corporate Memory: Sarah – Nothing to report
- Diversity & Inclusion: Scott – Nothing to report
- Government Relations Mandy-.Looking for options for Finding Illinois Law and how to make it visually appealing. Some members have concerns about AALL's GRC.
- Grants & Chapter Awards- Jamie – Got one inquiry about the AALL Annual meeting grant. Questions – is there a limit to the grant? Do we want to set a limit? No, have them present a budget as to why they think the need it and we can approve or not based on this. Do they get a check or do they have to submit receipts? Many people need the money in advance to pay for thing. Scott will check with Todd Ito, but we think giving them a check in advance. Move back the application closing date to April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Meetings: Jill -.Talking about rescheduling the May speaker. Still no set date for the May meeting.
- Membership: Jill -Nothing to report
- Mentorship: Mandy – The Revival meeting happened and was productive for one new member who was job hunting. A Zoom event will be held in April and they are working on a Bulletin article.
- Nominations & Elections: Scott – Elections are ongoing.
- Placement/Recruitment Carrie – Nothing to report
- Public Relations: Jamie – Nothing to report.

8. Announcements – Just a heads up that Scott is being spoofed.

9. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

# APRIL 2023 CALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SARAH ANDEEN

## Conference Call

April 11, 2023 9:02 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Scott Vanderlin, Sarah Andeen, Mandy Lee, Jill Meyer, Carrie Port, Jamie Sommers, and Todd Hillmer

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

## Significant Actions:

1. **Call meeting to order** – President Scott Vanderlin called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. **Approve agenda** – The agenda was approved.
3. **Approve Secretary's minutes** – The March minutes were approved.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

- Harris Balances as of April 1, 2023: \$20,867.56 in our CD and \$18,767.65 in checking.
- Membership numbers: 216 current total members.

### 5. Old Business

1. CALL website – Handbook & bylaws – Update (Mandy). Emily thinks we should not move over to a totally new website as it is a huge headache. Issue is where old files are stored. Best idea currently is to move the files to Google drive and replace the old link. Probably a good idea to form a committee dedicated to managing the website. PR used to handle, but they are more marketing now. Want to move it to a site that people without special skills can update the page. Having a more flexible site might be easier to maintain and update in the long term. Maybe form the committee fairly soon to help guide these discussions. Hopefully that contains someone who has experience with out of the box websites. Current situation is hard to manage

as it can be difficult to communicate as people are busy, so a committee would give more people to contact and do the work. Might be a good way to engage more of the members, hopefully younger members. Will announce the new committee in the May meeting and will also ask for volunteers. Mandy will talk to Emily about the plans.

2. Beatrix Happy Hour – recap – About 20 people showed up throughout the event. Trellis is still considering sponsoring the May meeting. Hit our required money spend without going to far over. Should have something written up for the Bulletin and Mandy will submit her photos from this event and the volunteer event. ARPA is having a happy hour from 4-6 and the question was raised as to if this is a better time – consensus is that 5 for a start time is better.

## 6. New Business

1. CALL Lifetime Memberships – Mandy had a conversation with Scott Burgh at the happy hour where he suggested a Lifetime Membership. AALL has a retired member, but it is annual. ALA has a lifetime membership based on age.  
<https://www.ala.org/membership/specialmemberships/life> Scott Vanderlin is going to talk to Scott Burgh to get more details on what he was thinking. Would this only be for retired members or for members at any stage? Probably only makes sense for retirees and it would be an administrative headache to set up and it is already hard to raise the due. Adding another level would make it even harder. Something to keep in mind if the need for a capital drive comes up. Probably a good idea to consider looking a raising dues again. Been a long time. Probably would not be much pushback.

## 7. Committee Reports :

- Archives: Todd – Nothing to report. Tom is on leave until May.
- Bulletin: Sarah – Nothing to report
- Bylaws Todd – Nothing to report but they were asked to write something for the bulletin and what is the deadline?
- Community Service: Carrie –Working on an event with the CPD and it has been having issues communicating so they are looking at doing a similar event with the Chicago River organization. Eugene Field park is one of the locations. It will now be Saturday 5.13.2023. Hoping to announce at the meeting. The charity is Books for Women in Prison.
- Continuing Education: Todd –Tomorrow is the panel program with the civil rights attorneys. Have a docketing program in May and a Mini AALL in June.
- Corporate Memory: Sarah – Nothing to report
- Diversity & Inclusion: Scott – Nothing to report
- Government Relations Mandy –AALL GRC is meeting in May and this will inform their plans.
- Grants & Chapter Awards- Jamie – Jackie Norton got a grant last year and was not able to go so Todd should cut her a check for this year. No applications for this year. No nominations for the



chapter awards either.

- Meetings – Jill – Osteria via Stato on Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting. Want us to increase the costs to \$27 from \$25. Makes sense to roll it into the messaging for dues increase. So wait until then but make sure it is in place for the Fall meeting.
- Membership – Jill – Nothing
- Mentorship: Mandy – Nothing to report but should Mentorship be more of a social committee? Brandi is onboard. Problem is that is focused on newer members and have it be more of a network committee Maybe just revamp the charge to emphasis leadership and add networking.
- Nominations & Elections: Scott – Elections went off fine. New members will be invited to the next meeting.
- Placement/Recruitment Carrie – Reached out to various library schools, but no final update.
- Public Relations: Jamie – There is an admin password that will be shared with board members that need it.

8. Announcements – No announcement.

9. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.