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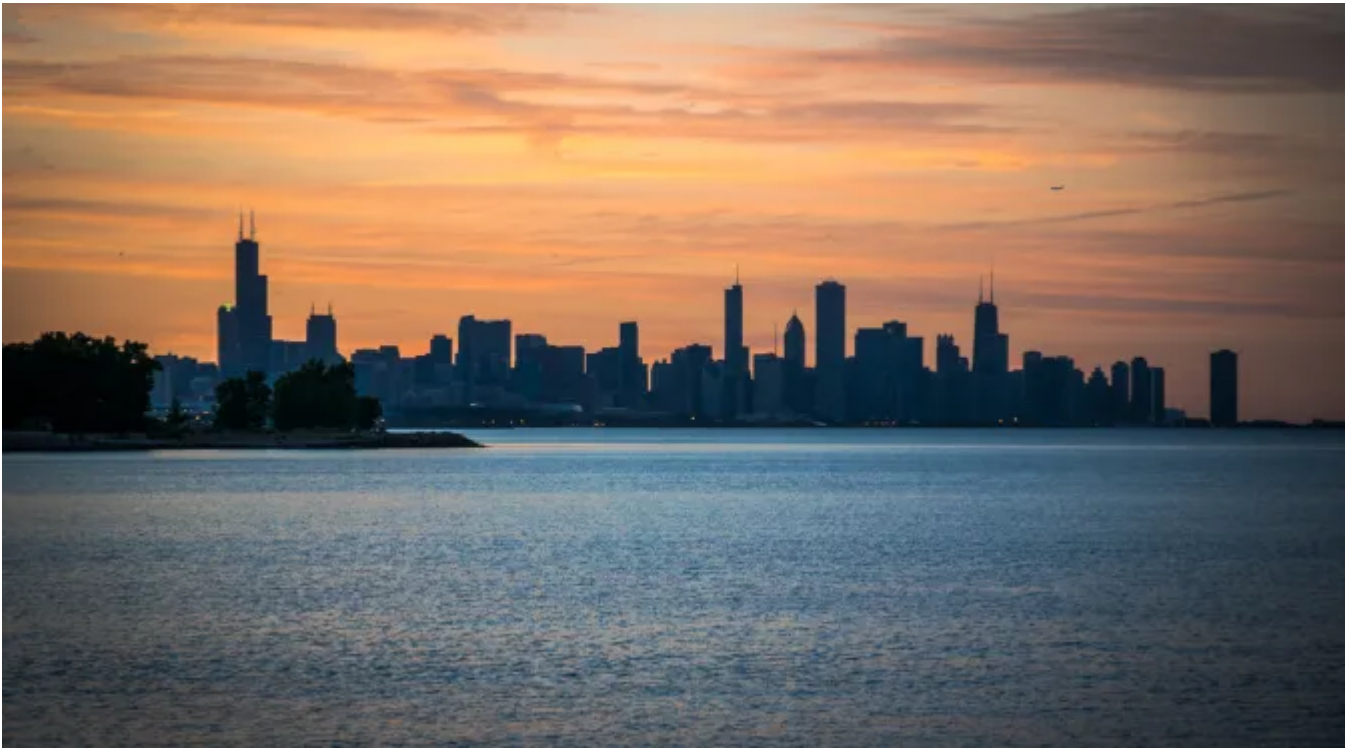
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SUMMER 2023 LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): EMILY BARNEY, STACIA STEIN

First of all, I want to say how very thankful we are for Matt Timko and all he has done with the *Bulletin* since 2018 in his role as editor. Moving forward, Emily Barney will continue on as a “corporate memory” editor to provide tech training and access to the new team and Stacia Stein has stepped up to a new role as co-editor of the Bulletin.

For this issue, we hope you’ll take the time to review the work so many CALL members on committees and in the Executive Board were busy with in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Here are a few of the highlights:

AALL 2023

This summer, of course, included the AALL 2023 Annual meeting. In Mandy Lee’s inaugural **President’s letter**, she highlights how CALL stood out at the AALL 2023 meeting. Eugene Guidice shares his own take on the conference in his grantee report titled **“It Was All About AI.....Or Was it?”**

CALL Webinars & Business Meeting

If you missed any of the 4 events hosted by Continuing Education 2022-2023, be sure to check their **Annual Report** where they’ve shared links to the Zoom recordings and some slides from events focused on recent IL legislation, ABA policies, and specialized legal research strategies.

Thanks to Clare Willis for her recap of the [September CALL Business Meeting with Steven Schwinn](#) and his discussion of SCOTUS trends with the administrative state and the implications of recent cases for the separation of powers.

CALL Award Profiles

While the 2023 Honorees were announced back at the May 2023 Business Meeting and shared in the Bulletin, we're glad to include more details about each person in this issue:

- [Emily Byrne, Chapman and Cutler LLP – Outstanding In-House Publication](#)
- [Claire Toomey Durkin & Bill Schwesig – Lifetime Achievement Award](#)
- [Shari Berkowitz Duff & Jessie LeMar – Agnes & Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship](#)

More CALL Work

Of course this is just the tip of the broad ranging work done within CALL in the last year, as you can find in the 16 more articles in the [Table of Contents for Issue #268](#), with more details from the CALL Executive Board and our standing committees.

As we reflect on all the work done in the last year and what's to come, we're looking forward to working with Caitlin Archer-Helke, Shannon Conder, and Rachel Ford on the Bulletin committee.

Seeing so much great work done across all the CALL Committees makes us eager to bring in more examples throughout the year to highlight opportunities for members to connect and learn throughout our organization. With this current team, we are looking for ways to make the Bulletin editing more collaborative.

As I mentioned at the end of our last virtual CALL Business Meeting, we'd also like to help CALL members find what they're interested here: if you have topics you'd like to learn more about from fellow CALL members, feel free to reach out to Stacia and me with "writing prompts" we can use to find and share the expertise available within our membership.

featured photo is [Chicago Skyline Sunset from Promontory Point](#),
an older summer photo Emily took back in 2016



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): MANDY LEE

Dear Chicago Association of Law Libraries Members,

At the **Chapter Presidents' Training** during the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting and Conference in Boston this past July, our chapter stood out among chapters for our **strategic plan**. Not only was our plan well-thought and clearly articulated, the mere fact that we had a strategic plan was an achievement in itself.

Special thanks to our **2020-21 Strategic Plan Committee** for all of the hard work that you put into crafting our plan. It lights the way forward as we embark on the 2023-24 year, and progress toward our centennial in 2046 in order to place CALL in the best possible position, technologically and with respect to our structure.

On that note, our theme for the year, **CALL 2046: Anticipating our centennial, embracing our present**, aims to emphasize the value of our community, both in person and online, and to put us in even better stead to ensure the longevity of our organization.

I look forward to our year together!

Mandy Lee
CALL President 2023-24



Annual Meeting Grantee Report



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IT WAS ALL ABOUT AI.....OR WAS IT? – AALL 2023 GRANTEE REPORT

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): EUGENE GIUDICE

I wish to start this article by thanking the 2022–2023 Grants and Awards Committee for providing me with resources to attend this year’s conference. I would encourage all CALL members to avail themselves of the opportunity that the Grants and Awards Committee offers each year to help subsidize attendance at the annual AALL conference. This article aims to share my reflections on some of the sessions I sat in on.

As the title of this article implies, I went into this conference thinking the hot topic that would dominate all the conversations would be generative AI and its impact on our profession. While it is true that there were many substantive discussions on this topic, as the conference progressed, it became clear to me that another topic became a very dominant undercurrent for me, and that was the idea of the *invitation*, how we offer it and maybe most importantly, to whom do we offer it.

PLLIP Summit

The conference started for me the day before the conference officially opened. I attended the **Private Law Librarians & Information Professionals (PLLIP) Summit on Saturday, 15 July**. In an attempt at full disclosure, I was part of the planning committee for this year's summit and moderated a "fireside" chat with one of the speakers (pipe included).

Adapting to the New Normal? The Psychology of Coping with Change

By far, the session that gave me the most to think about was Dr. Larry Richard's discussion of the psychology of attorneys in a post-pandemic world. There was a great deal to unpack in Dr. Richard's talk, but my key takeaway is that attorneys often lack resiliency. The reasons for this are varied, but it is usually due to a general negativity bias, and overall cognitive empathy in all professions has been on the wane.

Dr. Richards suggested we must look at our reactions to change to counter this. We always have a choice when confronted with some sort of change or complex situation. Much of this thinking is based on the work of noted psychologist and survivor of The Shoah, Dr. Viktor Frankl. Dr. Richard suggested that we can reframe our thoughts in difficult situations and thus short-circuit the threat circuit we all have running in our minds. There is something called the "dosage effect" in that the more we can inject positivity into our work environments, the more lasting effect there will be.

The key for all of us is how are we (read: me) going to be the exemplars of positivity and healthy optimism in our respective institutions? I was left with the happy challenge of being that exemplar in my firm. I don't believe we are called to be Pollyannaish but take every opportunity, be it challenging or not, as a chance for personal growth and maybe, by trying to reframe the situation, a chance to demonstrate a healthy, positive mental attitude.

AALL 2023

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) **2023 Annual Meeting and Conference, "Map our Future,"** was hosted in Boston from Sunday, July 16 through Tuesday, July 18 2023

Keynote Speech

What truly set the tenor of the conference for me was Charles Vogl's keynote speech on **The Art of Community**. He spoke of the power of invitation and his own experience of invitation while a divinity student at Yale University. He made a powerful statement that there is a difference between an invitation and an email list. So often, we (read: me) spend time collecting connections on LinkedIn or "friends" on social media that we forget the invitation.

According to Mr. Vogl, the invitation is absolutely essential if we want to build community. Mr. Vogl also posited the notion that invitations can be so powerful that even if the invitation is refused, the refusal itself is of little consequence. Mr. Vogl's story and speech were so powerful that I went through the rest of the conference looking at things through the lens of opportunities for invitation and connection. It was by far the most helpful keynote at any conference I have ever heard.

Vendor Connections

Working with vendors has always been an essential part of what we do as law librarians, and this led me to attend the session titled **Collaborating with Vendors: Marketing, User Needs, and Product Development**. In the years since I joined the profession (2007), I have seen relationships with vendors change and, sadly, often become more confrontational and less collaborative. In my opinion, the reason for this change lies with the vendors and law firms. I see less involvement by firm library committees and a greater reliance on accountants, consultants, and purchasing departments when contracts are negotiated.

Because of this, fewer practitioners, attorneys in particular, are in the decision loop, and sometimes products are canceled simply based on budgetary requirements and not on whether a specific service is needed or delivering value. On the vendor side, I have seen a diminution in the level of service being offered. Vendor reps are being forced to cover more firms; consequently, a deep understanding of a firm's needs can go lacking.

One of the points made in the session is that we need to somehow re-develop a sense of assuming good faith and good intentions on the part **of all parties** when it comes to contract negotiations. Library staff can be instrumental in helping mediate the discussion between vendor SMEs and practice group leaders. It can also be helpful if people from the vendor's engineering/development side can become involved in working with a firm's library team or practice leadership to help explain how a particular feature of a vendor's platform can help an attorney solve a legal question or answer a business question.

In my opinion, we cannot leave these discussions totally to a vendor's sales and marketing team. By broadening who takes part in the discussion about the utility of a vendor's platform, I think we will be able to get closer to realizing the good faith and good intentions of all involved and demonstrate the value to be gained by both parties to a negotiation.

Access to Justice

One of the topics that has been growing in importance is the access to justice. In the past, I thought this applied to people who did not have access to adequate counsel in civil or criminal matters or to the courts because of the lack of means. The session entitled **Incarcerated People are Patrons Too! Improving Legal Information Services For Incarcerated People**. Through this session, I learned of prisoners' and detainees' difficulties in accessing legal materials and any library facility in general. I also learned that the state libraries have been doing most of the heavy lifting in trying to change this, which started me thinking.

Most law firms have some sort of pro-bono practice and do excellent work, but what usually happens is that they undertake representation of a particular person or class of persons. When that matter is over, they move on to the next matter. It's sort of the "wash, rinse, repeat" model of bringing about justice. I thought that maybe the firms should be taking up the challenge of helping prisoners and detainees have adequate access to legal materials and libraries in general. This session has inspired me to approach my firm's pro bono practice on this subject.

DEI Reflections

As with any conference, some sessions hit the mark, and some don't. This year, there was one session I sat in on that turned out to be counterproductive. I was sitting in on a session entitled **Diversity and Inclusion Symposium: Are We Neglecting "Inclusion"?** I was looking forward to a lively discussion on how we can move beyond diversity just being a numbers game (how many of X type of associates/partners/staff are there at a firm or law school). I must admit that the discussion was fascinating, and many good points were being made until somebody commented on all the artwork in their library being pictures of "old white men." Upon further reflection on that comment, I had to say I was deeply offended.

I don't consider myself anywhere near ready for the scrap heap, but to some, I may be regarded as an old white man. I began to question whether or not I had a place in the discussion around diversity. I began to think that putting up with comments like this is the price I must pay as we move towards a more diverse and inclusive profession. I wondered if my invitation to help build that diverse and inclusive profession was rescinded. I sought guidance from AALL leadership, and I am sorry to say that what I got was a highly nuanced non-answer.

It took talking with my firm's head of DEI and a partner whose opinion I trusted and valued to assure me that my contribution was not only wanted in the DEI discussion but desperately needed. My invitation had been validated.

Conclusions

In conclusion, I would say that this conference experience was a good one, maybe even better than last year's conference in Denver, because the specter of COVID-19 was less present. The meeting left me with a renewed commitment to make more meaningful invitations to people to include them in my personal and professional life, and that is one thing you won't be able to do with generative AI.

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SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING WITH STEVEN SCHWINN

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): CLARE GAYNOR WILLIS

CALL held its September 2023 Business meeting at Maggiano's on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. President Mandy Lee welcomed three new members to the meeting: Andrew Ellison, Kathleen Mance, and Rachel Tomei.

Meeting Speaker

Vice-President/President Elect Philip Johnson introduced our speaker, Steven D. Schwinn, professor of law at the [University of Illinois Chicago School of Law](#), where he teaches constitutional law, comparative constitutional law, human rights, civil rights, and legal writing.

Prof. Schwinn writes regularly for the [ABA Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases](#), and occasionally for other periodicals and blogs. He regularly works with high-school teachers and classes on constitutional and public-policy issues.

SCOTUS Trends & Cases

Prof. Schwinn's talk focused on the U.S. Supreme Court's trend attacking the administrative state and replacing the power of the administrative state with the Supreme Court. Prof. Schwinn noted that the Court's attacks violate the separation of powers and take two forms:

1. Attacks on the structure of agencies
2. Attacks on the power of administrative agencies.

Prof. Schwinn explained that the structural attacks go after not only the structure of administrative agencies, but the funding of administrative agencies as well.

He explained the line of cases that upheld the constitutionality of an independent counsel by seven votes to one in *Morrison v. Olson*, 487 U.S. 654 (1988), but later chipped away at that ruling in the name of the unitary executive in *Free Enterprise Fund v. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board*, 561 U.S. 477 (2010), *Lucia v. Securities and Exchange Commission*, No. 17-130 (Jun. 21, 2018), and *Seila Law v. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)*, No. 19-7 (Jun. 29, 2020). The result of these decisions was to make it more difficult to insulate administrative agencies from political pressure.

Future Concerns

Schwinn noted that political pressure on agencies is an especially important issue because Former President Donald Trump released what was called "schedule F" which aimed to politicize the entire civil service. Prof. Schwinn argued that no one should want to undo 100 years of civil service reform in this way, regardless of their politics.

Prof. Schwinn explained that attacks on funding could be attacks on structure as well. He noted a case before the Court this term challenging the funding structure of the CFPB. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals invoked the idea of personal liberty when it "eviscerated" the CFPB's funding structure. Prof. Schwinn asked those assembled to consider whose liberty was violated by the funding structure.

Prof. Schwinn then turned his attention to the Court's attacks on the power of administrative agencies. He argued that the "major questions doctrine" was invented by the Court and first used in *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency*, No. 20-1530 (June 30, 2022).

Finally, Prof. Schwinn argued that the Court is attacking the agencies' ability to interpret their own regulations and the Court's deference to the agencies. Prof. Schwinn noted that the Court might be

willing to get rid of Auer deference and might even someday be willing to get rid of Chevron deference as well.

The professor asked a couple of quick follow-up questions.

Committee Reports

Following the talk, the Community Service committee reminded everyone about the beach clean-up that weekend.

Shari Berkowiz-Duff, chairperson of Continuing Education, announced that the [Call for proposals for the 2024 AALL annual meeting](#) is live. She also noted that the committee plans to hold a “Mini AALL” in June where CALL members can practice and workshop their programs for AALL.

Jamie Sommer, chairperson of Nominations and Elections, announced that her committee is [seeking nominations for Vice-President/President Elect, Director, and Treasurer](#). Jamie emphasized that self-nomination is encouraged and all that is required is a love of CALL.

Sponsors & Prizes

The co-sponsors for this meeting were Trellis and TRG Screen.

Trellis representative Mike Swarz appeared remotely, but was unable to speak due to some technical difficulties. He [shared a link to a 13-minute video about Trellis](#).

We were also joined in-person by Laura Weidig of [TRG Screen](#), who discussed TRG Screen’s subscription management services.

Jim Fortas and Lindsey Carpino won the door prizes generously donated by Lexis.

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SUMMER 2023, CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD

MAY 2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): SARAH ANDEEN

Conference Call: May 9, 2023

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

Board Members Absent: None

Guests: Phillip Johnson, Lucy Robbins, Claire Gaynor Willis

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 **April minutes** were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

1. Harris Balances as of May 1, 2023: \$20,870.13 in our CD and \$15,496.97 in checking.

2. Membership numbers: 216 current total members.

5. Old Business

1. CALL Lifetime Memberships – Scott Burgh would like to have one. Question is to what would the dues be? Scott Vanderlin had a conversation with him to discuss the idea and told him the board had discussed it in the March meeting and decided it probably was not going to happen. Scott Burgh was fine with it. He has also been spending a lot of time lobbying the legislature about the Coroner Fee Reduction Bill and he will write an **article about the process** for the Bulletin.

6. New Business

1. Board Transition

1. Welcome: Philip Johnson, Clare Willis, and Lucy Robbins – we welcomed the new members.

2. Farewell: Jamie Sommer, Sarah Andeen, and Carrie Port – all three outgoing members were thanks for their service.

3. Committee Liaison Assignments: new assignments were made and are outlined below.

2. AALL Annual Meeting Activities

1. CONELL Marketplace – Saturday, July 15 (RSVP by May 26) – Member groups of AALL often have tables at CONELL to talk about themselves. Do we want to have one this year? Scott has done this in the past and is not sure how useful it is for Chapters as we are geography based and most people who want to join us know about us. Carrie made the point that the **annual meeting is in Chicago next year** and we should focus on that. Mandy is going to be at CONELL for another group and will wave the flag for CALL from that table as well.
2. Poster/Display Board in Activities Area (RSVP by June 7) – Do we want to have a display again this year? If so, what would we do? Want to do one and maybe sell the city to recruit people to come to the annual meeting for next year. Scott will do this. People register as a team via CALL and CALL will cover part of the cost.
2. **Race Judicata** – Aug. 31 (payments due 8/25) Do we want to do this again? Yes we do, but having a tee-shirt we need to design now. The board will get this set up and Scott will continue to create his wonderful tee-shirts.
3. Any last minute details for May Business meeting? Claire said the Osteria was asking about a wine package. Do we need alcohol? No, we do not need one. Registration numbers have picked up. Now at about 48 people. Slightly smaller attendance allows a broader choice of venues too. Jamie said physical awards should be ready to be handed out at the meeting.
4. Committee Annual Reports – remind chairs to submit by June 1 if possible.
5. Committee Chair and volunteer survey for 2023-2024 – Will work on getting the survey out earlier to get the committees set up earlier.

7. Committee Reports :

1. *Archives*: Todd – Nothing to report. Chair of archives is leaving Loyola, so look to replace the Chair.
2. *Bulletin*: Sarah – *Claire taking over as board liaison* – Matt Timko reported that they had not received any outreach from the other committees about content for the Bulletin and requested that the liaisons send reminders to the Committee Chairs based on the Committee “Convention” schedule set last December.
3. *Bylaws*: Todd – Heidi is going to try for a meeting in the fall.
4. *Community Service*: Carrie – Jill is taking over as board liaison. Event on **Saturday, May 13 with the Chicago River** organization. 7 people have signed up so far. The charity for the business meeting is Books for Women in Prison.
5. *Continuing Education*: Todd – **State Dockets program Wed, May 10th**. Still trying to set up a mini AALL.
6. *Corporate Memory*: Sarah – *Claire taking over as board liaison* – Nothing to report.
7. *Diversity & Inclusion*: Scott – Nothing to report.
8. *Government Relations*: Mandy – AALL GRC met last week
9. *Grants & Chapter Awards*: Jamie – Nothing to report.

10. *Meetings*: Jill – *Phillip taking over as board liaison* – **Jill Osteria via Stato on Tuesday May 15th** is the next meeting.
 11. *Membership*: Jill – Nothing to report.
 12. *Mentorship*: Mandy – *Lucy taking over as board liaison* – Trying to find a new kind of meeting event as current format is not working. Looking to have a **summer event**. Maybe try to generate a tip list? Maybe a media club over the summer?
 13. *Nominations & Elections*: Scott – *Mandy taking over as board liaison* – Nothing to report.
 14. *Placement/Recruitment*: Carrie – Nothing to report
 15. *Public Relations*: Jamie – *Lucy taking over as board liaison* – Nothing to report.
8. **Announcements** – No announcements
9. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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SUMMER 2023, CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD

JUNE 2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): CLARE GAYNOR WILLIS

Conference Call: June 13, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Scott Vanderlin, Todd Hillmer, Jill Meyer, Philip Johnson, Clare Willis, Lucy Robbins, Mandy Lee

Board Members Absent: none

Guests: none

Significant Actions:

1. President Mandy Lee called the meeting to order at 9:01am
2. The agenda was approved. No items were added to Old Business/New Business.
3. The Secretary's minutes for May were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

1. Financial Report

1. Checking account balance as of June 13, 2023: \$15,576.52
2. CD account balance as of June 13, 2023: \$20,870.13
3. Membership numbers to date: 213

2. Past-President Scott Vanderlin suggested that the chair of the Membership Committee should have their name on communications from Neon, our membership management program, because Scott is unable to troubleshoot problems with renewals.

5. Old Business

1. *Committee Annual Reports* – Mandy asked all members to remind committee chairs to submit ASAP; June 1 was deadline. Committees should submit to Scott, Mandy, and the Bulletin Committee. The current best contact for the Bulletin Committee is outgoing chair Matt Timko.
2. *Committee Liaison Assignments* – In addition to the list of committee liaisons in the May minutes, Vice-President Philip Johnson will be liaison to the Public Relations committee. Director Lucy Robbins will be liaison to the Placement and Recruitment committee. All Board members present discussed potential committee chairs and members.

3. AALL Annual Meeting Activities

1. CONELL Marketplace – Saturday, July 15 – Scott RSVP'ed; Mandy will represent CALL at the event.
2. Poster/Display Board in Activities Area – Scott RSVP'ed; will create poster; Scott and/or Mandy will set up at the event.
4. *Race Judicata* – The race is August 31st and payments are due 8/25. Mandy reported that Carrie Port offered to coordinate CALL's participation. The Board discussed whether CALL would subsidize registration and/or have an official team. It was resolved to have Carrie research having a CALL team. The issue of whether CALL would pay for all or part of a registration fee was tabled for now.

5. *Website – tech committee?* Mandy started a discussion about how to fix the current CALL website and set it up for ease of updating in the future.

She asked the Board to consider whether a website committee might be able to handle this task. Noting that a large problem with the current website relates to storage of files, Mandy shared a list of the files that are stuck somewhere on our current website and would need to be migrated. Clare suggested that the Board agree on categories of files and see if there are other ways to recover the files. For example, Board meeting minutes can be recovered from the Secretary's portable hard drive.

Scott opined that CALL should have a simple new website on a platform that anyone can use. He agreed with a suggestion made to Mandy that a third party should be hired for this work. Secretary Clare Willis offered that a library school student might take on the project. Scott opined that a library student's work would take too long and would not be high-quality enough. The Board agreed that Scott should investigate the cost of hiring a professional. Mandy noted that June 2024 is our goal for a new CALL website.

6. *Media club?* Mandy wished to revisit the idea of a CALL media club because there had been some interest and Director Jill Meyer had been given "The Personal Librarian" as a book suggestion. Mandy noted that Carrie Port expressed interest in having this and other social events. Scott suggested that Carrie be appointed to take care of planning these events. Clare opined that Carrie should do this work as co-chair or at least a member of the Meetings Committee. Jill suggested that it could be part of Meetings for now but that the Mentorship Committee or Diversity and Inclusion Committee could have events as well.

6. New Business

1. *Illinois Secretary of State* – CALL registration renewal due in August
 1. The Board resolved to change our registered agent from Lindsey Carpino to Philip (see appendix to these minutes). Clare noted that Treasurer Todd Hillmer would need to write a check for \$5.
 2. Once the registered agent is changed, CALL will file an annual report. For this annual report, Clare needs the home addresses of all Board members. Clare also asked Todd for a \$10 check to cover this fee.

2. *Committee Chair Summit/Training in September*— Scott reported that **last year's event** was a success. Mandy noted that earlier in the year is better.
3. *Events for year* (see V. Old Business, f. above)
4. *Business Meeting Dates* — There was a brief discussion about whether to continue changing the day of the week for every business meeting. Philip offered to work on possible dates with the Meetings committee and circulate those to the Board.
5. *Continuing Education program ideas?* Mandy asked any Board members who have ideas for Continuing Ed programs to contact her directly.
7. **Committee Reports:** There were no committee reports.
8. **Announcements:** There were no announcements.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

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SUMMER 2023, CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD

AUGUST 2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): CLARE GAYNOR WILLIS

Conference Call: August 8, 2023

Board Members Present: Scott Vanderlin, Todd Hillmer, Jill Meyer, Philip Johnson, Clare Willis, Lucy Robbins, Mandy Lee

Board Members Absent: none

Guests: none

Significant Actions:

1. President Mandy Lee called the meeting to order at 9:03am.
2. The agenda was approved. No items were added to Old Business/New Business.
3. The Secretary's minutes for June were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

1. Financial Report

1. Checking account balance as of August 8, 2023: \$16,820.98
2. Revenue for June and July 2023: \$2,788.56
3. Expenses for June and July 2023: \$3,663.32
4. CD account balance as of August 8, 2023: \$20,872.73

2. Membership numbers to date: 214 (3 new)

5. Old Business

1. AALL Annual Meeting report:

1. **CONNELL Marketplace:** Mandy reported that those who visited our booth were most interested in our online continuing education.
2. **Poster/Display Board in Activities Area:** Past-President Scott Vanderlin's poster was well-received. He looks forward to doing it again next year.
3. **Chapter Presidents Training:** Mandy reported that our strategic plan makes us unique amongst other chapters. She noted, however, that our current plan goes through 2023 and will need to be updated. Updating the strategic plan is tabled for now.

2. *Website – quotes to create new site*: Scott reported that he consulted with a web developer friend who advised CALL to seek help with this task on Fiverr, an online marketplace where independent contractors with technology skills offer their services. Scott found that there were many people on the site with good ratings and portfolios who could fix our website and set us up with something simple and functional for between \$500-\$1,000, and it could be finished within 14 days.

Scott provided **this example** of an available web designer. Vice-President Philip Johnson reported that his research into Fiverr lead him to the same conclusion. Secretary Clare Willis asked if Scott investigated our file retention issue. Scott reported that he had not.

Mandy stated that she would ask Emily Barney how much storage we needed. Clare agreed to help Scott shop for quotes by writing up a description of our file retention needs. Scott agreed to pull together three quotes for the Board to choose from.

3. *Illinois Secretary of State – CALL registration renewal*: Clare reported that the registered agent is changed to Philip and our annual report was filed immediately after Philip received acknowledgment that he was the registered agent.
4. *Spam emails from “Mandy”*: Mandy asked the Board to disregard anything that seems odd or reach out personally to confirm by email or phone.
5. *Consolidate committees*: Mandy opined that the current slate of committees and requirements of membership on those committees is not sustainable because of the low number of members and low percentage of members who volunteer. Mandy suggested that Meetings and Public Relations be combined because Public Relations promotes events and Meetings puts on events. She also suggested that Mentorship and Leadership Development and Recruitment be combined into a general professional development committee. Clare noted that the Board can also sunset a committee. The Board agreed to take up this question at another meeting.
6. *Race Judicata – Aug. 31*: Mandy reported that Meetings chairs Carrie Port and Mike McMillan are no longer organizing a CALL team but will invite CALL members who are participating on other teams to gather at the event.
7. *Business meeting dates*: Philip reported that the **2023-2024 Business Meetings** and their modality is now set and is as follows: Wednesday, September 20 (in person), Thursday, November 16 (Zoom), Thursday, February 22 (Zoom), and Tuesday, May 21 (in person)

6. New Business

1. *AALL Chapter visit – President – May 2024 Business Meeting*: Mandy will submit the request to have AALL President June Liebert visit the May 2024 Business Meeting.
2. *CALL cloud storage*: The Board discussed the potential need for cloud storage of CALL documents to archive the documents and make them accessible to members, especially considering the failures of the current website. Mandy reported that she started a Dropbox account last year as a stopgap measure. The Board discussed the pros and cons of Google Drive and noted that it was a possibility but access to Google products is difficult to share and may be

blocked by law firm firewalls. Mandy noted that the external hard drive retention policy is from 2013 and the most recent print archive policy is from 2009. Mandy opined that we need to update these policies to account for cloud storage or create a new cloud storage policy. Mandy noted that, in addition to CALL documents, CALL also needs somewhere to archive Zoom recordings because our available Zoom storage is nearly full.

3. *In-person board meeting in September:* The Board agreed to hold an in-person Board meeting in September on Friday, September 15 at 9:00am in the LIR Boardroom (Room 800) on the 8th floor of Chicago-Kent College of Law, 565 W. Adams St.
4. *Committee Chair Summit/Training:* The Board agreed to have the meeting of committee chairs and the Board on Wednesday, September 13th on Zoom at 12:00pm.
5. *AALL in Chicago 2024:* The Board discussed the **trivia event that CALL hosted in 2016** when the annual meeting was last in Chicago. Scott and Clare planned that event but could not remember if and how the event was formally organized by CALL. The Board agreed that a CALL event for the conference next year would not require a special committee. Scott reported that he plans to create a Chicago scavenger hunt for annual meeting attendees.

7. Committee Reports:

1. *Corporate Memory:* Clare reported that the committee acknowledges they are behind on renewing minutes and hopes to resume their work in the fall.
2. *Meetings:* Philip reported that committee chairs Carrie Port and Mike McMillan are proposing a \$30 registration fee (a \$5 increase) for the **September meeting at Maggiano's**. Philip noted that the Handbook lets the chairs set the registration price. The Board agreed that this was reasonable. The Board also discussed the likely need to increase the sponsorship amount despite the difficulty finding a sponsor.

8. **Announcements:** There were no announcements.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:05am.

TAGGED:  EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ARCHIVES, SUMMER 2023

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): TOM KEEFE

Chair: Thomas Keefe

Committee members:

- Kristen Naik
- Joe Mitzenmacher
- Connie Fleischer
- Debbie Rusin

Committee Projects

Coming out of the pandemic, the Committee attempted to continue the ongoing task of trying to digitize the print archives and to account for and catalog photographs and other digital objects.

The first task was to track down the fabled electronic storage unit in which or on which digital records were to be kept. Unfortunately, the Committee chair went on extended parental leave and switched jobs before this task could be accomplished and, thus, not much was accomplished by the Committee in 2022-2023.

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BULLETIN, SUMMER 2023

BULLETIN COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): EMILY BARNEY

Co-Editors:

- Emily Barney
- Lindsey Carpino, *through Winter 2023*
- Matt Timko

Members

- Stacia Stein
- Shannon Conder
- Rachel Ford

Committee Charge

The Bulletin Committee produces 4 issues of the CALL Bulletin each year. The Bulletin will contain information concerning the governance of the Association, including summary minutes of Board and business meetings as well as committee reports and other items of interest to the Membership. Issues will be published in Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer.

Committee Meetings

The CALL Bulletin met in September 2022 and participated in the **Inaugural Committee Summit** in December 2022, but did not meet as regularly over the winter and spring .

In August 2023, Emily and Stacia met to review the CALL Handbook and the goals shared earlier in the year with the CALL Executive Board. Our goal was to review the role the Bulletin plays within CALL and evaluate how to move towards more a regular leadership rotation that includes all Bulletin committee members.

Committee Tasks

The proposed publication dates and committee content discussed earlier in 2023 were not implemented in this year with the editorial switchovers, but we have been working to connect all members of the Bulletin with CALL Committees, collect our required content, and confirm everyone has access to the publication tools and timelines to ensure they work for our entire editing team.

Since our last annual report, we've published Issues 265-267 and this late arriving **Summer 2023 issue**, is the fourth for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, #268.

To access the 2022-2023 issues, please visit the **Bulletin website** or find the pdf versions also published on the **CALL Website**.

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SUMMER 2023, BYLAWS

BYLAWS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): HEIDI FROSTESTAD

Chair: Heidi Kuehl

Members:

- Eric Parker
- Brandy Ellis

Committee Meetings

The Bylaws committee met quarterly last year to discuss CALL business and did not receive any suggestions from the membership for Bylaws changes or recommendations for Bylaws changes from the Board.

We don't have anything to report because there weren't any substantive changes to the Bylaws last year. A survey of the membership was discussed for solicitation of CALL procedural changes and input, but we tabled that item for another year.

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Community Service 2022-2023



SUMMER 2023, COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): LISA M. WINKLER

In 2022-2023, the Community Service Committee was chaired by Lisa Winkler. The members of the committee were James Fortsas, Mike McMillan, Nan Norton, Beth Schubert and Leah Whitesel.

Volunteer Opportunities

We successfully coordinated the following four volunteering opportunities from October 2022 to May 2023:

- October 2022: Montrose Beach Clean Up with the [Alliance for the Great Lakes](#)
- December 2022: [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#) Repack Session
- March 2023: [Cradles to Crayons](#)
- May 2023: Chicago River Day clean up at Horner Park (annual clean up day organized by the [Friends of the Chicago River](#))

Fundraisers at Business Meetings

Additionally, in conjunction with each of the quarterly CALL Business Meetings, a specific organization was selected that met the charitable organization selection criteria created by the Executive Board. CALL membership was encouraged to make monetary donations to the following entities:

- September 2022: [SitStayRead](#)
- January 2023: [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#) (including a virtual food drive)
- February 2023: [Open Books](#)
- May 2023: [Books to Women in Prison](#)

This approach of direct donation did not permit us to track the total number or dollar amount of donations made by CALL membership to each organization.

However, each organization was capable of accepting donations via credit card and/or PayPal, so we are confident that CALL members who wished to make donations were able to do so quickly and conveniently.

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SUMMER 2023, CONTINUING EDUCATION

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): SHARI BERKOWITZ DUFF, JOE MITZENMACHER

The Continuing Education Committee had another successful year, sponsoring four presentations during the 2022-23 CALL year. The committee tried to identify topics that would interest all of our members, whether they work for private law firms, academic institutions, or courts or government agencies.

Following a practice that began during the pandemic, all four presentations were webinars held over Zoom, with links to the recordings available here:

- ***All About the TEAACH Act***, presented by Illinois State Representative Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, December 14, 2022. **The presentation is available online.**
- ***Demystifying the American Bar Association Policy Process: How Can ABA Policy Help You?***, presented by Skip Harsch, the Director of the ABA's Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and the ABA's Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities, January 25, 2023. **The presentation is available online.**

- **Legal Research at the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: a Panel Discussion**, presented by Kirsten Peters, Assistant District Director with the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) in its New York District office and Lauren Moynihan Skerrett, an attorney with the U.S. Department of Education – Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in Chicago, April 12, 2023. **The presentation is available online.**
- **State Dockets Research**, presented by CALL members Clare Gaynor Willis, the Research and Instructional Services Librarian and Coordinator of Educational Outreach for the Pritzker Legal Research Center at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and Shari Berkowitz Duff, Research Librarian at Jones Day, May 10, 2023. **The presentation is available online.** Slides are **also available.**

All of this year's programs were driven by our volunteer committee members. Special thanks go to Mandy Lee for recommending speakers to us and to Clare Gaynor Willis and Shari Berkowitz Duff for creating their program. Their presentation was by far our best-attended Continuing Education event of the year, demonstrating both how knowledgeable our CALL members are and how enthusiastic our members are when it comes to supporting our colleagues.

This year's programs were all recorded and **made available on the CALL website**. The committee used Zoom to create webinar invites, host the programs, and record the programs. Zoom's conference suite continues to meet CALL's current needs, but if the committee plans to host larger-scale programs in the future, we may need to consider upgrading to Zoom's webinar system.

The committee stayed within budget and did not need to pay any speaking or other fees this year.

We would like to thank this year's committee members Clare Gaynor Willis, Philip Johnson, and Sarah Walangitan for their work in putting together our programs. We would also like to thank our Board liaison Todd Hillmer for his input.

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SUMMER 2023, CORPORATE MEMORY

CORPORATE MEMORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): THERESE CLARKE ARADO

Chair: Therese Arado

Committee:

- Betty Roeske
- Jean Wenger
- Konya Moss

Committee Charge:

The CALL Corporate Memory Committee reviews the Board minutes periodically to identify policies set by the Board of Directors to ensure they are recorded in a permanent and accessible format.

Committee Work:

Currently the work of the committee is a bit behind – due only to the actions of the Chair. The committee has reviewed the minutes from 2022 and not found any policy changes for recording.

We will, hopefully, get to the January – June 2023 minutes in the near future. I appreciate all the efforts of the committee members. Their knowledge and insight makes the job of Chair much easier.

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DIVERSITY & INCLUSION, SUMMER 2023

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): JULIE M. PABARJA, ARIEL ALICE SCOTESE

Fiscal year 2022-2023 was the first year for CALL's Diversity & Inclusion Committee ("D&I"). The committee co-chairs were Ariel Scotese and Julie Pabarja, and Jonathan Hawkins, Lucy Kelly, and Juanita Harrell served as members.

The committee met a few times each month to discuss their charge and set goals for the year. Our initial meetings focused on what diversity and inclusion meant to the committee. There were good discussions around this topic and the challenges libraries face when trying to be inclusive.

D&I tried identifying opportunities with other CALL committees and collaborating with them on projects, and we had some success.

D&I partnered with Continuing Education to promote the program, *Demystifying the American Bar Association Policy Process: How Can ABA Policy Help You?* The speaker was Skip Harsch, the Director of the ABA's Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and the ABA's Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities. This program was held on January 25, 2023 and the recording is available in the Continuing Education annual report.

D&I submitted an article for the *CALL Bulletin* **introducing the committee members**, sharing the committee charge, and seeking input from members on the issues they want to discuss. This article was featured in the Spring 2023 issue.

The co-chairs attended the **CALL Committee Chair Summit in December 2022**. This summit was organized by the CALL Executive Board and attended by the chairs from the various CALL committees. This meeting was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the work other committees were doing, the challenges these committees were facing, and what opportunities for collaboration exist. The co-chairs presented notes from this summit to the committee members. We hope that the Executive Board regularly calls a summit of committee chairs and that D&I continues to attend.

Due to various factors, there were a couple of goals we did not complete that we encourage the next committee to consider.

One goal we did not complete was adding a D&I section to the CALL website. The idea behind this goal was to promote the committee by sharing a curated list of resources. Scott Vanderlin, CALL President, was supportive of the idea. We discussed what content should be in this section, and we encourage the next committee to follow up on this goal.

D&I planned to feature a CALL member in the Bulletin who either represents a diverse group or is an ally or advocate for equity and inclusion. Although we had a member identified, the committee could not complete this task.

Despite not completing some of our goals, the committee's inaugural year was successful because we ultimately created a foundation for future committees to build on. We hope the next committee will continue to build bridges with the other CALL committees and promote this committee's importance within our association.

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SUMMER 2023, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): SARAH SHERMAN WALANGITAN

Chair: Sarah Walangitan

Members:

- Sally Hoterhoff
- Joe Mitzenmacher
- Sarah Reis

Board Liaison: Mandy Lee

Committee Charge:

Government Relations Committee keeps apprised of government activity pertaining to libraries and information policy by staying informed of the work of the AALL Government Relations Committee and the Government Relations Office. Shares updates with the CALL community and promotes equitable access to justice and access to information. Advocates policy interests and views of CALL on issues affecting law libraries and legal information professionals in the Chicago area, Illinois, and neighboring states.

Meetings:

The committee met on October 7, 2022 via Zoom to discuss our goals and priorities for the year.

Committee Accomplishments:

- Kept committee members updated on **AALL's Government Relations Committee** advocacy efforts, staffing changes, and events.
- Solicited nominations from CALL for the **AALL Advocacy Awards**.
- Sally Holterhoff kept track of and updated committee members on legislation from Indiana related to school library book bans. Our committee monitored ALA's efforts to **track and challenge various book bans**.
- Continued discussions about the CALL Finding Illinois Law's **online presence** and how it can be more interactive and engaging. These conversations will continue for the CALL GRC.

SUMMER 2023, GRANTS & CHAPTER AWARDS

GRANTS AND CHAPTER AWARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): JAMIE SOMMER

Chair: Jamie Sommer

Members:

- Sheri Lewis
- Lyonette Louis-Jacques
- Kristen Naik

This year the Committee worked with 2 grantee recipients and honored 5 CALL members with our 3 annual awards.

CALL Grant Recipients

Eugene M. Giudice, Senior Research Services Training Specialist at Dentons, received the CALL Grant to attend the AALL Annual meeting in Boston in July 2023.

Jackie Norton, Senior Research Analyst at Holland & Knight, received the CALL Grant to attend the AALL Annual meeting in 2022 but was unable to attend last year, so Jackie used the grant to attend the annual meeting this year in Boston.

CALL Chapter Awards

The Committee was pleased to acknowledge this year's chapter award recipients at the **May 2023 Business Meeting**. The honoree profiles below are now published in the Summer 2023 Issue (268) of the CALL Bulletin.

The **Outstanding In-House Publication Award** is given to an individual or group who created in-house library materials (print or online) that are user and staff oriented, are relevant for law libraries, and are outstanding in quality.

- 2023 Honoree: Emily Byrne

The **Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Law Librarianship Award** is presented annually to a librarian for an outstanding lifetime achievement in law librarianship.

- 2023 Honorees: Claire Toomey Durkin & Bill Schwesig

The **Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship** is presented annually to librarians who have provided outstanding service to the chapter during the previous year or for contribution to law librarianship.

- 2023 Honorees: Shari Berkowitz Duff & Jessie LeMar

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OUTSTANDING IN-HOUSE PUBLICATION, SUMMER 2023

EMILY BYRNE – 2023 OUTSTANDING IN-HOUSE PUBLICATION HONOREE

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): JAMIE SOMMER

The **Outstanding In-House Publication Award** is given to an individual or group who created in-house library materials (print or online) that are user and staff oriented, are relevant for law libraries, and are outstanding in quality.

Emily Byrne, Chapman and Cutler LLP

Each year, the library at Chapman and Cutler celebrates National Library Week with daily emails that include short puzzles, a compilation of recommendations in a column called Off-Hours, trivia, book recommendations, prizes and “Did you know...” style research tips. Emily creates the emails and puzzles and each year they get better and better.

And speaking of getting better each year, this award marks the fourth time Chapman and Cutler has won the award for outstanding in-house publication within the last 10 years:

- **2018:** Departmental Newsletter
- **2019:** Promotion Logo & Bingo Card
- **2022:** Chapman & Cutler Library Week
- **2023:** Chapman & Cutler Library Week

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AGNES & HARVEY REID AWARD, SUMMER 2023

SHARI BERKOWITZ DUFF AND JESSIE LEMAR – 2023 AGNES AND HARVEY REID HONOREES

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): JAMIE SOMMER

The **Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship** is presented annually to librarians who have provided outstanding service to the chapter during the previous year or for contribution to law librarianship.

This year the honorees are Shari Berkowitz Duff and Jesse LeMar:

Shari Berkowitz Duff

Shari has dedicated her time tirelessly to the law library community. Whether through **CALL**, **AALL**, **PLLIP** and now **RIPS**, where she was recently appointed as **RIPS Secretary and Treasurer**. She was also awarded the **PLLIP 2022 Advocate of the Year Award** for being “a strong advocate of private law librarianship and providing meaningful service to the Private Law Libraries SIS.”

In addition to being on the CALL PR committee, Shari has served on the CALL Continuing Education committee and helped to provide great professional development to all our members, as evidenced by last week’s outstanding program on state court dockets. Further, she has helped fellow CALL members numerous times with an AMPC program where she walks CALL through the AALL program submission process.

As the nomination materials for Shari aptly put it, “Shari does not have the word “no” in her vocabulary.” Whenever you need help, you can always count on Shari.

Jessie LeMar

Whether Jessie is working as a Research & Knowledge Manager at a top law firm, being on the CALL executive board or leading a committee, Jessie does this all with a smile on her face – making it look easy. Not to mention doing it all while raising little kids and even being brave enough to take them on European adventures.

Jessie is always quick to return a call or an email with her sage advice. CALL has benefited from her wisdom over the years, and we’ve relied upon her for guidance on CALL procedures and history. She is always there to lend a hand when needed.

A few years ago, Jessie worked tirelessly with Clare Willis in updating our membership procedures and directory- moving us into the digital world. As part of that process, she helped update our back-end membership system from Wild Apricot to Neon, which was no small task. Jessie, thank you for this and for all that you do for CALL and for the law library community. We are all so fortunate to have you as a leader, mentor, and a friend.

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, SUMMER 2023

CLAIRE TOOMEY DURKIN & BILL SCHWESIG – 2023 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN LAW LIBRARIANSHIP HONOREES

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): JAMIE SOMMER

The **Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Law Librarianship Award** is presented annually to a librarian for an outstanding lifetime achievement in law librarianship.

The 2023 Honorees were Claire Toomey Durkin and William “Bill” Schwesig.

Claire Toomey Durkin

Claire began her career as an elementary school teacher in Chicago and San Francisco but then transitioned to a career in law, graduating from The John Marshall Law School. After practicing law for approximately 10 years, she returned to John Marshall, now UIC School of Law, as a librarian, where she remained until her retirement in 2022.

Throughout her career, Claire advanced in leadership roles, serving as a Reference Librarian, Circulation Supervisor, Associate Director for Research & Instruction, and served one year as an interim Acting Library Director.

As her colleagues shared, Claire displayed a natural gift for management. One could always count on her to lend an understanding ear. Everyone felt comfortable talking to Claire and she felt comfortable talking to others regardless of differing ages, opinions or backgrounds. A true “people person”, Claire handled difficult situations with a unique combination of compassion, tact and humor.

Claire has always been committed to the law school’s students and faculty and consistently delivered exceptional service. To everyone at the school, it was obvious that she cared deeply about the success of the librarians she managed and the success of their students.

Bill Schwesig

Bill Schwesig joined the University of Chicago Law Library in 1986 as Reference Librarian. In 1990, his responsibilities grew to collection development as he became the Reference Librarian and Bibliographer for Common Law, a position he held for the next 27 years. In this role, he built the

D'Angelo Law Library's world-class collections in United States law, common law materials for foreign jurisdictions, and titles in law-related disciplines in the humanities and social sciences.

Bill became D'Angelo Law Library's Anglo-American and Historical Collections Librarian in 2017, adding dedicated work building collections on the Law School's history and rare books to his portfolio.

Bill has made outstanding contributions to the Library and Law School communities in his thirty-six-year career at the University of Chicago. He has been a valued colleague for his vast knowledge of legal information sources and law technologies, broad intellect, creativity, commitment to service, and sound judgment.

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SUMMER 2023, MEETINGS

MEETINGS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): MIKE MCMILLAN, CLARE GAYNOR WILLIS

Co-Chairs:

- Clare Gaynor Willis
- Mike McMillan

Members:

- Jesse Bowman
- Jon Hawkins

Committee Accomplishments:

The committee coordinated 4 business meetings. Two were virtual, and we brought back in-person meetings.

Business Meeting Logistics

- **Meeting dates.** We recommend setting the dates for all **Business Meetings** at the beginning of the year. This makes it easier to plan and coordinate with venues and should also make it easier for Vice President to coordinate with speakers.
 - **Choosing Days?** Tuesdays may be best option for in-person meetings as it seems like a day that most people with hybrid schedules are in the office.
- **Food/meeting cost.** We have been at \$25 for a long time despite a bit of inflation in past few years. It's probably time for an increased cost. It seems that Board approved dues and business meeting cost increases for 2023-2024?
- **In-Person Meeting Materials.** Name tags and check-in sheets is always something to consider for in-person meetings.
- **Dietary restrictions?** We didn't hear any complaints, but not sure if there's a good way to collect this info. Is there a place to do this in Neon? Clare and Mike tried to consider vegetarian options when making menu selections.

- **AV Equipment.** Good to try figuring this out on front end when coordinating with venues. Do we have a budget?
 - We ended up scrambling a bit for the November meeting since it's something we forgot to consider and then realized that Wildfire didn't have microphone/speaker or projector/screen. We ended up using Craig Schultz at AV Pro Connections (craig@avproconnections). He was great helping accommodate us last minute, but was a bit expensive.
 - Osteria Via Stato was great as they already had this stuff available for reasonable price.
 - Projectors add extra challenges. Some folks have them at work and can bring them, but it can be hard to coordinate. Are there any low-cost very portable options already within CALL or something to invest in maybe?
- **Guest speakers.** It's definitely nice to have them, but it's probably OK if we don't get one. It allows for more time for CALL business and networking. We're not totally clear on how much time speakers have and/or if that should be enforced somehow. Mike forgot to include guest speaker at May meeting so something to try to remember.
- **Zoom testing for virtual meetings.** Some technical issues getting things set up on Zoom, partly due to login/password issues. We recommend running test runs a few days ahead of time, including any guest speakers and/or others who might have presentations they want to include.
- **Event Registration.** Neon can be difficult to figure out when setting up events. It's not always super-intuitive and finding certain settings (vendor opt-out, dietary restrictions) seems to be tricky.
- **Sponsors.** We had a few sponsors who asked if they could make sponsorship payments with credit card. We were able to create a separate event in Neon for 1 attendee and the sponsorship cost to facilitate. This system seemed to work well.
 - **Sponsor/vendor reps.** We need to know how many are coming. What is the policy and how flexible is it? Bloomberg wanted to send 4 people and did (I think only 3 stayed for lunch or maybe didn't partake in lunch?).
 - **Raffle prizes.** Bridget MacMillan at Lexis has been great about keeping an open invitation for these and we then coordinate with the winners via e-mail. Someone mentioned that Blythe McCoy at Westlaw also threw the idea out there that they would be interested at some point, but that's hasn't been explored.
- **Other committee members.** Mike wishes he would have done a better job keeping the other committee members (Jesse and Jon) involved. Might suggest that they feel free to insert themselves along the way. This committee also used to be a good option for newer members as they could help out at sign-in/welcome table and get to know other people.

Other Meetings

Book/Media club was suggested as early as September, but difficult to plan these types of events in addition to Business Meetings and Happy Hours. Perhaps something that other committee members can take more of a lead on. The Personal Librarian and Code Switch were 2 book suggestions.

Committee Coordination

- **Community Service.** Mike also served as member on the committee and tried to coordinate for community service and donations messaging to go with meeting announcements.
 - **Speaker Connections:** It's nice for Community Service to know our speakers so they can consider charities/organizations that speakers might be connected to for fund-raising, and/or avoid possible conflicts.
- **Bulletin.** Secretary provides write-up for Bulletin. Should photos be included?

Outreach

- **Surveys.** What do members want? We ended up skipping on surveys. Should Meetings Committee be doing them? Are they useful? It seems that a fairly simplified version might be advisable to make the feedback easier to consume and implement.
- **Communications/Social Media.** How are people getting information/news on meetings and events? It seems like e-mail would be the best way. But it seems like a few members ran into confusion related to the May meeting due to an old posting on CALL website that listed a Thursday date that was later changed to a Tuesday. There were multiple e-mails with the correct date though.
- **Instructions.** Scott Vanderlin did send a list of instructions on 9/9/2022 and there are the items that were overlooked or unclear. Not sure how crucial these might be and/or if instructions should be revised.
 - Posting meeting information on Discussion Forum and Social Media. Not clear on what Discussion Forum consists of or what Social Media platforms.
 - Display boards. Should we bring these back? Thoughts on formatting and how to get them? Kinkos or other?
 - Accommodating and recognizing new members. Unclear on exact mechanisms in place to identify and recognize new members. And new members also entitled to one free meal, so not sure how to facilitate.
 - Surveys (as mentioned above).

2022-2023 Meeting Details

CALL Meetings organized between September 2022 and May 2023:

- **September 22, 2022** – virtual with author Daniel Scanlan
- **November 17, 2022** – Wildfire with **Aaron Annable**
 - 45 registered.
 - Good for first in-person meeting: venue we've been to before, service and food were great as always.
 - Issues: scramble to figure out equipment (microphone, screen, and projector) Wildfire did not have.

- **February 23, 2023** – virtual with Judge Edmon Chang
 - Zoom seemed to go better, partly because we arranged some test runs with guest speaker.
- **March 21, 2023** – Happy Hour at Beatrix
 - Trellis offered to sponsor a free happy hour and the Board asked us to coordinate for March 21, 2023 at Beatrix. Carrie Port started the ball rolling and then Clare and Mike coordinated with the venue and Todd Hillmer for payment.
 - Some challenges trying to figure out what our exact parameters and budget were involved.
- **May 16, 2023** – Osteria Via Stato with Judge Jesse Reyes
 - 68 registered (and I think only 3 people who couldn't make it)
 - Seemed to be a great option. We received several compliments on the food and the venue offered a lot of nice menu flexibility for us to help meet our price point. The onsite staff members were super friendly and accommodating.
 - The venue also had equipment available for rent at reasonable prices.

Considering Venues

The committee gathered costs and/or minimums at the time, which are also available.

- **Lettuce Entertain You** is a great option as they have lots of great restaurants and a form for entering meeting criteria and selecting multiple restaurants. The restaurants still have to be dealt with individually, but it does help streamline things a bit.
- **Hub 51** – Looks like neat space and interesting menu (too interesting for our group maybe?).
- **Osteria Via Stato** – Looks like a great option with good space and I think A/V options. There is an additional charge to use their microphone/speaker system.
- **Joe's** – maybe too expensive, but awesome restaurant and some menu versatility.
- **RPM Steak** – would be special opening since they are not generally open for lunch.
- **RPM Italian** – decent space
- **Shaw's** – not sure on space, but can check it out. Menu a bit limited maybe.
- **Lil' Ba Ba Reebea** – can check out space. Tapas charged per person. Maybe a decent option.
- **Aba** – Has a minimum.
- **Tallboy Taco** – 40 seated, 50 reception style. Probably not flexible enough size-wise.
- **RPM Seafood** – decent space probably. Lower cost for cheapest buffet than for seated sharing.
- **Ena** – space looks decent and food yummy. Additional cost per person to add dessert. 60 max people for space.
- **Il Porcelino** – nice looking space, but looks like 50 max so maybe not flexible enough. Additional cost per person to add dessert.

SUMMER 2023, MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): JESSICA LEMAR

Chair: Jessie LeMar

Committee:

- Todd Ito
- Julie Pabarja
- Juanita Harrell

Committee Charge:

The committee's main charge is updating and management of the online directory, which replaced the print directory. This included eliminating duplicate accounts, standardizing firm and company names, and coordinating with the CALL Listserv admins to update the member emails.

CALL members must now contact Membership Committee members directly to make changes to their account in Neon after the initial creation of their account. This helps to maintain the accuracy and standardization of data.

Committee Initiatives:

The committee had two initiatives in the past year, in addition to other projects for meetings and elections.

CALL Membership Survey

First, we attempted to gather information from members on years of service to CALL. This included an online form, as well as paper forms distributed at our two in-person meetings. Members were encouraged to submit information on when they joined CALL and how long they've been a member. The recent CALL anniversary was the impetus to collect this data.

We did not receive enough feedback to make this data truly useful, but will be reevaluating this initiative in the coming year. The membership database lacks this information as the Association has transitioned to variations of software and print resources throughout the years.

AALL Members in Chicagoland

The second initiative was to identify AALL members in the Chicagoland regional geographic area that were not members of CALL. This was an attempt to reach possible new members that would be interested in joining CALL. However, restrictions on accessing national AALL member data made this project too time intensive.

Finally, the committee coordinated with the Executive Board to identify new members to be recognized at CALL Business Meetings, and generated lists of current members for the annual election. The committee thanks our members for their hard work this past year.

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SUMMER 2023, MENTORSHIP & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

MENTORSHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): BRANDY ELLIS

Chair: Brandy Ellis

Members:

- Diana Koppang
- Lyonette Louis-Jacques
- Stacia Stein.

Mandy Lee served as CALL Board Liaison.

Committee Accomplishments:

The Committee sought to connect with new members and promote leadership development via several avenues:

- New Member Meet-up – The MDLC welcomed new members since 2020 with an in-person meet and greet at the Revival Food Hall in February. Coffee and pastries were provided with financial support from CALL.
- Virtual Panel on Conference Attendance – The MLDC hosted and facilitated a virtual panel discussion on tips and tricks for getting the most out of attending a conference. The panel was open to all law librarians, included attendees from all over the country, and featured a lively Q&A.
- Committee member Diana Koppang developed an article about the benefits of committee service for newer law librarians (forthcoming).
- Participation in the **Inaugural CALL Committee Summit** bringing together all committee chairs to meet and share plans for the year.

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SUMMER 2023, NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): LINDSEY CARPINO

The Nominations and Elections Committee sought nominations for the 2023-2024 CALL Executive Board: Director, Secretary, and Vice-President/President-Elect via over the CALL listserv. The slate was announced on the CALL listserv.

Committee Chair:

- Lindsey Carpino

Members:

- Heidi Kuehl
- Jessie LeMar
- Eugene Giudice
- Konya Moss

Voting took place February 20, 2023 thru March 14, 2023. The committee worked with Chris Siwa from AALL Headquarters to set up the online election, and the election ran efficiently.

2023-2024 Slate

Candidates for Vice President / President-Elect:

- ***Sarah Reneker Andeen***
Chief Knowledge and Research Services Officer
Chapman and Cutler
- ***Philip Johnson***
Instructional & Student Services Librarian
UIC School of Law

Candidates for Secretary:

- **Janice Collins**
Research Specialist
Dentons US, LLP
- **Clare Willis**
Research and Instructional Services Librarian
Pritzker Legal Research Center,
Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Candidates for Director:

- **Brandy Ellis**
Research Librarian and Head of Access Services
Kresge Law Library, University of Notre Dame
- **Lucy Robbins**
Assistant Director for Access and Technical Services
Loyola University Chicago, School of Law Library

2023-2024 Results

The results of the election are as follows:

- **Vice President/President-Elect:** Philip Johnson
- **Secretary:** Clare Willis
- **Director:** Lucy Robbins

Heartfelt thanks go out to Sarah Andeen, Janice Collins and Brandy Ellis for running, and for your willingness to serve on the CALL Executive Board.

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SUMMER 2023, PLACEMENT & RECRUITMENT

PLACEMENT AND RECRUITMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): TODD ITO, DIANA KOPPANG

The 2022-2023 CALL Placement & Recruitment Committee was comprised of Co-Chairs Todd Ito and Diana Koppang, and Joanne Kiley. Carrie Port was the Board Liaison.

Committee Tasks:

The committee started the year by meeting to discuss the committee charge and the initiatives in the **CALL Strategic Plan** assigned to this committee to handle.

The committee agreed to focus on finding opportunities to recruit new librarians into the profession and CALL. The committee reached out to library schools in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin to see how we could partner with them to promote job opportunities and law librarianship as a career.

The committee is also tasked with posting job openings on the CALL website and listserv. From August 1, 2022 to July 30, 2023, there were **30 jobs posted to the CALL website**. The committee also cleaned up the job board by moving older job postings to Draft mode, as per the **CALL Job Posting Terms & Conditions**.

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SUMMER 2023, PUBLIC RELATIONS

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

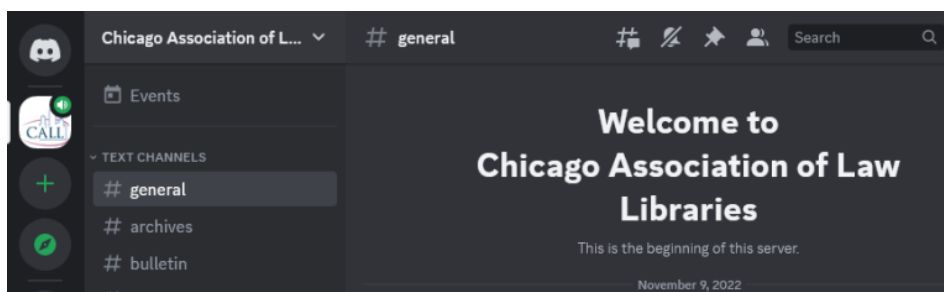
ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): JESSE BOWMAN

Chair: Jesse Bowman**Members:**

- Shari Berkowitz Duff
- Philip Johnson
- Lyonette Louis-Jacques

This year, the Public Relations (PR) Committee's major accomplishment was the creation of a CALL Discord server. Ideally, the server will function as an additional forum for communication among CALL membership. Currently, the server includes both a general channel (intended for CALL-wide discussions), as well as individual channels for each CALL committee.

The PR Committee invitation to join the CALL Group on Discord was sent from Jesse Bowman and Mandy Lee to the CALL listserv on February 27, 2023 and access was designed to be limited to CALL members.



CALL Discord Server, created November 2022 and shared in February 2023

Additionally, the PR Committee promoted CALL member accomplishments through the CALL [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#) accounts. The Committee attempted to keep abreast of publications authored, presentations delivered, and awards received by CALL members, and to highlight them accordingly.

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