President’s Column, by John Adkins

SANDALL 10th Anniversary — 2.0

Happy New Year! And welcome to SANDALL’s Tenth Anniversary 2.0! That’s right, we will be continuing the celebration theme throughout this Board’s tenure in 2009.

But first, a quick look back at the beautiful holiday party held at the Mingei International Museum in Balboa Park. It was an elegant affair with docent tours, light jazz music, and delicious finger food and drink. Many thanks to our sponsors: Thomson/Reuters and 10K Wizard, and Tempus IP for underwriting the venue and libations. Great prizes from CEB were awarded by Suzanne Smith, with the grand prize GPS going to Brent Bernau and the second prize digital camera to Joan Allen-Hart – ironically, the first and second presidents of the SANDALL chapter. What a great way to celebrate our anniversary!

At that event, we honored Miss June MacLeod as a founder of the law librarian community here in San Diego and for her many contributions to that community and SANDALL. As important as each person was in making SANDALL an official chapter, in looking back through the archives, the Board came to see that the foundation of any organized law librarian community in San Diego was the doing of June MacLeod. June began holding informal meetings for local librarians at her firm Gray Cary back in the early 1970s. June was a leader in creating the first incarnation of SANDALL, SCALL-San Diego, serving as its first council chair, and serving for two consecutive terms. June also served as the first SANDALL Newsletter editor, and did so for many years. June instigated the drive to connect our members to the new online world to eventually create a SANDALL electronic mail list. June was the steady and constant presence over 25 years of pre-SANDALL and SANDALL history, which helped build the solid foundation from which our chapter was created.

For her exemplary dedication and devotion to service to the San Diego law library community over time, the Board created an award to honor June and every successive deserving nominee -- the June F. MacLeod Distinguished Service Award. When the name of the award was announced, June and most in attendance were surprised.

June wrote me not long after to say:

Please convey my deepest gratitude to the officers of SANDALL for presenting me with the distinguished service award. I am also honored by the further announcement that the award will be named after me. As you can imagine, it was a great surprise to me.

SANDALL was born out of a need to network with fellow law librarians geographically closer than the Los Angeles area. In those days, we either went to SCALL meetings or we went to the San Diego chapter of Special Libraries Association meetings. At that time, I was the only professional law firm librarian in town and felt isolated when it came to communicating with the law firm librarians...
on a professional level. I would frequently speak with LA law firm librarians for information sharing and support. I was told that I was an “experiment” to see if hiring a professional in a San Diego law firm library was worthwhile. The experiment was apparently a success and, within a few years, other larger law firms hired professional librarians. As the local network grew into something more formal, we had a desire to market our profession and ourselves within the business and legal community.

I am pleased to see SANDALL doing well with such fine leadership as the current officers display. I know that SANDALL will continue to flourish and to be the support that the local law librarian community needs.

Again, thank you for the lovely award ceremony and the honor that SANDALL has bestowed upon me. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, June

For me, it was an honor to go back through the SANDALL archives to get a glimpse of the hard work and dedication of the many people it took to make our chapter a reality. June’s efforts were vital to the creation and continuation of a true community of law librarians here in San Diego. Look for the testimonials about June that we posted around the Mingei elsewhere in this newsletter.

And now, to the future!

2009 brings us many blessings, including Deb Morse and her brown bag presentation on Elder Abuse Law coming up on January 21st at MoFo. RSVP to Betsy Chessler at bcessler@mofo.com, because it is sure to be highly interesting given Deb’s experience as an attorney and former RN with a decade of civil prosecution of medical negligence, personal injury, and elder abuse cases.

As always, your board is very motivated to give you quality programs of interest to you, and fun opportunities for learning and socializing. Please give us your feedback when you have some time or when you have an idea to share.

Another SANDALL luminary, former President Valerie Railey, will be moderating an AALL webinar at the end of January called “Take the Lead: Journey to Authentic Leadership.” (January 29, 2008 at 12:00 pm Eastern/9 am our time). The program is free to all AALL members. This webinar will teach us how Leadership Academy Fellows are taking what they learned and driving results at their institutions.
To register: http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=682226 I am “attending” virtually and encourage you all to do the same.

Carmen Brigandi is now chairing the Nominations Committee, along with the able assistance of Pat Rusheen and Chris Pickford. If you are called to serve, please make every effort to do so; you are being asked because the chapter needs you.

One sad addendum: it was recently reported that SANDALL Fall Workshop Speaker and Presenter Professor Connie Costantino passed away suddenly while on a trip to Europe with her husband. Betsy Chessler worked closely with Connie on the Second Life segment, and Connie was the main architect for the program and its participants. Originally, we were building the entire workshop around Connie and her career as an educator of librarians and her exciting life as a library consultant who had traveled extensively. Due to sudden family obligations, Connie had to change the plan, but she continued as a vibrant presence and participant. She was the force behind the Second Life segment, and Connie’s life force will be much missed. You can read more about Connie’s remarkable career elsewhere in the newsletter.

In closing, please take the time to read this newsletter and take note of the new annual Article of the Year award. This is your chance to contribute something informative, educational, or amusing – and perhaps win $50! Time to sharpen your pencils and start writing!

Best wishes, John
My continuing interest in developing a Law 2.0 toolkit has taken me into the “blawgosphere” and the online communities of social and professional networks like Twitter and LinkedIn. Here are some examples of current awareness resources you may not know about or have shared with those who use your Library. A number of these are available as feeds on Twitter, a great alert service (and more) which is simple and easy to set up. Just follow the Twitter links provided below, join or login to Twitter, and choose the “Follow” button under the icon and title. Thanks to Carrie Long and Nina Platt of the Minnesota Association of Law Librarians for helpful tips.

Bow Tie Law Blog: the Knotty Issues of e-Discovery
http://bowtielaw.wordpress.com/
San Francisco attorney and bow tie enthusiast Joshua Gilliland “unknots” the complex issues of electronic data discovery, blogging about information technology and Web 2.0 networking tools in relation to FRE and FRCP. An excellent discussion including the humane use of technical language. Also includes descriptions and screenshots of software used in the e-discovery process.

The Electronic Discovery Reference Model
http://www.edrm.net/
A clearinghouse project begun in 2005 to establish guidelines and set standards for parties involved in the discovery of documents and information in electronic form. The reference “nodes” and additional materials are presented in wiki format; the glossary there is especially useful.

JD Supra
http://www.jdsupra.com/
A digital repository where law firms, law schools, and the legal community can post their documents, filings, newsletters, articles, etc. in a shared online publishing environment. It functions as an archive and file-sharing medium, and is used by practitioners, law students, and faculty. Also available as a Twitter feed: http://twitter.com/Law_Practice

KM Space: Knowledge Management, Enterprise 2.0, and social networking for lawyers
http://kmSPACE.blogspot.com/
Doug Cornelius, an attorney specializing in business ethics as a compliance officer with a Boston real estate company, has been blogging since 2007 on KM practices in a law firm environment – the treatment of legal knowledge “for reuse, awareness, and learning across the firm.” Topics include social networks, SharePoint, Facebook, intranets, marketing, and reports on a variety of industry conferences.

LexMonitor blog digest
http://www.lexmonitor.com/
A free daily review of blogs and journals featuring prominent legal issues discussed by attorneys and other law professionals. Thousands of sources and authors are monitored and grouped by topics in the major areas of practice as well as legal education, legal research, and law libraries.

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AALL PACIFIC CHAPTERS JOINT RECEPTION UPDATE: WE ARE SPONSORED!

We received wonderful news from Lori Hedstrom at Thomson/West over the holidays:

“West Librarian Relations would be pleased to contribute $2,000 to the sponsorship of your Pacific Chapters Reception at AALL in 2009.”

With that amount we can have a nice reception and keep the tradition going. I sent her SANDALL’s and my own personal thanks for the generous contribution and sponsorship. As I wrote Lori:

“Dollars do mean a lot, but just knowing that year after year we can count on your team of expert professionals to provide us all with superior service, training, and educational opportunities is the real deal. That, and the true camaraderie that everyone in Thomson West fosters and shares so freely.”

Many thanks to Lori and her team at West!

AALL Annual Meeting/Workshop Grants for New & Experienced Members

Thinking about attending the 2009 annual meeting, but need financial assistance? Apply now for an AALL grant to attend the AALL Annual Meeting or a workshop in Washington, D.C.! Grants are awarded to cover registration fees for the Annual Meeting or workshops presented at the Annual Meeting.

For the first time, two categories of grants are available: one for experienced members (5 or more years) who have a proven record of professional accomplishment and service to AALL and the other for Students/New Members (less than 5 years of professional experience) who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Previously, newer members and students were given a scoring advantage, but the committee feels that experienced members are also in need of assistance to attend AALL Annual Meetings or workshops.

The application deadline is Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Don’t delay!

For more information, see the Grants Committee website: http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grant_application.asp

Still have questions? Feel free to contact any member of the Grants Committee. Looking forward to receiving your application.

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Also available as a Twitter feed: http://twitter.com/LexMonitor

A final note on the proliferation of law-related blogs (or “blawgs”). I counted 146 blogs included for review in the LexMonitor “Law Professor Blogs” channel. The University of Wisconsin Law Library WisBlawg lists almost 150 active blogs from law libraries and law library associations alone. A new arrival not yet on that list would be our very own blog from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Library, called ThomChat. Please visit and comment at http://tisllibrary.wordpress.com/.
COMBINE FITNESS WITH A WORTHY CAUSE!!

The Social Responsibility Committee has formed the SANDALL RACE TEAM for the 2nd Annual Max and Jake’s Big Race. This race is named after two former patients of the Rady Children’s Heart Institute. The money raised for this event will benefit the Rady Children’s Heart Institute, an institution that aims to provide optimal care for infants, children and adults born with Congenital Heart Defects. To learn more about this worthy cause, visit http://maxandjakesbigrace.kintera.org.

If you would like to join us for the 1 mile walk, you can register for the SANDALL Team at: https://www.kintera.org/faf/r/default.asp?ievent=288312&lis=1&kntae288312=1ED72F3EF95D4A7FA1FAA54A779325C8

Event: 2nd Annual Max & Jake’s Big Race – 1 mile walk
Where: Mission Trails Regional Park
When: February 22, 2009 from 9-10 a.m. (SANDALL team members meet up at 8:45 a.m. at the starting point).
Registration Fee: $20 per person

All participants receive a free t-shirt, a goody bag and the heartfelt appreciation of the Rady Children’s Heart Institute. If you have any questions about joining the team or if you would like to provide a monetary donation, you may email Benita at: bghura@sdcpll.org.

Friends and family members are also welcome to join the SANDALL Team! Thanks for your contribution!
Member Profile

Kelly Keach
Reference Librarian
San Diego County Public Law Library

Where are you from originally? Where did you go to school?
I was born and raised in San Diego. In lovely El Cajon to be specific. I went to Pomona College for undergrad where I got a BA in History – Go Sagehens!

For law school, I went to Cal Western. I thought I wanted to practice tax law, so I went to the University of Washington for their LL.M. program. Go Huskies!

Now, I want to be a librarian and am attending San Jose State’s distance program – Go Spartans!

What are some of your responsibilities at SDCPLL?

What (or who) first got you interested in libraries? Was there a particular event or person that made you realize … “Hey! I want to be a librarian!”
I have always been a big reader and researcher. I worked in a science library in college and enjoyed it and thought about it as a career at various times. After my son was born, I needed to make a change and I applied for a substitute librarian position at SDCPLL. I was hired the next day. Once I started as a substitute at SDCPLL, I really thought I had found my calling. I was lucky enough to have a full-time position open up 2 months after I started. Now, I am getting my MLIS.

What are some of your other interests and hobbies?
Spending time with my wife and son is my biggest priority. We love going to the zoo. Then there’s school. After that, I like watching sports and exploring baseball and football history. I spend too much time with the Hall of Merit where we are re-electing the Baseball Hall of Fame. I collect books, especially from Subterranean Press. I still collect comics and look forward to taking my son to his first Comic-Con sometime in the next couple of years. I love watching movies, especially Asian martial arts or thrillers, Pixar and Miyazaki animation, and black and white classics. And I spend way too much time looking at blogs.

Do you have a favorite book or author?
Too many to narrow it down to one. But Carlos Ruiz Zafon’s The Shadow of the Wind is one of my favorite books. My favorite fiction authors include Dan Simmons, Joe Hill, Tim Powers, and Caitlin Kiernan. For non-fiction, Bill James is great writing about baseball and David Allen’s Getting Things Done has really helped me at work.

What was the last movie you saw in a theater?
Between school, my family, and my three-year old son, I don’t get to many movies. My wife and I just saw Frost/Nixon and loved it. I also really liked Kung-Fu Panda, Wall-E, and The Dark Knight.

Is there anything really interesting about yourself that the rest of the membership would like to know?
This is my year to finally lose the weight from law school and get in shape!!!

Questions, comments … kkeach@sdcpll.org
“June is a doer. You never heard her say "Somebody should do this." Instead, she would pick up the banner and lead the way to getting something done. This quality applied with our outreach workshop program with the San Diego Public Library where area law librarians taught public librarians about legal materials. It applied when we started writing articles for "San Diego Lawyer" on aspects of legal research as a means of promoting our profession. It applied in forming SANDALL.” — NANNA FRYE

“I truly believe that without her dedication to the profession, and commitment to her colleagues, there would never have been a “real” SANDALL, an official AALL chapter. Becoming an official AALL chapter requires a strong commitment toward the national organization. Many were concerned that moving toward separate official chapterhood would be viewed by friends and colleagues in SCALL as an act of disloyalty. During this time, it was June who was a leader and a mediator, keeping the often lively discussion about the issue cordial and professional.” —JOAN ALLEN-HART

“I also think that she deserves this honor. June did start the San Diego Area Law Librarians group in 1973. I was part of this group and we fit around one table. She received the Certified Law Librarian designation from the AALL in 1979. June was always an advocate for San Diego having its own AALL chapter since the trip to SCALL meetings in L.A. involved too much time and money for most San Diego law librarians. June was featured in an article written in the LA Daily J. on 9/16/98 which described SANDALL becoming a chapter of AALL.” — KARLA CASTETTER

TOP REASON FOR FORMALIZING OUR LOCAL GROUP: “For 5 yrs, the burden of organizing our brown bag luncheons and being a central resource person for job openings has been June MacLeod. It is time for that burden to be shared.” — Notes on “Presentation to SCALL Executive Board,” by DIANE GARCIA and NANNA FRYE, October 30, 1991
Ten Employment Tips for 2009
by Arnold Josafat, Catalog Librarian, Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Happy New Year! Ready to tackle those resolutions you made? Does one of those resolutions involve embracing a change in responsibilities or surroundings? If so, then you might be looking to change what you do at work and that entails job hunting. Below is a list of nine tips to keep in mind while searching for new employment opportunities.

1. **What do I want to be when I grow up?**

   Assess your work experience, skills, knowledge and abilities before beginning the job search. You can create a chart of these skills, knowledge, abilities and experience to get an overall visual image similar to the resume. Creating a list of personal and professional goals with potential deadlines also helps direct your future given your current experience and abilities. It also allows you to be open-minded to new opportunities as noted below.

2. **Scan all the job listings (physical or virtual).**

   When it comes to print, the local newspaper and newsletters are job opportunity resources. In the virtual world, these resources expand tremendously. Think of your local, state, and national professional association’s websites, like SANDALL’s placement information webpage at: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sandall/jobs.htm. Most law firms and law schools also may have their job openings posted online. Otherwise, there are general, online job websites, like Careerbuilder.com, Monster.com, and Jobs.com.

3. **Prepare the resume, cover letter, and thank you notes.**

   Once you decide on what positions to pursue, revise your resume and cover letters to address each of them individually. A standard resume and cover letter generally ends up in the recycling bin. Also remember to contact people you can count on for references so that they can prepare to speak on your behalf. After an interview, do not forget to send a thank you note. If there are too many people to send a note to, then send one to the interview organizer and name the others in the note.

4. **Apply, apply, apply (even if you think you don’t qualify).**

   If it is in your field of experience and you are interested but think you are under or over qualified, apply anyway. It may be that you might get that job offer because you were the only applicant or after a few applicants decline it. In either case, remember you have a chance in getting the job if you apply and zero chance if you do not.

5. **Practice interviewing with a friend.**

   Have a mock interview with someone you trust. Interviewing with a friend helps to build confidence in your speaking abilities and to be aware of the mental stresses involved with the experience.

6. **Prepare for the interview.**

   Once an interview is granted and scheduled, ask yourself the following: Who will I be interviewing with and what do I know about them? Do I have directions to the interview? Is my interview suit clean and pressed? Do I have extra copies of my resume? Did I bring a notepad and pen to write down notes, names, ideas during the interview experience? Do I have my business cards? Will I need the emergency JIC (just-in-case) kit of tissues, band aid, stain remover, etc.? Is my attitude and mood positive (because no one wants to interview a grumpy person)?

7. **Network, network, network.**

   So much has been written about the power of networking, that only one reminder needs to be noted. Potential job opportunities occur often outside the published job boards or lists and networking is one avenue in which this happens. Joining a professional work-related organization (like SANDALL) or social organization expands your network of contacts, which allows for advance
notice of possible, future job openings. Networking builds positive relationships.

8. Learn something new.

Ever see that one job description that looks like you love to apply for, but find that you are missing that one required element, like a particular language skill? It is high time then to learn something new, such as that language or acquiring a new skill. Doing this helps to expand your resume if it is professionally relevant. Continuing education opportunities are everywhere, such as a community college language course or public library computer software class, if you are willing to try them.

9. Open mind = new opportunities.

Seeking full-time employment may be the standard goal, but it is not the only goal. If you are open to new ideas, then opportunities, such as part-time work, volunteering, seeking or being a mentor in a professional organization or consulting, are available. This in turn enables you to network and broaden your work experience and abilities.

10. Be happy.

Keep a positive attitude. Job searching can be a grind and at times appear depressing. Remember however there are others who have less and knowing this should invoke gratitude. Look at the job hunt as an adventure filled with interesting people and experiences that you can benefit from, especially since it can end with a desirable job offer.

HUGE BOOK DRIVE SUCCESS!
THANK YOU SANDALL MEMBERS!

Thank you so much SANDALL members for contributing to the children’s holiday book drive. The book drive was an enormous success, thanks to the generosity of our members. We delivered a total of 129 children’s books to UPLIFT, who were very grateful and appreciative of our donation and sent us the attached thank you letter.

The books will be made available to the Kids at Heart mentoring program for low-income children. This program works on a rewards system where the kids can earn dollar points by completing their homework assignment or some other school related tasks. Then the kids get to make purchases with their dollar points and one of the items they must purchase is a book. Due to our donation, the kids will now have a wide variety of interesting books to choose from to increase their literacy skills.

Thank you for your contribution and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

The Social Responsibility Committee
IN MEMORIAM: Connie Costantino

As Second Life avatar Sagamore Sands, Connie took a leadership role in many professional library events in Second Life. SANDALL Secretary Gina Catalano suggested we contact her former professor to be the featured speaker at our fall workshop. Programs Chair and VP Betsy Chessler writes: “Connie was a delight to work with on our Second Life talk. In fact, she was the one that suggested the topic to me, brought in all the players and worked with me off hours to put it together. She was a very exuberant personality, always ready to leap in and try the new stuff. I will miss her virtual and physical presence.” See also: Dr. Connie Costantino presents in Second Life for SANDALL Fall 2008 workshop

The following tribute was sent to the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science admin list by Dr. Ken Haycock. Below is a portion of it; you can read the entire tribute at this url:


Prior to joining SLIS, Dr. Costantino spent over 30 years as a school, public and academic librarian, most recently as Library Director at Alliant International University from 1993 to 2003. She also consulted for libraries in Mexico City and Nairobi, Kenya. Dr. Costantino was active in the Association of College and Research Libraries, particularly the Distance Learning Section and chaired ACRL’s International Relations Committee. California colleagues will especially know her work as chair of the Mentoring Committee for the California Library Association.

Dr. Costantino taught Information Organizations and Management, Instructional Strategies for Information Professionals, and International and Comparative Librarianship at SLIS. Her research focused on information literacy, particularly amongst undergraduate students and educators.

The sympathy of the entire SLIS community is extended to Connie’s family. Her commitment to her profession and to her students, her graduate advising and mentoring, her exceptional teaching, her cheerful contributions to faculty decision-making, will all be long remembered. Her many grateful students will form a critical part of her enduring legacy.

Dr. Costantino’s faculty web page has more about her career and links to other Happenings in which she was featured.

Dr. Costantino’s SL avatar

Betsy Chessler’s avatar, Typhoon Dragonash, viewing Dr. Costantino’s memorial in Second Life.
Government Relations Committee Update
by Tina D. Jagerson, GRC Chair
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A number of issues are coming to the forefront as President-Elect Obama transitions into the Presidency. SANDALL and AALL are paying close attention to Obama’s appointments, position statements and goals for the future presidency. The new 111th Congress will also present new challenges and issues of high importance to SANDALL, AALL and law libraries.

As Chair of the GRC, I will continue to monitor AALL Washington and other resources for all the latest issues of interest to SANDALL. This update highlights some of the most talked-about issues in the last few months since the elections took place.

But before we get to the political issues:

Don’t Forget to Register for AALL’s Legislative Advocacy Leadership Training 2009!

The AALL Government Relations Office and Committee presents “AALL Day on the Hill.” This special offering takes place on Friday, July 24, 2009, from 8:30am – 5:00pm. The training will be held in Washington D.C. before AALL’s Annual Meeting with FREE registration for AALL members.

Speakers include AALL GRO staff, GRC Chair Steve Mirsky, and “Advocacy Guru,” experienced lobbyist and congressional aide Stephanie Vance. You’ll learn the skills necessary to become a successful advocate for your law library, get to network with colleagues, meet with your Congressional delegation on Capitol Hill, as well as learn about AALL’s legislative goals for the new Congress.

Register for this exciting training by contacting Emily Feldman at ejf33@law.georgetown.edu. I’ll meet you there!

Open Letter Sent to Congress Urging Bailout Transparency

On December 8, AALL and the Special Libraries Association (SLA), along with more than 75 other organizations, sent our U.S. Congress a letter expressing strong concern that the Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP), the financial-bailout program, lacks considerable accountability and public transparency.

The signors applauded Congress for refusing to give the Treasury Department a “blank check,” but at the same time, expressed concern that almost half of the initial $700 billion fund already distributed has had “very little transparency.” With an additional $800 billion given to the Federal Reserve to spend as they see fit, the taxpayers’ commitment reached $8.5 trillion. In addition, public disclosure laws provide that only that information actually collected by the government is accessible to citizens.

The letter expressed the importance of enacting changes to the current laws requiring those government agencies involved in TARP to actively collect information about how bailout money is spent and timely provide this information to the public in a usable format, thus increasing transparency and public accountability.

SANDALL Endorses Recommendations for the Obama Administration and the New Congress

SANDALL, along with AALL, eight other AALL Chapters, and more than seventy-five individual law librarians endorsed recommendations for the new Obama-Biden Administration and 111th Congress.

The report, “Moving Toward a 21st Century Right-to-Know Agenda: Recommendations to President-elect Obama and Congress,” included seventy recommendations in three categories: National Security and Secrecy; Usability of Information; and Creating a (Continued on page 12)
Government Environment for Transparency. OMB Watch continues to accept signatures until the Presidential Inauguration.

Obama Administration Favors Many AALL-Supported Issues

President-elect Obama has advocated for many of the same issues supported by AALL, including the *Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act* (P.L. 109-282), co-sponsored by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK) in 2006. This legislation helped create a searchable public database where Americans can see where the federal government spends their money: [USASpending.gov](http://www.USASpending.gov).

Most recently, Obama stated the importance of for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and how disappointed he was in the Bush Administration's attempt to close EPA libraries. Obama’s letter to the American Federation of Government Employees' National President documents his commitment to supporting the efforts of the EPA in his Administration.

AALL supports President-elect Obama’s Technology Agenda, which outlines his intentions to promote the “Full and Free Exchange of Ideas through an Open Internet and Diverse Media Outlets” and “Create a Transparent and Connected Democracy” by opening up government to its citizens and bringing government into the 21st century through the use of “cutting-edge technology.”

AALL Files “Network Neutrality” Issue Brief

AALL GRC member Ryan Saltz prepared this Issue Brief on Network Neutrality explaining the importance of ensuring an “open and non-discriminatory Internet.” Mr. Saltz explained that law libraries would be working in the “slow lane” without an open Internet. As such, AALL has strongly supported two bills to help this cause: the *Internet Freedom Preservation Act* (S. 215) and *Internet Freedom Preservation Act of 2008* (H.R. 5353). AALL is hopeful that President-elect Obama will follow through on his acknowledged support for net neutrality and that the new Congress will enact this important legislation.

Changes to the 111th Congressional Committees

Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) is the new Chair of Senate Rules and Admin Committee, replacing Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA). The Rules Committee governs the Library of Congress National Archives, the Records Administration (NARA) and the Government Printing Office, all important agencies to law libraries.

Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (I-CT) remains as the chair of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. AALL has worked with Sen. Lieberman as far back as 2002 on important issues. Recently, Sen. Lieberman sponsored to pieces of legislation that AALL strongly supported: the *E-Government Reauthorization Act of 2007* (S. 2321) reauthorizing the E-Government Act of 2002 and adding a provision making it easier to search government websites; and S.RES.401 providing public online access to Congressional Research Service (CRS) publications.

More pluses for AALL and law libraries: the Environment and Public Works Committee, which advocated for the reopening of the EPA libraries, will continue to be chaired by Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA); and Sen. Patrick Leahy will remain as chair of the Judiciary Committee, of which he co-sponsored the *OPEN Government Act* (P.L. 110-175).

Welcome the New Members of Congress

Check out this pictorial directory of “Freshman” Congressional members. The 111th Congress will see 63 new members in 2009, including 38 Democrats and 25 Republicans.

Election Results CORRECTION: after recounts, Franken wins!
The Minnesota election between Al Franken (D) and incumbent Senator Norm Coleman (R) was a close race involving many recounts and challenges. After the dust settled, Franken (D) won by a mere 225 votes. Franken commented about the election on his website:

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After 62 days, after the careful and painstaking hand inspection of nearly 3 million ballots, after hours and hours of hard work by elections officials and volunteers across the state, I am proud and humbled to stand before you as the next Senator from Minnesota.

This victory is incredibly humbling – not just because it was so narrow, but because of the tremendous responsibility it gives me on behalf of the people of Minnesota.

**Participate in the Obama Transition Online at “Your Seat at the Table” and “Join the Discussion”**

[Change.gov](http://Change.gov), the official Office of the President-Elect’s Transition website, has feature providing access to public documents and allowing public feedback on the ideas presented to the Transition Team. [Your Seat at the Table](http://YourSeatAtTheTable) section allows you to track Transition Team meetings, view documents (including the 21st Century Right to Know Project’s transparency recommendations), leave comments, and search other entries. This section’s goal is provide as much information to the public about the transition as possible. It’s a good example of Obama’s promising efforts to open up government to more transparency, so check it out.

If you’re interested in new developments with the presidential transition, you can actively [Join the Discussion](http://JointheDiscussion). You can watch the latest videos shared with the public by the Obama-Biden Policy teams, and then join the discussion to leave your thoughts or comments.

**Retired Associate Justice Sandra Day O’Connor Receives Law Library of Congress’ Wickersham Award**

The [Wickersham Award](http://WickershamAward) recognizes individuals with ‘exceptional public service and dedication to the legal profession.’ James Duggan, AALL President and committee member of the Friends of the Law Library of Congress’ 2008 Wickersham Award, presented this year’s award to Associate Justice Sandra Day O’Connor at a gala dinner held in D.C. on October 30. O’Connor hosted past years’ dinners at the Supreme Court and jokingly claimed to be the only Wickersham recipient who was also in the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame.

For additional details and all the latest news, visit AALL’s [Government Relations Office](http://GovernmentRelationsOffice) website and their [Washington Blawg](http://WashingtonBlawg).

Thanks to [Emily Feldman](mailto:EmilyFeldman), Advocacy Communications Associate at AALL Washington, for keeping me informed, so that I can provide SANDALL members with all the latest happenings.

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**Announcing: The SANDALL News Article of the Year Award**

In recognition of the hard work by our members to continually improve the quality and scope of our newsletter, the SANDALL Board would like to announce the first ever [Article of the Year Award](http://ArticleoftheYearAward). Articles to be considered will be chosen from this year’s SANDALL News issues (September 2008, November 2008, January 2009, March 2009, May 2009). Articles will be evaluated on the following: value to readers, style, creativity and overall impression. Determination of the winners will be made by a 5 member selection committee, lead by the Newsletter Chair. A certificate of recognition will be awarded to the author of the winning article along with a $50 cash award at the Annual Meeting.

So, share your valuable knowledge, humor, search techniques, etc. and get those newsletter articles in to Amy Moberly (alm@cwsl.edu)! If you are available late May/early June and would like to be on the selection committee please contact the Newsletter Committee Chair, Gina Catalano at gcatalano@sdcpll.org.
Holiday Party Photos

Special thanks to Victoria Williamson for our party photos!
Exciting Volunteer Opportunity with AARP Tax Aide Program!

With the economy slowing down and the U.S. in a recession, many individuals in San Diego may not be able to afford to hire the services of a certified tax accountant or may not be able to afford to purchase a tax preparation software program to assist them in filing their taxes.

As a result, the Social Responsibility Committee would like to highlight an upcoming volunteer opportunity to all SANDALL members who would like to assist AARP with providing free tax assistance to low income people.

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, organization formed in 1958. AARP’s purpose is to assist individuals, aged 50 years and older, in improving their quality of life. As part of this goal, AARP offers free tax assistance to low to moderate income individuals through their AARP Tax Aide Program. The AARP Tax Aide Program assists with the preparation and filing of federal income tax returns only. In San Diego County, there will be approximately 40 tax help sites operating from February 1 to April 15, 2009 to provide free tax assistance.

If you would like to be a Tax Aide volunteer, the AARP will provides full training, so don’t worry if you are not a tax expert!

To take advantage of AARP’s volunteer opportunities and to become a Tax Counselor, Local Coordinator, Technology Coordinator, Communications Coordinator or a District Coordinator, please visit the AARP website at: http://www.aarp.org/money/taxaide/volunteertaxaide/a2004-01-22-volunteerwithtaxaide.html.

You can also apply for a volunteer position online at: http://www.aarp.org/money/taxaide/volunteertaxaide/leadership_application_form.html.

Sincerely,
The Social Responsibility Committee

SANDALL
Board Meeting Minutes
11-2-08, 12:30pm
San Diego County Public Law Library
1105 Front Street
San Diego CA 92101

Board members in attendance:
   John Adkins, Betsy Chessler, Sheila Corman, Leigh Inman, Gina Catalano

Meeting called to order at: 12:40pm

Previous Board Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

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# SANDALL Treasurer’s Report

**Date:** 11/20/2008

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## REVENUES

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**TOTAL** $4,401.49

## Current membership

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**SANDALL Communications**

**New Member Packets**
Leigh is working on new member packets, and has solicited suggestions of what should be included from Vicky. Will have a sample to the Board by March 1st.

**Member Directories**
Leigh is currently working on membership renewals - she hopes to have directory out by March. As discussed in past Board meetings, the Directory will include member job titles, a Zip code listing, and an affiliation listing.

**Webpage**
Board discussed that password protecting the directory is a priority.

**Membership Blog/Wiki**
John met with Carol Hyne and she thought that a Wiki would be a good idea, to have resources/links that members could contribute to. Board decided to work on Wiki idea and tabled discussion about having a Blog.

John will send a message out to the member listserv to see if someone would be interested in creating the Wiki.

**Board Wiki**
John discussed creating a president’s Wiki that has timelines, instructions, sample agendas, etc. He stated that it is something that each President could add to, to share knowledge and experiences. Leigh brought up the idea of extending it to the Board. So, each Board member would have a section of their own to add to for institutional knowledge. John volunteered to create the Board Wiki.

*Board voted on the creation of a password protected Wiki for Board use. Approved.*

**New Book List & Newsletter Links**
Board discussed inviting organizations to post a link to their new book lists and newsletters to our member listserv, eventually also post to our website. *Board voted on inviting organizations to send message on our member listserv with link to their new book lists and newsletters. Approved.*

John to send invitation to members/organizations

**Newsletter masthead**
Amy designed a new Newsletter masthead in celebration of our 10th anniversary. The November edition contains the new masthead.

**Second Life initiative**
Betsy will send out message on our member listserv to see if anyone is interested in having a SANDALL presence on Second Life.

**Liaison for Daily Transcript**
The Daily Transcript used to publish articles from SANDALL. Board agreed to ask the PR Committee if they would look into re-establishing this contact.

**AALL Liaison**
Gina to look into getting our Chapter news posted on the AALL website. It is no longer published in the AALL magazine. Gina will attempt to contact the AALL person responsible for posting chapter news and report back to the Board.

**Brown Bag Host Gift**

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Board discussed sending gift baskets to organizations who host our Brown Bag events. Board discussed the cost of thank you gifts versus sending a nice thank you note. We do have a SANDALL stationary masthead created by Tina Jagerson of the Public Relations Committee.

**Board voted to send thank you notes to Brown Bag Hosts instead of gifts. Approved.**

**Newsletter**

Board discussed creating an *Article of the Year Award* for submissions to the SANDALL Newsletter. A committee could be formed to decide on the winner.

Amy Moberly could send out a notice when she solicits for articles informing the membership of the award.

**Board voted and agreed on having an Article of the Year Award**

**10th Anniversary Challenges**

**Member Outreach**

Leigh is currently compiling a list of listservs and contact info for places to post invitations to join SANDALL. We have already exceeded our goal of 10 new members – we currently have 13 new members.

John will compare our discussion listserv to our membership roster to see who is not a member and send out invitations to join or renew membership in SANDALL.

**Advertising in SANDALL News**

John spoke to Amy Moberly about reinstating the Newsletter advertising. Amy stated that in the past with the print version of the Newsletter, it was time consuming to get materials from vendors and track payments.

John will look into reinstating the advertising and see if it is worth pursuing in the future to get more revenue for SANDALL. Board discussed the possibility of having someone help with the solicitations, handling money and getting the graphics for the newsletter.

**SANDALL's Distinguished Service Award**

*Board approved via email the following:*

- Purchase of Award
- Wording for Award

**Chapter VIP Program**

Board discussed via email the following:

No nominations received for Chapter VIP program. Cost to SANDALL to send someone would be approximately $1000.

**Board voted via email not to send a representative this year.**

**Holiday Party Venue**

*Board approved via email the terms of the Mingei contract*

*Board approved having Betsy sign on our behalf to reserve the Mingei for the party*

**Legal Roots Celebration**

The Legal Roots Celebration was cancelled. SANDALL purchased one ticket to the event to send a representative.

**Board voted and approved of allowing the San Diego County Public Law Library to keep the registration fee of $125 as a donation to the library for the purchase of new materials (such as the Witkin fund).**

Leigh will speak with the Library about the donation.

**Fall Workshop**

*Board approved via email an honorarium of $150 to Fall Workshop speaker Karen Coombs*

**New Business**

**AALL Pacific Chapters Joint Reception 2009: Washington, D.C.**

Board discussed that SANDALL has been designated to organize the Pacific Chapters reception this year.
If no vendor support is received, the Board members discussed contributing $400 to help sponsor the reception. If all Pacific Chapters contribute $400 there should be enough money to hold the reception.

Preliminary Registration form completed and sent in by John Adkins.

*Board voted and approved going ahead with planning for the event.*

**Committee Reports**

**Grant’s Committee**

Gina Catalano and Charles Dean were the recipients of the $550.00 SANDALL grants to attend Internet Librarian in Monterey this past October. Charles will have a wrap up of his experience in the next newsletter.

Gina will also contribute an article on the Internet Librarian to the newsletter.

The next grants will be for the SCALL workshops TBA in Spring 2009.

**Social Responsibility Committee**

*Board approved via email of new Social Responsibility Committee Charge* as drafted by John Adkins.

Debra Morse volunteered to act as the new Committee Chair.

Members of committee include: Benita Ghura, Kim Laru, Barbara Tarvin and Cheryl Weeks-Frey.

The Committee is holding a holiday book drive to benefit UPLIFT, a wonderful local organization dedicated to literacy in children.

**Public Relations Committee**

Tina Jagerson was contacted by SLA. SANDALL’s PR Committee will work with SLA’s PR Committee to coordinate future events/programs.

PR committee will work on Exhibit table for AALL.

The promo key chains have been received, they are currently being held by PR Committee Chair, Victoria Williamson.

**Long Range Planning Committee**

The long-range planning committee has begun its work on the project assigned to us, compiling a list of programs, presentations, methods of involving people in our activities for future years. The list will have 10 items which will then be sent to SANDALL members to prioritize.

The committee members have divided the assignment in the following manner:

Sheila Corman & Sandra Dawson – AALL and its chapters
Judith Lihosit – ALA
Heather Phillips & Brandon Baker – SLA
Michelle Schmidt – Other library organizations

Each committee member was asked to develop a list of six items, from the organization website they’re assigned plus their own ideas. They are due by March 7th. At that time, I’ll compile the list and the committee members will vote and narrow the list to 10 choices which will then be sent to the Board.

**Programs**

**Fall Workshop**

Betsy reports that we are approximately $800 ahead from the Fall Workshop.

**Brown Bags**

The Brown Bags have been very successful.

Upcoming Events

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January - Elder Law
February - Social with SLA
March – Gadgets II

Spring Workshop
Spring Workshop will be in April
Betsy is thinking about having speakers centered around the current economic crisis, perhaps an economy/budgeting theme. Looking for speaker ideas.
The workshop will be ½ day.
Looking into booking the Columbia Center as the venue.

Spring Social
Spring Social scheduled for May

Holiday Party
Betsy has received 30 RSVPs at this point.
Vendor support
  Thomson Reuters $1000
  CEB $500 (raffle prizes)
  Tempus IP/Minesoft $300 (libations)
  10K Wizard $300
Mengei Venue is $1000 + $19/hour for 5 security guards. So far we have paid $500 to reserve the space.
Bekker’s Catering selected as caterer
  We will have appetizers, food stations, dessert.

Program for the Party
  6-7pm - docent tours in groups (15-20min)
  7pm – PR director for Museum say a few words, John /Betsy to speak
  7-7:30pm - raffle CEB prizes
  6-8pm – food and drinks available

John volunteered to pick up the drinks (beer, wine, soda, water and cups & ice) for 60 people and transport to and from the Mengei. Budget of $200-300.

Table decorations
Board discussed table decorations. Something that can be part of the raffle. John recommended orchids from Trader Joes. Also have some list of facts or quiz about SANDALL on the tables. Betsy will work on decorations. John will provide info for the facts/quiz.

John to send out a note to members reminding them to RSVP for party –an acknowledgement of sponsors will be included.

Betsy will create signs acknowledging our sponsors
Will be posted on the tables.

Nominations
At the start of the year, we will need a report from nominations committee.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:58pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Catalano
SANDALL. Secretary
Amy Moberly
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SANDALL 2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:______________________________________________
Organization:______________________________________
Mailing Address:___________________________________
City:____________________________________ State:___
Zip:________________
Telephone:_______________________________ Fax:_____ Email:_________________________

Send Fee and Form to:
Leigh Inman
Thomas Jefferson School of Law
2121 San Diego Avenue
San Diego, CA 92110

Membership Fee: $20.00 ($15.00: students)
Make checks payable to: SANDALL

Current Member: Yes____ No_____ Student?: Yes______ No______

Are you a member of AALL? Yes______ No______

Do you want your name address & email to be listed on the SANDALL WWW directory page?
Yes______ No______ Other__________________________

Updated data:______________________________________________