President’s Column, by Betsy Chessler

Left to right: Bob Richards, Jane Larrington, Benita Ghura, Betsy Chessler, Saad Ali at our last board meeting, May 11, 2011.

Last column
This column marks my last as President. It has been a true honor to serve this organization. Soon I will be Past President, which will keep me involved with next year’s Joint Institute and working on updating and improving our bylaws. But soon I will get to sit back a little and maybe nod every so often (but I promise not to steeple my fingers). It will feel good. The reason I can take it so easy is because I know that you have a great new President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer in the wings. Election results will be announced one week after I write this column, but I can assure you that all the candidates are top-of-their-game and SANDALL will continue to be a dynamic, innovative and welcoming organization.

It takes a village
As for the current SANDALL board, I cannot say enough, but I’ll try. First, kudos to Bob Richards, our outgoing Past President, who took on the mantle of president when there was a last minute vacancy and who has such deep knowledge of law librarianship in San Diego. May he enjoy his imminent retirement and his monthly Manhattan. Kudos to Saad Ali, our secretary of two years, who juggled everything so successfully, with a full time job at Cal Western and his real estate business. Saad took over recording our SANDALL presentations this year, and has always impressed me with his technical knowledge (witness his presentation on video streaming at our Spring workshop in which he was both behind and in front of the camera – quite a feat!). Kudos to Benita Ghura, our treasurer of two years, who

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also handled both full time employment at San Diego Law Library AND library school. Benita went above and beyond the role of treasurer, playing a vital role in programs planning. She had amazing ideas and sterling follow through. We can thank her for the fun decorations at our SANDALL Prom, and salsa dancing at our Mexican fiesta holiday party. Benita also stepped forward to work on our new SANDALL Buddies program. Jane Larrington, our current Vice President and President-Elect, has the corner on organization and innovation. She has brilliant ideas, and she pays attention to the details. I think you will agree that we have had amazing programs this past term. It was a privilege to work with Bob, Saad, Benita and Jane. What a great team.

Transitions
After a decade as our SANDALL Webmaster, Carol Hyne will resign her Web duties at the end of June 2011. Anna Russell has graciously agreed to take on the role of our new Webmaster. Carol designed our original Website and has revised and updated it since. She added password protection to our member directory and has kept the Web site a vital source of information for our members for ten solid years. Thank you Carol for your lasting contribution to SANDALL.

Final Connections
Connect was my theme for the 2010-2011 term, and I think we hit the mark. One way we connected was by bringing SANDALL presentations directly to you, wherever you were. We began recording SANDALL presentations using uStream technology, so if you couldn’t come in person to a brownbag or workshop, you could watch from your computer. Grace Chilingirian got us started on uStream, handling the camera and electronics, and then passing the job to Saad Ali when she left on maternity leave. We’ve had great feedback on this new availability of programming. We also expanded our presence in social media, with an active blog and Facebook entries. Grace Chilingirian and Allison Coltin developed our SANDALL Buddies program from scratch, an amazing mentoring program that will continue to expand and evolve each school year. And to continue with the Connect theme, I am also pleased that the 4th Joint Institute of NOCALL, SCALL and SANDALL will take place here, in San Diego, in March of 2012. So, all California law librarians can connect.

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Let the Sun Shine In! By Pat Rusheen, Seltzer | Caplan | McMahon | Vitek

Thanks to the awesome SANDALL grants program I had the privilege of attending the 39th Annual SCALL Institute in March at the beautiful Temecula Creek Inn. The weather was a mix of rain showers and sunshine but the real warmth came from the interaction with colleagues and vendors. Mark Gediman, SCALL Institute Program Chair and his team put forward a fantastic seminar and it was evident as the program flowed together almost seamlessly.

One of Mark’s opening comments really stuck with me. He said, “We are a participatory democracy. We need to be informed and we need to know what’s going on.” What does a “participatory democracy” look like? By mere definition it is the only form of government that needs its citizens to participate in order for the government to function. Pondering this brought my thoughts to the AALL Government Relations program and how committed they are to working on issues affecting law libraries at the national, state, local and international levels. A great example of participatory democracy in action!

The SCALL Institute revolved around the theme of California Municipal and Public Agency Law & Practice. As many of you know, the topic of redevelopment is in the news almost daily. The first presenter, Iris Yang, gave a timely presentation entitled, “Redevelopment & the Proposed State Budget: Desperate Times = Desperate Measures.” Iris P. Yang is a partner in the Municipal & Redevelopment Law practice group of Best Best & Krieger LLP. Attorney Yang’s full bio can be found at: http://www.bbklaw.com/?t=3&A=2423&format=xml

The presentation began with an overview of redevelopment in California. Did you know it has been in existence for over 60 years and currently involves more than 400 redevelopment agencies established by cities and counties, encompassing 700 project areas? Redevelopment has had a huge economic impact. Since 1995, 78,750 affordable housing units have been built or rehabilitated. Redevelopment supports 304,000 jobs annually, including 170,600 construction jobs. It generates more than $2 billion in additional state and local taxes and generates $40.8 billion in economic activity in generation of goods and services.

Redevelopment is authorized by the state constitution (Article XVI, Section 16) and state statute (Health & Safety Code §33000 et seq.). A redevelopment agency can be created by a city or county. There must be a redevelopment plan adopted for a specified blighted project area and the primary financing tool is tax increment financing.

After Prop 13 (1976) passed, which limited local revenues, redevelopment grew significantly. Then, in 1994, AB 1290 established formulas for pass through payments to taxing entities. The state was required to “backfill” (make up the difference) a portion of school district revenues. Propositions 4, 68 and 218 further limited local revenues. Beginning in the late 1990s to 2006, the state required agencies to make payments to the local Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). In 2008, AB 1389 required agencies to pay $350 million to ERAF, but as you can imagine, this was challenged in court. As a result AB 1389 was overturned severing the link between redevelopment and schools. Then in 2009, ABX4 26 was proposed and, you guessed it, was challenged in court. The same judge that ruled in the previous case upheld the bill on narrow grounds and it is currently on appeal.

Then in November 2010, 61% of California voters approved Proposition 22 which prohibits the state from borrowing or redirecting money from local government property taxes, gasoline taxes, or local transit and redevelopment funds to balance the state budget.

Enter Jerry Brown as the newly elected governor of California. In January 2011, the governor announced his intent to disestablish redevelopment agencies and return property taxes to “core local government services” through his proposal which would be considered an urgency measure needing 2/3 vote of the legislature to pass. This would pull $1.7 billion from agencies to balance state budget.

The Department of Finance draft language became available on 2/23/11. It stated that all activity would be suspended upon the effective date. Agencies would be abolished as of July 1. Successor agencies would be created to take over agency assets and obligations, pay off debts, liquidate, and wind down. County auditor-controllers essentially become treasurers for all county agencies and their roles would be greatly expanded. The $1.7 billion from agencies would be used to pay trial court and Medi-Cal costs for 2011-2012. Successor agencies’ role would be limited, and monitored and directed by a 7 member oversight board.

This draft language has now been incorporated into two bills currently working through the legislature, SB 77 and AB 101. Both

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bills are essentially the same. This legislation authorizes the State Controller to review any asset transfers after January 1, 2011 and declares all post January 1 transfers void. On March 16, 2011 the Assembly failed to pass this legislation by 1 vote. Senate had not yet voted at the time of the presentation and I have been monitoring both bills since. They continue to be pushed back on the agenda and as of May 13, 2011, neither has been acted on.

Ms. Yang highlighted several legal and practical issues concerning this legislation. First, it violates the California Constitution. She believes the structure is unworkable and will not produce the $1.7 billion it seeks. In addition there are no future state savings as it is intended to be a 1 year fix as drafted. As a result, the California Redevelopment Association (CRA) has proposed compromise legislation. SB 286 was introduced in February 2011 with a future hearing still to be set. In addition, Ms. Yang stated that the CRA will challenge SB 77 and/or AB 101 in court if they pass.

To monitor the status and continuing developments for this legislation, you can set up an e-mail alert through the [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html) website.

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Building your Social Media “Go-Kart”
A Wrap-Up of the SANDALL Spring Workshop
April 9, 2011
@ Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Speakers:
Beginning your Blog Adventure: Heather Phillips, U.S. Courts Law Library
Navigating Flickr: Benita Ghura, San Diego Law Library
Creating Digital Photo Journal & Streaming A/V: Saad Ali, California Western School of Law
 Integrating Your Blog & Social Networks: Jane Larrington, University of San Diego Legal Research Center

Article written by Betsy Chessler, Morrison & Foerster LLP

It felt very appropriate that we held our social media workshop in the brand new, high tech campus of Thomas Jefferson School of Law. It also felt appropriate that we brought our own laptops to the workshop. Our goal: get a jump start in creating a blog for either ourselves or our institution, fill it with text, images and video, and then integrate it with other social media such as Facebook and Twitter. With the help of our amazing, home-grown speakers, we were ready to go.

Beginning your Blog Adventure: Heather Phillips

Did you know that there are an estimated 150 million blogs on the Internet? Blogs can be topical, focusing on a theme (SCOTUSblog focuses on recent U.S. Supreme Court developments), or project (the Julie/Julia Project on cooking) or have a certain political slant (Daily Kos, a weblog on current U.S. events from a liberal perspective). They can be institutional (Library of Congress Blog, Brooklyn Library’s No Shush Zone). They can also be personal, like a diary. And like a diary, they can be restricted to family and friends.

What separates a blog from a newsletter? Each separate blog posting is indexed by search engines. A blog can be syndicated via RSS. It can display video and audio. It is interactive because readers can immediately post comments on a blog entry. It tends to have a faster turnaround on breaking news, though newsletters tend to have deadlines, which helps authors stay on task and prepare content regularly!

Unlike newsletters, you have to lead people to your blog. A newsletter was always sent to the user, either via the postal service or later, as an attachment to an email message. It was “pushed” to readers. Blogs on the other hand, must attract readers, though they can be syndicated via RSS once a reader finds them.

Creating a Blog

Blogs can be created using free or fee platforms. Two of the most popular free options are WordPress and Blogger. Wordpress is “open source”, that is, the software code is freely available to the public. It can be customized using this open source code. Blogger, a Google product, features “push button publishing”, so you can create your own blog in literally minutes, using templates provided by Blogger or customizing your own. Both WordPress and Blogger “host” your blog. That is, they provide space on the Internet to store your blog.

Other free blog platforms are Tumblr, which is a blend of Facebook, Twitter and traditional blogs; Posterous, which allows you to post blog entries via email, and LiveJournal, which is geared toward personal blogs. As the name implies, LiveJournal is set up to resemble an online journal. It was one of the first blog platforms.

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If you want to pay money, two popular blog platforms are Typepad and Moveable Type, (though both do offer stripped down free versions). Moveable Type must be installed on your own Internet server. TypePad is based on Moveable Type, but is designed for the less technically savvy.

Deciding on a blogging platform
How do you choose between the various platform options? Heather suggests you ask yourself a few questions:

- How big will your blog be? How much space will you need?
- How much time do you have to learn how to create and maintain your blog? How technically savvy are you?
- How many authors will your blog have?
- What’s your budget?
- What features do you want in your blog?
- Will your blog feature ads?
- Most importantly, who will host your blog?

As an example, I wanted to create a blog for my son’s Cub Scout pack. It had to be simple, and all the den leaders need access. We had no money for a site, and couldn’t host this blog ourselves. Given these parameters, Heather immediately recommended Blogger.

Content: Can’t Forget About It
In Heather’s words, if there is no content, there is no point. You need to give consideration to the purpose of your blog. Who are you writing this for and why? Write succinctly and clearly, in your own voice. And update regularly. Having more than one author helps spread the work around. Don’t aim for perfection. Good is good enough. As Heather so eloquently put it “the perfect is the enemy of the good”.

Take your blog up a notch by adding video, audio and photos. Be sure and reply to any comments from readers, and consider engaging them further with polls or questions. Link to other blogs and comment on those blogs. They may reciprocate and mention your blog. Track your statistics and see who is visiting your site. Statistics are often built into a blogging platform’s software.

Flickr: Benita Ghura

Flickr is the best known and most widely used photo hosting and sharing site on the Internet. According to Wikipedia, Flickr hosted over 5 billion images as of September 2010. Fourteen million people worldwide have Flickr accounts. A simple account is free. For $24.95 per year, you can upgrade to a PRO account, which gives you an expanded number of downloads and sound bites.

If you have a Yahoo, Facebook or Google account, you can create an account on Flickr. Not only can you upload your photos to the Flickr site and share them with the world, you can also organize them in sets and tag each image individually with descriptive terms. Geotagging is also now available. Some cameras and phone can capture geographic coordinates of the location you photographed. That information can now be included in your Flickr tags (or you can add it in manually), so that photos can be identified not just by their subject, but by their geographic location.

“Flickr Badges” is an especially useful software program that makes it easy to format and embed your photos on a blog site. Or try Picnik, a free photo editing tool for Flickr. You can also link your Flickr account to Facebook or Twitter.
So, how can you use Flickr for your library? The 365 Library Days Project has used Flickr to post photos showing a “day in the life” of numerous libraries. San Diego Law Library has a Flickr photo stream that shows needed repairs to their downtown branch (pre-renovation), as well as past exhibits and events held at the library (see http://www.flickr.com/photos/sdcpl/). For more ideas (and an example of a great librarian blog), check out “22 Ideas for Using Flickr in Libraries” at “http://lonewolflibrarian.wordpress.com/2010/01/18/22-ideas-for-using-flickr-in-libraries-01-18-10/.

Streaming Audio Video Live: Saad Ali

A video stream is a continuous moving image that can be distributed through computer networks, and can be broadcast live through the Internet.

History of streaming video

From 1980 to 1990, computers were just starting to become powerful enough to display media, but media could only be delivered through non-streaming ways. You usually had to save the video onto your hard drive first and then replay it later. From 1990 to 2000, the Internet became more commercialized and the Internet become faster, with more bandwidth. HTML editors started appearing. In 1995, Real Networks was able to stream the first audio on the Internet, a baseball game between the Mariners and Yankees (go Mariners!**). The first video streaming on the Internet followed in 1997. By the end of 2000, 85% of the audio and video streamed on the Internet was via Real Networks, and then Microsoft and Apple came out with free streaming technologies. The end result was that streaming video became affordable and practical.

The tools to broadcast

So, what do you need to create your own video and stream it on the Internet?

- Video camera
- Encoder to digitize content
- Content delivery network to deliver and distribute your video
- Media publisher to make the video available to the end user

For the Mac, Comcast is the most popular tool. Webcam Max, for the PC, allows you to add backgrounds and overlays.

Video streaming today

Videos files are so large, they must be compressed before they are streamed, then uncompressed on the other end to be viewed. Zip is the most popular program to do this. You can now even stream in High Definition (HD). YouTube is an example of a service that live streams their videos. Netflix on the other hand, uses an “on demand streaming” that is not live, but downloads the video incrementally before playing it back in what looks like a continuous stream (unless of course there is a pause, and then you throw curses and popcorn at your TV screen while waiting for everything to catch up).

Streaming media services

Ustream.tv (http://www.ustream.tv) is a free service that we use to broadcast and record our SANDALL presentations (and in fact, Saad was doing double duty by both lecturing and recording his presentation live on Ustream. This made for some fun moments as we watched Saad on both ends of the camera!) To use Ustream, you simply need to open a free account and follow the instructions given. You name your video, tag it with descriptive terms, then broadcast it. You can also save the broadcast for later viewing. (Okay, maybe it’s not as easy as I make it sound, but I’ve done it, and if I can do it, you can too.)

Other streaming media services include LiveStream, a Mac based program that is not particularly user friendly, and Quick Time, another service that is also not particularly user friendly.

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Integrating Your Blog and Social Networks: Jane Larrington

My summary cannot possibly compare to Jane’s awesome slides, so before you go any further be sure and link to her slides at http://dl.dropbox.com/u/19678727/IntegratingSocialNetworks2.ppt and enjoy the great graphics, screen shots, and cartoon characters. Have you done that already? Okay, now you may continue reading.

Now, you may ask yourself, why should I care if my content is cross-posted to all those assorted social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, blogs, LinkedIn, etc.)? My answer is that until all social media is collapsed into one format and the chip we’ll have implanted in our brain reads it to us subconsciously, different people will prefer and access different social media. So, why not cast your net wide and post your content in as many different platforms as you can? Jane showed us some labor and headache saving techniques to accomplish this very goal.

Pushing and pulling
You can push content to social media sites using Wordpress’ “Sharing” function, or TypePad’s “Sharing” function. (Again, check out Jane’s slide deck for the screenshots showing you how that is done).

OR, you can have one social media site pull content from another social media site. Facebook has several apps that allow you to pull content from a blog. So Facebook will regularly check your blog for new content and then pull that new content into your Facebook wall. Jane reviewed two such apps, “Notes”, and “RSS Graffiti” (the latter is a third party app). LinkedIn has similar apps that pull content from your blog and then place that content in your LinkedIn Status Updates. A Blogger app can pull content from Twitter.

Jobbers
And last, but certainly not least, you can take the same content and broadcast it simultaneously across multiple social media sites. But you have to use a “jobber”, also known as an “aggregator”, to do the job. The good news is that there are tons of choices out there -- profilactic, TweetDeck, FriendFeed, Bebo, Blipprr, Ping, Yoono, Flock, and Seesmic to name a few. Hootesuite and Posterous are probably the most popular jobbers and Jane demonstrated how each works. The jobbers allow you to simultaneously publish to your blog, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn pages, or just some of them. You can also elect to just provide links to the original content, rather than re-post the content itself to each social media site.

Wrapping your head around it
What is the best way to handle all this integration of your SoMe (social media)? Jane suggests that you create all (or most) of your new content in one place. You choose that place based on where you want to people to go the most. If you want to drive people to your blog, for example, then create your content there first and make that your hub. Then have the other social media sites pull content from your blog, or use blog apps to push your blog content to the other SoMe sites.

For additional helpful Web articles on this topic, visit http://www.diigo.com/list/jlarrington/sandall-spring-workshop-2011


**Author’s note: Bias revealed; I am a Seattle native.
Member Profile:

Daniel Raphael
President, Answer Key LLC

Where did you grow up and where did you go to school?
I grew up in Los Angeles and went to UCLA for both undergrad and Library School.

How long have you worked in the library field? Always in law?
I’ve been in the library field for about 15 years, about 12 of those within law. My library career began at the start of the Internet era when I was talking with a career counselor about how I would love to find a job that utilized my passion for finding and organizing information…if only such a profession existed. He politely explained that such professionals do exist, and they are called librarians. I still laugh about it.

Can you describe your job?
I serve as the librarian at law firms that are too small to hire someone full time. I provide the same essential services as a librarian at a large firm: vendor relations, procurement, legal research, advocate. Most administrators do cartwheels when I offer to take the library off their plate.

Fascinating! Does this afford you more flexibility than the typical librarian position?
Yes there is greater flexibility and greater job security in working for many firms instead of one. It also keeps it interesting.

What is the typical workday like for you?
My workday is similar to most librarians except that every day I go to a different job site. Most of my law firms are here in SoCal but I’ve been asked to help as far away as Philadelphia, Baltimore, San Francisco, even Miami.

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?
You can imagine the disarray at a library that has never had a librarian before and the sincere appreciation the firm has when you bring order to their chaos. It’s like a Sheriff cleaning up a wild town – everyone loves you.

Any memorable or entertaining library experiences?
Like many research librarians, my most memorable library moments involve a needle, a haystack, and a smile. That feeling never gets old.

What sorts of vacations do you like to take?
My wife and I have a newborn daughter and we’re loving every minute of it, so right now a full night’s sleep is the best vacation of all.

Last nonfiction book read?
Shop Class as Soulcraft by Matthew Crawford

Last fiction book read?
Where the Sea Used to Be by Rick Bass

Last movie you saw?
“The Adjustment Bureau” with Matt Damon & Emily Blunt

Hobbies?
Competitive ocean swimming

Pets?
Two pomeranians (in honor of Lebowski)
Job shadowing: A Day at Morrison Foerster
By Betsy Chessler and Lise Bretton

Betsy’s comments:

As part of the SANDALL Buddies program, SJSU library school student Lise Bretton and I met at my office on April 25th, 2011, so Lise could get a flavor of a “day in the life” of a law firm librarian. The first order of business was to have Lise sign a multiple page confidentiality agreement about whatever research I worked on. All law firms keep research confidential, so if the description of any research below seems a tad vague, you will understand why. Then we dove right into the typical (is there such a thing?) day of the law firm librarian.

Since August 2010, my firm, which employs over a thousand attorneys, has had a centralized system for responding to research requests across our fifteen offices in the U.S., Asia and Europe. We currently have two dozen library staff in nine of these offices. Since we launched this service, called “Research@MoFo”, we have responded to over 10,000 research requests. (One of the benefits of the system is that we can easily track these kind of statistics!) Lise got to see me wear the “coordinator” hat on April 25th. For a four hour block of time (with a break for lunch), I watched the research queue on my second monitor to see what kind of requests were coming in, and most importantly, making sure someone claimed each request within thirty minutes.

To paraphrase Forrest Gump’s mother, the research queue is like a box of chocolates. You never know what flavor question will come in. And anyone can jump in to claim a request. We don’t just serve attorneys in our own office, but can assist any attorney regardless of their location. Having just said that, sometimes one office is better suited than another to handle a request. Lise watched very attentively when a big patent project appeared in the research queue from an attorney in our San Francisco office. We do a lot of patent research in San Diego, so I was ready to jump in and take that request. But then, after consulting with my colleague Christina Belisario here, we decided the request really did need to stay in San Francisco. So, wearing my “coordinator” hat, I fired off an email to our San Francisco library asking them to handle the request there, as it involved shipping certified copies to their office. And that request was graciously picked up in San Francisco.

Meanwhile, Lise helped me search online for some government documents that an attorney in my office had requested. After trying a number of different search strategies, we felt satisfied the documents were not online. What next? I contacted my colleague Rita Kaiser in Washington DC to see if she had the name of a service in that area that could track down my elusive documents. Rita did have a recommended vendor. I shot off an email to that vendor, and before the day was out, I had my documents. One of the pleasures of the job is when I can obtain obscure information quickly!

And to disabuse Lise of the notion that I just answer research requests, Lise got to see me handle some administrative tasks too. First we deactivated passwords for an attorney that had left the office. Then I was getting responses about my scheduling of Adobe and Excel training for my library staff colleagues. (We are working to improve our skills in these areas to assist us with Competitive Intelligence research.). I was also fielding messages about SANDALL and AALL activities.

All in all, it was a fast paced day. Did we even touch a legal treatise on the shelf that day? Only as we walked past the library bookshelves on our way to the coffee machine. Though I find our remaining books incredibly useful (and the old-fashioned back-of-the-book indexes a delight), the reality is that the majority of my research has moved online and that most of my communication is also via the computer, from email to the research queue. Lise got a taste of this new modus operandi (which I’m sure other law firm librarians can relate to), where the physical library shrinks and has become displaced with vast online repositories of information.

Lise’s comments:
Having spent the better part of three years doing legislative histories for the City Attorney’s office law library, it was a welcome contrast to see what Betsy Chessler does at Morrison Foerster. Shadowing her for a day as she went about her daily routine (which

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is hardly so) renewed my enthusiasm for law librarianship. I was given an insider’s view of how their library operates and it was fascinating. And I have to say, she has one of the best jobs a law librarian could ever hope for.

Without going into too much detail, I can say that her work as a reference/information source can be as spontaneous or as focused as that of an air traffic controller. She works in tandem with other Morrison Foerster librarians throughout the country, throughout the world, really, answering queries that are varied and complex. For someone like myself, who loves this sort of detective work, I couldn’t help but admire and feel a bit envious of her ability to field questions with ease and authority. She’s a terrific mentor, Betsy, and allowing me this opportunity was greatly appreciated. Many thanks!

Get a Free Year of AALL Membership with Nonmember Annual Meeting Registration

AALL offers nonmembers a complimentary one-year membership when they register for the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference, to be held July 23-26 in Philadelphia. The membership includes:

- Career resources, such as the online Career Center and continuing education to help you learn new skills to advance in your career
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Annual Meeting registration is now open. Be sure to take advantage of this special offer for nonmembers.

Unleash Your Inner Leader October 28-29

New law librarians in the early stages of your career—achieve your leadership potential by attending the 2011 AALL Leadership Academy, October 28-29 in the Chicago area. Designed as an intensive learning experience aimed at growing and developing leadership skills, the academy program will help you discover how to maximize your personal leadership style while connecting with other legal information professionals.

The program will feature speakers Gail Johnson and Pam Parr. Johnson is a widely regarded leadership and communications expert and holds a Master of Arts in Communication Studies. Parr has extensive business management and customer service expertise. They have conducted many leadership programs for library organizations and will speak at the 2011 American Library Association Annual Conference.

Applications are due by June 30.
AALL President Joyce Janto visits San Diego!

Once every few years, SANDALL has the privilege of hosting a member of the AALL executive board. This year we were very privileged to have AALL president Joyce Manno Janto visit for our Spring Workshop on April 9, 2011. (And, I should add, this followed on the heels of Joyce’s visit to the SCALL Institute in Southern California, just a few weeks before.).

Visiting San Diego Law Libraries

What’s the first thing Joyce asked to see in San Diego? Our beaches? The world famous San Diego Zoo? Hotel del Coronado? Maybe the seal caves in La Jolla? Nope. Joyce wanted to see our libraries; and the more the better. She is the definition of advocacy for our law libraries. And we did not disappoint. Joyce arrived late Friday afternoon after leaving her home in Richmond, Virginia, where she is Deputy Director of the University of Richmond School of Law Library. Having awoken at the crack of dawn only to sit in an airport terminal for hours, Joyce was still incredibly chipper and gracious when I picked her up Friday afternoon at the airport. Because of the airport delays, we had to scuttle our plans for lunch in Little Italy, and headed straight for a tour of California Western School of Law, followed directly by a tour of the University of San Diego Legal Research Center. Then we zipped down to the Gaslamp (luckily missing the parking disaster occasioned by a Padres game that night) and had a leisurely and absolutely delicious dinner at Candelas with SANDALL board members.

AALL Happenings

The next morning, Joyce joined us for our Spring Workshop and shared the following news about AALL activities:

- Mary Alice Baish, who served as AALL’s director of government relations, couldn’t pass up the offer to become the Superintendent of Documents for the U.S. Government Printing Office (really, who can blame her?). Luckily, AALL found an excellent replacement in Julie Standlee as the new director of Government Relations. Julie previously held a similar position with the American Bar Association.

- AALL held a vendor colloquium in Oakbrook Illinois in Feb and March of this year, gathering vendors and librarians together to come up with some shared principles. No PowerPoint, blogging, tweeting or Internet use was allowed during the meeting, just some good face time. See the AALL Executive summary at http://www.aallnet.org/Home-page-contents/NewsCallout/Vendor-Colloquium-Executive-Summary.pdf for more information on the results of this meeting.

- AALL has turned the corner financially, finishing last year $60,000 to the good, completely recovering from last year’s recession-driven $100,000 deficit.

- When Joyce spoke to us, AALLNet was very close to releasing a new Web site that Joyce described as more content and subject driven. No more hunting for what you want! (As of press time, the switch had happened. Look for more changes and information on the revamped Web site in the future.)

- Look for changes in the upcoming AALL annual meeting this summer. Past AALL President Cathy Lemann gathered program chairs together at the last annual meeting and recommended changes to the schedule for 2011. These included keeping 7 am meetings (really, SIS leaders are to blame for this, they insisted), but completely eliminating the Closing Banquet. Only 25% of the attendees went to the banquet, so it didn’t make much sense to continue this tradition. Instead, the “Closing Event” will take place from 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the Exhibit Hall. The passing of the gavel will occur then. The Opening Event will no longer be sponsored by

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Visiting More San Diego Law Libraries

But wait, the day was not over for Joyce! After our Spring Workshop, Joyce took a tour of the new Thomas Jefferson School of Law Library, and *then* the empty shell of the San Diego Law Library. It’s not every AALL President that gets to see an absolutely spanking brand new law school library, followed by a fifty year old empty, gutted county law library! Joyce promised to come back (maybe for our 2012 Joint Institute??) to see the final renovated and re-imagined San Diego Law Library. We are a small chapter, but we are on the cutting edge here in San Diego, and I was delighted we could show Joyce our evolving library landscape in Southern California.

New and Improved AALLNET Now Live

In May AALL launched the redesigned AALLNET where you’ll discover a new layout, easy-to-use navigation, more features and functionality, and a stronger brand.

The new AALLNET will allow you to:
- Easily navigate the site to browse for information or complete a specific task, such as register for an event or apply for a grant.
- At a glance from the homepage, view the latest news, events, job postings, and AALL’s Twitter feed.
- Use the search box to find specific information; results can also be further refined or used to discover related resources. Collaborate electronically with your special interest sections, caucuses, and committees and network with like-minded members by using our online network called My Communities.

Visit AALLNET today and explore the new resources available for you!

AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL’s Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: Federal Regulatory Information and Where to Find It.

In this one-hour video, David Pritzker of the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Regulatory Information Service Center provides a handy tutorial on the federal rulemaking process, including where the public can find access to federal regulations. The GSA Regulatory Information Center publishes a semiannual unified agenda on regulatory actions under development. The fall publication of the agenda includes a regulatory plan identifying current regulatory priorities and highlighting significant regulatory actions expected in the coming year. The center also helped establish Reginfo.gov to provide a “regulatory dashboard” of current information on the regulatory process, which includes handy FAQs on the regulatory process and hyperlinks to government sources for the regulations.

Pritzker’s presentation explains the evolution of public access to regulatory information (including the genesis of the Code of Federal Regulations and Federal Register), how the Administrative Procedure Act creates a legal framework for the adoption of regulations in a manner allowing for public input, and where to find regulatory information, including new, free web-based government resources.

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