

President's Message

Marsha Pront



Union List:

A large project for LLAGNY is a new Electronic Union List. The Union List Committee worked extremely hard last year to compile a list of technical requirements for the database and negotiate a contract. SIMA was selected as the vendor and a contract was signed. Thanks to the continuing efforts of the Committee, I am pleased to report that preparation for the LLAGNY Electronic List is now underway.

I hope that you will all participate. Your help not only facilitates interlibrary loans and enables joint access to the abundant resources in metropolitan New York, it also supports the programs of your professional association. If you haven't already completed the forms to participate, do so now. Don't wait.

Electronic Voting:

Now that the Bylaws are amended to allow electronic voting, the next step is to study procedures to ensure implementing an electronic voting system that will allow confidential voting. Kit Kreilick agreed to investigate and submit a proposal to the Board.

Save the Date:

The 2007 Winter Meeting will be held on January 17 at the Roosevelt Hotel. This year LexisNexis will again be the sole sponsor of our meeting. Last year we had a record number of attendees and due to LexisNexis' very generous contribution we will be able to keep the cost of the event to \$20.00 per member. I hope you can join us.

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Last Summer at the United Nations

By Louise Tsang, Greenberg Traurig

During two weeks last August, something of particular importance to the world's 650 million people with disabilities was happening in the United Nations without much press coverage. The Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities met in New York to conclude the negotiations on a new international convention on the rights of persons with disabilities. With little fanfare, it achieved its aim of preparing a draft convention for adoption by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session.

In collaboration with academic institutions and the non-governmental community, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) organized a discussion session on international legal resources for practice and scholarship in disability. Topics discussed included collection of information on national disability legislation, as well as various needs for comparative analysis of national policies. The UN-DESA provided a briefing on the draft project on international disability rights resources in order to create an international network of analysis and research activities for future implementation of the Convention. A UN-DESA lawyer whom I had met at another conference invited me to give an overview of existing human rights resources and to suggest ways in which disability rights resources can be incorporated into the mainstream human rights Web sites. I knew very little about disability rights, but I felt I could provide the context needed, having worked with human rights and forced migration resources as a librarian.

The discussion group meeting gave me a rare opportunity to take a small part in the work of the United Nations and catch a glimpse of the activities at the final stages of negotiating and drafting a convention.



If you are interested in this Convention and its background work, please consult <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/> for more information.



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LLAGNY Profile:

Mary E. Matuszak

Director of Library Services, New York County District Attorney's Office



How does the library fit into the structure of your organization (the New York County District Attorney's Office)? Who are your patrons, and what do they need?

There are more than 1,200 employees at the New York County District Attorney's Office (DANY), and all are potential library patrons. The 500+ Assistant District Attorneys are our main users, but we get plenty of questions from TPAs (paralegals), investigators, analysts, social workers and stenographers. We have been asked for everything. Everyone's favorite alibi is "I was home watching TV," so we get lots of requests for television listings. We provide traditional case law and statutes to attorneys, but I have also been asked for everything from the filmography of an adult film star to the number of Los Angeles Laker jerseys sold in a particular year. My most memorable question involved the aging of a shopping cart found in the East River. The ADA and the detectives were trying to determine if the cart was used by a serial killer to dispose of his victims' bodies. I was asked for the currents, salinity and temperature of the East River. I pulled out the Greenbook, one of my favorite reference tools, and started to make phone calls. Within fifteen minutes I called the attorney back and said, "Do you want it monthly or weekly?" He was floored.

What was the career path that led you to your current position? How do your prior experiences enrich your current work?

At sixteen I began working as a page at the Levittown Public Library, but I planned to go on to be a rich lawyer. For a number of reasons law school was not possible after I completed my undergraduate degree. I got a job at The Association of the Bar of the City of New York and spent most of my free time in the library, where I had the chance to "fill in" while Helen Kostelas was on maternity leave. My first "professional" job, after I got my degree, was at the Legal Aid Society. I then worked at Piper, where I helped to build the digital library and was fortunate to have a strong technology budget. Because of family obligations, I left Piper and began working at DANY. It has been an amazing experience. We are probably one of the few libraries that are using MySpace and theknot.com as reference sources. I have had the privilege of working with some amazing librarians throughout my career and they have made me the librarian I am today. Linda Corbelli brought me to my first LLAGNY meeting and showed me the ins and outs of attending the AALL convention. As a young solo librarian at Legal Aid, I learned the importance of having good friends to turn to and I have many. Nancy Joseph, formerly of the New York Law Institute, provided great advice, and I can't tell you how many times the Law Institute has saved my life. Marisol Mendez, Patricia Gudas Mitchell and Susanne Zumbro helped to ease the transition from not-for-profits to the law firm world. David Donaldson, one of my dearest friends, taught me how to look at librarianship and life in a less traditional but much more rewarding way. Sara Paul taught me that you can teach an old dog new tricks.

Tell us about your experiences with authorship. How did you get published? Has it been rewarding to write for publication?

I'd like to say this was something I always wanted to do and actively sought out the opportunity to be published, but like everything else in my life it was an accident. Late one afternoon, an attorney asked for Jamaican search and seizure law. Much to his surprise, we were able to get it for him. A few days later we got a call from someone at



Oceana/Oxford University Press asking if we (Sara Paul and I) were interested in writing an article for their newsletter for librarians. The caller was the wife of the attorney who was looking for the Jamaican law. Our only requirement was that the article had to do with international law, which may not seem like our specialty, but we are always investigating small off-shore companies. Sara and I each wrote various sections, pieced it together and then began the editing process. If time allows and if I could find a good editor, I'd love to write more.

What do you love to do when you're not at work?

I have three dogs and a boyfriend, so there isn't much free time in my life. When I get a few precious moments to myself I've been known to hang out in the self help section of Barnes and Noble. I love yoga, working out in the gym, scrapbooking and, like most librarians, reading.

What benefits and challenges have you seen in online MLS programs?

I became interested in library school education while I was trying to hire an assistant. As I began to talk to library school students and educators, I learned that more and more classes are being taught virtually. The quality of an online education depends upon many things, but the quality of the technology available at the school is extremely important. The classes I've seen consisted mostly of virtual chats, PowerPoint presentations, readings, and group projects. I was disturbed when I realized that an MLS graduate today can receive his or her degree without ever stepping into a library. I think online learning definitely has some advantages, especially in this day and age of virtual libraries. It allows non-traditional students or geographically dispersed individuals to earn degrees. Whether a student is educated virtually or in the more traditional classroom setting, I believe there needs to be better communication between law firms and library schools. Law firms must have a clearly defined set of skills, something more concrete than AALL competencies, that an individual must possess to work in a law firm. Library schools need to do a better job of applying theory to real world experiences.

What else would you like to say?

As chair of the Nominations Committee, please let me know if you are interested in running for office or if you know someone who would make a great leader.

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LAW LINES COMMITTEE

LAW LINES STAFF NEWS:

Marlene Gebauer, Greenberg Traurig, Managing Editor

Sarah Kagen, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, Production Editor



Welcome

The Law Lines family is growing! We give a warm welcome to our newest staff members:

Meg Butler, New York Law School

Anthony Buralassi, Katten Muchin Rosenman

Amy Carr, Greenberg Traurig

Betsy Gordon, DLA Piper

Wendi Hoffenberg, Bryan Cave

Joseph Lanz, Dorsey & Whitney

Roseanne Shea, Proskauer Rose

Role Changes

Amy Carr is Acting Contents Editor for the Fall Issue.

Anthony Buralassi is our Photography Editor. Look for him and his camera at upcoming LLAGNY events.

Wendi Hoffenberg is our Production Assistant.

Sarah Kagen is our Production Editor and committee co-chair.

Goodbyes

We say goodbye to James Murphy, former Law Lines Contents Editor. Jim has been co-chair of the Law Lines Committee since 2004, and was instrumental in moving Law Lines to its current electronic format. His creativity, humor and wit will be greatly missed. *Go n-eiri leat, Jim!*





STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

RECRUITING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LLAGNY

Megan I. Scanlon, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, Co-Chair

Teresa Tully, Dewey Ballantine LLP, Co-Chair

The LLAGNY Student Relations Committee aims to provide library school students with opportunities to learn about careers in law librarianship. We organize annual events, coordinate internships and promote the benefits of LLAGNY membership within the library school community to increase our visibility. Through these programs, we aim to encourage new librarians to consider law librarianship as a career and outline the expectations and realities of that choice.

We hold three annual Spring events for students: the Introduction to Lexis for MLS Students, the Introduction to Westlaw for MLS students and the Student Breakfast and Library Tours. Each year, Lexis and Westlaw representatives conduct sessions that introduce students to the resources available to law librarians. The student breakfast enables students to network with law librarians and other MLS students from the area. The group then visits and observes two or three law libraries in New York City.

In addition to the annual programs, the Student Relations Committee coordinates internships between interested students and hiring libraries. Anyone who's ever been in charge of hiring knows the importance and value of experience: the combination of experience, enthusiasm and an MLS make for an ideal candidate. No one started out knowing everything. Internships give students the opportunity to gain experience and librarians with the opportunity to mentor and potentially recruit their next librarian. The coordination process is simple: interested parties contact either Teresa Tully or me directly. We will connect hiring libraries with job seekers.

In August, Teresa Tully and I took over as co-chairs from Kim Council and Ralph Caiazzo, who stepped aside after several successful years to give us the chance to become more involved in LLAGNY. We've spent the last few months getting caught up on committee information and re-introducing the committee to the area library schools. In November we will attend Pratt's Internship Fair. After the holidays, we will start preparing for the annual spring events. While it's always daunting to follow in the footsteps of anyone who's done the job as well as Kim Council and Ralph Caiazzo did, it is a rewarding challenge. We are both learning more about LLAGNY, meeting more of the Association's members and look forward to meeting and recruiting potential new members.





NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD.....LEADERS

Mary Matuszak, New York County District Attorney's Office, Chair



Highly qualified and committed leaders are essential to the continuing health and progress of any organization. These leaders ensure that the organization's mission, values and strategies are achieved. It is the responsibility of the Nominations Committee to seek out these leaders within LLAGNY. In a nutshell the Nominations Committee identifies a slate of qualified candidates, facilitates the election, counts the votes and announces the winners.

There is not enough time in the day to do all the things we are "supposed to do," much less volunteer for a committee as important as Nominations (the future of the Association depends on it). Time is always an issue for volunteers. I promise the time commitment for the Nominations Committee is minimal. The Committee is always looking to identify, recruit and develop potential candidates for leadership positions in the Association, but we begin the big push for nominations in February. This involves reaching out to fellow colleagues to see if they would be interested in running for office. On March 15 a list of candidates is submitted to the Secretary of the Association. Ballots are distributed to the membership no later than March 31. Once all the ballots have been received (no later than April 15), we count the ballots. Then we tell everyone the results and thank all the candidates for running for office. That's it.

If you are interested in joining the Nominations Committee or maybe even running for office, please email me at matuszakm@dany.nyc.gov.

VOLUNTEERS COMMITTEE

John Campbell, Nixon Peabody LLP, Co-Chair

Jeff Buckley, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, Co-Chair

The Volunteers Committee is always looking for LLAGNY volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, or need volunteers to prepare for or to staff a LLAGNY event, please let us know. To sign up, visit us online at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llagny/Volunteers.html>, call or email us.

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UNION LIST COMMITTEE

UNION LIST UPDATE

Karen Campbell, Bingham McCutchen LLP, Co-Chair
Sarah Kagen, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, Co-Chair

How long have you had the 1997 paper version of the LLAGNY Union List sitting on your reference shelf? Do you open it, hoping that the title you need will be there - and that the firm will still exist (and not have merged or moved or both!)?

After four busy years, the LLAGNY Union List Committee is ready to invite you to join the new LLAGNY Electronic Union List. The Committee and the LLAGNY Board considered several vendors and are proud to be working with SIMA, Inc., to host the LLAGNY Electronic Union List. SIMA previously helped create union lists for the Washington, D.C., and Texas law library associations. SIMA's software provides full searching capabilities, online location maps and the ability to edit your own holdings.

We already have five pilot libraries involved in seeding the database with a "Master List" of the serials that we all know and love (and need on a daily basis!). Your holdings of the titles in this Master List - and any additional titles you might have - will be added as part of your participation in the Union List.

The LLAGNY Union List Committee met in September to have an "envelope stuffing and marketing ideas" party. The Committee folded letters and order forms, and decided on the best way to distribute this important news: the LLAGNY Electronic Union list will be ready for use as soon as next year! In addition to an introductory letter and order form, you probably saw reminders at the Fall Soiree.

All Library Directors should have received the introductory letter and order form by now. Please be sure to complete the order form and mail it, along with your check, to Karen Campbell ASAP so that you can be a part of the LLAGNY Electronic Union List. For those of you who missed it or misplaced it, the order form is also available on the LLAGNY Website.

Availability of the LLAGNY Electronic Union List will mean, at the very least, fewer ILL emails on the LLAGNY email list. Those that are sent should be for items that are not cataloged in the Union List because of format or uniqueness. Just do a quick online search and find out who has the journal. You can even send your request by email!

The Union List Committee appreciates the participation by the five pilot libraries and hopes that the majority of LLAGNY member libraries become involved. The quality of the Union List depends upon the quality of records from the participants. Subscribe and participate in an online product that can only benefit your library and make you look good.

Please feel free to contact Karen Campbell (karen.campbell@bingham.com) or Sarah Kagen (skagen@milbank.com), the LLAGNY Union List co-chairs, if you have any questions about the LLAGNY Electronic Union List. Remember to send in your order forms soon to get the best price and be ahead of the crowd!

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LLAGNY Fall Soiree & New Members Reception

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New Members



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Article Submission Deadline ◆

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Edward C. Brandwein, Library Manager at Troutman Sanders, LLP

Dan J. Braun, Cataloging Assistant at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

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Christine Morton, Reference Librarian at Gould Law Library, Touro Law Center

Elizabeth B. Nicholson, Assistant Librarian at Freshfields, Bruckhaus, Deringer

Anton Obadic, Library Assistant at Allen & Overy

Emily M. Price, Library Assistant at Clifford Chance

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Latoya Rosario, Library Assistant at Seyfarth Shaw, LLP

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Alla Starobinsky, Associate at Chase Law Library

Roy Sturgeon, Foreign and International Law Librarian at Gould Law Library, Touro Law Center

Leslyn R. Sumner, Library Assistant at Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, LLP

Deborah I. Thomson, Student

Peter Valentine, Library Manager at Linklaters

Leslie Wong, Reference Librarian at Gould Law Library, Touro Law Center

Jindi Zhang, Head of Cataloging at Pace University Law Library

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & MOVES (continued)

Member Moves:

Wilson Addo is now Research Specialist at Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP

Anthony Fagbore is now Research Librarian at Troutman Sanders, LLP

Elizabeth D. Florez is now Assistant Technical Services Librarian at Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP

Raul Lopez is now New York Librarian at Arent Fox

Brian McMains is now Technical Services Specialist at DLA Piper

Elizabeth Nolasco is now Library Acquisitions Specialist Thacher Proffitt & Wood, LLP

Member Title Changes:

Warren Gordon is now Conflicts Manager at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, LLP

Mark D. Pellis is now Senior Research Librarian at Reed Smith

Philip D. Ashton is now Legal Research Assistant at AIG Legal Information Center

Patricia A. Renze is now Manager of Library Services at Kelley Drye & Warren, LLP

Linda Ryan is now Directory of the Law Library, Research Professor of Law at St. John's University Law School

Barbara G. Traub is now Head of Reference & Instructional Services at St. John's University School of Law Library

Sarah Warner is now Cofounder & Vice President, Staffing Services & Business Development at Wontawk

Donald Wecht is now Inter-Library Loan Librarian at Hogan & Hartson, LLP

Firm Name Change:

Kronish Lieb Weiner & Hellman, LLP is now Cooley Godward Kronish, LLP

Member News:

Nathan Rosen, Vice President in the Legal & Compliance Department of Credit Suisse, has been highlighted as a success story for 2006 by Inside Counsel magazine in the September issue dedicated to innovators. Out of hundreds of legal departments, Inside Counsel selected the ten most innovative legal departments in Corporate America that developed solutions to common problems. They chose to include one librarian - Nathan. See page 56 of the September issue, which can be found at <http://www.insidecounsel.com/issues/insidecounsel/pdfs/IC10.pdf>

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Reference Questions and Answers

Compiled by **Wendi Hoffenberg**, Bryan Cave LLP

Q. Where can I find ethics opinions online?

A. ABCNY publishes opinions as they are decided on its website; in the left column are opinions listed by year; in the right column is a list of opinions by topic. The opinions are hyperlinked to the *ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct* and the *New York Code of Professional Responsibility* as well as other references such as *Simon's New York Code of Professional Responsibility Annotated*. http://www.nycbar.org/Publications/reports/reports_ethics.php
New York County Lawyers Association's website has archived opinions to 1998. Opinions are referenced to the *New York Code of Professional Responsibility*.

http://www.nycla.org/index.cfm?section=News_AND_Publications&page=Ethics_Opinions

The New York State Bar Association's opinions "have been issued by the NYSBA Committee on Professional Ethics. Opinions of the committee are advisory and are issued only to attorneys concerning their own proposed conduct, not past conduct or the conduct of another attorney." The opinions are available on its website. **Anyone can sign up to receive an e-mail alert when new Ethics Opinions become available. You do have to register but it is free and you do not have to be a member.**

http://www.nysba.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Attorney_Resources/Ethics_Opinions/Ethics_Opinions.htm

Summaries of Formal Ethics Opinions of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility are available on the ABA website:

<http://www.abanet.org/cpr/pubs/ethicopinions.html>

The New York State Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics responds to written inquiries from New York State's approximately 3,400 judges, who serve both full and part-time. The committee's opinions interpret the Rules Governing Judicial Conduct (22 NYCRR, Part 100) and the Code of Judicial Conduct. Opinions are published in the New York Law Journal.

<http://www.scjc.state.ny.us/>

The entire library of Commission determinations (from 1978 to present) is also available and searchable online through Westlaw®. Subscribers may select the Westlaw® database entitled "NYETH-DISP" for access to the Commission's disciplinary determinations.

Model Rules of Professional Conduct are available at:

http://www.abanet.org/cpr/mrpc/mrpc_toc.html

Links to other Legal Ethics and Responsibility Pages (by state) are available at:

<http://www.abanet.org/cpr/links.html>

Thanks to **Mary Nicholas**, Manager Library and Information Services,
Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP, and to the **LLAGNY e-mail discussion list**.



Reference Questions and Answers *(continued)*

Q. I am looking for a compilation of the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for each of the 50 states.

A. The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press website has an Open Government Guide that summarizes all states' open records and open meetings laws. Use the "Compare" feature to see a drop-down menu with a uniform outline for all states.

<http://www.rcfp.org/ogg/index.php>

*Thanks to **Cheryl Nyberg**, Gallagher Law Library, University of Washington, Seattle, WA; to **Ashlee Woods**, Underwood Law Library, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX; and to the **law-lib e-mail discussion list**.*

THE AALL LEXISNEXIS CALL FOR PAPERS HAS BEGUN - YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO DO IT!

Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Need a push to get started? Well, here it is. The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

Open Division: for active and retired AALL members with five or more years of experience;

New Members Division: for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession for less than five years; and the

Student Division: for students in library, information management or law school. Participants in this division need not be members of AALL.

The winner in each division receives \$750 generously donated by LexisNexis plus the opportunity to present the winning paper at a program during the AALL Annual Meeting, coming up in New Orleans! Winning papers are also considered for publication in the Association's prestigious *Law Library Journal*.

For more information, a list of previous winners and an application, please visit the AALL Web site at http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp. Submissions this year must be postmarked March 1, 2007, so don't waste any time getting started.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee: Chair, Renee Rastorfer, rrastorfer@mac.com; Ed Greenlee, egreenle@law.upenn.edu; or Joe Gerken, gerken@buffalo.edu. Good luck!



LLAGNY Bylaws and Constitutional Changes Approved

One hundred twenty-six (126) LLAGNY voting members returned ballots regarding the proposed changes to the Bylaws and Constitution. All measures were approved by a substantial margin. Updated versions of both documents reflecting the current language will be posted on the website shortly.

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Dear LLAGNY Members,

As your past Treasurer, I am pleased to present this statement of the financial results of our Chapter for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006, from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. Our accountant has audited this statement.

The following summarizes our revenues, expenses and checking account balance for the year ending 6/30/2006.

Checking Account Balance as of 7/1/2005	\$ 34,798.34
Income Rec'd 7/1/2005 to 6/30/2006	\$ <u>113,155.00</u>
	\$ <u>144,518.24</u>
Less Expenses 7/1/2005 to 6/30/2006	\$ <u>102,587.18</u>
	\$ <u>42,366.16</u>
Ending Checking Account Balance, 6/30/2006	\$ <u>42,366.16</u>

This year our income exceeded our expenses by \$10,527.82. LLAGNY continues to be fortunate in receiving increased sponsorship from many vendors for our three major annual events: New Members Reception, Winter Meeting and June Dinner. LLAGNY has managed to hold the cost to members to an amount comparable with previous fiscal years despite the fact that it is more expensive to hold these events in the New York City area.

As a reminder, if any member would like to examine the Treasurer's Ledger or if he or she would like additional information about any LLAGNY expenses, please contact LLAGNY's current Treasurer, Nuchine Nobari.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Barbone
LLAGNY Treasurer, 2004-2006
LLAGNY Ex-Officio Financial Adviser



Law Library Association of Greater New York Treasurer's Report July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006			
Description	Income	Expense	Net Gain/Loss
AALL Chapter Visit	\$0.00	\$489.88	\$(489.88)
Accountant	\$0.00	\$1,110.00	\$(1,110.00)
Board & Committee Related Items	\$45.00	\$5,364.65	\$(5,319.05)
Chapter Insurance	\$0.00	\$705.00	\$(705.00)
Directory Advertising & Printing	\$4,500.00	\$8,941.45	\$(4,441.45)
Grants & Scholarships	\$6,628.00	\$7,500.00	\$(872.00)
Education Meetings including Bridge the Gap	\$1,790.00	\$4,758.53	\$(2,968.53)
Law Lines: Advertising and Printing	\$9,100.00	\$0.00	\$9,100.00
Membership	\$30,855.00	\$1,186.00	\$29,669.00
New York State Filing	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$(50.00)
Nominations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Placement / Job Postings	\$6,775.00	\$0.00	\$6,775.00
Stationery/Supplies/Misc	\$0.00	\$155.64	\$(155.64)
Major Events			
June Dinner 2006	\$29,700.00	\$45,704.24	\$(16,004.24)
New Members Reception/ Soiree 2005	\$3,000.00	\$9,727.39	\$(6,727.39)
Winter Meeting 2006	\$20,237.00	\$18,745.00	\$2,507.00
Total	<u>\$113,155.00</u>	<u>\$102,587.18</u>	<u>\$10,527.82</u>

I. Checking Balance as of 6/30/2005 \$31,798.34

Money Market Account Balance as of 6/30/2006 \$76,170.40

CD balance of 6/30/2006 \$10,738.76

II. Checking Balance as of 6/30/2006 \$42,366.16



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- ◆ Contest participants must be current AALL members.
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- ◆ One winner will be selected from each group. Be sure to indicate your group on your entry.
- ◆ The three winning entries (500-words) will be published in the June 2007 issue of AALL Spectrum, and each winner will receive a free full registration to AALL's 2007 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.
- ◆ Deadline for receipt of entries is Friday, December 15, 2006.
- ◆ Entries should be sent to: Claudia Jalowka, Law Librarian, Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries, 90 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106; e-mail Claudia.beth.jalowka@jud.ct.gov; fax 860/706-5086; or phone 860/706-5151.

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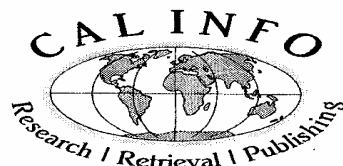
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LLAGNY Board Meeting

August 15, 2006 - revised

Home of Kit Kreilick

Brooklyn, NY

In attendance:

Board members: Heidi Bliss, Tom Eikenbrod, Kit Kreilick, Ralph Monaco, Nuchine Nobari, Marsha Pront (presiding), Bonnie Fox Schwartz, Andrew Tschinkel

The meeting convened at approximately 6:20 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 21, 2006, Board Meeting and the July 20, 2006, conference call were distributed via email.

Motion to approve the June 21, 2006 Board Meeting minutes

- Motion approved (Bliss, Monaco)

Motion to approve the July 20, 2006 conference call minutes

- Motion approved (Bliss, Eikenbrod)

2. Reports of Officers and Committees

Treasurer

There is no Treasurer's Report. Patricia Barbone and Nuchine were unable to meet.

President

The contract has been signed with the Rainbow Room for next year's June Dinner on June 13, 2007, so we are ahead of schedule in Special Events. We will discuss the other events later in the meeting.

Archives

Heidi's committee description for the new Archives Committee was distributed and approved by consensus. It will be added to the Leadership Manual for the next edition.

Education

Tom reported that the listserv request for possible education program venues produced a pretty good response from a number of midtown firms. Time slots after work are preferred to lunchtime. He will put out another request after Labor Day. It's also possible Bloomberg will be willing to let us use their space and it would be a good location.

There are two programs that were in progress last year that the committee hopes to schedule for early in the fall. One is on Library

Construction and Space Planning. The other is a program Ted Pollack has agreed to do on how to get published.

In addition, there was a full day SLA program on Private Equity done by Cliff Perry that might make an attractive offering to our members.

We would have to do it over two evenings instead of the full day. Mr. Perry wants \$6,000 to do it, which is pretty pricey for us. It was agreed that there would probably be interest, and we should talk to the NY SLA chapter about co-sponsoring. Even so, we would have to charge the attendees something and would probably need to have at least 50 to break even. Tom will put out a poll on the list to see how much interest there might be and if folks are willing to pay something to attend. Another thought is to open attendance beyond LLAGNY/SLA and charge non-members more to attend. It was agreed that all of this is worth exploring further.

Bonnie noted that she just did an in-house program at Weil on blogs, and would be happy to repeat it for LLAGNY if desired.

MCLE/Bridge the Gap

Ralph reported that we have a commitment from LexisNexis for \$1,500 for the next Bridge the Gap Program, and he thinks we might get the same from Thomson. The date and locale are set: March 30, 2007, at the New York City Bar Association.

We still need to officially change the name of the committee, which requires a Bylaws amendment, since Standing Committees are listed there. We also still need to do the technical corrections to the Constitution recommended by Christina Rattiner, since we limited last spring's ballot to Bylaws changes. For constitutional amendments, we need to provide at least 30 days notice to the membership, so we will put them into the next issue of Law Lines, and do the ballot after 30 days. Bylaws changes only require that the members receive them in writing, so we might be able to include the ballot with the Fall Soiree mailing.

Law Lines

Bonnie has submitted a request from the Law Lines co-chairs for a small food budget of \$50/meeting, since the firm where they meet will not pay for food and they are trying to get some newer LLAGNY librarians involved. This topic was on the agenda under New Business, but it was decided we would consider it now as part of committee reports. After some discussion, it was agreed that if we provide a food budget for one committee, we have to do it for everyone, which we cannot afford. Even the board members pay for their food if the host will not. Bonnie will convey the Board's decision.

Volunteers

John Campbell has so far been unable to get to any data about who has volunteered for a committee or activity. Since member forms are just getting entered for this year, the membership database only has a limited number of entries so far. Another problem is that many people never bother to change what they checked off when they join LLAGNY so the information may not be accurate anyway. Bonnie inquired about the volunteer form on the website, and where that data goes. It appears there is no database affiliated with the form, so it is very misleading. We need to ask Bess to remove it from the website.

Corporate Sponsorship

Elaine sent a report that the Corporate Sponsorship committee already has a commitment from LexisNexis of \$3,000 for the Fall Soiree. They are also proposing sole sponsorship of the Holiday Party again, which will be discussed under New Business.

Union List

Marsha passed along Elaine's report that the Union List Committee will want to meet with the Board following the Leadership Training portion of the September meeting to go over Union List procedures for the new database. The title load has already started.

3. Unfinished Business

Board Meeting Locations

The Board agreed on the following venues for their meetings this year (NOTE: this list was

amended subsequent to the meeting and added locations appear in italics)

9/12/06	O'Melveny & Myers (Leadership Training & Board Meeting)
10/10/06	NYCLA
11/14/06	NYLI
12/12/06	Shearman & Sterling
1/9/07	Heller Ehrman
2/13/07	DLA Piper
3/13/07	DLA Piper
4/10/07	Epstein Becker
5/8/07	Weil Gotshal
6/12/07	TBD

LLAGNY Banner Proposal

We had discussed earlier the need to get the LLAGNY banner updated with the current logo. Marsha got a quote from Branders.com (who did the new LLAGNY umbrellas) for a heavyweight polyester banner, 3 ft. high and 5 ft. wide. Cost without shipping and tax is \$191.01. We would use this banner at LLAGNY events and on our table at the AALL Exhibit Hall.

Motion to approve the proposal from Branders.com for a new LLAGNY banner with the current logo for a cost of \$191.01, excluding shipping

- Motion approved (Bliss, Schwartz)

Fall Soiree

We have a proposal from the Special Events Committee to hold the Fall Soiree and New Members Reception at the Warwick Hotel on either October 18 or 19. After some discussion of the date preference, we agreed on Thursday, October 19. The menu is agreeable, the venue has been visited and approved by June Berger and Tania Danielson, and the location on 54th Street is convenient to transportation. The per person price is \$50, plus \$175 per bartender (one for every 75 attendees) and \$175 for coat check if requested. We do not charge members for this event.

Motion to approve the Warwick Hotel proposal for the Fall Soiree at a cost of \$50/person on October 19, 2006

- Motion approved (Monaco, Eikenbrod)

The committee submitted the flyer for Board review as well, so they can get it mailed with plenty of time for response. The flyer needs to be amended to reflect the choice of date. We also noted that the time span should be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., rather than to 8:00 p.m. Motion to approve the Fall Soiree flyer, amended to specify October 19 as the date and the time span as from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

- Motion approved (Bliss, Eikenbrod)
- 4. New Business

Holiday Party

The Special Events Committee reports that LexisNexis has proposed to again be the sole sponsor of our Holiday Party/Winter Meeting. They will contribute \$12,000 as before.

Apparently, they will no longer be doing their own holiday party in New York City. The Board discussed the matter and agreed that the same provisos would apply as last year, and that it was to be a LLAGNY, not LEXIS, event.

Motion to approve LexisNexis as the sole sponsor of the Winter Meeting

- Motion approved (Kreilick, Schwartz)

Northeast Regional Meeting

Our chapter liaison to the NE Regional Conference, David Merkin, has submitted a proposal to fund videotaping of the programs to be held in Toronto in October 2007.

Anticipated cost of the videotaping using New York-based personnel David is familiar with would cost roughly \$6,000.00. After discussion, we felt it was premature to make this kind of financial commitment. Much depends on the topics of the programs presented and the interest of our members in having access to video recordings of the sessions. However, we might be willing to share the cost with the other participating chapters once we have a sense of the programming.

David also had some suggestions for possible programs we might offer as our chapter program at the conference, including previous LLAGNY programs on securities and legislative history, or having past LLAGNY and/or AALL leaders speak, such as Jack Ellenberger. Since the theme of the program is "Libraries Without Borders II" the board thought our program

should have some kind of international or comparative component. Suggestions included: corporate records and organization in various countries, procedurals in various countries, and perhaps the previously mentioned Private Equity program or something like it with an international or comparative component.

Requests from the President

Marsha requested that we adopt the following procedures this year:

Email replies to individuals should go to the individual and not to the Board using 'reply all' or replies to the LLAGNYBOARD group, in order to reduce the email clutter for all concerned.

Committee reports should be distributed to the entire Board via email, preferably 3 days in advance of the meeting, so that meeting time can be devoted to other matters.

Board minutes should be shared with the Committee Chairs once they are approved by the Board, since Law Lines only comes out four times a year and there is too great a lag. It was agreed that Kit will email the approved minutes to committee chairs following each board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Kreilick, LLAGNY Secretary

LLAGNY Leadership Training and Board Meeting

September 12, 2006

O'Melveny & Myers

In attendance:

Board members: Heidi Bliss, Elaine Egan, Tom Eikenbrod, Kit Kreilick, Ralph Monaco, Nuchine Nobari, Marsha Pront (presiding), Bonnie Fox Schwartz, Andrew Tschinkel

Committee Chairs: Janet Accardo, Patricia Barbone, Barbara Burke, Karen Campbell, Laird Ehlert, Sara Kagen, Katherine Kenworthy, John Lai, Jill Lanier, Mary Matuszak, Kathleen Moringiello, Rebecca Newton, Janet Peros, Bess Reynolds, Nancy Rine, Megan Scanlon, Teresa Tully

The meeting convened at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Leadership Training

The new LLAGNY banner with our updated logo was displayed at this meeting for the first time; this banner should be displayed at all LLAGNY educational programs and events if possible.

Heidi Bliss distributed the new edition of the LLAGNY Leadership Manual and noted that the manual now contains a growing section of LLAGNY policies that should be helpful to all. She then quickly reviewed the basic areas of responsibility for the officers, board members and committee chairs. Marsha asked that all committees keep her in the loop on any initiatives. Both Heidi and Marsha emphasized that it is important for the Advertising and Corporate Sponsorship committees to communicate regularly so that they are not repeatedly soliciting the same vendors for money.

Marsha noted that the Secretary maintains a master calendar of LLAGNY and other library association programs and will post all LLAGNY events to the new AALL Professional Development Calendar. This year, committee chairs will receive the board meeting minutes via email as soon as they have been approved. Mailing labels for LLAGNY are generated using a local database, and not the one maintained by AALL. This database is updated regularly so should be current.

All flyers for LLAGNY events should include contact person information and a thanks to the sponsor/s. The LLAGNY logo should be prominent. Heidi will email copies of the logo file to all chairs.

Kit reported that we are investigating the possibility of moving to electronic elections, using AALL's infrastructure. There are mixed reports about how this affects participation. Some groups have seen much less turnout using electronic balloting than they got with an election by mail. We may run a survey of the membership to get a sense of the membership's preference for how to vote.

Bess Reynolds noted that she is working to update the LLAGNY website and the Technology Committee will be looking for

volunteers to work on the site. The direction to post content on the site must come through a member of the board, but suggestions for new content are welcome.

The Leadership Training portion of the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

The meeting of the Board reconvened at approximately 7:20 p.m.

with Karen Campbell in attendance to discuss Union List matters.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the August 15, 2006 Board Meeting were distributed before the meeting via email and a revised version distributed at the meeting Motion to approve the August 15, 2006 Board Meeting minutes as revised

- Motion approved (Bliss, Egan)

2. Reports of Officers and Committees

Nominations

The Nominations Committee teller report on last spring's election was distributed to the board.

Motion to approve the Nominations Committee report

- Motion approved (Kreilick, Egan)

Union List

Karen Campbell and Elaine Egan presented two items for discussion and approval by the Board: a draft implementation letter with forms, and the proposed pricing for the new union list. The total number of titles to be included is unknown, but we already have 5800 titles from four libraries, and Skadden's 3000 titles -- some of which will be duplicates -- will be loaded in the next day or so.

Both the Union List Committee and the Board agreed that we should use flat-fee pricing and not scale by size of library or number of holdings submitted. There ensued a discussion of how to define participants and non-participants since the price will be greater for non-participants. It was agreed that libraries who submit at least 50 holdings will be considered participants and get the reduced price.

The board agreed that we will charge \$300 for participants and \$400 for non-participants for the first year initial password. A second password will be \$185 for either category. There was some discussion of how to price access for non-LLAGNY members who might be interested; it was agreed that we can postpone this decision until it becomes necessary.

The committee has been concerned that we might not achieve our contractual commitment of 60 participants, so there will be a marketing campaign for participation, perhaps including a demonstration of the new database at the Fall Soiree. Marsha will feature this project in her next Law Lines President's Letter. The Union List Committee will work with the Public Relations Committee to market the new edition of the Union List. We will start with the paper mailing first, then follow up with web and email.

We then reviewed the draft of the participation letter and suggested some changes in language. Karen agreed to do a redraft based on our comments. Since we want the letter to go out before the next board meeting in October, it was proposed that we rely on Elaine as the Board liaison to provide final editorial approval. Elaine will forward the letter to the board for last minute suggestions before it is reproduced. Heidi will figure out how to get labels for just the library directors.

Motion to approve the Union List implementation letter with suggested changes and with the final editorial approval of Elaine Egan

- Motion approved (Bliss, Egan)
- Elaine noted that SIMA has already done a substantial amount of work on our behalf, and she recommended that we go ahead and make our first payment in advance of the contract timetable.
- Motion to pay SIMA the first payment of \$6,000 for the generation of the new Union List
- Motion approved (Egan, Bliss)

Education

Tom reported that the Education Committee has two programs scheduled so far. The first,

"Library Construction and Space Planning", will be the evening of November 1 in midtown. The second, "How to Get Published," will be offered at lunchtime on Friday, November 17 and LLAGNY will provide beverages. The flyers are not yet done, so we may need to do a conference call to approve them.

The committee is also applying for an SLA grant for co-sponsorship of the Private Equity Program that was discussed in August; the thought is to offer that program in February if we are funded.

On the Northeast Regional Conference front, David Merkin is investigating other options for videotaping the programs and will put together a program proposal for us to review.

Treasurer

Nuchine received a Treasurer's Report from Patricia, which she read.

Treasurer's Report: September 12, 2006

(prepared by Ex-Officio Financial Adviser)

The balance of the checkbook as of September 12, 2006 is \$54,163.25

The balance of the money market fund is \$76,231.98 as of the August 10, 2006 statement
The value of our 60-month CD maturing 8/20/09 as of the August 10, 2006 statement is \$10,831.65

Expenses from July 1, 2006 to September 12, 2006 consisted of

\$ 547.72 Board Expenses (software & LLAGNY banner)

\$ 5,000.00 June Dinner 2007
deposit for Rainbow Room

\$ 500.00 Members Recept./Fall Soiree
deposit

Our total expenses from July 1, 2006 to September 12, 2006 were \$6,047.72

Income from July 1, 2006 to September 12, 2006 consisted of

15,205.00 Membership

1,220.00 Grants & Scholarships

1,575.01 Placement

100.00 June Dinner

Our total income from July 1, 2006 to September 12, 2006 is \$18,100.01.

Banking Information: All necessary paperwork has been sent to Chase Bank. Pending is the explanation of the Treasurer's procedures to Nuchine Nobari.

2. Unfinished Business

AALL Chapter Visit

Marsha announced that this year it is our turn to have the AALL President visit us, so we will have Sally Holterhoff come. It was agreed that the best venue for this is the June Dinner, so Marsha will alert Sally about the date.

Constitution and Bylaws Changes

The Summer Law Lines appeared on Monday, September 11, and we now understand that we must allow 30--not 60--days notice prior to the return of ballots for a constitutional amendment. We also have the Bylaws change about the new name of the MCLE/Teaching Legal Research Committee to vote on. It was agreed that we would mail a paper ballot in early October with both the Constitutional and Bylaws amendments and make it due towards the end of the month. Marsha and Kit will do the ballot mailing.

3. New Business

Law Lines

Marsha is encouraging members of the board to write articles for Law Lines. Jim Murphy has just resigned as Content Editor; she is thus looking for a replacement and would appreciate suggestions.

Zoomerang

AALL has paid for association groups to use the web survey service called Zoomerang. This could be very helpful to get feedback from our members, so anyone with a potential poll idea should let Marsha know.

Documents for Board Meetings

Marsha asked that we bring our own printouts of emailed documents to the board meetings rather than relying on her to print and reproduce sets for us. She will make every effort to send out an agenda and any attachments via email the Monday before the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kit Kreilick, LLAGNY Secretary

LLAGNY BOARD CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

12 Noon

Members Present: Heidi Bliss, Christine Dubuque, Elaine Egan, Tom Eikenbrod, Kit Kreilick, Nuchine Nobari, Marsha Pront (presiding), Bonnie Fox Schwartz

The meeting convened at approximately 12:05 p.m. once a quorum was established.

LLAGNY Union List Pricing for Initial Five (5) Libraries

At a meeting of the LLAGNY Board in January 2006, we agreed to reduce the initial password price in the first year for the five libraries who contributed title lists to the Union List database but we did not determine the amount of the discount. We now need to notify the libraries as part of the implementation process. It has been proposed that these five libraries receive their initial password this year for free, which would be a total cost to LLAGNY of \$1500.00. Any additional passwords will incur the established charge of \$185.00.

Motion to approve a free initial password for the first year of the Union List to the five libraries who provided title lists

- Motion approved (Bliss, Egan)

LLAGNY Communication

Marsha has gotten a report from the Technology Committee that the last message sent on LLAGNY Announce went to 614 email addresses, with a 95% delivery rate. Our list is open and not restricted to LLAGNY members, but LLAGNY members are automatically added as they become members or renew their memberships. Marsha plans to ask the Technology Committee to run a survey using Zoomerang about how the membership wishes to receive LLAGNY information.

Conference call adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kit Kreilick, LLAGNY Secretary



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