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President's Letter

by Martha Campbell

There's a nip in the air and the Christmas decorations are in the stores, so it must be close to Halloween. Even though I am no longer in an academic environment, fall still seems to me to be the beginning of a year. For those of us in courts, we have a new batch of law clerks and the supreme court starts hearing oral arguments. Firms' new associates are getting settled in and, of course, the law schools are welcoming their new and returning students. No matter what kind of environment your law library is in, you are ready to share your knowledge with your clientele: judges, lawyers, law students, anyone who walks in your door. All librarians are educators, but law librarians probably give more instruction than others because we work in a specialized field that many people don't even know exists until they start law school or have to appear in court. I sometimes feel that I teach all day. At our library we teach how to use our catalog, how to look up a statute, what tables to use in the back of a treatise volume, how to use a digest, what agency to call for information. We have volunteers working in the library now, so we're teaching staff as well. That is something librarians do well and often, so we should take advantage of what we can offer each other. Holme, Roberts is hosting a program on knowledge management presented by Lexis at the end of the month. In November, CoALL is hosting a panel discussion of members from different types of libraries discussing how they market their libraries to their various organizations. I may get a tip from a firm librarian; maybe one of the academics can give an example that will help a one-person firm librarian.

Even if you don't participate in a scheduled program, you can help a fellow librarian who needs some guidance in an area unfamiliar to her or him, but one where you know the ropes. Conversely, if you don't know where to begin to research a particular question, consider asking another CoALL member for some pointers. One of the very best

advantages of being a member of CoALL is access to others in your field who can help you grow professionally.

If CoALL wants those outside our profession to rely on us for our expertise in the field of law librarianship, those inside the organization need to recognize what we have to offer. We can practice on each other. Come to a meeting and/or program, meet new members, re-connect with ones you already know. Find out what you need to learn, who can teach you and what you can offer in return.



Congratulations, Mark

Susan E. Fox, CAE, Executive Director, American Association of Law Libraries sent along this picture of Mark Estes receiving the "Presidential Certificate of Merit" from Carol Avery Nicholson at this year's annual meeting. The caption reads: "For enduring commitment to AALL and the profession and for personifying the importance of our community of law librarians."

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Scholarships are available for Library Science Students

Each year the Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL) provides two scholarships in the amount of \$170.00 each for students enrolled in library school. Applicants must be members of CoALL. (Cost for student membership is only \$5.00.)

Deadline for applications is **11/30/2003**. Go to <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/> for a copy of the membership form and scholarship application and procedure. Contact David Selden, the chair of the CoALL Grants and Scholarship Committee for more information. dselden@narf.org or 303-447-8760.

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AALL

Impressions of the Seattle National Meeting

Judy Goater
Access/Information, Inc

The last time I had attended a national AALL was in San Francisco in 1979. (Yes, I realize that some of you weren't even born yet – please quit your smirking immediately.) Naturally I was very excited to be returning, especially to another great west-coast city. I soon discovered, however, that times had changed.

My first overwhelming impression was how large and diverse the meeting had become. I used to know three-fourths of the attendees by first name – during my first day in Seattle, I didn't see a single familiar face. The majority of law librarians used to be men who represented academic law libraries. Women are now in the majority representing an eclectic mix of law firms, academics, corporations, and independents. In response to this ever-widening profession, the conference seminar offerings have also greatly expanded. In 1979, one meeting was scheduled per time slot; the Seattle meeting ran three to four tracks concurrently throughout the convention.

Even the social events had changed! Fortunately, Wanda McDavid had given me the heads-up on appropriate convention attire. Evening gowns are no longer required for the opening banquet/reception and business casual is now perfectly acceptable for the general conference events.

Some things have remained the same, however. Law librarians are still the bright, intelligent, and friendly group they have always been. I met many

new people from across the country and also had some memorable nights out with some fellow Coloradans. I had a wonderful time and will definitely not wait another 24 years to attend another one.

Indian Law at AALL

by Monica Martens
National Indian Law Library

Indian law received much attention at this year's AALL annual meeting, which was exciting for those of us who work with federal Indian law and tribal law materials. Librarians with an interest in these areas could choose to attend any or all of the four programs and two meetings that were scheduled. Of particular interest to me was a collaborative collection development meeting, scheduled very early in the morning but well attended by approximately 20 librarians who are in charge of obtaining tribal law for their libraries. David Selden of the National Indian Law Library arranged the meeting, and many, if not most, of the participants also participated in the Native Peoples Law Caucus.

Meeting participants discussed ways in which we might be able to help each other to develop our libraries' collections of tribal law, which is an often underrepresented area in law libraries, though tribal law represents the law of sovereign tribal governments in the U.S. The annual meeting was invaluable in this respect for the opportunities it provided for us to communicate with each other. And the group who attended this meeting, now known as the Tribal Law Collaborative Collection Development Roundtable, has continued communications to develop

strategies to create a union list of tribal codes and constitutions, as well as procedures for collection development collaboration. Those interested in

joining the discussion can participate by sending an Email to David Selden at dselden@narf.org.

Collective Nouns for Librarians? A BRACE of dental librarians? A COBWEB of archivists? A LITIGATION of law librarians? A SCHOOL of library media specialists? A SYMPHONY of music librarians? [borrowed with permission from Amanda Credaro (<http://warriorlibrarian.com/LOL/nouns.html>)]

Colorado Association of Law Libraries

Treasurer's Report – Dan Cordova

June 2002 – June 2003

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance (June 3, 2002)
\$1,909.01

Ending Balance (June 30, 2003)
\$3,307.48

Janus Fund:

Beginning Balance (June 30, 2002)
\$3,835.60

Ending Balance (May 1, 2003) \$3,868.35

CoALL Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 26, 2003

Location: Holland and Hart

Attendees: Goldie Burton, Martha Campbell, Joanne Dugan, Matthew Elisha, Mark Estes, Holly Hoxeng, Mary Killoran, Druet Cameron Klugh, Holly Kulikowski, Rob Richards, David Selden, Karen Selden, Mariann Storck,

Holly Kulikowski called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 4:43 pm.

- I. Minutes from the May 1, 2003 Executive Board Meeting were corrected, accepted and approved.
- II. Holly Kulikowski listed the annual reports but held off hearing them until the general membership meeting which followed the Executive Board meeting

III. Old Business

- A. George Strait Scholarship contribution from CoALL is tabled until the Board receives an updated treasurer's report
- B. Archives Report
 - i. Druet and Goldie are working on a "Deed of Gift" policy for items submitted to archives which is housed at Penrose.
 - ii. A discussion regarding the archiving of photographs ensued regarding format, maintenance, etc. It was suggested that they be digitized and/or housed on donated hard drive space from one of the universities or larger law firms.
- C. Mary Wilder memorial book:
 - i. Druet was sent a list of titles which she honed down to ten that she felt were more representative of CoALL interests
 - ii. CoALL will spend \$100
 - iii. Two books were chosen: *Dictionary of the American West: over 5000 terms from Aarigaa! to Zopilote*, at \$27 and *Ethics in U.S. Government: an encyclopedia of investigations, scandals, reforms, and legislation* at \$69.
 - iv. The books will have commemorative plates acknowledging CoALL.
- D. Bridging the Research and Analysis Gap – Holly Kulikowski
 - i. Forty-two people attended the program (35 paid attendees, 7 scholarship attendees from US Attorneys Office)
 - ii. Each attendee received a book of materials and a bag of vendor gifts. The bag had the CoALL symbol on it.
 - iii. DVD and VCR's formats of the program are available; books are available at \$20 each
 - iv. It was held in the Pinnacle club
 - v. Vendors donated everything – room, beverages, breakfast breads and fruit, printing of book, etc. There was no cost to CoALL
 - vi. A wish list for next year has already been drafted
 - vii. It will be held annually on the first Thursday in June
 - viii. We need to develop a working relationship with the Denver Area Legal Recruiters Association in order to boost attendance
 - ix. We may offer it fall 2003 for incoming fall associates

IV. New Business

- E. Rob Richards spoke about the need for a CoALL email address.
 - i. The two options are either a YAHOO or Hotmail address monitored by one person or an address at AALL.ORG which is not convenient since they are slow to respond to requests.
 - ii. Program registration and questions about programs are two possible uses of this address
 - iii. Decision was tabled until the next meeting
- F. Which Board members are attending AALL in order to provide coverage at specific Saturday meetings? Goldie and Martha Campbell

V. Announcements

- G. Colorado Association of Libraries is planning an early August meeting to begin planning the Fall conference
- H. Don Knox has a complete copy of the Colorado Code of Regulations available for purchase. He bought it for a short-term project.
- I. Please renew your CoALL membership. The form is available on the Web. Listserv members will be reminded via email

The Executive Board meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm

Respectfully submitted: *Mariann Storck*, Secretary

Colorado Association of Law Libraries
Annual Business Meeting
June 26, 2003
Holland & Hart, LLP

The CoALL General Membership business meeting was called to order by President Holly Kulikowski at 5:35 p.m.

- 1) Installation of New Officers
 - a) Mark Estes reported on the results of the recent elections and introduced new officers and members of the Executive Board. The new members are:
 - i) Vice President/President-Elect: Dan Cordova, 10th Circuit Library
 - ii) Secretary: Joanne Dugan, University of Colorado Law Library
 - iii) Treasurer: Goldie Burton, University of Denver, Westminster Law Library
 - iv) Executive Board Member-at-Large: Matthew Elisha, Holme Roberts & Owen
 - v) Executive Board Member-at-Large: Holly Hoxeng, Carpenter & Klatskin
- 2) Holly Kulikowski then handed the presidential gavel to incoming President, Martha Campbell, who took over running the meeting. Those present introduced themselves, and gifts of appreciation were presented to Holly for her service as President, and to Rob Richards, for all of his work on CoALL's behalf over the years, with best wishes for his success in law school.
- 3) Members reviewed the minutes of the last meeting, on May 1 at CU Boulder.
- 4) The members then received reports from the various officers and committees.
 - a) Secretary's Report: presented by Mariann Stork. Summary of minutes taken, letters written, and inquiries handled.
 - b) Legal Research Corner report: presented by Mariann Stork. The Committee wrote three articles for the *Colorado Lawyer*. The next article has been submitted to the publisher and will appear in the August issue.
 - c) Programs Report: presented by Martha Campbell. The Committee decided to present three 90 minute programs this year, instead of the traditional Annual Institute. Two have been held, with a third planned for later this year. Martha noted that non-CoALL members were invited to the programs this year for the first time, and that these people

- were a significant presence at the programs. Gary Alexander raised the issue of whether we should institute a price differential between CoALL and non-CoALL members.
- d) Grants & Scholarships report: presented by Holly Kulikowski, in the absence of David Selden. The grants & scholarships page on the CoALL website was redesigned, with an eye to streamlining the application process. In the same vein, applications are now sent directly to the committee chair, rather than being forwarded through the Secretary. CoALL awarded a travel grant to Jane Thompson and a registration grant to Monica Marten for the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle.
 - e) Membership/Directory Report; presented by Goldie Burton in Carol Shipley's absence. Membership declined from 87 to 84 in the past year. Membership had topped 100 at one point, and there was a general discussion of why membership may have decreased. Mark Estes noted that we used to have more out-of-state and vendor members and speculated that this was because they wanted to have a subscription to the Scuttle. Now that the Scuttle is posted on the web and is not password-protected, these constituencies may no longer feel the need to join the organization. At a future meeting, we may want to look into whether we want to password-protect the Scuttle, as we do the membership directory.
 - f) Brown Bag Report -- there was one brown bag presentation this year.
 - g) Webpage/Listserv Report; presented by Rob Richards. The listserv experienced some disruption this year as a result of AALL's servers being hacked and by a transfer to new servers. These problems are now resolved and things are going smoothly. Several new sections were added to the CoALL website, and others were updated. Both the listserv and the website have been affected by new administrative software; the appropriate people have been trained. We have asked AALL for an organizational email account. The pro's and con's of various options will be debated by the Executive Committee. Thanks to Beth Mescall for agreeing to serve as CoALL Webmaster and Listserv Manager in 2003-2004. Thanks to Rob Richards and Tamara Tureson for their excellent service to date!
 - h) Scuttle Report; presented by Mary Killoran. The Scuttle is now delivered in electronic format to the majority of the membership. Four members continue to receive the newsletter in print. The Scuttle is also posted on CoALL's website. In the past, the advertisements that appeared in the "local" edition were excised from the web version. Now that the website has been moved from Washburn to AALL's servers, we are no longer under this constraint. We discussed generally whether we wanted to leave the advertising in the web version. No conclusion was reached. Mary ended with a request for help putting out the newsletter. If anyone is willing to pitch in, please contact her at killorm@hro.com.
 - i) Publicity report: no report in Monica Marten's absence.
 - j) Bylaws report: presented by Holly Kulikowski in Katheryn Christnacht's absence. There have been no recent changes to the bylaws.
 - k) Speaker's Bureau: no report in Dan Cordova's absence.
 - l) Marketing Council report: presented by Holly Hoxeng. The CAL Marketing Committee met once this year and had an excellent speaker on diversity. Holly, who is CoALL's representative, was unable to attend. There have been no other activities this year.
 - m) Long Range Planning report: presented by Goldie Burton. The CoALL Archives are being housed by DU's Penrose Library and will become part of their Special Collections

library. In order to complete the transaction, we need to execute a Deed of Gift to Penrose. Steve Fisher, Special Collections librarian at Penrose, has provided a sample agreement, which Druet Klugh has modified to address CoALL's copyright concerns.

5) New Business

- a) George A. Strait Minority Scholarship. One of Carol Avery Nicholson's top priorities as AALL President is to build the endowment for this scholarship fund. She has asked all AALL Chapters, as well as individual members, to consider making a contribution. Martha Campbell would like CoALL to contribute. The Executive Board will make a decision about this after receiving the Treasurer's Report to determine what amount is appropriate.
- b) Mary Wilder memorial book. Mary Wilder worked at the DU law library from 1987 to 2000. She died in May 2001. CoALL had previously decided to donate a book to the Front Range Community College, her last employer, in her memory. After reviewing a list of possible books, the Executive Committee voted to donate 2 books: *Dictionary of the American West: over 5000 terms from Aarigaa! to Zopilote*, and *Ethics in U.S. Government: an encyclopedia of investigations, scandals, reforms, and legislation*. Thanks to Druet Klugh for coordinating this.
- c) BRAG Program. Holly Kulikowski reported on the success of CoALL's program for summer associates, Bridging the Research and Analysis Gap (BRAG). The program was attended by 42 summer associates, including several scholarship attendees from the U.S. Attorney's office. Most attendees paid \$30, though a few may have paid the "late-bird" price of \$40 or \$50. Dan Cordova will have the details. The event was held in the Pinnacle Room. Attendees received a bag of goodies donated by various vendors, presented in a bag with the CoALL logo. (Holly has many white bags left over for future ventures ...) Attendees also received course materials, which were printed by IKON. Additional copies are available for \$20. Please contact Matt Elisha (303-866-0380) if you are interested in purchasing a copy. Feedback from participants was very positive. We now have a good agenda as a base for future years. Holly and Mariann have put together a "wish list" to help with planning for next year. Among the issues to consider are an earlier date (next year is slated for the first Thursday in June. Many participants felt that this year's program came too late in the season); a podium and microphone; and earlier contact with other organizations such as DALRA (Denver Area Legal Recruiting Association?) to increase attendance. We should also think about whether we want to book the Pinnacle Room in the future. While it was very nice, it was also very expensive. (They required a minimum \$1000 catering order. West footed half the bill, and a Lexis contribution covered the rest.) Thanks to the generous support of the vendors, CoALL did not spend any money on this event and was able to bank all of the registration money. The program is available from Holly on DVD or videotape.
- d) CAL Conference. The annual CAL conference will take place in October. A planning meeting is being held in Frisco on August 1 & 2. If you are interested, please contact Holly for details.
- e) CCR for sale. Don Knox, publisher of *Law Week Colorado*, has purchased a complete set of the Colorado Code of Regulations for a project. He will be done with it in about 5 weeks. He would be willing to sell it for \$800 at that time. (Original price for a new set is \$1200).

- f) Please remember to send in your CoALL dues! Current membership expires June 30.
 - g) Gary Alexander gave us an update on DU's big move. The library will close on July 18th in preparation for the move. The carts will arrive on the 23rd and start rolling on the 25th. The moving company, Graebel, estimates that the actual move of the collection will take 4 12-hour days. The library will reopen on August 11th, with new student orientation on the 12th -- cutting it close! The law school is planning a series of events to celebrate the new building. Gary assures us that he will host an appropriate get-together for CoALL. Jane Thompson's suggestion of the holiday party was duly noted. The new building represents a net reduction of space from 55,000 square feet to 30,000 square feet. It will have six manual compact bays, less seating, and more meeting space throughout the building. The building will have both a wireless network and be hard-wired to easy computer access. The library has a southern exposure and is decorated in strong colors -- aubergine and persimmon! Professional staff offices are the same size as faculty offices. Staff offices face west. The building is a LEED-certified "green building." It is surrounded by extensive green space. The construction created a net gain of 400 parking spaces, but parking will probably continue to be an issue -- take public transportation whenever possible! DU alumni will be issued life-time library cards in the new facility.
 - h) Colorado Code of Regulations. Candy Herring, the Rules Code Program Manager for the Colorado Department of State, reported that the department is working on creating an electronic version of the CCR, which will be posted on their website. She would appreciate input from CoALL members -- what would you like to see on the site? Gary Alexander asked if there have been any questions concerning copyright, given that the print version is now being handled by a private company. Candy told us that it hasn't been an issue -- the state retained the right to put up an electronic version when it contracted with Weil. We then had a general discussion of print vs. electronic format for the CCR. Candy noted that, in the case of a discrepancy between the paper and electronic versions, the paper version would rule.
- 6) The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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