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CoALL Holiday Celebration

December 7, 2006

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Mark your Calendars:

December 6, 2006 - Brown Bag Lunch at Holland & Hart, 11:30-1:00 p.m.

December 7, 2006 - Holiday Party at the University of Colorado Law Library, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

January 10, 2007 - Brown Bag Lunch at Davis Graham & Stubbs, Noon-1:30 p.m.

February 14, 2007 - Brown Bag Lunch at the University of Denver, Noon-1:30 p.m.

February 24, 2007 - Spotlight on Your Career at University of Denver

Brown Bag Lunches

By **Tracy Leming**

CoALL has started a series of informal monthly lunches for law librarians in downtown Denver. Each meeting has either a very brief presentation by a speaker, a virtual seminar from Click U or a similar vendor, or a general topic on which each attendee is invited to speak briefly. A different law firm hosts each meeting so that the work load is distributed. The primary purpose of these lunches is to build professional networks and learn from each other. The brown bags will generally be scheduled for noon on the second Wednesday of each month, but some exceptions will be made to that schedule. The full schedule is available on the CoALL website, <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/brownbag.asp>. To get more information or volunteer to host a future Brown Bag, please

contact Tracy Leming, TLeiming@bhf-law.com or 303-223-1368.

Redesign of the CoALL Website

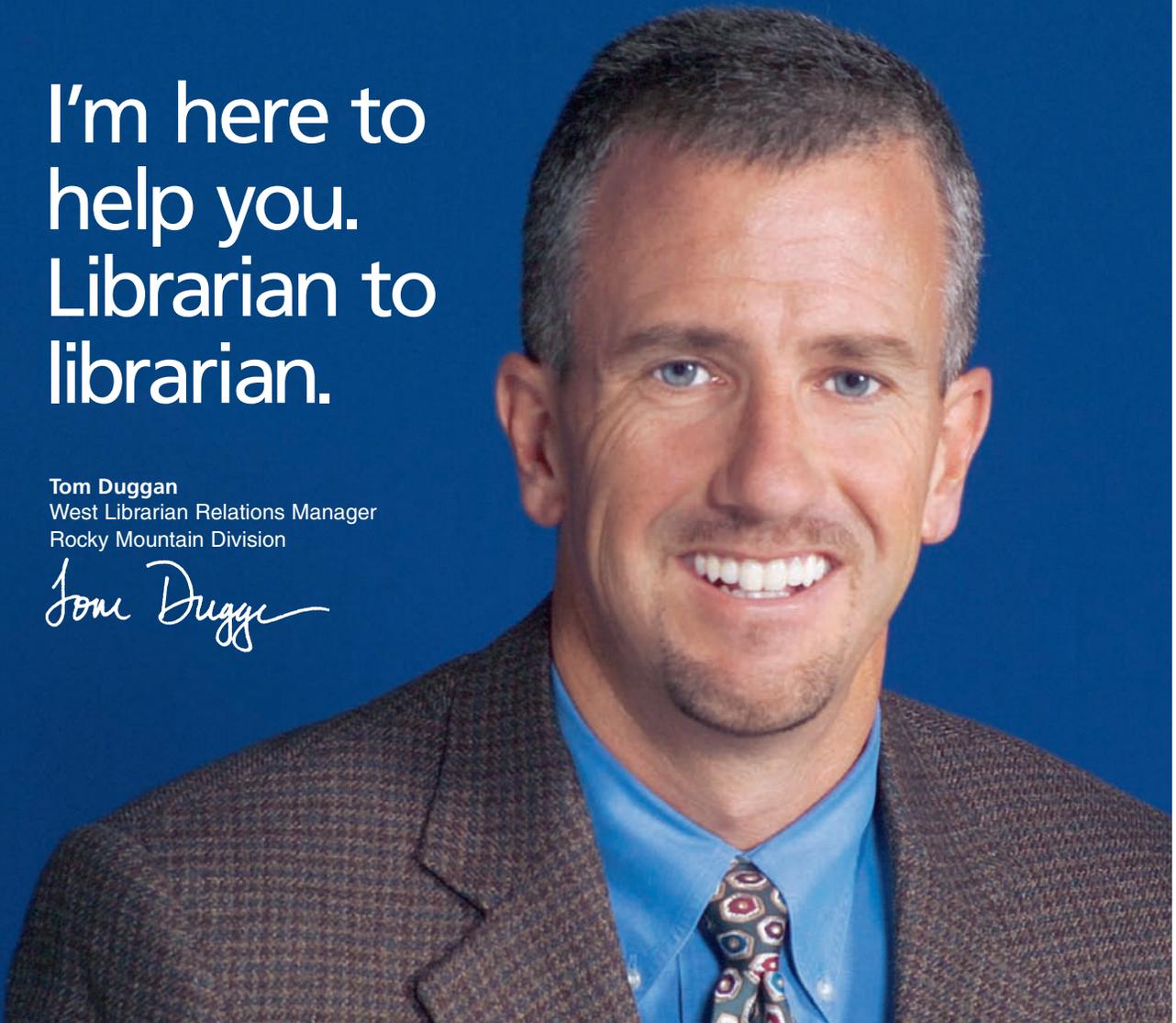
By **Theresa Baker**, CoALL Webmaster

I have just finished redesigning the CoALL website. The new site utilizes current technologies like cascading style sheets and server side includes which will make maintenance much easier. And it does not utilize those dreaded frames! I also incorporated many of the suggestions you made as part of the website survey that **Tracy Leming** did earlier this year. The CoALL Board has given me their feedback on the new site, and now I'd like to hear from the rest of you. Please let me know if you see any problems or have suggestions. I hope you like the new design!

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/>

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We Don't Mean to BRAG, but...

By **Andrea Hamilton**

On June 1st, 2006, CoALL held the fifth annual Bridge the Research and Analysis Gap (BRAG) program in the Hershner Room of the Wells Fargo Building. BRAG committee members—**Goldie Burton, Martha Campbell, Matthew Elisha, Andrea Hamilton, Margi Heinen, Holly Pinto, and Mariann Storck**—felt the content presented was the best to date and attendees seemed to agree.

Mariann Stork moderated the event, which included these presentations: “The Research Assignment” (presented by **Margi Heinen**); “Your Organization’s KM” (**Matthew Elisha**); “Cost Effective Research” (**Holly Pinto**); “Bridging the Gap: Colorado and Secondary Legal Resources” (**Alan Pannell**); “Colorado Legislative History” (**Andrea Hamilton**); “When to Stop Researching” (**Holly Pinto**); and “My Experience as a Summer Clerk” (**Kwali Farbes, Sherman & Howard LLC**). New to this year’s schedule was “3 Research Questions”, which aimed to apply the content of the day’s presentations to actual research questions. Based on what they had learned during the course of BRAG, attendees were asked to share how they would start work on hypothetical research projects, such as, “What is the definition of the phrase ‘in order to’ in contracts situations?” and “I have this old Colorado statute; does it still exist? If yes, what is the current version and citation?”

Eighty-six people registered for the program, eighteen of whom were CoALL members and able to attend at no cost (this included the presenters), and nine summer associates/clerks attended on scholarship (no

registration fee was paid). Four people purchased program materials without registering for the session. After expenses, BRAG deposited over \$2000 in the CoALL treasury.

Attendees were asked to complete feedback forms, and the following is a sample of the positive responses that were collected:

I feel more confident now about discussing an assignment with the person making the research request.

Strongly Agree:	7
Agree:	37
Disagree	2
Strongly Disagree	0

The presentation introduced me to new resources for legal research.

Strongly Agree:	18
Agree:	26
Disagree	2
Strongly Disagree	0

I feel more confident about where to begin a research project than I felt before attending today’s seminar.

Strongly Agree:	7
Agree:	35
Disagree	3
Strongly Disagree	0

I would recommend this program to other summer clerks.

Strongly Agree:	2
Agree:	30
Disagree	4
Strongly Disagree	0

The BRAG committee wishes to thank the following CoALL members who helped make BRAG 2006 such a success: **Theresa Baker** (registration), **Kwali Farbes** (presenter), **Linda Fields** (registration), **Jennifer Hammond** (registration and

accounting), **Rachel Kuipers** (registration), **Tracy Leming** (publicity), **Alan Pannell** (presenter), and **Ann-Marie Wills** (registration). They would also like to thank the following companies for their donations: DTI, Courtlink, *The Colorado Lawyer*, *Law Week Colorado*, LexisNexis, and Westlaw.

Planning for next year's BRAG (to be held Thursday, June 7th, 2007) has already begun! If you are interested in being part of the 2007 BRAG committee, please contact **Andrea Hamilton** at ahamilton@faegre.com or 303-447-7755.

Spotlight on Your Career Planning By Tracy Leming

Spotlight on Your Career: Communication will be held on Saturday, February 24, at the Sturm College of Law on the University of Denver campus. This second annual Spotlight program will feature a keynote speech by **Meryl Runion**, "Wake Up and Smell the Power: How Candor Is Your Key to Outrageous Success."

The conference, which will last from about 8:30 to 3 p.m., will also include two panel discussions—one on communicating with information technology professionals, and the other on communicating with vendors.

Lexis has agreed to sponsor the lunch and provide bags. The committee is still seeking sponsors for other parts of the conference. The Spotlight committee includes **Scott Brown, Karen Selden, Tom Seward, Kathy Carlson, Caryl Shipley, Jennifer Hammond, Ann-Marie Wells, Diane Briel, Wanda McDavid, and Tracy Leming**

The Legal Research Corner By Andrea Hamilton

Check out three of CoALL's most recent Legal Research Corner contributions to *The Colorado Lawyer*:

"A Guide to Colorado Legal Research Sources - Part II", authored by **Shannon Vivic**. It is featured in the May 2006 issue (35 *The Colorado Lawyer* 87).

"Strategies for Finding Administrative Materials Online," authored by **Theresa (Tracy) Leming**. This appeared in the August 2006 issue (35 *The Colorado Lawyer* 109).

Wanda McDavid authored the most recent article: "Casemaker: Colorado Legal Resources At Your Fingertips." It appears in the November 2006 issue (35 *The Colorado Lawyer* 87).

Great work! Thanks to you all. These are posted on the CoALL website: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/corner.htm>

Please note there are some new members of the Legal Research Corner committee whose names, unfortunately, did not make it into the most recent issue. The committee is currently comprised of **Goldie Burton, Jennifer Hammond, Tracy Leming**, and myself. Thank you, ladies, for your contributions to this column.

CONGRATULATIONS

Supreme Court Justice Helps CoALL Celebrate New Law Building, Members Present Paper and Win AALL Award
By Tracy Leming (printed in the AALL Spectrum, November 2006)

The Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL) celebrated the dedication of the new Wolf Law Building at the University of Colorado on September 8 in a ceremony featuring Supreme Court Justice **Stephen Breyer** and CU Law alumnus **Karen Mathis**, current president of the American Bar Association. The new law library will be the most comprehensive and technologically advanced in the 12-state Rocky Mountain region. It is also the regional archive for U.S. government documents, making it the most complete law library in Colorado. Photos of the new building can be seen at www.colorado.edu/law/wolf/index.htm.

CoALL member **Sergio Stone** presented a paper at the Asian Law Institute Annual Conference in Shanghai, China on May 25. The paper was titled "Pixel Pluralism: Online Images of Law & Justice in East Asia." Sergio is the Foreign, Comparative & International Law Librarian at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Westminster Law Library.

Barbara Bintliff, director of the University of Colorado Law Library, received a Presidential Certificate of Merit from Claire M. Germain, AALL past president, at the St. Louis Annual Meeting for her leadership and enduring commitment to AALL and the profession and for her advocacy on behalf of academic law library directors.

Thanks, **Mariann Storck**, for forwarding this note.

Spectrum Editorial Director Selected

Last summer Spectrum Editorial Director Paul Healey announced that he would be stepping down in 2007 at the conclusion of his term. The LLJ/Spectrum Advisory Committee and I

solicited applications for Paul's replacement and earlier this month interviewed three strong candidates. I am pleased to announce that we selected **Mark Estes**, Director of Library Services, Holme Roberts & Owen LLP, as Paul's successor. Mark is very active in AALL affairs and served as President in 1992-1993.

From the Desk of:

Susan E. Fox - AALL Executive Director

YouTube and the Library

Karen Selden and Mariann Storck

It's never too early to start planning National Library Week Activities. Consider running videos this year. Here are a few YouTube videos to get you started. Many of these videos might also be helpful in recruiting students to librarianship and law librarianship.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smrrZpbvI20>

Here are some others:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bu-TijjVs_g&mode=related&search=

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrtYdFV_Eak&mode=related&search=

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMSk5zFVH4s&mode=related&search=>

Using *librarian* as a search in YouTube yields over 300 results. Filtering through the hits to delete the false hits and find the best could be fun!

AALL LEXISNEXIS CALL FOR PAPERS - 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!

**Colorado Association of Law Libraries
Board Meeting
June 29, 2006, 4:45 p.m.
Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll**

Departing board members in attendance: Kaye Waelde (President), Tom Seward (Vice-President/President Elect), Shannon Vicic (Secretary), Ann-Marie Wills (Member at Large), and Theresa (Tracy) Leming (Member at Large).

Newly elected board members in attendance: Tom Seward (President), Karen Selden (Vice-President/President Elect), Goldie Burton (Secretary), and Nancy Sensel (Member at Large).

COALL members in attendance: Andrea Hamilton, Mariann Storck, Rachel Kuipers, Tom Duggan, Holly Pinto, and Theresa Baker.

Kaye called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. She began by announcing the election results of the recent COALL election. The following board members have been elected to serve on the COALL board:

Tom Seward, President
Karen Selden, Vice-President/President Elect
Goldie Burton, Secretary
Jennifer Hammond, Treasurer
Nancy Sensel and Matthew Elisha, Members at Large

After introducing the new board members, Kaye expressed her deep thanks to the COALL members who served on committees and/or the executive board during the previous year. Kaye cited the Casemaker project, the Legal Research Corner columns in *The Colorado Lawyer*, the Spotlight and BRAG programs, the Scuttle, the COALL web site, and the public relations efforts of COALL as some of the successful endeavors of the organization over the course of the past year.

Kaye turned over the meeting to Tom Seward, the new president of COALL. Tom thanked Kaye for serving as president and presented her with a gift on behalf of the board. Kaye noted that she didn't volunteer to serve as president of COALL for recognition or gifts but rather because she thought that COALL could accomplish a great deal during the course of the year and that the efforts of the organization could make a positive impact on the community.

Tom shared the treasurer's report with those attending the meeting. Afterward, he introduced an idea from Tracy Leming regarding forming a downtown caucus for COALL members. This group would meet for lunch once a month at various downtown locations.

Mariann Storck and Tom Duggan discussed downtowners groups in which they had participated in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Mariann noted that the downtowners group in Wisconsin sometimes held formal programs and sometimes simply brought librarians together for "go-round" sessions during which attendees would introduce themselves and then bring up any issues of interest, such as vendor billing, filing, or more intellectual topics. The responsibility for hosting the lunches shifted from firm to firm so that planning the lunches wasn't too much of a burden on one person or firm. Attendees brought their own lunches, and the sponsoring firm provided desserts and beverages.

Tom Seward expressed his concern that he would lose Tracy Leming's participation in other areas if Tracy coordinated the downtown lunches. He offered a compromise in which Tracy would work with the brown bag committee on programming, including helping to coordinate downtown lunches for COALL members.

Ann-Marie Wills noted that she liked the idea of spreading the responsibility for planning the events to the hosting firms. Tracy offered to send an announcement to the listserv to see which firms would be willing to host.

Tom Seward also announced that he has some committee openings that he needs to fill and would be soliciting volunteers for those committees. He noted that he will be sending out an e-mail before the next COALL meeting to recruit committee heads.

Nancy Sensel asked for those attending the meeting to introduce themselves and everyone in the room gave a brief introduction.

Kaye asked if anyone at the board meeting was going to the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) annual meeting and if they would be interested in getting together for an iced tea during the meeting. Tom Duggan encouraged those who planned to attend AALL to sign up for the dine-arounds that will be held during the conference.

Tom Seward discussed the agenda for the next general meeting. He would like that meeting to serve as an AALL wrap-up where members who attend can provide reports on their conference activities and experiences.

Tom reported that BNA is willing to donate \$300 for the next COALL meeting for catering. The next meeting will be held during the first week of August. One possible venue for the event is Bogey's at the City

Park Golf Course, as it has free parking and enough parking to accommodate the members who would be attending.

The board discussed some possible dates and times for the August meeting, which will be used to map out the agenda for COALL for the following year.

The board discussed the current status of the bylaws revision project. Kaye asked whether the board needs to look at the bylaws closely and make sure that they in fact need to be changed.

The bylaws were being worked on pro se by someone at Holme Roberts & Owen but that person is no longer with the firm, Kaye noted.

Holly Pinto said that the bylaws needed to be changed because the organizational status of COALL had changed and the bylaws needed to be updated to conform to the change in status. It has been 5 years since the organization's status changed, she noted.

Kaye said that the board may need to set aside a specific amount of money and hire an attorney to revise the bylaws.

Tom Seward asked whether COALL qualifies as a 501(c)(3) organization and whether anyone has the determination letter regarding the change in status.

Holly replied that COALL decided to change its status when the state changed the law regarding nonprofit organizations.

Kaye noted that the board might want to check with AALL to see if they have sample bylaws and whether they have attorneys who can handle changing the bylaws. Holly said that COALL could also check with the local bar regarding attorneys who might have experience working on the bylaws of a nonprofit organization.

Tom Seward asked Holly for an update on the status of the ALA salary survey.

Holly said that the committee took the definition of librarian that was provided in the original survey and refined it to include an MLS or JD educational requirement and more analysis for research.

The committee approved those revisions and forwarded those to the survey representative at Holme Roberts & Owen in April. The survey will be sent out in July. Holly said that the committee's goal was for the survey to be more reflective of the differences between librarians and other library staff members.

Holly said that she would follow up with Mark Estes to see whether the committee's refinements were included in the survey that was distributed.

Holly also discussed the BRAG program. The BRAG committee had a meeting about what worked and what didn't work at this year's program. The meeting was based on the feedback that this year's attendees provided. The BRAG committee should be able to tweak the program based on that feedback so that next year's program runs even more smoothly than this year's event, she said.

Holly announced to the board that the COY holdings are no longer listed in FirstSearch. Holland & Hart and Holme Roberts & Owen were paying for those holdings to be listed in FirstSearch, and since those holdings were out-of-date and inaccurate, they decided that it was not worthwhile to continue listing them.

Matthew Elisha (Member at Large), Nancy Sensel (Member at Large), and Tracy Leming (PR Chair).

President Tom Seward called the meeting to order at 4:35.

Reports from the Treasurer, and from the Membership and Spotlight Committees, were heard first and are appended to these minutes. Tom is going to check with Tamara Tureson, Membership Chair, to quantify and discuss possible reasons for the lapsed memberships.

Kaye is going to give the CoALL banner to Tracy to keep for use at events. Kaye gave the President's CoALL mailbox key to Tom.

The Board discussed the Spotlight program for 2007, to be held at DU's College of Law on Saturday, February 24th, in particular the desirability versus possible risks connected with Tom's proposed RMSLA collaboration. The discussion included the additional possibilities of collaborating with SWALL and PLL-SIS. No decision was made on this issue. The theme for this upcoming (2007) Spotlight is "Spotlight on Your Career: Communication."

Per Matthew Elisha, former BRAG committee member, Andrea Hamilton is heading up the BRAG committee this year. BRAG is planned for the first Thursday in June and is looking for new committee members.

Brown bags are off to a good start. Tracy Leming reported that 15 people registered for the first one. The benefits of these meetings to the membership may justify some degree of financial support from the Association (the Click U programs cost around \$99 each). In connection with this possibility and the many related issues, the Board voted unanimously to form an Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Planning composed of Treasurer Jennifer Hammond, Matthew Elisha and Goldie Burton.

An AALL Legislative Letter concerning funding for the GPO and addressed to Senator Allard was presented to the Board for signature by Scott Matheson, CoALL's Legislative Liaison to AALL. Before signing it on CoALL's behalf, Tom will follow up with Scott who may use the AALL Legislative Liaison Office for an opinion on whether an organization filing under 501(c)(6) can endorse anything remotely political.

Planning for the next Colleague Connection is underway.

The Board discussed the benefits of sending someone to the American Conference of Legal Administrators, as well as those of setting up and staffing a table there with information about CoALL. Tracy will research the cost of the above alternatives.

The Holiday Party is scheduled for December 7. Karen, Goldie and Nancy will revive, as much as possible, the planning committee from last year. Karen has already secured the location in the new CU Law School Building.

Several people expressed a wish to have an informal (but planned) CoALL meeting at next year's AALL, possibly at one of the giant Westlaw or Lexis events where it's easy to go without seeing a familiar face.

The question was raised: should we sponsor a VIP for AALL this year? In the past, CoALL sponsored Justice Hobbs. Tom suggested that we all consider possible candidates after the meeting and share them with the CoALL Board at our next meeting.

With the Board's approval, Karen will check with Ann Meyers, an AALL Executive Board Member, on her willingness and availability to visit our chapter in April.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30

**Colorado Association of Law Libraries
General Meeting
September 26, 2006 5:30 p.m.
Holme Roberts and Owen**

Introductions of those present: New Member Alicia Brillon (CU Law), Jennifer Hammond, Tracy Leming, Tom Seward, Karen Selden, Matthew Elisha, Goldie Burton, Nancy Sensel, Kaye Waelde, and Mark Estes.

The Colorado Indian Bar Association's Red Rock Scramble run/walk is this Sunday, October 1, in Lyons, Colorado. David Selden is the contact for information including how to register.

Karen shared her experience at AALL this past July in the Leadership Training. She found it very valuable. Many practical topics were discussed, including specific vendors that offer AALL special rates on their goods and/or services, e.g., Marriott Properties and Survey Monkey. Other topics included: marketing programs, conducting a needs assessment, choosing a speaker, being an effective speaker and evaluating programs. The training also presented many networking opportunities.

Karen also reminded us of some key changes in AALL. The annual conference is going to be a day shorter, starting in 2007. The opening reception will be Saturday night, with programs on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Only one keynote speaker, only one AALL business meeting and no association-wide luncheon will be scheduled.

AALL has set aside \$25K in seed money to support regional programs.

AALL offers training for chapter treasurers and for the chairs of public relations committees, membership committees and government relations committees. Karen recommends that anyone in one of these positions attend the AALL training.

After the Library of Congress announced it would stop doing serials control, AALL sent a letter expressing its disappointment. AALL received a personal response from Deanna Marcum, Library of Congress Associate Librarian for Library Services, acknowledging our concerns.

Kaye Waelde attended a program at this past AALL conference that she enjoyed called “Emotional Intelligence”. She praised the speaker and described the program as very revealing and interesting.

A discussion on competitive intelligence followed. Mark Estes recommended a website to those interested in learning more: www.scip.org

Mark Estes enjoyed the awards program at AALL this year. He commented that it’s nice to hear local members recognized. (Our own David Selden, Monica Martens and Tracy Leming, presumably)

He also enjoyed Linda Greenhouse’s plenary speech on the process of writing her book “Becoming Justice Blackmun”. He found her a great storyteller.

Adjourned at 6:45

Colorado Association of Law Libraries

Treasurer’s Report – Jennifer Hammond

Meeting September 26, 2006

03/01/06-06/31/06

<u>Beginning Balance:</u>	07/01/06	\$9,728.49
 <u>Funds Received:</u>		
	BRAG	\$ 1,180.00
	Membership Dues	\$ 280.00
		\$ 1,460.00
 <u>Funds Paid out:</u>		
	BRAG expenses	\$ 110.25
		\$ 1,349.75
 <u>Ending Balance:</u>	09/25/06	 \$ 11,078.24

Not yet cleared

Deposits:	\$	160.00
Balance:	\$	11,238.24

Janus Funds Update:

As of 06/30/06: \$4,116.93

CoALL Members for 2006-2007 (as of September 22, 2006)

Total Members = 87

84 renewals and 3 new members

Memberships by Category:

Associate: 4

Individual: 9

Institutional: 72

Student: 2

Memberships by Type of Institution:

Academic: 28

Courts/Government: 10

Private: 45

Other: 4

Those that have not renewed have been contacted twice by email.

Spotlight Committee Report

The committee currently has 9 members, and a 10th may join. Most of the committee members are returning. The membership currently includes 1 SLA member (V-P/President-Elect Scott Brown), and we have invited Wanda McDavid, incoming SLA V-P/President-elect, to join us if she'd like. Once again, The University of Denver Sturm College of Law will be the venue. The committee decided to always hold the program on the last Saturday of February, so the program will be held on Saturday February 24, 2007. The timing will also remain approximately the same (9am to 2:30 or 3pm). The Committee decided to "brand" with the main title: Spotlight on Your Career: [Topic]. The topic chosen for 2007 was: Communication. We will offer only one program per time slot. We would like to offer more programs than in 2006, with no program exceeding 90 minutes. This means finding fewer speakers per program (a maximum of 3 was suggested). Probable topics for programs include communicating with vendors, IT professionals, and coworkers from different generations. We would also like to provide a nationally known keynote speaker, and plan to apply for one of AALL's new local educational programming grants to help us defray some of these costs. We will also approach various vendors and SLA to seek sponsorship money.