



# Scuttle Newsletter

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- A Cataloger's View of ALA!

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## CoALL President's Message—July 2010

I often think of fall as a time for transitions and changes, but for many members of CoALL that time seems to come in June and July as we prepare for a new group of summer associates, recover from the previous academic year, or prepare for the AALL Annual Meeting. This is especially true for me this year as I start my new role **as the President of CoALL. As I've been preparing for this change, I've thought a lot** about what it means to be a member of our organization, and I look forward to working with all of you throughout the next 12 months.

Continuing the theme of transitions, as happens every summer, we welcome new board members and congratulate those who have moved to new positions on the board: Robert Linz, as the Vice President/President-Elect; Chris Hudson as Secretary; Tamara Phalen as Treasurer; and Rachel Nelson as a Member-at-Large. Tracy Leming will continue on the board as our Immediate Past President, as will Beth Mescall who has agreed to serve one more year as a member-at-large.



We also have some new Committee chairs joining us this year - Amy Levine and Stephanie Noble will be the new chairs for the Scuttle newsletter; and Kelly Fanning who will now be coordinating the Brown Bags.

Finally, with all these new positions comes a resounding thanks to those who have served CoALL faithfully over the past few years: Karen Selden for all of her hard work in the seemingly never-ending role of Immediate Past President; Katie Lynn for her excellent work as the chair of the **Scuttle**; and Theresa Baker, who has dedicated many hours to making sure the CoALL website is up-to-date and functioning well.

Many members of the organization are now transitioning to a more peaceful time, as the AALL Annual Meeting has come to a close. Months and years of hard work went **into preparing for and coordinating the meeting, and we couldn't have done it without** all of our volunteers! A special thanks to Madeleine Cohen, Anne Lucke, Tamara Phalen, Holly Pinto, Esti Shay, and Patty Wellinger for all of their efforts. And again, a thanks to all of the volunteers who committed their time to helping out!

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## David Selden, 2010 Merksy Spirit of Law Librarianship Award Winner

*from*

<http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/slla/announcements.html>

The Roy M. Merksy Spirit of Law Librarianship Award Committee is pleased to announce that David Selden, Law Librarian at the National Indian Law Library/Native American Rights Fund, is the 2010 recipient of the award. The Committee thanks everyone who submitted nominations.

David is best known in the law library community for his work to make United States Tribal law, codes, and constitutions more accessible to the public, attorneys, and researchers. However, his public service passion is promoting efforts to increase environmental sustainability and reduce climate changing greenhouse gas and carbon emissions.

From 2006 to 2009, David initiated and coordinated a Colorado Adopt-A-Highway volunteer litter control program for National Indian Law Library (NILL) and Native American Rights Fund (NARF) employees on a two-mile stretch of highway in the Boulder area. This project increased NARF's visibility in the community and modeled good stewardship of the environment.

Since 2004, David has served as the volunteer race director for the Colorado Indian

Bar Association's [Red Rock Scramble](#), an annual run/walk event to raise funds for American Indian law student scholarships. In this capacity, David planned and directed the 2008 event as the first officially certified [Race Without a Trace](#) in Colorado. This event was both zero waste and carbon neutral and included other sustainable features. Zero waste and carbon neutral features continue to be a standard part of this popular annual event.

David became a volunteer Eco Auditor for a project in his home town of Lyons, Colorado, in 2007. This program trains community members as eco auditors, in order to help other interested community members live more sustainable lives. Homeowners in the program learn how to measure and evaluate their energy use, consumption, and overall impact on the climate and environment, and are presented with solutions for a more sustainable lifestyle. To date, nearly 100 families have participated in this [Green Heart Community Initiative](#).



Richard Leiter, David Selden, Dick Spinelli  
Photo by Anne Lucke

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## 2010 Merksy Spirit of Law Librarianship Award, cont.

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David is a member of the Lyons Sustainability Advisory Council, which works to solve environmental problems on the local level. This organization empowers citizens and businesses in Lyons to become more sustainable and work with governments and other organizations to implement positive change. David's concentration relates to transportation issues and sustainable events. Since David joined the Council in 2008, the intergovernmental regional transportation service has added a popular 8:15am bus from Lyons to Boulder for morning commuters, and the Red Rock Scramble has become a model for other environmentally sustainable events held in Lyons.

In early 2010, David initiated and coordinated a Colorado Adopt-A-Highway volunteer litter control program for the [Lyons Community Foundation](#) (LCF) on a two mile stretch of highway at the southeast entrance to Lyons. This project increases LCF's visibility in the community and models good stewardship of the environment.

David has consistently integrated his concern for the environment with his professional life. He initiated and chaired the Native American Rights Fund Green Office Committee. From 2007 to 2009, his efforts resulted in a 21% annual carbon emissions reduction in the Fund's Boulder offices. David personally performs annual eco audits of the offices to create baseline energy consumption data for goal setting. David and his committee accomplish these goals by successfully implementing projects such as:

- Zero waste policies and procedures. These initiatives include recycling and composting programs that allow employees to recycle and compost materials collected at their homes and in their offices.
- A Green Office Purchasing Plan for supplies, appliances and equipment.
- A Green Office Education Program for employees, which includes presentations on energy consumption and carbon footprint, weekly "Green Office Tips" via email, sale of composting kits, and loans of a Kill-A-Watt meter to employees to measure energy use in the office and at home.
- A "hard to recycle program" for library books, fluorescent and CFL light bulbs, plastic bags, office equipment, etc.
- A Carbon Offset Fund for NARF and NILL employees to voluntarily purchase carbon offsets for personal and business airline flights.

Three of David's responses to the Member to Member questions have appeared in AALL Spectrum:

- [Why environmental sustainability is the most important political issue of our time](#)
- [Top three green tips for law librarians](#)
- [Making my dream library environmentally sustainable](#)

David's environmentally-focused column, tentatively titled "The Eco-Conscious Librarian," will debut in the September 2010 issue of AALL Spectrum.

David reduced his travel-related carbon footprint by carpooling in his hybrid vehicle with a colleague to the 2008 AALL Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon, as well as to the 2009 WestPac Annual Meeting in Bozeman, Montana. The carbon footprint reduction was about 75% as compared to flying to these conferences.

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## Wolters Kluwer Law & Business Grant Update

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*by Stacey Bowers, Outreach & Instructional Services Coordinator  
at the Westminster Law Library in Denver, Colorado*

In January 2010, the Westminster Law Library at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law was awarded a Wolters Kluwer Law & Business Grant. The grant team included Stacey Bowers, Sylvia Hall-Ellis, Christopher Hudson, and Claire Williamson (who is no longer with the team). The goal of the project funded by this grant is to reintroduce the value of law librarians to public librarians. According to the *AALL 2005-2010 Strategic Directions*, AALL recognizes leadership as one of its goals and in particular that law librarians be recognized as leaders and experts in legal information, research, and technology.

The grant team has begun the process of strengthening the relationships between law librarians and public librarians. In late May and early June, 39 public librarians from Denver Public Library (DPL) and Arapahoe Library District (ALD) completed **an online survey that gathered information regarding public librarians' perceptions** of and interactions with law librarians, law libraries, and law library websites. The survey also collected information regarding the types of legally-oriented reference questions that public librarians receive and the resources they use to respond to such questions.

Also in June, the grant team, with the assistance of some of the law librarian fellows, held three focus group meetings with librarians from DPL (two focus groups) and ALD (one focus group). These librarians were asked to discuss the types of legally-oriented questions they receive and the resources they turn to in order to answer those questions or the law libraries to which they refer patrons for additional and more extensive assistance. The grant team also sought information regarding the types of training or assistance public librarians would find beneficial from law librarians.

The next step in the project is to engage in a detailed analysis of the wealth of information received from the online survey and focus groups. Once the data has been analyzed, a final report will be created and shared with the participants from DPL and ALD. After that, the grant team will engage in follow-up conversations with the public librarians and finalize the types of workshops or trainings that would be most useful to them. The grant team plans to hold those trainings in the fall on-site at DPL and ALD.

The grant team will share the final results of this project later in the year. If you would like to learn more about this project, the findings, or its ongoing status, please feel free to contact [Stacey Bowers](#).

## President's Message, cont.

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I am excited to see what the year holds for our organization and am looking forward to continuing the good work we do as an association. Thanks to all of you for your continued membership and support!

Rachel Compton  
President, 2010-2011

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## CoALL Membership Renewal!

*from Anne Lucke, Reference Librarian at Holland & Hart in Denver, Colorado*



CoALL memberships expired on June 30th, so if you haven't yet renewed yours, do it today! Go to the CoALL website now and download an updated membership form in Word or PDF format – both can be filled in online and printed. Then just mail the form and a check payable to CoALL to Anne Lucke **and feel good that you've accomplished at least one important task today.**

When you're filling out your membership application, please note that CoALL's bylaws changed in January and this changed the qualifications for the Active and Associate membership categories. If you have questions about which membership category you fit into, please review our [Membership Category Guidelines](#) on the CoALL website (you will need the CoALL web site username and password to log in).

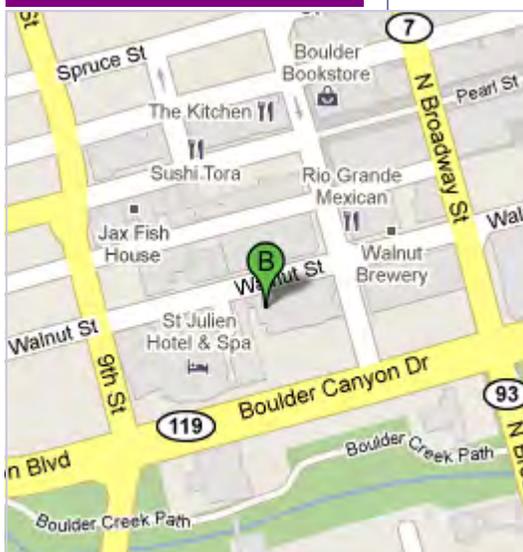
Membership dues will remain the same for the 2010-2011 membership year. The membership fee is \$20 for Active and Associate members and is \$5 for Students. CoALL will waive the annual membership fee for any CoALL member who has lost his or her job or has had his or her salary significantly reduced since July 2008.

## August Happy Hour

*by Tamara Phalen, Catalog Librarian at Brownstein, Hyatt Farber Schreck in Denver, Colorado*

The August CoALL happy hour will be in Boulder, Colorado. Details are below. Please join us for conversation and the beverage of your choice! (You do not need to RSVP).

### Driving directions



When: Tuesday, August 10, 2010  
5pm-ish till ?

Where: The Mediterranean Restaurant  
1002 Walnut Street  
Boulder, CO  
(303) 444-5335  
<http://www.themedboulder.com/>

### Happy hour menu

<http://www.themedboulder.com/pdf/MedHappyHour2010.pdf>

**Happy Hour is from 3pm to 6:30pm.**

Hope to see you on August 9th.

## Computing in Microsoft's Cloud

By Robert M. Linz, Associate Director and Head of Public Services  
at the University of Colorado Law Library, Boulder, Colorado

At the University of Colorado School of Law, we are in the process of upgrading to Microsoft Office 2010. Our staff had been using either Microsoft Office 2003 or Office 2007. When the beta version of Office 2010 was released, I installed it and used it alongside Office 2007. At that time, I noticed some differences between the two versions, but generally the differences were minor. Indeed, compared to the substantial user interface changes from Office 2003 to Office 2007, the differences between Office 2007 and Office 2010 were trivial. (With the release of Office 2007, Microsoft moved away from the menu bar in Office 2003 and earlier

versions of Office to a “ribbon” bar to house most often used commands. This included rearranging the location of some commands and required users to think somewhat differently about how to use Office.)

One of the improvements, however, between Office 2007 and Office 2010 is Microsoft's embracing of cloud computing and social networking. Cloud computing is a buzzword for a computing paradigm in which users access applications and store data on servers located somewhere on the Internet. The servers would be managed by various companies and users would have secure access to them. But the servers and data are available somewhere in the Internet “cloud” accessible to a user with Internet access. Google users are already familiar with an application of cloud computing if they use Google Docs, a free service from Google in which users can store and edit documents online. Microsoft has added several collaboration features to Office 2010 which utilize the Internet cloud. In this short article, I would like to draw your attention to two of them: the ability to publish files to a website, and the ability to broadcast a PowerPoint presentation.

In the traditional personal computing model, an individual would have exclusive access to his or her computer. On this computer, the user would install various applications and use those applications to create documents which would also be stored on that computer. If the user needed to share that document with another user, she had a few options including using a corporate or home network, emailing or FTP'ing the file, or using “SneakerNet” (i.e., copying the file to a disk drive and physically delivering the disk to the other user.) This model would allow the user to transfer the document, but it proved difficult to enable off-site editing as well as group editing. For example, to continue editing a work document, the user could copy it to a disk drive, and then carry it to their home computer, and continue working on it there.

With Office 2010, Microsoft has simplified this process by allowing users to upload docu-

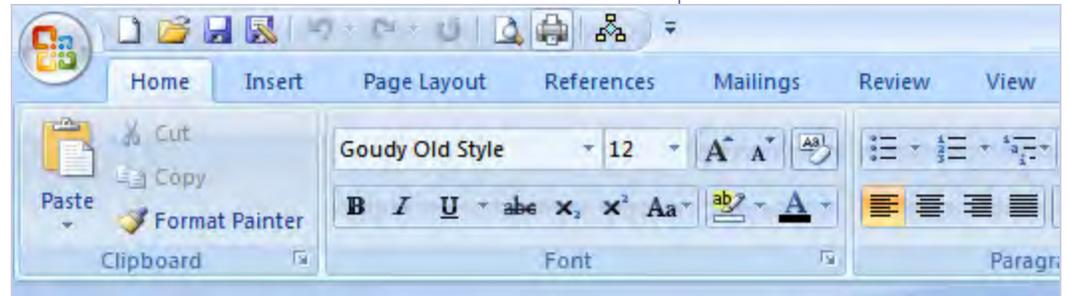
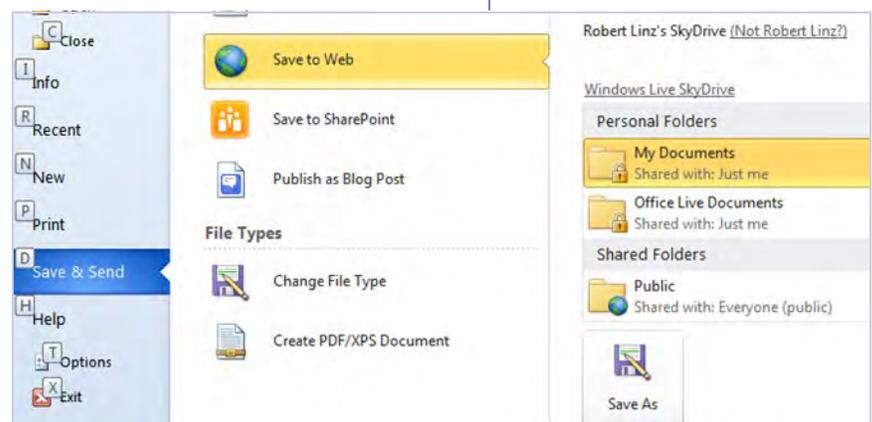


Figure 1: Saving a document to a Windows Live website.



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## Computing in Microsoft's Cloud, cont.

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ments to a either a Windows Live website or a Microsoft SharePoint portal website. Windows Live is plethora of free web-based services hosted by Microsoft. These include the familiar Hotmail service but also includes social networking features. Microsoft also provides Windows Live users with 25GB of storage space. With this space, a user can upload photos into albums and store other files in a service Microsoft calls "SkyDrive." In SkyDrive, users are provided both a personal "My Documents" and "Favorites" folder as well as a shared "Public" and "Shared Favorites" folder. (Users can create other folders as well.) Users can upload documents into these folders by opening to the website and adding files. However, with Office 2010, users can save files directly into these online folders from within Office 2010. In **Word 2010**, for example, I can save this article to the SkyDrive "My Documents" space through Word's "Save and Send" command on the "File" menu. I can continue to edit the file in Word, and save the changes in the online document. I can retrieve that file either through Word or by logging onto my Windows Live account from another computer, e.g., my home computer, and continue editing it with Word. Therefore, I have simple access to the file from any Internet connected computer without my need to carry that file on a portable storage device. This feature is available on Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote.

Microsoft has taken this online capability one step further. In addition to storing and retrieving the documents, users can use online versions of Office programs, called webapps. Specifically, Microsoft has created web-based versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote. These applications contain fewer features than their computer-based counterparts, but these online applications run completely within the web-browser. They are good alternatives for creating and editing documents. Furthermore, they are free to users with Windows Live accounts. With these applications, a user can create a document in Word, and continue editing it with the online Word webapp. Or, the user can create the document in the Word webapp and download it to the computer-installed version of Word. I have found this feature particularly useful as I work to complete documents on both my office and home computers.

This application of cloud computing also enables easy group access and editing of documents. I can upload the file **to the "Public" folder, and enable select users (or anyone in the world) to access, download, and edit the document.** Microsoft has provided other group editing features with Office 2010. Indeed, users have the option of uploading the **document to Microsoft's intranet server, SharePoint.** If your organization has established a SharePoint server, you can upload the document to it to allow users within your organization access and editing capabilities.

In PowerPoint, Microsoft has implemented another cloud computing feature. Users can play a PowerPoint slideshow **on the Internet. This feature is found under the "Broadcast Slide Show" command located under the "Save & Send" menu item on the "File" menu. It is easy to use. After your PowerPoint presentation is complete, and you are ready to display it to your audience, you choose this option from the menu.** You will then be prompted to choose a broadcast



Figure 2: Starting a PowerPoint Slideshow Broadcast

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## Thank You!

### *from Patty Wellinger & Holly Pinto, 2010 AALL Local Arrangement Committee Co-Chairs*

On behalf of the AALL Local Arrangement co-chairs (aka Patty & Holly), we would like to thank everyone in CoALL for their dedication and support in making the 2010 AALL annual conference such a success. From AALL members and vendors to AALL headquarters, the positive comments and responses to the conference have been overwhelming. The membership has once again made CoALL the little chapter that could get it done. We appreciate all of the hard work and planning that everyone contributed. Three cheers for the Colorado chapter!!



**Local Arrangement Committee table at Closing Banquet:** [left to right] Katherine Coolidge, Tamara Phalen, Meg Martin, Wanda McDavid, Madeline Cohen, Barbara Bintliff, Katie Lynn, Karen Selden, Barbara Allen  
Photo by Brant Bender



**CoALL Member table at Closing Banquet:** [back row, left to right] Laurie Daley, Theresa Strike, Stephanie Noble, Amy Levine, Meg Martin; [front row, left to right] Catharine Cott, Tracy Leming, Janet Swan-Hill, Druet Klugh, Mary Clifton  
Photo by Brant Bender

## Fun Run/Walk in Denver, July 11, 2010

*by Katie Lynn, Editor*

Our crazy CoALL members, Karen & David Selden, organized a run/walk during the AALL conference in July. They met by the big blue bear outside the convention center. About 30 people joined them at 7am on July 11 for some exercise along the Cherry Creek Multiuse Recreation Path. Though it was not an officially sanctioned AALL event, lots of fun was had and requests were put in for next year.



## Random Photos from AALL 2010 in Denver



**Dine Around at Café Colore:** [left to right] Annette Cade, Linda Holmes, Martha Keister, Kathy Coolidge, Cheryl Niemeier, Abby Walters, Josh Laporte  
Photo from Martha Keister



**Closing Banquet Dessert**  
Photo by Katie Lynn



**Dine Around at the Buckhorn Exchange:**  
Photo by Jerry Carlson

Tamara Phalen planned an excellent feast for the AALL Closing Banquet!

## Some (Un)solicited Advice from a (Former) New Conference Attendee

*by Marty Witt, Law Library Fellow at the University of Denver in Denver, Colorado*

Now that I am a veteran with one entire AALL conference under my belt, I guess I am qualified to offer some advice to those who come after me. OK, perhaps not, but nevertheless here are some of my initial thoughts about how a new attendee should approach his or her first conference. If you read on, just remember to take it all with a grain of salt. Without any further ado, here are seven tips I would suggest for new conference attendees.



The view from the top of the Red Rocks Amphitheatre, taken during the CONELL 2010 tour. Photo by Damon Campbell, Acquisitions Librarian, Florida Coastal School of Law.

### **Attend CONELL (Conference of Newer Law Librarians).**

There is a separate registration fee involved, but it really is a **great way to start off the conference if you're unsure about what to expect.** In the morning this year, there was a series of speakers, the chance to sit in a small group and talk with an outgoing or incoming AALL board member, a speed-networking session, and a marketplace session where attendees can talk to representatives from the different Special Interest Sessions, Caucuses, or Local Chapters. In the afternoon, following the provided lunch, there was a tour highlighting surrounding points of interest, which provides a fantastic opportunity to talk informally with your peers in the profession. The tour is also a great way to see some of the beautiful natural or historic attractions in or around the host city. As part of this year's tour, we went to Red Rocks and Buffalo Bill's grave, which was great fun for locals and for those visiting Denver.

### **Go on a CONELL Dutch Treat dinner the night before CONELL.**

More informal than the conference itself, or even CONELL, the Dutch Treat dinners are a great way to meet other first-time attendees so that there are some familiar faces in the crowd the following day at CONELL. There are usually a variety of choices – both in terms of cost and cuisine – so you can almost definitely find something that suits you.

### **Plan your activities – and be prepared to adjust it on the fly.**

General program information and scheduling is available online prior to the conference, so you can gather quite a bit of information in advance concerning what you want to attend. **Once at the conference, however, you shouldn't feel that you are bound to the activities you selected initially.** You may be talking to someone the first night and learn about something that isn't on your schedule, or find out from a speaker's co-worker that the program isn't as in-depth as you thought it was. Feel free to deviate from your plans.

### **Break your exhibit hall time into a series of smaller visits.**

Visiting multiple times for shorter periods of time, rather than trying to see every vendor and exhibit in one shot, can help in at least a couple of ways. First, as you are **moving through the exhibit hall, you're bound to collect swag along the way.** Some of what you pick up will be light and easy to carry, but some things will be considerably more cumbersome to carry around for extended periods of time. Collecting pens from vendors, for example, won't really weigh you down. **Pick up a picnic blan-**

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ket from one vendor, a world atlas from another, and a legal treatise from a third **and suddenly you don't want to be carrying around everything at once. Also, at least** with some of the larger vendors, what is being given away can change from hour-to-hour or day-to-day, so if you go back at different times you may end up with a variety of swag. One good way of going about it is to break up the exhibit hall into thirds or quarters and – on each visit – to stop by each of the large vendors and one of the areas. That way you can leave anything heavy or cumbersome in your hotel room or wherever you are staying between return trips to the exhibit hall. Second, swinging by at multiple times can really increase your odds of speaking to someone directly as opposed to just collecting literature. This is less of an issue with vendors, because they are staffed more or less continuously, but the attending library organizations are often staffed by volunteers who are also there to take part in the conference and attend programs, so they may not always have someone sitting at the table. If you stop by the table at different times on different days, you can make it much more likely that you have the opportunity to speak to someone.

### **If you're interested, attend.**

This one may seem obvious, but from my own experience I can say that new attendees may have some trepidation about going to something that is titled as – for example – a committee meeting, when he or she may not even be entirely clear on what the committee does. Based on my limited experience, though, the committee meetings were all open to the public and those on the committee were open to suggestions and ideas from those who were just sitting in. Attending committee meetings in an area of interest is also an excellent way to begin to get involved as a volunteer.

### **Don't feel that you have to attend something every single session.**

With programs, meetings, and social activities for 12+ hours daily, it is easy for new attendees to feel overwhelmed. Attend the lectures and talks that seem most interesting to you, but also take some time to just wander around the exhibit hall or get out of the convention area and enjoy a meal with some of **the new colleagues you've met. Talking informally with people you've just met** – whether over lunch, on a walk through the host city, catching a ballgame, or relaxing over a drink or two in the evening – is a great way to get to know someone better than you would be able to just sitting with them at a program. It also allows you to make more of a lasting impression on them. Especially with the newly-developed AALL2go, you can often have access to program recordings and/or handouts even **if you missed attending the presentation in person. If you don't** feel like exploring the host city and prefer to stay close to the conference, check to see whether anyone has set up a hospitality suite. In Denver, the Fastcase hospitality suite was a great place to spend time between programs, with friendly people, the World Cup being shown on TV, and card and Scrabble games going on as well. I also enjoyed starting my morning with breakfast in the Fastcase suite because I got to hear what different people were planning for that day and it gave me some insight into programming options that I might have otherwise overlooked. Plus the view was awesome.



Sunset from the Fastcase hospitality suite on the final evening of AALL 2010.  
Photo by Damon Campbell, Acquisitions Librarian, Florida Coastal School of Law.

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## Brown Bags — 2010-2011!

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*from Kelly Fanning, Reference Librarian at Holme Roberts & Owen in Denver, Colorado*

The CoALL Brown Bag Committee is back this year with the same slate of members: Rachel Nelson of Holland and Hart, Beth Mescall of Davis Graham & Stubbs, and Kelly Fanning of Holme Roberts & Owen. **We're putting together our post-AALL Annual Meeting Brown Bag for August** and will send out an e-mail in the near future announcing its date and location.

We have included a survey link below to solicit your ideas regarding this year's Brown Bags. Please respond to the survey when you have a chance; it will be available until August 18, 2010.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5BV57XC>

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*Check out the  
LinkedIn group for  
CoALL!*

### May Brown Bag:

[Notes on Teaching Legal Research & How to Get People to Attend](#) - Kelly Fanning

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**Did you attend this year's AALL Annual Meeting? If so, please consider sharing your observations during our next CoALL Brown Bag, which we will hold at Holme Roberts & Owen at noon on August 18th. If you would be willing to briefly speak about one or more of the sessions that you attended, please contact Kelly Fanning at [kelly.fanning@hro.com](mailto:kelly.fanning@hro.com) or at 303-866-0424 at your earliest convenience.**

## Brown Bag Lunches

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The Colorado Association of Law Libraries hosts a series of brown bag lunches. Most of the brown bags are hosted by downtown law firms, and most are in a go-round format, which means that each attendee will have an opportunity to comment on the topic of the day. Topics will include libraries and environmental sustainability, copyright in law firms, customized delivery of news, bookmarking and pathfinders, ILS systems and more. 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. For more information, contact [Beth Mescall](#), 303-892-7451.

Date	Time	Host Name	Host Firm	Moderator	Topic or Speaker
Aug. 18	12:00—1:00	Kelly Fanning	Holme Roberts & Owen	Kelly Fanning	AALL Observations

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*This is lunch!*



## More Random Photos from AALL 2010 in Denver

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### Dine Around at the Buckhorn Exchange

Photo by Jerry Carlson



**Denver Hospitality Booth:** [left to right] Georgia Briscoe, Esti Shay, Mike Bouche  
Photo by Robert Linz



**Exhibit Hall:** [left to right] Tamara Phalen, West Representative, Anne Lucke  
Photo by Robert Linz



## ALA 2010 Annual Meeting Highlights

*by Tamara Phalen, Catalog Librarian at Brownstein, Hyatt  
Farber Schreck in Denver, Colorado*

I went to the American Library Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. from June 25-28, 2010, thanks to a generous grant from CoALL. I would like to share some highlights from a few of the meetings that I attended. Although most of the sessions had to do with cataloging and metadata, I think the information will be useful to all types of librarians.

The big news is that the new cataloging code, RDA, Resource Description and Access, has been published. This new code has been designed as an interactive, electronic resource with annual subscription pricing. This is a change from the old code, AACR2, which was available only in print. There will be a print version of **RDA, but I don't think anyone would find that format easy to use.** A sample on display at the ALA booth looked like it was at least 1,000 pages long. Start reinforcing your bookshelves! The new code is available free online for anyone to



access and review until August 31, 2010 at <http://www.rdatoolkit.org/>. In addition to the code, you can also access webinars and other RDA training materials at the website. I recommend that you become familiar with some of the changes, as you may start to see bibliographic records in WorldCat that are done according to RDA. You will be able to tell if a record is an RDA record because it will have a subfield \$e RDA in the Cataloging Source Field 040. You can see some RDA records created by the catalogers at the University of Chicago by clicking on the links in [this PDF](#). What happens next with RDA? The RDA [test libraries](#) will each create 25 RDA records from October to December of this year. The test libraries will assess the **records and their functionality in the library's ILS, as well as the usability of RDA** online, from January through March 2011. These libraries will send their final reports to the steering committee in charge of the RDA project, and the steering committee will compile the reports and issue a recommendation on the adoption of RDA as the new cataloging code at the ALA Annual meeting in June 2011.

ALCTS, the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, has designated 2010 as the Year of Cataloging Research in response to a recommendation made by the Library of Congress Working Group on Bibliographic Control. The working group recommended that librarians conduct detailed research on the topics of authority control, catalogs, cataloging, and catalog use. The speakers **at a session called "Cataloging and Beyond: Publishing for the Year of Cataloging Research", offered many interesting ideas for research projects.** Sara Shatford Layne, cataloger at the UCLA Library, said that the work of catalogers is vital since we connect people to the bibliographic world. She suggested that we research what types of indexes we really need in our integrated library systems, and how changing or adding different types of indexes might help our patrons find information. She suggested that we create a tool to demonstrate what authority control does and why it is important. Sara also said that we should ask ourselves whether we are really **giving users what they want, or just what we "think" they need.** Lynne Connaway, a research scientist at OCLC, presented her findings on information seeking behaviors. She said one of our challenges is to promote our digital content since most library patrons do not perceive electronic databases as library resources. Lynne said that catalog librarians should test different ways to help patrons navigate

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*Sara Shatford Layne,  
UCLA Library*

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and search the OPAC, since her research showed that many people become frustrated at this stage of their research. She suggested working with our ILS vendors to test how integrating functions such as chat or instant messaging services **into the OPAC interface would enable us to help people at “point of need.”** Amy Eklund urged us to do research on the features of next-generation catalogs, saying that they are not really based on large-scale evidence of need, but rather a “build it and they will come” mentality. Her presentation is [here](#). During the question and answer session, the speakers also agreed that we should try to find out if providing abstracts, summaries, and tables of contents in our records are worth the time it takes to create these tools.

David Lee King, John Blyberg, Toby Greenwalt, and Bobbi Newman gave a great presentation called “Designing Digital Experiences for Library Websites.” The speaker’s slides are available [here](#) and [here](#). Their simple message was that your website shouldn’t “get in the way.” You should use buttons that are easy to find; words that make it easy to figure out the next step in a process; and complementary colors for text and background. As you create the site, you should walk through the steps that your customers will take to make sure that you understand what their experience will be like.

I also attended several committee meetings. I currently serve on the ALCTS Continuing Education Committee, Cataloging and Classification Section, and our committee charge is to create free or low-cost webinars on a variety of topics of interest to catalogers such as subject headings and provider-neutral e-monograph records. We are currently investigating whether we could create webinars that would review each of the Library of Congress Classification schedules A-Z.

There were many, many, more interesting sessions, so many I sometimes had to jump from session to session. And did I mention the exhibits? Thanks again to the CoALL Board for the education grant. I can hardly wait to start integrating what I learned into my day-to-day work at the firm.




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## Interim Director of University of Colorado’s Wise Law Library

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*from David Getches, Dean and Raphael J. Moses Professor of Natural Resources Law at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder, Colorado*

I am pleased to announce that Georgia Briscoe has accepted the position of Interim Law Library Director effective today [July 19, 2010]. She will be assisted by our other excellent Associate Directors Jane Thompson and Robert Linz. Fortunately, our colleague Barbara Bintliff will be with us into August, so that she will be able work together with and assist Georgia in the transition to her interim directorship.

We thank Georgia for taking on this additional work and look forward to supporting her in it.

## Minutes, CoALL Board Meeting, October 9, 2009

*by Kelly Fanning, CoALL Secretary*

### **Colorado Association of Law Libraries Board Meeting March 4, 2010, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Denver, Colorado**

#### **Present at meeting:**

**Board Members:** Karen Selden (Immediate Past-President), Tracy Leming (President), Rachel Compton (Vice-President/President-Elect), Robert Linz (Treasurer), Kelly Fanning, (Secretary), Beth Mescall (Member at Large)

**Committee Chairs:** Diane Forge Bauersfeld (Library School/Recruitment Liaison), Katie Lynn (Scuttle Editor), Madeline Cohen (Government Relations Chair), Meg Martin (Public Relations Chair), Holly Pinto (LAC Co-Chair), Kathy Carlson (Grants & Scholarships Chair), Anne Lucke (Membership Chair), Patty Wellinger (LAC Co-Chair)

**CoALL Members:** Michelle Lucero, Rachel Nelson, Tamara Phalen

The meeting was called to order, and the minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

#### **I. Past President's Report - Karen Selden**

Karen and Holly asked if the meeting attendees would like to continue pursuing an invitation to Paul Chan to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Denver in July as CoALL's guest. **The group agreed to proceed with the invitation, as Tracy, Karen, and Rachel are all willing to assist with hosting duties, and Karen is willing to handle coordinating the various hosting duties.**

#### **II. Local Arrangements Committee – Holly and Tamara**

Holly and Tamara updated the meeting attendees regarding local arrangement planning for the AALL Annual Meeting here in Denver. They discussed plans regarding excursions, family social hour, and related Spectrum articles. The committee is also planning to conduct a food tasting in May in preparation for the conference, and there should be a service project. Patty commented that AALL is looking for a person to lead the annual book drive. Madeline recommended the Reach out and Read Organization, which is based here in Denver, as a possible service project recipient.

Patty asked about getting special ribbons for the Colorado volunteers to wear during the AALL Annual Meeting, at a cost of about \$150. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea.

Kathy Carlson needs more volunteers to host the dine-arounds during the AALL Annual Meeting in July.

**Beth noted that she and Wanda are in charge of registration for this year's AALL Annual Meeting, and they need several more people to volunteer (approximately 60). Madeline and Anne are in charge of hospitality and also need several more volunteers (about 80).**

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Meg said she received information that in the future, there may not be a print form of the AALL newspaper. We will have a May electronic edition and an August or September electronic edition. Meg also may be asking for people to write for the paper to fill the extra pages included in the digital version.

### III. President's Report - Tracy Leming

Tracy did not have anything to report.

### IV. Vice President's Report - Rachel Compton

Rachel did not have anything to report.

### V. Treasurer's Report - Robert Linz

Robert sent out his report earlier today. Our current balance is \$7500. CoALL will receive approximately \$250 back from Spotlight, and he cashed out a CD. Robert would like to establish bill pay, which would simplify bill payment and does not cost any additional money. Everyone thought this was a good idea.

Robert previously emailed a revised draft regarding budgeting and expense procedures. Tracy said we may want to look at the categories of expenses to make sure we have included everything we should include. In the past, we have spent money on the annual meeting, such as ordering pizza and having a speaker. Karen suggested that we add a category for fundraisers or events. Beth suggested that we add a category for brown bag programs. Kathy suggested adding a category for miscellaneous or other. We agreed that we should have a simple majority vote.

Karen noted that we should decide if we want the incoming board or outgoing board to approve the proposed budget. Everyone agreed that the outgoing board should approve the proposed budget.

**Karen also suggested that we not include bank statements in the treasurer's report but should instead have a policy that the treasurer bring the bank statements to board meetings in case anyone would like to examine them. Kathy suggested having an audit committee review the bank statements each year. Tracy agreed with Karen's proposal. This issue was tabled. Tracy said that she would send out a request to the presidents' listserv inquiring regarding this issue.**

Robert said he would send an email out to the committees and assemble the budget based on their responses regarding the money they expect to need next year.

### VI. Library School/Recruitment Committee - Diane Forge Bauersfeld

Diane reported that on January 11, 2010, she hosted an on-campus presentation to University of Denver law library students, and she thanked Madeline for speaking at the event. Chris Hudson, Stacey Bowers and Dr. Silvia Hall Ellis assisted with obtaining food. Diane said she plans on hosting another presentation in the fall, and Stacey Bowers will likely speak.

Diane said she was getting ready to post on the Hearsay Blog regarding participation in this year's AALL Annual Meeting in Denver. Diane also

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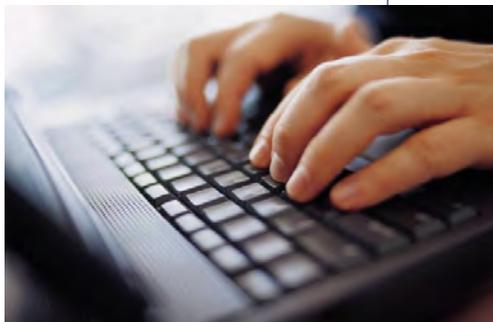


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said she would like to reach out to the Emporia LIS Program. Patty said she has the contact information for the person in charge of the Emporia in the Rockies Program and would be happy to provide that information to Diane.

### **VII. Membership Committee - Anne Lucke**

Anne Lucke noted that the bylaws had changed earlier in the year and, with that, CoALL's membership categories also changed. Now, active, associate, and student members can all vote, and active members can be on the board but associate members cannot. Anne provided us with a memo of guidelines to help people know where to put themselves.

Everyone agreed that we need to clarify our definition of "vendor" as "not being employed by a law library." For purposes of the ability to serve on the CoALL Board, we will distinguish between those who sell materials and those who act as law librarians. Anne asked everyone to tell her if they have any proposed changes to the volunteering section of the membership application form. Anne said she would redraft the membership guidelines in keeping with the board's discussion during the meeting.

### **VIII. Government Relations Committee - Madeline Cohen**

Madeline said AALL will hold advocacy training during the AALL Annual Meeting on Saturday July 10 from 8 AM to 12 PM. She said if anyone is interested in attending the advocacy training or in serving on the state working group, please contact her.

### **IX. Grants & Scholarships Committee - Kathy Carlson**

Kathy reported that she had sent out a notice for grants, and CoALL has received one application thus far, to which the board had already responded. No one has applied for grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting. She asked if we should extend the deadline beyond the end of March. Karen suggested waiting until the original March deadline has passed and deciding at that time, and Tracy agreed with Karen's suggestion.

### **X. Newsletter - Katie Lynn**

Katie mentioned that someone on the council of newsletters listserv had brought up the idea of taking their online newsletter and putting it into an alternative format like a blog or a wiki. Katie said she plans to send an email out to that listserv to inquire regarding the preservation aspects of online social media. At present, the University of Denver and the University of Colorado at Boulder both keep copies of the CoALL newsletters, and we also retain the old issues on the CoALL Website. Everyone agreed that a blog or a wiki should be separate from our official newsletter.

### **XI. Brownbag Committee - Beth Mescall**

Beth noted that we have three more programs scheduled this year, with July and December left open. We have had good attendance at the last few brown bags, and Matthew Elisha and a few other members have posted some information to our CoALL LinkedIn web page. Beth suggested that we use the CoALL LinkedIn web page as our venue in the future for summaries of our brown bags. Beth said she would like to stay on the committee next year but would like someone else to chair.

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### **XII. Public Relations Committee - Meg Martin**

Meg did not have anything to report.

### **XIII. BRAG - Stacey Bowers**

The BRAG Committee has decided to hold an abbreviated BRAG 2010 event in the form of an early-morning seminar for approximately 90 minutes at one of the downtown Denver law firms and invite the summer associates to attend for free. Exact location is to be determined, but the tentative date is Wednesday, June 2, 2010.

### **XIV. New Business**

Tracy said we need to plan our final meeting under her presidency. Everyone liked the idea of ordering pizza for the final meeting. Karen suggested holding the meeting over lunchtime in Denver, rolling it into a happy hour, or tying it in with a brown bag. The idea of having someone from AALL Headquarters speak at the final meeting was offered, and someone noted that a headquarters representative will be visiting Denver between June 7 and June 9.

The next Board meeting will be in June, with the exact date to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Fanning  
CoALL Secretary

## 2010 Happy Hours/Holiday Party, June 10, 2010

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*by Tamara Phalen, Queen of Party Planning*

The monthly CoALL happy hours continued to be popular in 2009/2010. Our most successful happy hour to date was in October, 2009, at Harry's Bar in the Magnolia Hotel. It was a combined DU/CoALL event welcoming the DU Law Library Fellows as members of CoALL, and there were over 30 people in attendance. We will continue to alternate between Boulder and Denver for the happy hours in the upcoming year.

The 2009 Holiday Party at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck had approximately 38 attendees, including several spouses/significant others of CoALL members as well as AALL Executive Board Member Jean Wenger. We celebrated our chapter's 25th anniversary at the party by inviting people to send in photos from 1984 and then played "Guess the Librarian". Three Tomatoes Catering provided heavy hors d'oeuvres for the event, and we came in under our projected budget.

Submitted,

Tamara Phalen



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## Treasurer's Annual Report, July 2009 to June 2010

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*by Robert Linz, CoALL Treasurer*

### Accounts

#### Checking Account

June 24, 2009 Balance	\$ 3,110.76
June 10, 2010 Balance	\$ 6,032.58
Income	
Dues	\$ 1920.00
Spotlight	\$ 0.00
BRAG 2009	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 0.00
Other	\$ 0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,920.00</b>
Expenses	
Post Office Box	\$ 44.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 86.00
Spotlight	\$ 197.18
BRAG	\$ 0.00
Scholarships	\$ 2,590.00
Educational Programming	\$ 145.00
Entertainment, etc.	\$ 606.91
Other	\$ 370.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,039.83</b>
Net Gain / Loss	\$ (2,119.83)
Transfer CD into checking	
Certificate of Deposit (CD 1) Amount	\$ 4,173.37

#### Certificate of Deposit (CD 2)

Amount	\$ 5,307.60
Term	13 months
Maturity Date	8/29/2010
Int. Rate (APY)	0.40%

#### Total — All Accounts

Total 2008-9	\$ 13,240.49
Change from 2008-9	\$ (1,900.31)

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<b>Scholarships</b>	<b>\$2590.00</b>
1. Diane Bauersfeld (Scholarship)	\$1,000.00
2. Meg Ambrose (for AALL)	\$100.00
3. David Selden (for AALL)	\$445.00
4. Tamara Phalen (for AALL)	\$545.00
5. Kelly Fanning (Leadership Grant)	\$500.00

### Other Expenses

1. AALL 2009 Annual Mtg Expenses	\$271.35
2. Gifts	\$20.00
3. Member Support	\$27.50
4. Secretary of State Filing Fee	\$10.00
5. New set of checks	\$41.89

### Notable Accomplishments

- Certificates of Deposit
  - Cashed out CD 1
  - Renewed CD 2
  - CD 2 matures on Aug. 29, 2010 — propose to let it roll over
- Filing of Tax IRS Form 990-N (Organization Tax Reporting)
- Established online iBill pay — a free service at US Bank

### Notable Upcoming Dates

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| 1. CD Renewal                            | August 29, 2010 |
| 2. Chapter Liability Insurance from AALL | October         |
| 3. Tax Form Filing                       | November        |
| 4. Post Office Box Renewal               | November        |

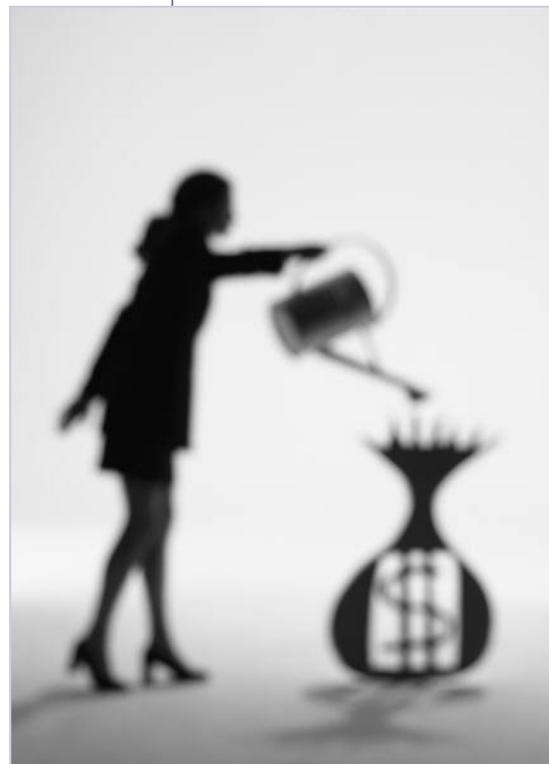
## Public Relations Report for 2009-2010

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*by Meg Martin, Chair*

- Mariann Storck volunteered to host a CoALL table at the Association of Legal Administrators annual meeting held in Denver on August 27, 2009 at the downtown Sheraton. She had the opportunity to talk to vendors and attendees about law librarianship.
- A tri-fold poster was prepared expounding on the extensive accomplishments of CoALL and its members in the activities area at the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting. Patty Wellinger graciously found the poster (it was a little lost after it was shipped from windy Wyoming) and made certain it was properly displayed.
- After the deadline for membership renewal had passed, the **SCUTTLE** was snail-mailed to those members who chose not to renew their membership with a letter listing the benefits of membership and inviting them back in the future.
- Each new member was welcomed via e-mail and given the opportunity to share a short biography which was published in the **SCUTTLE**.

This will be my last report as Public Relations Chair. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the committee.





## 2010 BRAG Summary

*by Stacey Bowers, Chair*

The following persons comprised the main 2010 BRAG Committee: Andrea Hamilton, Rachel Kuipers, Margi Heinen, Wanda McDavid, Alan Pannell, Alicia Brillion, and Stacey Bowers. The committee did not hold any in-person meetings this year due to the selected nature of the 2010 BRAG event.

Mariann Storck and Tracy Leming also participated on the committee, as needed.

Based on the low attendance at the 2009 BRAG event, as well as the limited number **of summer associates being hired by law firms this year (and firms' unwillingness to pay a fee for summer associates to attend)**, the committee, after careful discussion and deliberation via email, opted to hold an abbreviated BRAG event during 2010. The intent is to return to the traditional format during 2011, assuming that makes economic sense.

The 2010 BRAG event was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at the offices of Brownstein Hyatt Farber and Schreck. Margi Heinen, Stacey Bowers and Wanda McDavid presented. Andrea Hamilton attended to help out with the event.

We had 35 attendees. The overall feedback regarding the event was positive. See attached summary sheet for more details on the evaluation of the program.

Due to the abbreviated nature of the event this year, 90 minutes, no fee was charged to attend. BHFS generously provided the space, as well as coffee and beverages for the attendees. The Westminster Law Library provided copies of the materials at no charge. The committee did not seek any contributions from LexisNexis or Westlaw since the event was free and no food was offered or scholarships for attendance **needed. There were 22 Westlaw portfolios remaining from last year's event that** were handed out to the first 22 attendees to arrive.

The BRAG event was advertised via the CoALL listserv on a number of occasions and also in the CoALL Scuttle and on the CoALL website. In addition, flyers regarding the event were posted at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and law librarians also marketed the event at their respective institutions.

Overall, the 2010 BRAG event appeared to be a success. The attendees, based on the

Question	Average Rating*
This program gave me valuable information to better function in the law firm, court, or other summer setting	3.4
This program introduced me to new sources	3.5
I feel more comfortable now about discussing an assignment with the person making the research request	3.1
The program materials are useful	3.3
My research skills will improve now that I have attended this program	3.2
The material was presented at an appropriate pace	3.3

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speaker’s opinions, seemed to be engaged and paying attention. We received feedback from 26 attendees.

Question	Average Rating*
The instructors had effective communication and presentation skills	3.4
The facilities were satisfactory	3.4
The benefits I received from attending today’s program equaled or exceeded my time	3.1

\* 4= strongly agree; 3=agree; 2=disagree; 1=strongly disagree

### The most useful BRAG presentation was:

Smart Research: 4  
 Cost Effective: 4  
 Casemaker: 5

### The least useful BRAG presentation was:

Smart Research: 1  
 Cost Effective: 1  
 Casemaker: 3

### Other comments:

All presentations were good  
 Learned same information in law firm orientation  
 Casemaker was hard to follow due to small screen  
 Did not know Casemaker existed  
 All presentations helpful

## Webmaster/Listserv Committee Report, May 10, 2010

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*by Theresa Baker, Chair*

During the past year I performed routine maintenance and additions to the CoALL website. The “Policies, Guidelines, and Forms” section of the site grew somewhat. I added revised bylaws, membership guidelines, Legal Research Corner guidelines, and a position description for the Grants & Scholarships Chair.

There were no problems with the discussion list this past year. I added new members to the list as they joined. At the end of the membership renewal period I deleted e-mail addresses of the people who did not renew. There are currently 113 members subscribed to the list.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Baker  
 CoALL Webmaster & List Owner



## Membership & Placement Committee 2010 Annual Report, June 10, 2010

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*by Anne Lucke, Chair*

### Membership

CoALL currently has 113 Active, Associate and Student members and 5 Lifetime members. **This represents an increase of 11 members over last year's total. The largest increase was in Student members, which increased to a total of 18, many of whom are Law Library Fellows at the University of Denver.**

In Spring 2009, the CoALL Board decided to waive the membership fee for any current member who experienced a job loss or reduction as a result of the economic climate. A total of three members took advantage of this opportunity over the 2009-2010 membership period. For the 2010-2011 membership period, CoALL will waive the annual membership fee for any CoALL member who has lost his or her job or has had his or her salary significantly reduced since July 2008.

This Spring, with the generous assistance of Tracy Leming and Karen Selden, I drafted Membership Category Guidelines to help me understand the distinctions between Active and Associate members. The document is posted in the Members Only – Policies, Guidelines, Forms section of the CoALL website and should help individuals more accurately choose their appropriate membership category. I will include a link to the document when I send out membership renewal reminders this summer.

Throughout the Spring, I performed the administrative tasks associated with adding new members, including sending welcome emails to new members, updating our Excel spreadsheet and the online directory, notifying our listserv manager, Theresa Baker, of new members and forwarding membership dues to our treasurer, Robert Linz.

### Benefits

CoALL membership benefits continue to include **access to COBAR, the Colorado Bar Association's** website. This complimentary access to CBA resources, including Casemaker, is popular with the membership. In order to help the CBA keep their records current, I periodically update Amber Vanden Hout at CBA of any additions or changes to the CoALL roster.

### Placement

In addition to membership responsibilities, my position includes coordinating with Theresa Baker to post Colorado Law Library positions on the CoALL website. As of now, there are no positions posted and none have been posted since I took over this position in December 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lucke  
Committee Chair



**CoALL memberships include complimentary access to the Colorado Bar Association website, including the gated areas such as Casemaker, and the COBARLink.**

**Watch the Colorado Bar Association website, newsletters, and the Colorado Lawyer for announcements about Casemaker training sessions.**

**Call the Colorado Bar Association, 303-860-1115, for your member number and password.**

## Nominations and Election Committee Report, May 10, 2010

*by Karen Selden, Chair*

Rachel Compton, Ruth Lancaster and Anne Lucke joined me as members of the 2010 CoALL Nominations and Election Committee.

Our work began on January 27, 2010 with a call for nominations to the CoALL listserv.

On March 2, we announced our slate of candidates:

Vice-President/President-Elect:	Robert Linz
Treasurer:	Tamara Phalen
Secretary:	Chris Hudson
Members at Large:	Beth Mescall
	Rachel Nelson

At this time, we also announced the procedures for self-nominations, but none were made.

Rachel Compton worked with the candidates to collect biographies and pictures, which she submitted to Theresa Baker to post on the password protected portion of the CoALL website.

As in 2009, Anne Lucke used SurveyMonkey to conduct the 2010 CoALL election. The voting period was from April 1 to 15, 2010, 63 ballots were received from a total of 111 eligible voters, for a ballot return rate of approximately 57%. For comparison, the 2009 ballot return rate was approximately 48% (42 ballots from 87 eligible voters), and the 2008 ballot return rate (which was conducted with a paper ballot) was nearly 50%.

The higher number of eligible voters was due to the December 2009 revision of the CoALL By-laws, which extended voting privileges to a wider variety of CoALL membership categories. The change in the membership categories also reduced the administrative duties involved with setting up the election software, since fewer ineligible voters needed to be manually removed from the general CoALL membership list.

Tremendous thanks are due to Rachel and Anne, who unflinchingly showed enthusiasm and professionalism in tackling the tasks set before them. Special thanks to Rachel for joining the committee when Ruth needed to unexpectedly resign, and to Anne for preprogramming the SurveyMonkey software to work flawlessly through her planned vacation absence and her unplanned medical absence. It was a pleasure for me to work with both Rachel and Anne!

Submitted,

Karen Selden  
Committee Chair



## Government Relations Committee Report, June 10, 2010

*by Madeline Cohen, Chair*

The AALL *Day on the Hill* legislative advocacy training at last year's AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. was an overwhelming success, with over 70 participants. Stacey Bowers and I participated in the training and had the opportunity to **meet with staffers from Senator Mark Udall's office to discuss several issues, including authentication of online legal information and funding for the Law Library of Congress.** We then geeked out at the Hart Senate Office Building. 😊

**This year's half-day Advocacy Training, "[Raising the Bar in Your State](#),"** will be held on July 10 from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. As you can see from our [draft agenda](#), we'll be hosting concurrent open brainstorming sessions on concrete ways to promote our two top priorities at the state level—the value of state, court and county law libraries and the progress of our [AALL State Working Groups](#), including the development of a national inventory of primary legal information.

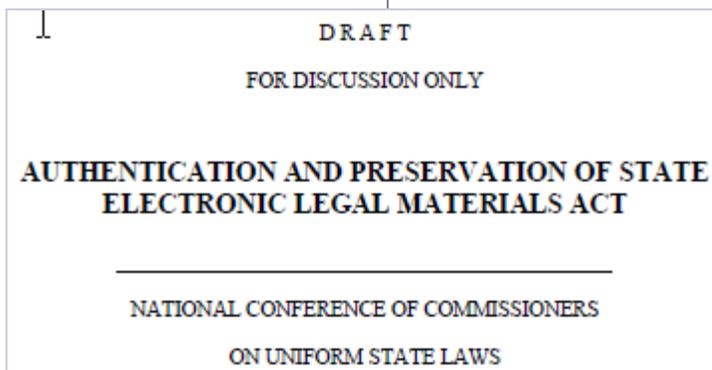
**If you can join us, you'll be able to choose between these two important breakout sessions:**

- The first will feature an interactive panel discussion led by SCCLL-SIS Chair Anne Matthewman with several public law librarians who have successfully dealt with a funding crisis in their state. We want you to brainstorm about what new tools we can develop collaboratively and make available on AALLNET. These new tools will help us demonstrate the value of public law libraries and build allies to help promote their unique role in providing access to justice.
- The second, led by GRC member Catherine Dunn, will include a dialogue with the coordinators of several of our state working groups on the successes and challenges they've faced. **Paul Lomio and Erika Wayne, who are working with NO-CALL and AALL's California Working Group to develop and test the prototype for the national inventory, will then summarize progress to date. They'll also lead a group discussion for new ideas on how to populate the inventories down to the local level. If you have a laptop, please be sure to bring it along!**

The CoALL Government Relations Committee is working with the AALL Government Relations Committee to form a State Working Group to ensure permanent public access to authenticate digital legal information. I am the coordinator for **Colorado's Working Group.** **AALL has published a [State Working Group Issue Brief](#)** and is now working with various states to develop a template for a national inventory of primary legal resources at every level of government.

The committee has also continued to send out Action Alerts, the AALL Washington E-Bulletin and newsworthy legislative information related to libraries. Due to other commitments, I am no longer an active member of the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) Legislative Committee and therefore do not have any information about the most recent session of the Colorado State Legislature. I will do my best to gather that information and submit it at a later date.

As always, please send me any news that pertains to legislative advocacy for libraries or information policy and I will forward it to Emily Feldman at the Washington Government Relations Office.



## Newsletter Committee Report, June 10, 2010

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The CoALL Newsletter Committee has not had any extra activity this year. Members continued to submit articles and news updates for the Scuttle. Robert Linz was kind enough to donate some of his credits from iStockPhoto and we were able to purchase seven images. Robert Linz also began to submit technology articles consistently and would like to continue to do so. This is in addition to other regular columns, such as “New Member Focus”, “Technical Services”, “CoALL Library View”, and the book review column by Alicia Brillon. Together with member reports of CoALL activities, the Scuttle remains vibrant, newsworthy and interesting.

Katie Lynn will resign from the Newsletter Committee in August 2010. We would like to welcome two new Co-Chairs for the Newsletter Committee: Stephanie Noble and Amy Levine (both of the U. S. Courts Library, 10th Circuit, in Denver). We are certain they will bring fresh new perspectives, energy and enthusiasm for the Scuttle.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Lynn, Chair  
John Moss  
Mary Killoran

## 2010 Merksy Spirit of Law Librarianship Award, cont.

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In March 2009, David presented a well-attended and well-received program addressing how law and special libraries can become more environmentally sustainable. Colorado Association of Law Libraries and Rocky Mountain Special Libraries Association members attended, and several participants asked to use his slides to make similar presentations in their workplaces.

David was named a Special Libraries (SLA) “Knowledge to Go Green” Champion in February 2009. This award recognizes individuals who apply “green” principles and make changes to the way they perform their work on a day to day basis.

In January 2010, David received a partial scholarship to attend the University of Colorado’s [Sustainability Management Certificate](#) program.

As these many and varied examples illustrate, David is an excellent advocate for environmental sustainability and carbon reduction issues. As he wrote in his Sustainability Management Certificate scholarship application:

**“While the problems of sustainability and climate change are immense and complicated, each person or organization that I interact with can have a direct beneficial impact on this problem.”**

The Committee believes David Selden is a worthy recipient of the 2010 Roy M. Merksy Spirit of Law Librarianship Award for Public Service.

**Richard Leiter**, Director and Professor Schmid Law Library, University of Nebraska College of Law

**Terry Martin**, Interim Director, Tarlton Law Library, University of Texas School of Law

**Richard J. Spinelli**, Senior Vice President, William S. Hein Co., Inc.

**Donna M. Tuke**, Editor and Publisher, Alert Publications

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## New Member Focus

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### Emily Lanka

I am the Library Manager at Mountain States Employers Council. I support several different types of law (Immigration, Employment, Labor), and three satellite offices. I have been at MSEC for almost three years and received my MLIS from the University of Denver in 2009. Before that I was a records management consultant. I am originally from Louisville, KY and was an archaeologist for six years before deciding to move to Denver and become a librarian. My husband Paul and I have really enjoyed exploring more of the west since we have moved to Colorado.

Welcome Sign

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by [davidking](#)



## Welcome to New CoALL Members

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### Emily Lanka

Library Manager  
Mountain States Employers Council  
Denver, CO

## (Un)Solicited Advice, cont.

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### Bring business cards.

As technology marches on, many contest entries require scanning on badges now instead of putting cards into fishbowls, but there are still a few fishbowls to be found in the exhibit hall. More importantly, however, exchanging business cards can help **make a connection with someone you've just met and make it far easier to follow-up with those you've met once the conference ends.** Another tip I picked up – alas not until near the end of the conference – was that your name badge can double as a handy business card holder, so there is really no reason not to have one available.

### If you're job-hunting, visit the placement office.

At the AALL conference, the AALL Career Center sets up a physical placement office on-site. There, attendees can browse postings from AALLnet, print resumes, and leave them in designated folders for each hiring organization. If you indicate that you are a conference attendee and leave contact information, you may get a call and the opportunity to interview for a position later that day or later during the conference. Also, there are some additional job opportunities posted on a bulletin board in the placement office that are not available online.

## Congratulations!

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**Georgia Briscoe**, newly appointed interim law library director at the University of Colorado Wise Law Library in Boulder.

**Robert Linz** of the University of Colorado Law Library authored the most recent Legal Research Corner article for *The Colorado Lawyer*, "Colorado Legal Ethics: Guide to Resources." It appears in the August 2010 issue (v.39, n. 8 page 109) and has been posted on the CoALL Web site: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/lrc/lrc0810.pdf>.



## Computing in Microsoft's Cloud, cont.

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server. By default, you can use Microsoft's server or enter another one. You are then provided with a link to the presentation, which you can send to your participants. When you start the presentation on your computer, it also starts on the website. As you advance slides on your computer's version of PowerPoint, it simultaneously advances them on the streamed version on the website. If you use Microsoft's server, you'll need a Windows Live account although the server is free.

With these two features of Microsoft Office 2010, Microsoft is embracing cloud computing while engaging the competition in this developing online platform. Microsoft has done a good job implementing these features through which users can obtain a more effective and simpler computing experience.

## Bottled & Sold

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*Book review by Alicia Brillon, Reference Librarian at the University of Colorado Law Library in Boulder, Colorado*

**By: Peter H. Gleick**

An admission up-front – **I’m biased about the topic of bottled water. I don’t drink it.** I am perfectly happy with the tap water here in beautiful Boulder, CO, and order it regularly when in a restaurant. I turn down bottled water at the finish line of various triathlons and running races, and reusable bottles are my constant companions both at work and at home. So I was eager to read a book about the evils of bottled water, and while I wasn’t disappointed, **this book does much more than argue against the virtues of the product.**

Author Peter Gleick spends a good deal of time in the first chapters discussing the history of drinking water throughout the world and particularly in the United States. From the installation of public drinking fountains, to the deadly cholera outbreaks **in the 1800’s, to the discovery of what caused such illnesses and how to treat water** to prevent it, the author provides a comprehensive yet accessible summary of how we came to rely on our public water supplies.

He also delves into why we now seem to rely on bottled water instead. Reason number one? Fear. Fear that our tap water is contaminated and the belief that bottled water is more “pure”. **Sellers rely on these perceptions to move their product, however,** Gleick points out that the regulation of bottled water is in many cases less stringent than that for public water supplies. Perhaps our fears are misplaced?

For the remainder of the book, Gleick investigates various aspects of the bottled water industry: the origins of the water itself (natural spring, local tap water or municipal systems), the effects of taking groundwater on the local communities, taste, the ubiquitous plastic bottles, techniques (and scams) used to sell it, and the backlash against it.

Although very light on the legal side, throughout the book Gleick refers to the legal sources underlying the various issues covered— from a piece of Massachusetts legislation dated 1785 which addressed the sale of “unwholesome provisions”, to 40 CRF 141.2 (U.S. “Standards of Identity” for U.S. Bottled Waters).

*Bottled & Sold* is an informative book on the topic of how society has moved from free tap to sometimes pricey bottled water. Many aspects of **the industry are explored, and while Gleick’s view is certainly skewed** against bottled water, this book is not a diatribe against the concept. Indeed, Gleick admits that some bottled water products may be a good thing. But whether you drink it yourself is of course up to you, and anyone would likely find this book educational in making that decision.



Dirty Vitamin Bottle garbage on the Beach

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By [DanCentury](#)

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Watch the Colorado Bar Association website, newsletters, and the Colorado Lawyer for announcements about Casemaker training sessions.

Call the Colorado Bar Association, 303-860-1115, for your member number and password.

## Events

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### **Brown Bag Lunches**

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### **AALL Annual Meeting**

July 23-26, 2011

### **August Happy Hour**

August 9, 2010

### **Professional Legal Management Week**

October 4-8, 2010