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President's Message

Marsha Pront



It was great seeing more than 200 members at the Winter meeting/post holiday party at the Roosevelt Hotel. It was a record turnout! A special thank you to LexisNexis for their contribution and generous support. Thanks to June Berger and Tania

Danielson, the Special Events Committee Chairs, for selecting the venue and making sure all went smoothly. In case you missed this event, our last event is June 13th, so mark your calendars!

The LLAGNY Board and Committees are hard at work. Below is a summary of just a few areas we are working on....

- Union List: as we have begun the implementation phase and firms have begun working on their collection submissions, there have been a number of questions regarding types of materials, acceptable format and holding statements. An explanation has been posted to the LLAGNY website. The Union List Committee urges everyone to participate and provide their list of titles to SIMA as soon as possible so we can launch in March or April.

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The Office of the Law Revision Counsel: They've Got Their Work Cut Out for Them

By Craig Eastland, Thomson West

I recently attempted to create a guide to translating the section numbers of the securities laws into United States Code citations. Because the citations in Title 15 are so convoluted (the Trust Indenture Act is sections 77aaa – 77bbbbb), they are not commonly used, but sometimes you need them. After laboring at this project for a couple of hours, I gave up. The appalling complexity of the citations in Title 15 had completely defeated me, but also made me curious. Why was Title 15 such a morass, and who was to blame?

A quick Google search led me to the people responsible for maintaining the US Code – The Office of the Law Revision Counsel (OLRC). Maybe you are more informed than I, but I had never heard of this office. Being a typical librarian, I began researching the history and role of the OLRC.

The OLRC has its origins in what I call the “codification wars” of the nineteen-twenties. In 1919, Colonel E. C. Little, Chairman of the House Committee on the Revision of Laws, embarked on a project to codify existing statutes and enact them into positive law. Col. Little’s completed codification, organized into 60 titles, was passed by the House in 1920 and sent to the Senate, where it died.

The Senate, apparently, had a longer memory than the House. In 1873, the Congress had enacted a positive codification called the *Revised Statutes of 1873*. The 1873 codification contained many errors and required amendments in 1875 and 1877. The House, not dissuaded by the Senate’s rejection, re-proposed and passed Col. Little’s codification two more times. Upon its second presentation, the Senate Committee on the Revision of Laws reported that the bill had 600 errors, omissions, and inaccuracies. The Senate Committee proposed a compromise in the form of a joint commission to revise the laws.

Between the 1873 and 1919, commercial publishers filled the gap left by the absence of codified federal statutes. Both the West Publishing Co. and Edward Thomson Co. produced useful and up-to-date codifications. The Senate drafted these publishers to assist the commission in producing an authoritative, official codification. The resulting document, now shortened to 50 titles, passed the House in 1926. The Senate remained unconvinced that the new codification was error-free, and refused to enact it into positive law. The Senate was unwilling to take this step because the result of such enactment would have been the repeal of existing statutes and the enshrinement of any errors as the law of the land. Instead, the Senate amended the bill to provide that the codification was only “prima facie” evidence of the law and that existing statutes remained in force.

According to Peter LeFevre, the present Law Revision Counsel, this situation was meant to be a temporary fix giving the House Committee on the Revision of Laws (now charged with upkeep of the Code) time to rectify errors and begin the piecemeal enactment of the Code as positive law. The Reorganization Act of 1946 converted the House Committee on the Revision of Laws into a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee. It remained a subcommittee until the creation of the OLRC in 1974. The 1974 law elevated the Law Revision Counsel from an officer of the Judiciary Committee to the head of a separate office reporting to, and appointed by, the Speaker of the House. Three men have held the post since 1974: Edward Willet, Jr. (1975 – 1996), John R. Miller (1997 – 2004), and Peter LeFevre (2004 – present).



The OLRC's responsibilities are divided between maintaining the Code and advancing the project of enacting the code into positive law. When Congress enacts a new law, lawmakers do not normally trouble themselves about where the law will fit in the Code. In its role as custodian of the Code, the OLRC decides where laws go. Organizing and maintaining the Code is, needless to say, an enormous job that occupies most of the OLRC staff. Charles Zinn, Law Revision Counsel in the 1950's, described the process as "a matter of opinion and judgment" driven by "where we think the average user will look." LeFevre agrees that although the OLRC follows policies and precedent, the driving force behind placing a law in the Code is where people "will expect to find it."

Positive codification, or the process of turning the Code from *prima facie* evidence of the law into actual law, is an even bigger, if less pressing, task. The OLRC is presently codifying small business-related laws into one title and rationalizing titles 35, 41, 46, and 51 for positive enactment. This technical, administrative process is not without controversy. For example, as part of the rationalization of Title 35, the OLRC would like to move and renumber the Lanham Trademark Act. This proposal has met with opposition from the intellectual property bar. "They're used to the law where it is," explains LeFevre.

So, does this get me any closer to discovering why Title 15 is the way it is? Yes and no. LeFevre told me that laws are added to titles in chronological order. Chapter 1 of Title 15 contains the Sherman Act of 1890, followed by the Clayton Act of 1914; Chapter 2 contains the Federal Trade Commission Act of 1914. However, Chapter 3 contains the Trade-Mark Act of 1905. Why is the 1914 Clayton Act before the 1905 Trade-Mark Act? It is there because before the OLRC organizes laws chronologically, it groups them by subject. The Clayton Act is squeezed between the Sherman Act and the Trade-Mark Act because the Clayton Act and the Sherman Act are antitrust laws.

Why then, are the securities laws of 1933 – 1940 jammed in after the FTC Act but before the Trade-Mark Act? The answer lies in the Securities Act of 1933. When Congress enacted the '33 Act, the first of a series of planned securities laws, it charged the Federal Trade Commission with the Act's enforcement. A year later, Congress enacted the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which created a new federal agency called the Securities and Exchange Commission. The '34 Act removed the securities laws, including the '33 Act, from the jurisdiction of the FTC and placed them within the oversight of the SEC. Unfortunately, the '33 Act had already been placed in the Code, right next to the FTC Act. Instead of moving the '33 Act, the Law Revision Counsel decided to let things stand and proceeded to cram all of the securities laws in the space between the FTC Act and the Trade-Mark Act. To add insult to injury, in 1946 Congress enacted the Lanham Act and repealed Chapter 3.

To learn more about the Office of Law Revision Counsel, visit their website at <http://uscode.house.gov/lawrevisioncounsel.shtml>. The legislation governing the OLRC may be found at 2 U.S.C. 285 – 285g. Those interested in the positive codification process should read Charles Zinn's address to the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. at, 45 Law Lib. J. 2 (1952) and Richard J. McKinney's excellent "United States Code: Historical Outline and Explanatory Notes," <http://www.llsdc.org/sourcebook/statutes-code.htm>.



LLAGNY Profile:

Steven Lastres

Director of Library & Knowledge Management, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP



What was the career path that brought you to Debevoise & Plimpton LLP?

While at Arnold & Porter, I leveraged my Library and Information Science skills to expand my role to include managing the Records Department. I also became involved in creating KM applications for the Library. As a result of my success, I became the Project Manager for a firm-wide deployment of a new Records & Information Management for a firm-wide deployment of a new Records & Information Management System, managed the library's deployment of an ASP integrated library system solution and began working with the IT Department to create and deploy an Enterprise Portal I enrolled at New York Law School in the evening division knowing that I would need a JD to expand beyond the Library into Knowledge Management. Four years later, armed with the right educational credentials, law firm experience, KM and library and information skills, I was able to secure a position with Debevoise & Plimpton LLP as their global Director of

Library & Knowledge Management.

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

I enjoy spending time with my wife and two daughters. We love to ski in the winter and travel in the summer.

Who is someone you consider a great mentor, and why?

James Shelar, the Library Director at Arnold & Porter. He was very supportive of my aspirations to get the Library on the map as the KM and content experts at the firm. He also held dual JD/MLS degrees and encouraged me to pursue a law degree, even though I already had a more-than-full-time job, a wife, two kids and a dog.

How do you keep on expanding your horizons as a law librarian?

I am an avid reader, love technology, and I look for ways to invent a better information mouse trap in every aspect of library and KM services.

What is the most exciting thing about your job?

Being able to take an idea and seeing it to fruition with the deployment of new technology that impacts the practice and business of law at the firm.

Any advice for new law librarians?

The future is extremely bright for our profession. Knowledge Management is having a significant impact on the legal environment. KM differentiates a law firm from its competitors and allows the firm to leverage its collective "know-how" by creating systems and processes to support and facilitate the identification, capture, dissemination, and use of the firm's knowledge to meet the firm's business objectives. Law librarians are uniquely qualified to take a leading role in this arena.



COMMITTEE NEWS & VIEWS

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE

LLAGNY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Vicky Gannon, Pace University School of Law Library, Co-Chair

Katherine Kenworthy, Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP, Co-Chair



Each year, LLAGNY awards money for travel grants and scholarships to qualified applicants. Scholarships fall into two categories: the **Type 1 Scholarship**, targeted at new library school students, and the **Type 2 Scholarship**, aimed at the more experienced applicant who has demonstrated some commitment to the profession. You can apply for either scholarship using the same form: simply specify the type you feels meets your qualifications on the application.

LLAGNY awards one scholarship in memory of all those members who passed away the previous year. We welcome donations to both the general and memorial scholarships, and appreciate the generosity of our corporate and individual donors. Donations to the Memorial Scholarship will be listed in the program of the June meeting.

LLAGNY's travel grants are for use in attending the AALL annual meeting, which will be held this year in New Orleans.

Recipients are announced at the Annual LLAGNY Meeting, which will be held June 13, 2007 this year. The Grants and Scholarships Committee Co-chairs, Vicky Gannon and Katherine Kenworthy, administer the process. PDF Applications for both grants and scholarships are available on the LLAGNY website at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llagny/GrantsScholarships.html>.

To apply, simply print the form and send a completed copy to either of the Co-chairs. This year completed applications, including recommendation letters, are due Friday, April 20, 2007.

The committee looks forward to receiving your applications!



NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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

The nominations committee is seeking qualified candidates for the positions of:

- ◆ Vice President/President Elect
- ◆ Secretary
- ◆ Board of Director (two year term)
- ◆ Board of Director (two year term)
- ◆ Board of Director (one year term – member of LLAGNY for five years or less)

Please include nominee's name, affiliation, address, phone number and the position for which you are nominating her or him. Nomination alone does not guarantee a position on the ballot.

Please send (email, fax, phone or US Post office) your nominations by Friday, March 9, 2007 to:

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UNION LIST COMMITTEE



UNION LIST – SCOPE & CLARIFICATIONS

Karen Campbell, Bingham McCutchen LLP, Co-Chair

Sarah Kagen, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, Co-Chair

As we have begun implementation of the LLAGNY Electronic Union List and firms have begun working on their collection submissions, the Union List Committee has received a number of questions. To facilitate the submission process, we would like to provide answers to three of the most frequently encountered questions/problems.

1. Acceptable Format - in the instructions for submission, we indicated that SIMA could work with essentially any format. We have discovered, however, that some files have problems, e.g., inclusion of characters that cannot be read and absence of field headers, so that it is not possible to know what data is being presented.

We have discussed this problem with SIMA, and if they receive a file that is inaccessible to them, they will contact you to let you know what the problem is. If it is something that you can correct, and have the time, they will wait for a new file. If it is something that you cannot correct, they will ask you to send them a list of only your titles, either electronically or in print. At some point in the future, all participating libraries will be able to go online and edit their records, and you can add your holdings over time. At least you will show in the Union List as having the title.

2. Types of Materials to Include - because of the many different ways Serial is interpreted by the libraries, we have had many questions about what types of materials should be included. As a result of the survey that was conducted of the entire LLAGNY membership at the beginning of this project, the scope of the electronic union list has been expanded over what was included in the print version. The following are the kinds of materials we would like to have included:

- Periodicals
- State and federal materials, e.g., codes, digests, etc.
- Looseleaves plus transfer binders, current edition, superseded edition, etc.
- Any title with supplements or pocket parts
- Reports, AmJur, historical material
- No electronic titles unless the participant also has a print version

If you are unable to distinguish all these materials, please send those that you can identify and pull from your collection. After launch, any materials that weren't initially included can be added by each library as they are able to do so.

3. Holding Statements - some libraries do not have holding statements and some have them in places other than the catalog record. If you are unable to provide a holding statement at this time, please just send SIMA a list of titles. Again, users will at least know you have the title, and you can add holding statements over time as you are able.



We hope this clarification has helped, but if you still have questions, please contact either Karen Campbell (karen.campbell@bingham.com; 212-705-7808) or Sarah Kagen (skagen@milbank.com; 212-530-5218).

We appreciate the interest everyone has shown in the LLAGNY Electronic Union List and hope that those of you who are not yet participants will decide to participate.

Grants Available!

The AALL Grants Committee invites qualified applicants to apply for AALL's Annual Meeting/Workshop Grants and the Minority Leadership Development Award. The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to law librarians or graduate students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Vendors, AALL, and AALL individual members provide the funds for grants.

The AALL Grants Program began in 1952 and is one of the oldest and most successful AALL programs. More than 1,000 librarians have received funding to assist them in attending AALL educational activities. Many of those recipients are leaders in the profession today. **Annual Meeting and Workshop Grants** are awarded to cover the Annual Meeting registration fee or the registration fee for workshops presented at the Annual Meeting. Preference is given to applicants who are new to the profession and are active in AALL or one of its chapters. For additional information, check out the application on the AALL Grant Committee's web site at http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grant_application.asp.

In 2001, an additional Grants Program, the **Minority Leadership Development Award**, was created to ensure that AALL's leadership remains vital, relevant, and representative of the Association's diverse membership. The award provides up to \$1,500 toward the cost of attending the Annual Meeting, an experienced AALL leader to serve as the recipient's mentor, and an opportunity to serve on an AALL committee during the year following the monetary award. For additional information, check out the application on the Grant Committee's web site at http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_mlda.asp.

Application deadline: April 2, 2007.



Take a Hint and Get in Print: a Program on Getting Published
Presented on December 1, 2006 at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP
By William J. Burgess, Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.

Thinking about breaking into print? In December, LLAGNY offered tips on how to do just that at a seminar hosted at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP in New York. Attendees to "Take a Hint and Get in Print: a Program on Getting Published" learned tips on breaking into print from a diverse panel of law librarians, writers, editors and publishers.

Ted Pollack, Senior Law Librarian at the New York County Public Access Law Library and publisher of numerous book reviews, pointed out that writing a book review is one of the best ways to break into print. "There really are no set rules to writing book reviews," he noted, "but the reviewer should include the author's credentials and the purpose of the book and ask the question 'What is the author attempting to do?'" Mr. Pollack suggested that the reviewer look at style manuals, such as the Chicago Manual of Style, so that the book review is focused and readable. Mr. Pollack encouraged the new reviewer to "build a portfolio" of reviews to make the new writer's name known to the publishing community. "Find out what other works the author has written" to better understand the work you are reviewing.

Professor William Manz, Assistant Law Librarian and Director of Student Publications at St. John's University School of Law, suggested that the reviewer "circulate" and get to know different publishers and what they want in a review. "Find a hook" in the author's work - something that stands out from other similar works. Never say "no" to a writing assignment suggested by an editor and always make sure you make the deadline - editors will steer more work in your direction if you are a writer who follows through on an assignment or review. And most importantly, give the editor your best effort - Professor Manz told several anecdotes of sloppy submissions and late assignments that hurt the writer's chances for getting future assignments.

Susan Harper, an ABA award-winning writer who has had her articles appear in a number of publications, explained that the most important aspect of writing is to "find your outlet. What are your goals as a writer?" For the new writer, book reviews are the easiest way to develop a portfolio of writing achievements - and a good way to get the attention of editors. "Start small, maybe trade publications," Ms. Harper said, but she also cautioned the new writer to "not expect to get rich writing!" Writing for trade and association publications will help "hone" your skills as a writer and will put you in touch with editors who may refer you to other writing opportunities. "Pitch new stuff to editors and check the Internet frequently for new trends." Always read the publisher's guidelines and get the clipping from the publisher of your reviews. "And most importantly," Ms. Harper noted, "the writer needs to find out what the editor wants in future articles." Knowing what the editor wants will help to guarantee future assignments.

Philip Blue, Senior Law Librarian at the New York Supreme Court's Criminal Term Law Library in Manhattan, noted that the Library Journal is an excellent publication for the new reviewer to contact. Mr. Blue cautioned, however, that reviews must be short and to-the-point, good criteria to follow for not only the Library Journal but also for any publication.

Susana Camargo-Pohl, West Librarian Relations Manager for New York and former Head of Users Services at Rutgers University School of Law Library, discussed publishing in LLAGNY's own Law Lines. She showed a few examples of the various types of articles in Law Lines and invited attendees to submit material

to Law Lines for publication. She also focused on the skills that new writers acquire just by writing reviews. "As you write more reviews and articles, you become more familiar with the craft of writing and you meet more editors who will become familiar with your work. And this leads to more writing opportunities." Ms. Camargo-Pohl also noted that reviews should not be limited to just book reviews. New websites and databases are also legitimate topics for reviews.

In addition to the presentations by the above speakers, attendees also received a list of recommended writing resources, the guidelines and writing opportunities for submissions to the Library Journal and several articles on the craft of writing. All-in-all, "Take a Hint and Get in Print: a Program on Getting Published" was time well-spent for budding writers on a rainy December afternoon in New York.

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- Kudos to the Pro Bono Committee! Assisting the Legal Aid Society in its Books For Kids Project, the Pro Bono Committee has launched a book drive. Legal Aid's Books for Kids program is responsible for the creation of a children's reading room in the Manhattan Family Courthouse. The reading room provides a safe haven for the children of parents involved in custody hearings. I hope each and everyone will participate. If you missed the flyer, check the LLAGNY website.
- One of this year's goals for LLAGNY is to start a discussion with the local library schools on ways and methods to involve LLAGNY and its members in the education and career development of library students. Andrew Tschinkel and I will follow up and schedule meetings with the Deans.
 - Stay tuned: **Private Equity Research: Tools of the Trade, March 14th** presented by the Education Committee
 - Bridge the Gap, March 30th, presented by the Outreach Program, for summer associates and law librarians
 - Electronic voting for this year's elections

Brooklyn Law School celebrates the life of Professor Sara Robbins, 1952-2006, at a Memorial Service on March 6, 2007 at 4:00PM, Brooklyn Law School, 250 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. To RSVP, please go to www.brooklaw.edu/robbins.

Brooklyn Law School has established a scholarship in Sara's name. For more information, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 718-780-7564 or email ia@brooklaw.edu.



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West Annual Customer Appreciation Cocktail Reception

Sofitel New York, December 14, 2006

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LLAGNY Annual Winter Meeting

The Roosevelt Hotel, Wednesday, January 17, 2006

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LLAGNY Annual Winter Meeting

The Roosevelt Hotel, Wednesday, January 17, 2006
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & MOVES

LLAGNY would like to welcome the following new or returning members:

Kathleen Y. Agno, Research Librarian at Greenberg Traurig LLP

Angela Daley

David Eden, Research Director at Scarborough Research

James W. Little, Library Clerk, Davis & Gilbert, LLP

Kristen E. Perez, Reference Supervisor, Hughes Hubbard & Reed, LLP

Jacob E. Sayward, Student, Pratt Institute

William Schmitt

Don Spicehandler, Cataloger at Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft, LLP

Leslie Wong, Reference Librarian at Gould Law Library, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center

Member Moves

Kristen E. Perez is now Reference Supervisor at Hughes Hubbard & Reed, LLP

Member Title Changes

Caren Rabinowitz is now Reference Librarian II at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP

Firm Name Change

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham, LLP merged w/ Preston Gates & Ellis LLP as of 1/1/07 and is now Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates & Ellis, LLP (branded as K&L Gates)

Library Location Change

Touro College Library
Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center moved from Huntington, NY. The new address is:
Gould Law Library
Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center
255 East View Drive
Central Islip, NY 11722
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631-761-7159 (fax)
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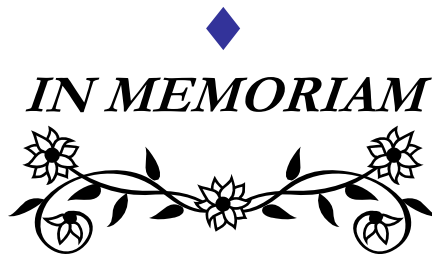
Please send in your suggestions for the next LLAGNY Profile (see p.6) to

lawlinesny@gmail.com

Submissions should be in Word or WordPerfect. Photos should be in JPG, TIF or GIF format.

No PDFs please.

Article Submission Deadline ◆



In Memoriam...Sara Robbins

Rosemary Campagna, Brooklyn Law School Library

Sara Ellen Robbins, Director of the Law Library at Brooklyn Law School since 1986, died on December 13, 2006 in Brooklyn Heights, New York in a pedestrian traffic accident. She was 54.

Sara Robbins was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, earned her Art History degree at the University of Cincinnati, but spent most of her adult life in Brooklyn. After graduating from Pratt with her M.S.L.S., in 1977, Sara became the Cataloger and Technical Services Librarian at BLS library. After two years, Sara left Brooklyn to become the Head of Technical Services at Cardozo Law School. Since Cardozo Law School closed early on Fridays, Sara would stop by the BLS Library on her way home to visit old friends. I shared an office with one of these old friends so I too, would chat with Sara during her visits. That is when our friendship began. My most vivid recollection of these conversations was when Sara was debating whether or not to go to law school. Ultimately, her LSAT score made the decision a no-brainer. She scored well over 700 and her destiny was set into motion.

Sara left Cardozo in 1981. But before enrolling in law school, she worked for Professor Morris L. Cohen, Yale Law School Librarian, and the man whom I know Sara regarded as her mentor. She assisted with researching and editing Prof. Cohen's compilation, ***Bibliography of Early American Law***. In the fall of 1982, Sara enrolled in Ohio State University College of Law. She returned to Yale to finish her work for Prof. Cohen in the summer of 1983. But soon, Sara would find herself returning to Brooklyn Law School once again.

In 1984, Charlotte Levy, the director of the BLS Library, invited Sara to fill the newly created position of Associate Librarian for Administration and Planning. Sara accepted and finished her final year of law school at Brooklyn Law School. When Ms. Levy decided to leave New York in 1985, Sara assumed the position of Acting Director and eventually Director of the Brooklyn Law School Library.

Sara led Brooklyn Law School Library through major transformations over the next 20 years. By the early 90's her plans came to fruition: the library's size doubled with the construction of a new BLS building, computer labs were added, and the collection vastly increased. She brought the library into the digital age with the installation of Brooklaw, our online catalog. As a faculty member, Sara had advanced legal research courses taught by librarians added to



the law school curriculum. These are on the list of regularly oversubscribed courses each semester.

Sara was well known for her extensive professional activities. She served on several committees, too numerous to list. As a member of the AALS Site Inspection Team for close to ten years, Sara visited many law schools throughout the country. For the American Association of Law Libraries, Sara coordinated and moderated various programs for their annual meetings. For Pratt Institute's Library Science program, Sara taught various courses in law librarianship for over ten years. Sara also spoke before several associations on topics such as copyright and fair use, law and art, teaching legal research, presentation skills, family law research, and internet and the law. Perhaps her best-known work was ***Law: A Treasury of Art and Literature***, a coffee table book uniting her two loves: art and the law.

Sara will always be remembered for the professional, successful, librarian/teacher/author that she was. She was a patient, kind and gentle soul with a beautiful smile. For the past several years, Sara became quite interested in the art of needlepoint and as in everything else she attempted, became quite good at it. She belonged to a needlepoint group and even found time on weekends to work at a needlepoint store. While I don't own any of her needlepoint creations, I do have a lovely item that Sara made. When I was pregnant, Sara knitted a beautiful baby blanket for me which I intend on passing on to my own daughter when she has children.

All of us who were privileged to know Sara and to benefit from her knowledge, experience and dedication to service will greatly miss her. A scholarship has been established in Professor Robbins' name. If you would like to contribute, please call Linda Harvey, Director of External Affairs, at 718-780-0382.

In Memory of Helen Lawless



Steven Lastres, Debevoise & Plimpton

Helen Lawless dedicated a significant part of her professional career to education. First, as a teacher, then as a Law Librarian. She was involved in training attorneys at Debevoise for almost 20 years.

Helen was a faculty member of the yearly "Bridge the Gap" programs sponsored by LLAGNY, a faculty member at Teaching Research in Private Law Libraries (TRIPLL sponsored by Lexis), and, most recently, she taught a workshop on "Teaching Tips for Law Librarians: Ideas and Techniques for Training Patrons for the New Jersey Law Librarians



Association. Helen was also a member of the LLAGNY Scholarship Committee for a number of years.

Donations in honor of our friend and colleague Helen Lawless made to the LLAGNY Educational Scholarship Fund will provide a scholarship to a student in a Masters of Library Science program.


The LLAGNY Scholarship Committee will retain a record of donations honoring Helen and educational scholarship winners will be announced at the annual June dinner.

To make a donation send a check payable to LLAGNY to:

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We at Law Lines mourn the passing of trailblazer and mentor Helen Lawless, and plan a further tribute to her in the next issue. A profile was previously done of Helen in the Winter 2005 issue --
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History of *Collier on Bankruptcy*

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What would become *Collier on Bankruptcy* was first published in 1898 as *The Law of Bankruptcy and the National Bankruptcy Act of 1898*. The author, Wm. Miller Collier, was of the Auburn, N.Y., bar and a referee in bankruptcy for the Northern District of New York. The first printing was exhausted on the day of issue, and there were four more reprints before an expanded edition was published in 1899. The Fourth Edition of the work was prepared by William H. Hotchkiss, of the Buffalo, N.Y., bar and, like Collier, a referee in bankruptcy. Beginning with the Fifth Edition in 1905, Frank B. Gilbert of the Albany, N.Y., bar became the author. In 1923, the four-volume Thirteenth Edition was published. Editions of the one-volume *Gilbert's Collier on Bankruptcy* appeared in 1927, 1931 (by Ralph E. Rogers), 1934 (by Samuel M. Hesson), and 1937 (by James Wm. Moore). The seminal Fourteenth Edition was published in 1940, with James Wm. Moore, of Yale University, as the Editor-in-Chief. (In 1939, Matthew Bender had published the one-volume *Moore's Bankruptcy Manual: Corporate Reorganization and Arrangements*.) Just as the first edition of *Collier* was an integral exposition of the original Bankruptcy Act of 1898, so the Fourteenth Edition was as integral exposition of the 1898 Act as amended by the Chandler Act of 1938. By 1974, Professor Lawrence P. King of New York University had become the Revisions Editor-in-Chief of the Fourteenth Edition. The Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 completely revised U.S. bankruptcy laws and practice, and it was deemed necessary to publish a completely new edition of the *Collier* treatise. The Fifteenth Edition, with Professor King as Editor-in-Chief, was published in 1979. In response to major changes in the Bankruptcy Code effected in 1984, 1986, and 1994, the Fifteenth Edition Revised was published in December 1996. Professor King remained as Editor-in-Chief, and was assisted by a ten-member Board of Editors. Professor King died in April 2001 and was succeeded by Alan N. Resnick and Henry J. Sommer.

Electronic Elections are Coming to LLAGNY

LLAGNY's Board has approved a plan to use AALL's electronic election service for our next board election. What this means is that when the time comes, LLAGNY members will receive an email directing them to a secure AALL website to review candidate biographies and vote. Members who do not have an email address in their LLAGNY membership record and have no access to online resources may request a paper ballot if they wish. The next LLAGNY mailing will contain a form for requesting a paper ballot. Our elections are held between March 15 and April 15 each year. — Kit Kreilick, LLAGNY Secretary



Reference Questions and Answers

Compiled by Wendi Hoffenberg, Bryan Cave LLP

Q. Can you recommend a compilation of model acts and regulations other than the West Uniform Laws Annotated?

A. You can find a compilation of the model acts and how states have adopted them at the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws web site, <http://www.nccusl.org/Update/> See also the "PAST AND PRESENT ALI PROJECTS" list at www.ali.org/ali/PAST&PRESENT.pdf for the many model acts drafted and promulgated over the years by the American Law Institute. Search the list for "uniform," "model," "code," and "act."

*Thanks to the law-lib e-mail discussion list and
Robert J. Ambrogi, Esq., Rockport, MA
Harry Kyriakodis, ALI/ALI-ABA Library
Jerry E. Stephens, U.S.Court of Appeals, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

Q. I've been asked to find a way to access U.S. Congressional Acts (or "enactments") prior to 1789. (The Statutes-at-Large only extend back to 1789.) I've also been asked how to cite to these enactments.

A. Look at the American Memory Project's Journals of the Continental Congress page (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwjc.html>) which has PDF images of all the Journals of the Continental Congress.

The following information comes from the American Memory Project's Journals of the Continental Congress page :

The First Continental Congress met from September 5 to October 26, 1774. The Second Continental Congress ran from May 10, 1775, to March 2, 1789. The Journals of the Continental Congress are the records of the daily proceedings of the Congress as kept by the office of its secretary, Charles Thomson. The Journals were printed contemporaneously in different editions and in several subsequent reprint editions. None of these editions, however, includes the "Secret Journals," confidential sections of the records, which were not published until 1821.

This complete edition, published by the Library of Congress from 1904 to 1937, is based on the manuscript Journals and other manuscript records of the Continental Congress in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress. Further information on how this edition was assembled, as well as notes explaining features introduced by the editors, may be found in the Prefatory Note to volumes 1 and 2.

Another useful site is

http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/one_item_and_tasers/Years_to_Congress.htm

This page shows the years of the first through the 109th Congress (1789-2006), which are published in Statutes-at-Large.




Reference Questions and Answers *(Continued)*

Thanks to the law-lib e-mail discussion list and Barbara Davis, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP, Cincinnati, OH

Q. I'm in need of a copy of Accounting Principle Board Opinion No. 25 ("Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees"), October 1972. It was superseded by FAS 123 in 1995.

A. Search AICPA publications in Lexis. Enter **title (apb 25)** in the search field. AICPA publications on Lexis contain APB opinions 1, 2, 4, 6, 9-26, 28-30, and APB statements 1-4.

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Trivia Questions

By Meg Butler, New York Law School

1. These two people were nominated for President and Vice-President on the Equal Rights Party ticket in 1872. Who were they?
2. Before a presidency in which he championed workmen's compensation, minimum wage, an eight-hour work day, the regulation of child labor, and an international association to keep world peace, this man taught briefly at New York Law School and was President of Princeton University. Who was he?
3. Who was the first person to introduce a bill to Congress seeking to set aside January 15 as a national holiday to celebrate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?
4. This African-American woman was elected to Congress from Indiana in 1982, to fill a seat emptied when Congressman Adam Benjamin, Jr., died of a heart attack. Though she may be known as the first African-American woman from Indiana in Congress, she is also noted for successfully introducing the bill designating the third Monday in January for the commemoration of the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Who is she?
5. In 1916, this peace activist and suffragist was the first woman elected to the United States Congress. Her election was prior to the passage of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. One of her first votes was against the entry of the United States into World War I. After unsuccessful efforts seeking immediate re-election, in 1939 she ran again to be a United States Representative for the state of Montana, and she succeeded. She answered the role call vote: "As a woman I can't go to war, and I refuse to send anyone else." She was the only person to oppose the World War II war resolution.
6. This former Democrat was the first presidential candidate in the Free Soil Party.
7. This Vice-President filled the office of President following the assassination of his running mate. Due to the sequence of events, he was the third president to serve the United States in a period of less than 12 months. Who was he?
8. This past President installed the first bathroom with hot and cold running water in the White House. Before the installation, bathing required the use of a portable tub and workers to haul kettles of water to fill the tub. This man was also the first President to have a Christmas tree in the White House. Who was he?
9. This President caught a cold that turned into pneumonia. He was the first president to die while in office. Who was he?

See next page for answers



Trivia Answers

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LLAGNY Board Meeting

October 10, 2006

New York County Lawyers Association

In attendance:

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

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

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 12, 2006 Leadership Training and Board Meeting and the September 20, 2006 Conference Call were distributed before the meeting via email.

Motion to approve the September 12, 2006 minutes.

- Motion approved (Nobari, Bliss)

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2006 Conference Call.

- Motion approved (Bliss, Tschinkel)

2. Reports of Officers and Committees

President's Report

Northeast Regional Meeting

We have not received anything further from David Merkin. Marsha expects he will submit another proposal in time for the November board meeting.

Law Lines Content Editor Replacement

So far we don't have anyone to replace Jim Murphy, but Amy Carr agreed to do the work for the fall, 2006 issue.

Treasurer's Report

Since we are still in transition from former to current treasurer, the report is informal this month. There is approximately \$2300.00 in checks about to be deposited, largely from membership dues.

Nuchine has one check to write for \$75.00.

Patricia Barbone is working with the accountant to finalize our statements for the previous fiscal year and file our Form 990, which is due in mid-November.

Nuchine anticipates that there will be a proposal coming from the Advertising Committee to adjust our rates. There were questions from the Board regarding payment of sales tax, and what

requirements we must meet to avoid paying tax on our advertising revenue. Nuchine will take these matters up with our accountant.

Education

CCH has agreed to provide \$1000 for refreshment expenses for our programs this year, which we will split between four programs. Marsha will be sending a thank you letter with copies to our Corporate Sponsorship Committee chairs.

Flyers were submitted for two programs. The first, on space planning, will be on November 1 at Proskauer Rose; it was agreed that we will add an acknowledgement to Wolters Kluwer CCH on the flyer for the refreshments. The second offering about how to get published will be a brown bag lunch program at Manatt Phelps & Phillips on Friday, Dec. 1. Because it's a brown bag lunch and we only provide drinks, the board agreed that we will not use CCH funds for that program.

Motion to approve the two education program flyers as revised

- Motion approved (Bliss, Monaco)

Student Relations

We reviewed the revised Internship flyer in preparation for the Pratt Open House. The Board was unclear as to why SLA is included on the flyer along with LLAGNY. We are not aware of any joint internship program; if there is such a program, we need to become more familiar with it. It was agreed that the references to SLA should be omitted, and that the last paragraph should read: "If you're interested in a law library internship, contact LLAGNY for more information."

Motion to approve the Internship flyer with the deletion of the references to SLA and the change of language in the last paragraph.

- Motion approved (Bliss, Eikenbrod)

The Board discussed what we want to display on our table at the Pratt Open House along with this flyer. It was agreed that we should use the new LLAGNY banner on the table, and provide copies of our LLAGNY flyer in color, and offer our leftover LLAGNY lanyards as give-aways.



Marsha noted that she paid for the Pratt fee because they needed payment on short notice, so she would like to be reimbursed the \$50.00 fee. Motion to approve reimbursement of the \$50 Pratt Open House fee to Marsha Pront.

- Motion approved (Nobari, Kreilick)

Union List

Several items have been forwarded for Board review and approval:

First, the committee recommends a change of title for the new union list: LLAGNY Electronic Union List. The board concurs.

Motion to approve the change of union list title for the new edition to LLAGNY Electronic Union List

- Motion approved (Bliss, Eikenbrod)

Second, we reviewed the Union List flyer design choices submitted by the committee. After some discussion, it was agreed that the first design with the explanation was preferred.

Third, we reviewed the other marketing material provided by the Union List committee for email and web distribution. The Board preferred the look of the second choice, but thought the title and URL should be done in blue rather than red. In addition, we thought it would be a good idea to drop the “http” portion of the URL if possible. Motion to approve the marketing materials for the new LLAGNY Union List with the changes specified.

- Motion approved (Kreilick, Duburgue)

Fourth, we discussed how to publicize the new union list at the Fall Soiree. It was agreed that we didn’t want a separate table near the entrance and that a poster-size version of the approved flyer on an easel would be sufficient.

Last, the Board reviewed the participation letter and forms again. The letter has already been approved. The committee has revised the forms to delete the Title Addition Form and add more detailed instructions for reporting holdings. Motion to approve the Union List participation forms as amended by the committee and with the change of name to the LLAGNY Electronic Union List.

- Motion approved (Monaco, Kreilick)

Special Events

We have a proposal from the Special Events Committee for using the Copacabana for our Winter Meeting in January. The date will have to be sometime the third week of January, since LexisNexis staff will not be available the weeks of Jan. 8 and Jan. 22. Jan. 17 and 18 are the dates we are targeting.

The Copa was well reviewed by June and Tania and the price is reasonable, but Marsha voiced considerable concern about going to 34th and 11th Avenue in January, when walking is not so pleasant. There is no subway nearby and taxis are hard to come by as well. The rest of the group agreed that January was not an optimum time to use the Copa. June and Tania also have the Roosevelt Hotel and the Grand Hyatt as possibilities, but haven’t visited yet. The Roosevelt is the same price as the Copa, but the Grand Hyatt would be more expensive. Alfred, our current party planner, says our budget is too low to find something in a better location.

The Board discussed how much we wish to charge members for this event. We will need to subsidize it if we charge the same price as last year--\$25.00. Some board members felt strongly that we needed to keep the price low, since we saw such a large increase in turnout last year when we dropped the price. There are members who do not get reimbursed by their employers for LLAGNY events and will not come if the cost is too high. What we don’t know is where the break point is. It was suggested that we might give up a full bar and just offer beer and wine to keep the cost down. Although there was no formal motion, it was the consensus of the Board that we want to keep the price low again this year, and should entertain other proposals from more convenient venues. We will ask the committee to pursue the proposal from the Roosevelt, which is near Grand Central.

Pro Bono

The Pro Bono committee submitted a proposal that LLAGNY get involved in supporting the



Children's Library in the Family Court on Lafayette Street that was started by the Legal Aid Society. They propose that we mount a childrens' book drive near the holidays, and possibly collect money donations for starting a collection in another court location. They also suggested that we might offer research assistance to Legal Aid lawyers. The board liked the idea of a book drive that would also allow members to give money donations to Amazon or other book vendors for the purpose of purchasing books for the collection. The AALL Social Responsibilities SIS has done this for needy school libraries in the past. Christine will follow up with the committee to see how we can implement this. However, the Board agreed that we could not take on offering research assistance for Legal Aid at this time.

2. Unfinished Business

AALL Chapter Visit

We are agreed that we will invite Sally Holterhoff to visit LLAGNY at the time of the June Dinner. We don't need to vote a budget for this visit quite yet, but should start looking for a hotel as soon as we can get Sally's visit dates fixed. Once we get closer and find a hotel we can determine a budget.

3. New Business

Tentative Schedule for Conference Calls

Marsha asked if we wanted to establish a tentative schedule for board conference calls, since we seem to need one between regular meetings. After some discussion, we decided that it would be too hard to set a schedule and stick to it, so each call will have to be separately arranged.

Joint Chapter Reception at AALL with NJALL and ALLUNY

It is LLAGNY's turn to host this event at New Orleans in July. DIALOG will sponsor. NJLLA will host in 2008 and ALLUNY the following year.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Kreilick, LLAGNY Secretary

LLAGNY BOARD CONFERENCE CALL

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Elaine Egan, Tom Eikenbrod, Kit Kreilick, Ralph Monaco, Marsha Pront (presiding), and Andrew Tschinkel

The meeting convened at approximately 10:12 a.m., once a quorum was established.

Winter Meeting Proposal from Roosevelt Hotel

The proposal distributed to the Board via email from the Roosevelt Hotel is the main agenda item. The price is the same as the Copa, and the date would be January 17, 2007. The Board reviewed the contract provisions and noted the following: 1) the name of the association is incorrect and needs to be fixed 2) the size of the group to be accommodated is not clear from what we have received—it looks like 150 persons, which is insufficient for the crowd we hope to attend. Otherwise, the food and drink offerings look to be good, and both June and Tania had good things to say after they saw the space. Elaine's firm has used the Roosevelt for a number of functions and she recommends it. The location is terrific: right next to Grand Central. We have been there before for an event but it has been a number of years. It was agreed that we need to be sure they have a space to accommodate at least 200 guests before we sign a contract, but that otherwise we like the proposal. Motion to accept the proposal from the Roosevelt Hotel for the Winter Meeting on January 17, 2007, contingent on availability of space to hold at least 200 guests for the event.

- Motion approved (Egan, Kreilick)

Marsha noted that we should continue to look for new party planners so we have a number to choose from, and suggested we each check to see if our employers have regular planners they use that they can recommend.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Kreilick, LLAGNY Secretary

LLAGNY Board Meeting Conference Call

November 14, 2006

In attendance:



Heidi Bliss (presiding in the absence of Marsha Pront), Tom Eikenbrod, Kit Kreilick, Ralph Monaco, Nuchine Nobari, Andrew Tschinkel
Marsha Pront being absent due to a death in the family, the meeting convened at approximately 3:00 p.m. via conference call.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October 10, 2006 Board Meeting and the October 24, 2006 Conference Call were distributed before the meeting via email.

Motion to approve the October 10, 2006 minutes.

- Motion approved (Monaco, Kreilick)

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2006 Conference Call.

- Motion approved (Nobari, Eikenbrod)

2. Unfinished Business

Winter Meeting

The Board reviewed the flyer prepared for the Winter Meeting. We need to decide the price for members to attend. If we keep last year's price of \$20, LLAGNY will probably have to subsidize up to \$2000.00 of the cost. However, we had a significant increase in attendance with the lower price last year. After some discussion, it was agreed that allowing more members to attend was worth the extra cost to LLAGNY.

Motion to set the member price for the Winter Meeting at \$20.00.

- Motion approved (Kreilick, Tschinkel)

The Board noted some other corrections for the flyer. The year needs to be changed, and a return date prior to the New Year was recommended—either Wednesday Dec. 27 or Friday Dec. 29—depending on the needs of the committee.

Motion to approve the flyer as amended.

- Motion approved (Kreilick, Monaco)

Ballot Expense Reimbursement

Kit requested approval of reimbursement of her expenses for the ballot mailing in October, and for reimbursement of Heller Ehrman of postage expenses. We had approved the ballot in August but did not know what expenses would be necessary.

Motion to approve reimbursement of Kit Kreilick's expenses for the ballot mailing and Heller Ehrman's expenses for postage.

- Motion approved (Tschinkel, Eikenbrod)

3. New Business

Condolence Gift for Marsha Pront

Andrew requested approval of the expense of sending a floral spray to the funeral home to express our condolences on the death of her mother.

Motion to approve reimbursement of Andrew Tschinkel's expenses for the condolence gift sent on behalf of LLAGNY.

- Motion approved (Eikenbrod, Kreilick)

Meeting Locations

Kit noted that we need to update the meeting locations for the rest of the year, since Christine has changed jobs and Kit is now at Sullivan & Cromwell and can host a meeting there. And since Ralph did not host the November meeting, he will do another date. It was agreed that we should revisit this at the December meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Kreilick, LLAGNY Secretary

LLAGNY Board Meeting

December 12, 2006

Shearman & Sterling

In attendance:

Board Members: Heidi Bliss, Christine Dubuque, Elaine Egan, Tom Eikenbrod, Kit Kreilick, Ralph Monaco, Marsha Pront (presiding), Bonnie Fox Schwartz, Andrew Tschinkel

The meeting convened at approximately 6:25 p.m.

President Pront began the meeting by expressing her appreciation to the Board for all the messages of condolence she received following the death of her mother.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 14, 2006, Board Meeting by conference call were distributed before the meeting via email.

Motion to approve the November 14, 2006 minutes.

- Motion approved (Bliss, Egan)

2. President's Report

Lexis is entitled to 8 attendees, and would like to bring 2 more people. Marsha has told them they can bring more if they pay the full cost for each person.

Marsha has requested a response from CRIV to the email marketing campaign from www.lawnet.com disparaging law librarians.

The Post Office has informed us that their new postal scanners read zip codes from the bottom of the envelope up. Because our envelope design has our zip code at the bottom, many of our mailings are being routed to our post office box. The envelopes will need to be redesigned, and Marsha suggests we also get note cards made with the LLAGNY logo for thank you notes. Marsha asked Kit to look into envelope redesign. Kit will do that, but questions use of the same printer in Long Island, who was chosen by the previous Secretary because of proximity. Marsha will check w/ the vendor who did the LLAGNY umbrellas to see if they do regular printing. In the meantime, we will have to whiteout at least one digit from the zip code on our envelopes to avoid the problem. Our current Bylaws are now on the LLAGNY website.

We need to revisit our remaining meeting locations for this year, since Christine has changed jobs and Kit is now at Sullivan & Cromwell. After review, the Board agreed to the following hosting schedule:

January 9 – Heller Ehrman
February 13 – Sullivan & Cromwell
March 13 – Sidley Austin
April 10 – Epstein Becker
May 8 – Weil Gotshal
June 12 – New York Law Institute

3. Reports of Officers and Committees

Treasurer

Nuchine was unable to attend this meeting but forwarded her report via email, which follows:

Treasurer's Report: July 1, 2006 to November 30, 2006

Expenses from July 1, 2006 to November 30, for a total of \$27,456.68 consisted of:

\$ 997.29	Board Expenses (software, LLAGNY banner & Ballot)
\$ 5,000.00	June Dinner 2007 deposit for Rainbow Room
\$12,412.00	Fall Soiree deposit & balance, mailings
\$ 50.00	NYS Filing
\$ 192.06	Education (food)
\$ 700.00	Chapter Insurance (2006-07)
\$ 342.00	Stationery & Supplies (envelopes)
\$ 6,265.54	Union List
\$ 1,329.79	Membership
\$ 168.00	Winter Meeting (postage)

Income from July 1, 2006 to November 30, for a total of \$38,135.01 consisted of:

\$27,400.00	Membership
\$ 2,150.00	Grants & Scholarship
\$ 2,000.01	Placement
\$ 100.00	June Dinner
\$ 6,485.00	Union List

Expenses:

All bills and reimbursements have been paid. Except for a pending reimbursement for Andrew, we are current with our A/P.

Receipts:

I have invoiced CCH/Wolters Kluwer, Lexis and Westlaw for the sponsorship monies that were promised. I just received today the Lexis check for \$15,000; I have not received any monies from Westlaw or CCH; sent both a reminder.

I continue to receive payments for the membership renewal, union list subscription, scholarship, etc.

Liaison Report:

I am the liaison with the Placement and Advertising Committees. The Advertising Committee would like to increase the rates for the

'07-'08 year and will give us a proposal to that effect. "Placement is doing great", per Patricia. It was felt that to get a sense of how we are really doing financially, we need to see the annual summary of expenses and revenues by committee that Patricia had done in the past, and Marsha will ask Nuchine to do that.

Education

We had 27 members at the December program on How to Get Published.

The committee has submitted an SLA grant application to get funding for the program on private equity presented by Cliff Perry, that was discussed previously. It was decided that it was better to do the program in one 4-hour block rather than split it into two parts, and the committee gave Tuesday, Feb. 6 as the date on the application, but it can be changed. The plan is to do a half-day program and we may have to charge for attendance to cover all the costs.

Other programs being planned:

Catalog troubleshooting and migration, in conjunction with the NY Law Librarians Technical Services Roundtable. The timeframe would be March or April.

Intellectual Property, tentatively scheduled for April 11 from Noon to 2 p.m. Speakers will include Lucy Curci Gonzalez, possibly Carol Hoffman, Michael Hudelson from LexisNexis and a speaker from DIALOG. DIALOG will probably sponsor this one.

Knowledge Management presented by Alirio Gomez, tentatively scheduled for June.

Technology

The committee met in mid-October, reviewed tech projects in progress, and developed a list of possible new projects, including technology courses. The Board felt that the group should focus on maintaining the website rather than programming, and should pass their course ideas on to the Education Committee.

Union List

So far, 42 libraries have paid to subscribe to the new union list. One larger library will subscribe but will not submit holdings at this time.

Currently it is unclear what the scope of the new list will be. We were not specific in our initial mailings. We have been assuming a much broader scope than before, encompassing looseleaf treatises and other continuation titles as well as newsletters and looseleaves. The committee is reviewing the title list from SIMA and will have a proposal regarding a scope statement for the next meeting. They anticipate the new list will be available as of April 1, 2007.

Outreach

Ralph distributed a preliminary schedule and program outline for the March Bridge the Gap Program. Westlaw has chosen not to support this program since they already provide support to other LLAGNY events. The committee is working with Corporate Sponsorship to find other financial support. Ralph asked for feedback on the program so that they can prepare the flyer for approval at the next board meeting.

Student Relations

This year, the Student Relations Committee was able to attend the Pratt Internship Fair, and it became apparent that the result was not worth the time and effort. We will not bother to participate in future.

Student Relations submitted a revised internship flyer for our review.

Motion to approve internship flyer as submitted.

- Motion approved (Kreilick, Bliss)

4. Unfinished Business

Northeast Regional Meeting

David Merkin has been working on the video recording proposal discussed earlier and has applied for an AALL Professional Development grant of \$4000.00 to cover much of the expense. He's been told he will probably get \$3000.00.

Andrew has reached out to Thomson International to see if they will cover the remainder; Marsha suggests we also contact Oxford Univ. Press, who have just acquired Oceana. The last proposal we had from David was for \$6000.00, which we deemed too much for LLAGNY to fund by itself. We have already contributed \$1000.00 to participate in the meeting. There was some

concern expressed that we limit our additional financial commitment to \$2,000.00, especially since we anticipate that few of our members will attend the conference and we still don't know what will be on the program.

Moved that LLAGNY provide no more than \$2,000.00 additional funding to the Northeast Regional Meeting, irrespective of whether the grant proposal is approved by AALL.

- Motion approved (Monaco, Schwartz).

The board agreed to table the discussion of our program proposals until the budget issues have been resolved, and no later than the February board meeting.

5. New Business

Membership Committee

The committee has submitted a report and preliminary proposal to look for a better way to automate the LLAGNY membership renewal process. There are persistent problems with the accuracy of the AALL database because of the way we process our mail renewals and how AALL handles the data thereafter. We cannot easily provide mailing labels upon request and much work has to be done to keep our separate mailing label database current. The committee co-chairs recommended that they be charged with investigating commercial and non-profit technology support options in order to make a recommendation for changing our membership database system.

Motion to direct the Membership Committee to investigate options for outsourcing or using non-profit technological assistance to establish a membership database which would handle our needs for an annual directory and mailing labels at minimum, and allow payment of membership dues online if possible.

- Motion approved (Bliss, Egan)

Pro Bono Committee

The Pro Bono Committee has submitted a proposal that we support the Legal Aid Society's program of developing children's reading rooms for children who are the subject of custody hearings in the NYC Family Courts. They have

already started one in Manhattan. The founders will provide a list of titles and we will sponsor a 'wish list' on Amazon.com for our members to donate money to purchase books for the project. The committee will do the set up with Amazon. We can put a link to the wish list on the LLAGNY web page.

This idea was met with great enthusiasm by the Board as a great project for our members and as a vehicle for improving our visibility in the local legal community, and it was agreed that the committee should move forward with it.

Grants and Scholarships

The Grants and Scholarships Committee has concerns over administering an ongoing named memorial scholarship program and has requested that the Board formulate a policy. We currently have a vendor willing to donate towards the Borenstein scholarship but we agreed last year that scholarships would not be dedicated until fully funded. If the scholarship is not fully funded, we have a problem.

Motion to approve the following policy statement: LLAGNY will no longer administer individual memorial scholarships. LLAGNY will continue to offer collective memorial scholarships to honor members who have passed away in the preceding year. If desired, all grants and scholarships donations will be acknowledged at the annual June Dinner and on the LLAGNY website.

- Motion approved (Kreilick, Schwartz)

It was agreed that the committee should tell the vendor that the donation will go to the general scholarship fund if they wish to make it to LLAGNY.

The committee also revised their materials for this year and submitted them for our approval. The forms and criteria for both grants and scholarships remain the same as last year and it was agreed that they do not require any changes. The flyer to be sent to library schools and the accompanying letter were then reviewed and discussed. It was agreed to leave the flyer alone and to amend the letter by changing the designation "office bulletin board" to "school bulletin board" and inserting the sentence:



We would be happy to provide electronic copies of these documents for distribution on your listservs or website.

following the sentence ending "post a flyer there as well." We also inserted the date of this year's June dinner so that the sentence would read: "Scholarships will be awarded at our annual dinner meeting on June 13."

Motion to approve the scholarship flyer without changes.

- Motion approved (Bliss, Eikenbrod)

Motion to approve the letter to library schools with amendments.

- Motion approved (Monaco, Bliss)

Outreach to Library Schools

Andrew has drafted a letter to the local library school deans about LLAGNY and suggesting further conversation with the president and vice-president to find ways we can work together. The board was very enthusiastic about this initiative and encouraged Andrew to go ahead with the project. This led to a discussion of how we might improve our mentoring of new law librarians, but no proposals or solutions.

Closing of EPA Libraries

The president of ALA had an editorial in the New York Times about the closing of the EPA's libraries this week, and there is feeling on the Board that we should be commenting on this as well. Marsha noted that Laird Ehlerst will be working on a response from LLAGNY.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Kreilick, LLAGNY Secretary

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