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## From the President Linda Rose

Spring has Sprung!!! As I write this, the sky is blue, the sun is shining, and the commute coming in from Parker went smoothly. What more could anyone ask for?!!! Well we did ask and we have a wonderful slate of candidates that stepped up to the plate and volunteered to be CoALL officers next year. My deepest thanks to all of you who said yes when **Martha Keister** called and asked for your help. I have been so fortunate to work with a great team and I know Druet will also enjoy this advantage after seeing the roster of candidates.

The Institute was excellent and had a lot of informative speakers, it was definitely worth a Saturday morning (besides the commute is always easier then!!!). Druet has worked very hard to bring us many unusual and enlightening programs and this year. Ballard will host our annual visit from AALL representative, **Sally Holterhoff** on April 19<sup>th</sup> and then we will wrap up the year with our annual business meeting in June.

One of the things the Board has addressed at all our meetings is the idea of going to an electronic format for our newsletter, THE SCUTTLE, and how to replace the invaluable services of **Caryl Shipley** and her son, who formatted each issue for us this year. This is a big undertaking each quarter and our thoughts are leaning toward farming it out to a vendor or perhaps one of our bigger institutions will step up and volunteer. If you have a yen to be a desktop publisher, please don't be shy, call Caryl or myself and let's talk about what's involved.

Our archives project is well underway and the Spring-cleaning will yield guidelines for keeping our memorabilia in order. A BIG thank you to **Martha Campbell** for all her efforts on this huge undertaking.

Our Members-At-Large, **Kathryn Christnacht** and **Nancy Sensel**, are busy reviewing our bylaws and will make their recommendations at the annual business meeting. We will then formally apply to the IRS for a change in our tax status as voted upon by the membership last year.

Take a minute out of your busy lives and stop to smell the roses.

-Linda §

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## CoALL Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Karen Selden

Date: December 12, 2000

Location: Davis, Graham, & Stubbs L.L.P. in  
Denver, Colorado

Attendees: Bev Agnew, Georgia Briscoe, Martha Campbell, Katheryn Christnacht, Druet Cameron Klugh, Linda Rose, Karen Selden, Tamara Smith, and Ann-Marie Wills

Linda Rose called the Executive Committee to order at 4:05 pm.

### A) OLD BUSINESS:

1. The minutes of the October 19, 2000 Executive Committee Meeting were approved unanimously (moved by Druet Cameron Klugh; seconded by Tamara Smith).

### B) COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1. Treasurer's Report:

\* A written report was summarized by Tamara Smith. The checking account has a balance of \$136.41, and the Janus Fund balance was \$6,992.42 as of 9/30/00. A copy of the full report is available from Karen Selden, CoALL Secretary. The report was unanimously approved (moved by Druet; seconded by Katheryn Christnacht).

\* Tamara and Linda Rose will probably move money from the Janus Fund to the checking account in the near future to cover expenses for the holiday party. Linda will e-mail the Executive Committee members to gain approval for a specific amount once Tamara receives the bill from the caterers.

#### 2. Programs Report:

\* Druet Cameron Klugh summarized the programs planned for the next several months.

January 2001 is a "bye" month, with no program planned.

CoALL's annual educational institute is scheduled for Saturday February 24, 2001 from 9am to noon at the DU Law School. Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory J. Hobbs will be the keynote speaker. Druet has already assembled a panel of

former law librarians to discuss their new careers and how their background in law librarianship has been helpful in their new careers. Two other ideas for presentations include:

a. Resource sharing in Colorado (what free resources exist for librarians and patrons in Colorado)

b. "UCITA from the other side"—gaining insights from a member of the committee that drafted UCITA

CoALL has extended an invitation to Mimi Wesson to address a CoALL meeting in March 2001. She is a professor at the CU School of Law and author of two novels based in Boulder with a female attorney as the protagonist.

AALL Executive Board member Sarah G. (Sally) Holterhoff, the Government Information/Reference Librarian at the Valparaiso University School of Law Library in Valparaiso, Indiana will visit CoALL on April 19, 2001. Druet will ask her to speak about the effects of changing a chapter's tax status from a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization (trade association) to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (public charity - educational).

#### 3. Grants and Scholarships Report:

\* Linda reported that Rob Richards had nothing to report.

#### 4. Membership/Directory Report:

\* Bev Agnew distributed some of the new CoALL directories at Richard Jost's presentation on November 16. She will try to distribute as many as possible at the holiday party to avoid mailing costs.

\* The idea to produce future editions of the directory only in electronic format and mount the most recent edition on the CoALL web site was discussed. Linda will send an e-mail to the CoALL listserv to poll the membership on this idea.

\* CoALL currently has 101 members.

#### 5. Newsletter Report:

\* Caryl Shipley was not present. There was confusion about the deadline for the next Scuttle, but Caryl attended the holiday party and confirmed that the deadline is January 10, 2001.

#### 6. Government Relations Report:

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\* Ann-Marie Wills reminded everyone about the UCITA teleconference at Front Range Community College tomorrow (December 13, 2000) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rob Richards and Tom Seward will facilitate a discussion following the broadcast.

\* Ann-Marie also announced that Colorado's Legislative Day is scheduled for February 22, 2001.

7. Long Range Planning Report:

\* Martha Campbell is organizing a "sorting party" to sort and itemize materials for the CoALL archives. The location of the sorting party is the University of Denver's Law Library, since all 14 boxes are currently stored there in Patty Wellinger's office, and the tentative dates are January 20 and 21, 2001. Eventually the materials will be transferred to the University of Denver's Penrose Library, where the official CoALL archives will be permanently housed.

8. Bylaws Report:

\* Katheryn Christnacht reported that she and Nancy Sensel will start reviewing the Bylaws for revisions after January 1, 2001.

9. Webpage/Listserv Report:

\* Tamara Smith reported that she is very happy with AALL's new e-mail list software. She also reported that she has been filtering out spam so that it does not reach CoALL listserv members.

\* Tamara's next project on the CoALL webpage will be updating the membership directory.

\* Executive Committee members asked if Tamara would like help administering the CoALL webpage. Tamara stated that the work is not hard, but that information for updates comes in sporadically, and it sometimes comes at times that are inconvenient for her. She does not feel an overwhelming need for an assistant, but would be glad to train someone if they were interested.

\* While creating an e-mail invitation to the holiday party, Druet discovered that only about one third of CoALL members are subscribed to the CoALL listserv. Although the listserv has approximately 90 members, many of these apparently are non-members who are interested in our discussions. The Executive Committee assumed that most CoALL members were subscribed to the CoALL listserv, and

thus frequently used the listserv to distribute information and solicit opinions. Because this assumption is no longer valid, Druet suggested changing the listserv to a "forced" list, where all CoALL members who supply an e-mail address are automatically subscribed to the CoALL listserv (unless or until they cancel this subscription). Linda and Druet will poll CoALL members who are listserv subscribers, as well as those who are not, to get feedback on this idea. The main selling point of this idea is that Tamara filters out spam, so the list has very low traffic and mainly contains very important and relevant information.

C) NEW/OLD BUSINESS

1. Chapter Dues

\* Linda Rose surveyed the CoALL membership via the CoALL listserv to see if raising CoALL's dues from \$15 to \$20 per year would be acceptable. The responses ranged from not raising the dues to raising them to as high as \$50 per year. Some respondents wanted to know what the extra money would be used for. Extra money would be used to raise the amount of scholarship awards and to pay for more speakers and programs. Dues are currently: \$5 per year for student members; \$15 per year for non-student members; and no dues for lifetime members (an honorary designation).

\* Druet Cameron Klugh made a motion that annual dues for non-student CoALL members be raised from \$15 per year to \$20 dollars per year beginning July 1, 2001 (the start of the new membership year). (Anne-Marie Wills seconded.) This motion passed with one dissenting vote.

\* Druet Cameron Klugh made a motion that annual dues for non-student CoALL members be pro-rated for every month after the start of a new membership year a person waits before joining CoALL. No one seconded this motion.

\* Linda Rose made a motion that annual dues for non-student CoALL members be pro-rated to \$10 each year between January and June, starting January 1, 2002. (Tamara Smith seconded.) This motion passed unanimously.

2. Electronic Newsletter

\* Discussion on how to make this transition was tabled until the next Executive Committee meeting.

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3. Volunteer Effort -- PBS  
\* Karen Selden contacted the Denver PBS affiliate to see what volunteer opportunities exist during telethons. A membership pledge drive is being held during March 2001 and the annual auction is being held during April 2001. Karen will find out what weekend shifts are available during these two telethons. Because volunteers are encouraged to wear T-shirts emblazoned with their business' or organization's logo, the Executive Committee will investigate creating and printing T-shirts to wear at this and other events.

4. New Members  
\* A brief continuation of discussion from the last Executive Committee meeting occurred. One question to consider is how much it would cost to take each new member out for a welcoming lunch. As a reference point, Bev stated that from December 1999 to December 2000, 11 new members joined CoALL. Linda would like the Executive Committee to continue to consider the welcoming lunch idea or think of similar ideas that CoALL can use to welcome new members and encourage them to be active in our organization. Discussion will continue at the next Executive Committee meeting.

5. Next Executive Committee Meeting  
\* Linda will contact Executive Committee members after January 1, 2001 to set the date, time, and location for the next Executive Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.§

## Member News

Tuesday, at 2:30pm DU Law Library had a group of visitors from Emporia University's library school program come for a visit and tour. Their visit started off with some cookies/ juice and a chance to meet the staff. The guests included a professor, two Nigerian visiting fellows and some Emporia in the Rockies library school students. In addition, there was an opportunity for interested folks to attend a lecture on International Librarianship. For more details, email Kelly Visnak, Program Coordinator at kvisnak@qadas.com.

In early February, **Debra Austin** (DU Library Instruction Coordinator and Lecturer at Law) had four Computer Magnet Teachers from the Denver Public Schools Department of Educational Technology come to learn about the technology in the FLC and watch an ALR class to see the technology being used in a teaching situation. They logged onto the network on the training passwords and accessed the course web page just as the law students did. DPS students come from all over the district for computer education to their facility. They were wanting to evaluate the equipment in our FLC and observe one way of using it in a classroom.§

## Books and Bytes CLE Program Lois Calvert

On February 9, 2001 Mary Louise Clifton (Brownstein Hyatt & Farber), Lois Calvert (Supreme Court Library), and Marcy Dunning (Access/Information) were the panelists for the CLE program 'Books v. Bytes', one of the sessions of "Hanging Your Shingle" held at the CLE offices in Denver. Mary was the first panelist; starting from the premise 'Information is Never Free', she talked about general, basic information resources that are routinely needed and/or used by lawyers, investigating special contracts with Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw, and sources available on the internet. She also discussed information formats, how to decide which format is most appropriate, and how to compare costs.

Lois discussed local library resources, including the Supreme Court Library, DU, CU, and DPL. She emphasized that all the libraries are service-oriented, and want to help the patron before overwhelming stress sets in. The librarians use a wide-range of legal research sources on a daily basis, and can quickly direct patrons to an appropriate source. As the libraries cannot do research for patrons, Marcy Dunning explained the research services her company can provide. Marcy emphasized that her services are available statewide. A lively question and answer period concluded the hour.

There was a good turnout in spite of the snowy conditions. We all enjoyed the experience, and yes, would consider doing it again... some time later.§

## CoALL Board Nominations 2001-2002

### Martha Keister

The nominations committee for the CoALL Board 2001-2002 has submitted the following list of candidates to Linda Rose, CoALL President. In accordance with the CoALL Bylaws, additional nominations may be made upon written petition of five percent of the regular members. Petitions must be filed with the Secretary at least forty days prior to the Annual Meeting, June 28, 2001. Email or send written petitions to Karen Selden, CoALL Secretary. (See p. 2 for her address and email.)

#### Biographies of the Candidates

##### **Holly Kulikowski – Vice-President/President-Elect**

Present Position: Library and Information Resources Manager, Holland & Hart

Previous Positions:

\*Electronic Resources Librarian, Holland & Hart

\*Reference Librarian, Dickinson & Wright, Detroit, MI

Memberships/Professional Activities:

\*Colorado Association of Law Libraries

- Brown Bag Coordinator

\*American Association of Law Libraries

\*Special Library Association

Education:

\*M. L. S., Indiana University

\*B. S., English and History, Eastern Michigan University

##### **Robert C. Richards, Jr. – Secretary**

Present Position: Technical Services Librarian, University of Colorado Law Library (Feb. 1997 – present)

Previous Positions:

\*Professional Research Assistant, Government Publications Library, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, 1997.

\* Library Technician II, Government Publications Library, University of Colorado, Boulder, 1996.

\* On-Call Librarian, Denver Public Library, 1996.

Memberships/Professional Activities:

\* Member, American Association of Law Libraries, 1997- present.

-- Secretary/Treasurer, Government Documents Special Interest Section, 2000 - present.

-- Member, Government Relations Committee, Government Documents SIS, 2000 - present.

-- Member, Grants Committee, Government Documents Special Interest Section, 1999 - present.

-- Chair, AALL Publications Committee, 1999 - 2000.

-- Co-Chair, Special Committee on AALL Publications Policy, 1998.

\* Member, American Library Association, 1994 - present.

\* Member, Colorado Association of Law Libraries, 1997 - present.

-- Chair, Grants & Scholarships Committee, 1999 -- present.

\* Member, Colorado Government Publications Interest Group, 1996 - present.

\* Member, Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, 1997- present.

Education:

\* M.S., Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, August 1996.

\* M.A., Communications Studies (Film Studies), University of Iowa, May 1994.

\* B.A. (Honors), English, Yale University, May 1992.

##### **Nancy Sensel – Treasurer**

Present Position: Interlibrary Loan/Circulation Coordinator, Univ. of Denver Law Library, 1997- present

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Previous Positions:

- \*Head of Lending Services/Reference Librarian, University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita
- \*Circulation Librarian, Northwestern University
- \*Library Technician, Univ. of Colorado Health Sciences Center

Memberships/Professional Activities:

- \*Member, Prospector Document Delivery Committee, 2000-2002
- \*Member-At-Large, Colorado Association of Law Libraries, 2000-2001
- \*Member, Planning Committee, Colorado Interlibrary Loan Conference, 1999-2001
- \*Member, Government Relations Committee., Mid-continental Chapter of the Medical Library Association, 1992-1995
- \*Treasurer, Wichita Area Health Sciences Librarians

Education:

- \*M.L.S., Library and Information Science, University of Denver
- \*M.A., History and Archives, University of Denver
- \*B.A., History and Russian, University of Colorado, Boulder

**Gay Ellen Roesch – Member-At-Large**

Present Position: Assistant Librarian, Colorado Legislative Council Library, 2000 - present

Previous Positions:

- \*Librarian, Education America, 1999-2000
- \*Indexer, Colorado Appellate Reports, 1988-1999
- \*Library Director, American Alpine Club, 1996-1999
- \*Serials Librarian, National Renewable Energy Lab, 1995-1996
- \*Head Cataloging, Colorado School of Mines, 1991-92

Memberships/Professional Activities:

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- President, Vice-President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor
- \*Special Library Association/RMSLA
- President, President-Elect, Secretary
- \*Colorado Library Association
- \*American Association of Law Libraries

Education:

- \*M.A. Library Science, University of Denver
- \*B.A. International Relations, University of Colorado

**Mariann Storck – Member-At-Large**

Present Position: Legal Information Specialist, Dept. of Justice, U. S. Attorney's Office, 2000 - present

Previous Positions:

- \* Library Manager, Stoel Rives, Portland, OR, 1999-2000
- \* Head Librarian, Godfrey & Kahn, Milwaukee, WI, 1994-1999
- \* Reference Cataloging Librarian, Foley and Lardner, Milwaukee, WI, 1990-1994

Memberships/Professional Activities:

- \*American Association of Law Libraries
- Member, Committee to Study Librarian Compensation
- \*United States Attorney Offices
- Member, Subcommittee to set policy and standards for U.S. Attorney libraries nationwide
- \*Colorado Association of Law Libraries, 2000-present
- \*Special Library Association/RMSLA

Education:

- \*S.L.I.S., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1988§

## CoALL's 2001 Annual Institute Druet Cameron Klugh

Filled with fun, networking, new ideas and the magic of poetry\*, the 2001 CoALL Annual Institute gave us a glimpse of where we are going professionally. Starting off with Justice Greg Hobbs of the Colorado Supreme Court, we were treated to a reminder of WHY what we do is important...how information from the past and present informs the decisions of today. Justice Hobbs spoke engagingly of the uniqueness of Colorado's place historically and geographically, which at times results in some unusual law. He also honored us by aligning himself with us, and with all legal professions which safeguard and supply information to the judiciary, practitioners, and the public.

Justice Hobbs regaled us with instances where his use of library resources, and librarians to track down information, enhanced the court's ability to put a modern case in its appropriate context. I was surprised to learn that Colorado varies from the typical common law tradition on trespass (you'll have to read People v. Shaffer\*\* to see how!). And I was amused to know that the doyen of real estate law in Colorado had his words quoted back to him to make an adverse point ! (see McCormick case\*\*).

Justice Hobbs congratulated our organization on its name and linked it with concepts integral to our organization: Colorado, cooperation, and community...ideas we should all reaffirm and embrace in the challenging years ahead.

Our second session was filled with information on electronic resources. Presented by Brenda Bailey, Director of Networking and Resource Sharing at the Colorado State Library, the "hour" flew by, filled with displays of the Colorado Virtual Library (see [www.aclin.org](http://www.aclin.org)), the statewide SWIFT inter-library loan trials, and the opportunity for online database group purchase participation in and training on OCLC FirstSearch and Gale Group contracts. Brenda is part

of the CDE sponsored Colorado Resource Sharing and Information Access Board and encouraged us to make our needs and interests known to her or myself, so that they can be communicated to the larger library community.

The final session showcased law librarians who have expanded their horizons, used their skills and gone on to other venues. Marcy Dunning of Information Access, Inc. emphasized the importance of communication – in all its forms – for success with patrons. Wanda McDavid shared the challenges she faced when leaving our profession: the networking and research required to feel confident when approaching a new venture. Her analytical habits served her well in deciding to join netLibrary in their exciting world of electronic books' development. Steve Rosas pinpointed the skills he continued to utilize, and those he added to his roster, when working for Arthur Andersen LLP. He stressed the need to know our organization, and to add value to the information projects requested. Steve provided us with an article which predicts the exciting opportunities ahead for information professionals.

The half-day institute was interwoven with questions and answers from new members and old, intermissions with refreshments provided through the generosity of Corrine Gee-Alvarado and Lexis-Nexis which provided the opportunity to visit and network, and the convenience of our "traditional" location at the University of Denver School of Law, facilitated by Caryl Shipley and Beverly Roberts.

My thanks to all who planned, prepared, presented, and participated. You made it the pleasure it was.

\* See J. Hobbs' poem "I Like the Feel of a Book" reproduced elsewhere in this issue and on the CoALL website.

\*\* For citation information, please contact Druet at [druet.klugh@colorado.edu](mailto:druet.klugh@colorado.edu) or try your skills on Lexis or Westlaw!§

Celebrate Law Day: May 1ST  
Programs Around the Country  
Charlie White  
American Bar Association

The ABA's Law Day website has just posted a list of Law Day activities from around the country. Have a look at it to see what's happening in your area at:

<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/events/home.html>

## Colorado Launches First-Ever Statewide Electronic Filing Service Maureen McGuire

Completion of JusticeLink eFile Implementation Catapults Colorado Out Front in Providing Attorneys with Ability to Conduct Law Over the Internet

BELLEVUE, WA Jan. 17, 2001 – CourtLink® Corp., a leading provider of online filing, document search and retrieval services, this week, in cooperation with the Colorado State Court Administrator's Office, helped secure Colorado's position in the history books after completing implementation of the first statewide court electronic filing (eFiling) system. Attorneys working with Colorado courts are now able to conduct the practice of law, statewide, using the most technically advanced and efficient system for transacting with courthouses throughout the nation.

This week, only six months after attorneys in Arapahoe County completed Colorado's first case filing transactions using JusticeLink® eFile™ – CourtLink's leading eFiling service – attorneys and legal professionals in the final ten Colorado counties began electronically filing legal documents using JusticeLink eFile. With the launch of electronic filing in Chaffee, Park, Saguache, Fremont, Custer, Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral and Rio Grande Counties, attorneys can now utilize the JusticeLink eFile service to file legal documents for civil and domestic relations cases in all 63 Colorado District Courts.

"Colorado is now the most technologically advanced place in the country to practice law securely, quickly and cost effectively. Completion of the first statewide system for electronic filing is an unparalleled milestone in legal technology history," Henry Givray, chairman, president and CEO, CourtLink Corp., said today. "Our solid partnership with Colorado's State Court Administrator's Office has enabled Colorado to bring to fruition a vision for how law can be efficiently conducted using the Internet." CourtLink in conjunction with the Colorado State Court Administrator's Office will continue on an aggressive implementation schedule, to bring its

JusticeLink eFile service to Colorado attorneys in all Colorado civil, domestic, water and probate courts.

"We are delighted to offer the JusticeLink eFile service as a viable, efficient and cost-effective way to conduct the practice of law in our state," Honorable Alex Martinez, Justice with the Colorado Supreme Court, said today. "The successful launch of the first statewide eFile system through the partnership of the Colorado Courts and CourtLink, is a significant step toward our goal of providing all courts in Colorado with the ability to accept legal filings electronically in all case types."

At 10 cents per page, the powerful functionality combined with the user-friendly interface of the JusticeLink eFile service enables attorneys registered with CourtLink to file documents with Colorado courts and electronically serve case parties directly from any Internet-connected PC. In addition to filing and serving documents electronically, attorneys can use the secure Web-based JusticeLink eFile service to pay statutory fees and to retrieve documents served or filed in their cases. An alternative to the traditional resource-intensive method of filing, serving and delivering paper documents to the courthouse, JusticeLink eFile also increases public access to courts, and positively impacts the administration of justice.

At no additional cost to taxpayers, the JusticeLink eFile service is providing a clear alternative for conducting law that benefits everyone, including the court, the Bar and the public. CourtLink is aggressively working to bring eFile capability to courts throughout the nation. Registration with the CourtLink eFile service, JusticeLink, is free. Additional information on the Colorado rollout can be found at [www.courts.state.co.us](http://www.courts.state.co.us) or at [www.courtlink.com](http://www.courtlink.com).

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legal and business communities, including an exclusive eFiling partnership with Lexis-Nexis; a distribution agreement with West Group; and an eFiling partnership with SCT, the market leader in justice software and services. CourtLink customers include the nation's 100 largest law firms, as well as leading banks, insurance companies, screening and investigation firms, and media companies. For additional information about electronic filing or online access to the nation's courts, please visit [www.courtlink.com](http://www.courtlink.com).§

### AALL Volunteers Needed

Going to Minneapolis this July for the meeting? The Local Arrangements Volunteer subcommittee is looking for volunteers for several jobs. The Volunteer Opportunities Registration form is in the conference preliminary program (page 42), on the MALL website (<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall>), and on page 19 this issue. Please feel free to contact Debbie Muntean ([dmuntean@briggs.com](mailto:dmuntean@briggs.com)) or Janet Sheets ([jsheets@bestlaw.com](mailto:jsheets@bestlaw.com)) with any questions. Hope to see you in Minneapolis.

### Upcoming Visit from AALL Board Member Druet Cameron Klugh

Please welcome Sally Holterhoff to our chapter! AALL Executive Board Member Sally Holterhoff brings a wealth of experience to us during her chapter visit.... Sally is the Government Information and Reference Librarian at Valparaiso University School of Law in Valparaiso, Indiana (which is also close to Chicago). She is currently the AALL Board liaison to the Copyright Committee, the AALLNET Advisory Committee and the LLJ/Spectrum Editorial Board Advisory Committee. She is also a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, and past chair of the Public Relations Committee, the Government Relations Committee, the Council of Chapter Presidents, and Government Documents SIS.

Sally will be visiting us April 19 and 20, 2001. On Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>, she will see the professional library environments at the Colorado Supreme Court, the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit, and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Her tour will wind up at the CoALL meeting at Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP where she will join the executive board meeting and then speak to us on a variety of issues including our concerns as a AALL chapter, relationships among the chapters and with AALL, the direction in which our chapter and AALL will be moving in the next few years, strategic planning, chapter finances and tax status, and preserving chapter institutional memory

We will end the evening at a nearby restaurant with our "appreciation dinner" for Sally, board members, and active committee chairs and members.

Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> she will conclude her official duties by seeing the sights in Boulder: visiting CU Law Library and the National Indian Law Library. Then she has a bit of time to be a true tourist – so please recommend any of your favorite local attractions for her enjoyment. This is Sally's first visit to Colorado, please join us in making it memorable!§

## Be Swift – Free Statewide Electronic ILL Coming in 2001 Bonnie F. McCuneus

Imagine an interlibrary loan system spreading like an electronic net across the state. Instantaneous connections to locate the materials you need. At absolutely no cost to your library.

This is not a fantasy. The Colorado State Library is implementing the service; and pilot libraries are in training to go live this spring. The SWIFT (StateWide Interlibrary Fast Track) system, initiated by some \$225,000 in LSTA funding, will support online requests from either patrons or staff and will use the Colorado Virtual Library as the front end for searches.

The system, slated for implementation across the state this year, has many benefits, including:

- \* SWIFT is specifically targeted to libraries that don't have electronic ILL currently. Libraries won't be required to use the system, but those that wish to will need only Web connectivity, a workstation (Intel Pentium 100 or better), and a standard Web browser.
- \* Libraries will be able to decide if requests can be made by patrons or solely by staff. Requests can be reviewed by staff first or automatically routed to Colorado libraries.
- \* Lending libraries may look at online requests and respond or have the requests automatically routed to designated libraries. The system should reduce costs and improve service to patrons.
- \* Requests and statistics will be tracked and maintained by SWIFT online.

In June 2000, an information delivery task force chaired by Lynn Taylor of Denver Public Library, selected Fretwell Downing as the software provider for the system. Jean Madsen, formerly with Denver

Public Library in ILL, CARL Corporation, and Denver Public Schools, is serving as SWIFT coordinator. Part of the pilot project is to compare workflow and costs prior and subsequent to use of the Fretwell Downing software.

On-going support for the system will be funded through the annual ACLIN budget. For more information on SWIFT, contact Jean Madsen [jmadsen@aclin.org](mailto:jmadsen@aclin.org).

### Pilot Libraries

Cherry Creek School District  
 Denver Public Library - Central Library  
 Douglas Public Library District  
 Durango Public Library  
 East Routt Library District - Bud Werner Memorial Library  
 Estes Valley Public Library District - Estes Park Public Library  
 Grand County Library District - Fraser Valley Branch  
 Holmes, Roberts & Owens  
 Mesa County Valley School District 51 - Central High School and East Middle School libraries  
 Mesa County Public Library District - Main Branch  
 Mesa State College  
 Montrose Library District  
 Pathfinder Regional Library System  
 Pikes Peak Library District - Penrose Public Library  
 Plains & Peaks Regional Library System  
 Pueblo Library District  
 Rampart Library District-Woodland Park Library and Florissant Library  
 Red Rocks Community College  
 Southern Chaffee County Regional Library - Salida  
 Spanish Peaks Library District  
 Sterling Public Library  
 Summit County Library  
 University of Colorado -Boulder  
 University of Northern Colorado  
 Upper San Juan Library District  
 Weld Library District  
 Wilkinson Public Library§

## CoALL Grants Available

### Rob Richards

Are you looking for funds to attend the AALL or SWALL annual meeting, or other professional development program? CoALL may be able to help.

To assist our members in professional growth, CoALL sponsors a Grants and Scholarship Program to provide funds for attending library related educational programs, courses and/or institutes. Each year CoALL awards two travel grants: one in the amount of \$250.00 for attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting and one in the amount of \$150.00 for attendance at the SWALL Annual Meeting. Depending on the availability of funds, CoALL may also be able to award additional grants for education and training at conferences, workshops, and special institutes.

CoALL grants are awarded on the basis of the proven or potential ability of the applicant; the applicant's promise of future usefulness and permanence in the law library field; financial need; the contribution of the applicant to CoALL and/or the profession; and the need for representation by a member of CoALL at the institute/meeting.

Here are the procedures for applying for a CoALL grant:

Applications for grants or scholarships are reviewed by the CoALL Executive Board, should be addressed to the current secretary - Karen Selden, Catalog Librarian, University of Colorado Law Library, 402 UCB, Fleming Law Building, Rm 190, Boulder, CO 80309-0402, Fax: 303-492-2707, e-mail: Karen.Selden@Colorado.EDU -- and should include the following information:

- (1) Date.
- (2) Name.
- (3) Work address and telephone number.
- (4) Reason for requesting grant (to attend AALL Meeting, Institute, etc.).
- (5) Previous recipient of CoALL Grant? If yes, when and for what use?
- (6) Length of membership in CoALL, and participation in CoALL activities or membership on CoALL Committees.
- (7) Employment history in the library field.
- (8) An itemization of expected expenses, including registration, travel, lodging, food, etc.
- (9) Percentage of expenses, if any, employer will pay.

All applicants are encouraged to submit their documentation at least one month prior to the registration deadline, if possible.

If you have questions, please contact Rob Richards, chair of the Grants Committee, by phone at 303-492-2706, or via e-mail at [rrichard@stripe.colorado.edu](mailto:rrichard@stripe.colorado.edu). or visit the CoALL Grants & Scholarships webpage at: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/grants.htm>. We look forward to seeing your applications!

CoALL's Annual Institute for Law Librarians and Friends  
February 24, 2001, University of Denver School of Law  
Keynote by Justice Greg Hobbs

Thank you for your invitation! Can't you feel the ground waking up? In this morning's mist you can hear how happy the birds are.

I love the name CoALL—Colorado, community, cooperation, all of us together. What a great acronym! Who thought it up? No matter, keep it. And continue living up to it! Our profession—I include all of us in this, lawyers, judges, you who help to find and disseminate the information. We are all necessary to the important work of locating that geography of scholarship and practicality which can animate each decision we are called upon to make.

The law is a reflection of the customs, morals, and ethics of a people. You help us locate the historic and legislative materials we need to know in understanding the context of the constitutions and the statutes. How did those who thought it up—and wrote it down—come to this particular formulation? In each case, we must look through the window of the facts before us to the landscape of the precedent, in order to have a clearer view in formulating resolution to a current disputation. So congratulations on your choice of a valuable profession!

And thanks for sending me to Philadelphia this past July for the national meeting of law librarians. People from other countries were there, too. During breaks, I was able to visit the home of the American Philosophical Society, where Thomas Jefferson conceived the idea of a great scientific mission of exploration into the unknown West. And to see the meeting house of the Pennsylvania legislature, where the Constitution was written, what a privilege!

At the national meeting I learned that many law libraries throughout the country are experiencing a decline in face-to-face patronage, as more and more lawyers and courts turn to electronic research. However, as we are finding with the Colorado Supreme Court law library, pro se patronage is more frequent. About fifty percent of our trial court matters involve people who have no lawyer. We all, CoALL, you all, need to be in the business of

customer service to discover and meet the changing needs for information and the available ways to get and deliver it. The goal before us—always—is access to justice.

Of course you should not be expected to give legal advice, but the difference between providing information and giving legal advice is not all that clear cut. We should err on the side of giving information to those who need it. That's where you come in!

Our court has adopted an “unbundling rule” which allows attorneys to help those who are going to represent themselves draw up their pleadings. The problem and the fear of “ghostwriting”—the unidentified voice in the background—are resolved by requiring the pro se litigant to disclose the name of the attorney who assisted in writing the document. By assisting in this way, the attorney is not making an entry of appearance—and the attorney may not appear to argue in court—unless the client retains him or her for that purpose.

Due to the high cost of obtaining full legal counsel and the constitutional right of persons to proceed without a lawyer in court, if they choose, the experience of the Colorado judiciary is that some legal assistance, even if only in the background, is better than none. Our rule applies only in State courts and, even with it in place, many persons will not have any lawyer assistance at all. They will be looking to you to help them find what may help them. What a challenge! What a call to service!

Of course what information you can provide—in cooperation with each other—is essential to the ability of judges to do their jobs. Attorneys are advocates for a particular result on behalf of their clients. They must be as well prepared as they can be to help point the way. But, often it seems, they get caught up in arguing with each other, and so lose sight of their essential role to assist decision-makers in locating, amidst the landscape of the case, a sound judgment.

Appellate judges have the assistance of law clerks. Part of our job of mentoring is to teach the joy of research. I don't mean just the electronic research. The recent law school graduates come to us knowing how to do this, and they do it very well. I'm talking about using the books! Last night, thinking about

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what I wanted to say to you, I wrote this poem:  
I LIKE THE FEEL OF A BOOK

I like the feel of a book,  
The way it cradles in your palm  
And peels open to thumb  
And forefinger, I like turning  
Leaves, on every leaf engrained  
By some creator, a story of  
Discovery, I would dwell in a  
Forest of leaves, way up  
In the canopy, to see the river  
Traders pass below with coconut  
And crocodilians, or along the  
Route of caravans, perch in  
A lone acacia tree to spy  
A sway of camels conveying  
Silk to Byzantium, and why spiders  
Have so many eyes. I should like  
To hear the troubadours sing of  
Lost and gallant warriors falling  
In the train of Charlemagne or  
Sailing off beyond the Hesperides,  
And how to tie a caddis fly  
And set it gently down upon  
The spine of rising waters.

This book I am holding up to you is “A River Running West, The Life of John Wesley Powell” by Donald Worster. It’s the new biography of the man who first ran the Colorado River and then became Director of the National Geological Survey and Director of the Bureau of Ethnology. The Powell biography that preceded this is Wallace Stegner’s great work, “Beyond the Hundredth Meridian.”

During the summer of 1867, Powell came to Colorado to collect specimens for the Illinois College where he was teaching. During a visit into Middle Park to Hot Sulphur Springs, he got into a conversation with a mountain man about the Colorado River—and thence conceived the idea of running the long-unexplored reach of it. Which of course he did, not once, but twice.

I love this wonderful passage:

If the test of a good manager is whether she or he can recruit first-rate talent and then allow that talent the freedom to do its best, then Powell met the test. He ought to have, for he had learned management the hard way by patching exploring parties out of

anarchic fur trappers and frontier runaways, college students, pious, valetudinarian ministers, disgruntled military men, assorted family members, complainers, dabblers, dreamers—the standard American lot. (Worster at 329-30).

Don’t we recognize that this collection of easterners transformed into westerners, just by the process of passing through here and then settling in—is yet--us?

Many of you have seen me in recent months and are wondering when you are going to get your books back. Our court has had a series of cases involving public land and water law. We have pulled on your resources to locate the geography of the legal issues presented. We’ve obtained government documents dealing with the Colorado River Compact and the Colorado River Storage Project Act at the Denver Public Library and the Colorado State Publications Library. We’ve checked out mineral and public land treatises from the University of Colorado and University of Denver law school libraries.

These materials, typically not cited in the briefs, helped us to formulate and reformulate our draft opinions— in combination with the briefs of the parties and the electronic research—as we worked our way through draft after draft to final decisions. A water case (Arapahoe County), an oil and gas case (McCormick), a tax case (Vail), these were cases involving issues tracing back to Colorado’s creation out of the public domain resulting from the 1803 Louisiana Purchase and the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo--and the need of Colorado citizens for water, minerals, and government revenue.

Colorado Territory was carved out of the Territories of Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico, and Utah in 1861 when Kansas became a state. From the first territorial legislature to today, Colorado has depended on use of the public lands, much of which was patented into private hands through such Congressional legislation as the 1862 Homestead Act and the 1862 and 1864 Railroad Acts. Congress granted every other section of land along the railroad rights-of- way as incentive for track building to open up the country for settlement and commerce. These land grants have been decried as the most scandalous give-a-way in American history or as the cagiest way a sovereign could devise for making the land it

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retained even more valuable. Many a farm and town grew up on these railroad-granted lands, and mineral resources continue to be extracted from under them as a result of deed reservations retained by the railroad and exercised by its successors in interest.

Today thirty-six percent of Colorado is still public land, and the state depends upon it for open space and recreation, which has proved to be a treasure more enduring than the valuable resources mined from the mountains.

The Colorado courts will continue to get cases like this where the customs and laws grew directly out of our public land heritage and western experience. I like to help my law clerks see how the treatises and historical materials can illuminate the context of the legal issues presented. We are general practitioners practicing in somebody else's field of expertise, and we need to know what those who have studied the area have to say about it. And we need to trace what the state and federal legislatures have done about it. And we need to honor the constitutions the people wrote in assigning duties and responsibilities in community and preserving rights to individuals.

I love to take out and turn the leaves of the books in my chambers, the reports of court decisions going straight back to 1861 when that first territorial legislature began to grapple with the realities of settling into this vast and irregularly watered vista that makes up our state of the Great Divide. So this is where we all come in, to serve the community with scholarship and common sense. Our libraries are facing declining face to face patronage but the need for access to information by citizens who are struggling to know and vindicate their rights on their own is increasing. After the Philadelphia meeting we formed a Supreme Court

Law Library alternatives study committee. It includes several of your members working in public and private law libraries.

The committee is urging the Court to consider opening the Supreme Court library on Saturdays from 10 to 4, because the Denver Public Library across the street gets citizen visits on Saturday, which would be referred to the Supreme Court Library were it open. The Committee also recommends extending the library hours from 5 to 7 p.m.; so lawyers and citizens after work hours can avail themselves of the library's collection. We are glad that our judicial contract for electronic research with Lexis includes use by the public in our library. This was an important part of our negotiation with Westlaw and Nexis when our Westlaw contract was nearing expiration and the future terms were up for bid.

The Committee suggests holding clinics in the library on nights or weekends for citizens, on topics such as family law contract rights and remedies, in cooperation with lawyers who are willing to provide pro bono instruction. Colorado ethics rules set forth an aspirational goal of 50 hours of pro bono service per year by each attorney licensed to practice law in the state. Can we match this energy with the need of citizens for legal information? Of course we'll try, but how much we can do likely depends on funding and readjustment of existing resources and continuing to build on your cooperation. But I know that our excellent staff—and we have heard constant praise of their attitude and expertise during our committee-initiated surveys—will rally to doing what we should be doing.

Thanks for your invitation.

We promise to get the books back!§

**NEXT MEETING  
Thursday, April 19<sup>TH</sup> ... 5:00 P.M.**

At Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP  
1225 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2300  
Hostess: Linda Rose  
**Board Meeting at 4 p.m.**

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Do you like to meet and greet people? Want to write about AALL programs or interview speakers? Like to tell people "where to go?" Want to know what's in those bags before the conference? Yes? Then be a volunteer at this year's AALL Annual Meeting and Convention in Minneapolis. Complete and return this form by May 1, 2001. And thank you in advance for all your help!

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