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## President's Message Marsha Pront

First – many thanks to the Board and Heidi Bliss, to those members who generously agreed to chair committees and those who already volunteered for committee appointments. Without your support and assistance LLAGNY cannot exist and function. I am proud to be a member of LLAGNY and this year's president.

As I attended the Board meetings last year, and spoke with LLAGNY members throughout the year and at AALL, I identified goals for the upcoming year. They are:

- To continue and expand the outstanding educational programs -- in particular add programs targeted to entry-level librarians and library school students -- our future.
- To continue to streamline procedures to improve LLAGNY's ability to operate. Last year the Grants and Scholarships Committee and Placement revised guidelines and procedures. This year Sponsorship will formalize the process, target potential new sponsors as well as continue obtaining generous support from our long-standing relationships. We will compile a list of organizations/venues available to host educational programs.
- To increase LLAGNY's visibility within AALL and to the external world. Although LLAGNY members were visible at the AALL Centennial Variety Show with the reprise of the Cell Block Tango, there is more that we can do. The Public Relations Committee has been charged with writing LLAGNY updates for *Spectrum*. In the future, the LLAGNY website will include articles written by members. But that's only the beginning. (continued on page 12)

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**Bridging the Generation Gap over Legal Research**  
**At times book research is still called for; at others an online source.**

By Rissa Peckar and Joseph L. Biagiotti

*A procedure known as a mind-meld [performed by Mr. Spock, a Vulcan, of Star Trek fame] ... mak[es] it possible to share thoughts, experience, memories, and knowledge with another individual.*

-- [www.Wikipedia.org](http://www.Wikipedia.org).

Why is there a need for a mind meld between the generations of attorneys within a firm? Those who have to ask that question are probably from the Mature Generation and think that the way things were done then is the way things should be done today. Lawyers need to move on from that premise if they want to fulfill clients' goals by continuing to offer quality, timely and cost-effective service. These are just as important today as they were "in the beginning."

The widely used designations for the generations typically found at law firms today are as follows: The Mature Generation: born 1925-1945; The Baby Boomers: 1946-1964; Generation X: 1965-1981; and Generation Y: 1982-2003. Every generation has its own way of achieving these goals, and, while a seamless approach to change would be ideal, it is as unrealistic as the mind meld.

This article will deal with achieving these objectives through the eyes, ears and nose of a law librarian. Information retrieval is both an art and a science. Take legal research ... please. First, what is it?

In addition to the process of retrieving information that supports legal decision-making, today's legal researcher must be armed with the skills to tackle more than a purely legal environment. Business and economic research skills must be cultivated as firms continue to offer a full array of services to clients.

"The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated," remarked Mark Twain, after his obituary was prematurely published. Every few years someone pens a piece praising the panorama of electronic resources available and concludes that law libraries and their bun-adorned librarians are no longer needed. What world these folks are traveling through is open to question, except for the fact that it's not the real world. The wild glut of information now available must be tamed by a gatekeeper, also known as a librarian.

A part of this perception is derived from the fact that today's research databases are designed for the end user, or so the vendors would have you believe. While some attorneys are active end users, many are not, and those who are often don't go beyond learning basic search techniques. This leaves an often expensive resource partially wasted.

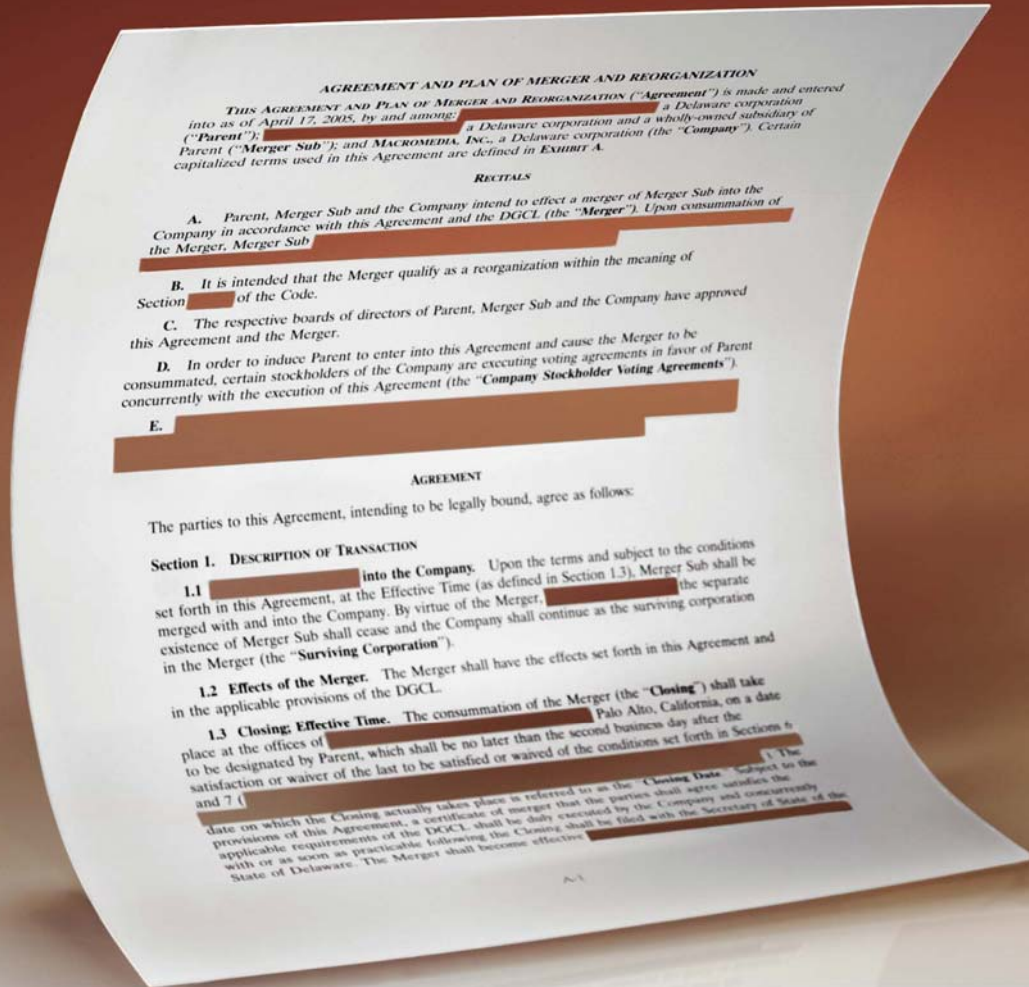
So here it is, 2006, and a deluge of information assaults every aspect of life via a multitude of media. Those who sift through and chew on each new byte take an enormous burden off those who must tend to the immediate needs of current and potential clients. And managing very expensive resources is an art that should be performed by someone with the librarian's focus, who can analyze content while matching value with the firm's culture. This is serious business.

Generational dichotomies abound. Ways must be found to harness and manage the research expectations of clients, partners and staff who are diversified both generationally and culturally in an arena that is overflowing with this rich and abundant, but also incorrect and, therefore, dangerous information.

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## LLAGNY Profile

# Barbara Tanzer

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLP

### **You are very well traveled, tell us about some of the highlights of your trips?**

Sleeping under the stars in the Sahara Desert. Our guide gave us the option of taking our cots outside of the tent and sleeping under the stars but only three of us did so. I spent three nights sleeping out under the Sahara sky and one night saw millions of shooting stars. Also, in the Sahara Desert we trudged up the highest dune to see the sunrise. At the top, a man dressed in white told me to sit behind me and wrap her legs around me. Next thing we know he pulled us down the dune. For that ride we were just like a couple of kids. It's easy to lose your adulthood at times like that.



Elephant riding in Nepal through never realize how incredibly on their backs and walking through elephant just keeps on walking, group on elephants saw a tiger, watching a hippo eat was neat. I of peacocks.

Of all my trips, Macho Pichu was die on the steps. It was by far the most challenging hike. I was glad I had comfortable hiking shoes.

the forest was also a highlight. You powerful these animals are until you are the forest. When a tree is in its way, the uprooting anything in its path. Another unfortunately I didn't see a tiger but also enjoyed watching the mating dance

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**Where haven't you yet been that you would like to go and why?** I would like to go to India and would like to do more hiking out West in the US. I'm leaving for Mongolia in a couple of weeks and I'm really looking forward to this trip.

### **What do you love about living in New York?**

I'm a Brooklynite that moved to Manhattan. I love that this is a walking city, you can walk everywhere. I like to walk through Central Park. Sometimes I go birding in the Park or to the Conservatory Garden. I have a folding bike that I can keep in my apartment and I just went biking to Chambers street from 82<sup>nd</sup>. I went down around the West Side which is such a beautiful place these days – you almost forget where you are. There are other things that are unique to New York such as Mostly Mozart at Lincoln Center. I like that there are always music and dance events in the area.

### **How did your career path lead you to Kirkpatrick & Lockhart?**

I answered a New York Times ad for a part-time librarian at New York County Lawyers' when my son was very little. I was hired as a part-time cataloger and became an Assistant Reference Librarian when my son was in third grade. Working at NYCLA I met many librarians by phone although I never met many in person. During one of my phone conversations I was asked to interview with Barratt Smith in the 80s. The people I met there like Penny Frank and Tim Hanley – we really meshed and we're still friends to this day. Time went on and Barratt Smith became Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, and then recently we merged with Nicholson Graham. I have been with the same attorneys for many years but the name of the firm has changed a few times.

**What is your favorite part of your job?**

Reference. And also working with attorneys and colleagues from different offices.

**You were the president of LLAGNY in 1977 - how have you seen the librarian's role change over the years?**

The basic service is the same, but the means are different. Obviously the Internet has significantly sped up response time – what used to take three or four days is now expected in two minutes. We're dealing with a very sophisticated audience. We've bridged the time of people living in the library – that was an exciting time because the librarian could see the interchange between the different groups that make up a law firm. Now we're at a time when email or voicemail is the dominant means of communication – it is all less personal. Interlibrary loan used to be personal, we were on the phone and building relationships and now everything is on the listservs. I really think we've lost something in this electronic age.



**What advice do you have for the next generation of law librarians?**

There is more and more responsibility on the librarian to make sure that wherever information is found, it is of a high quality. Anyone can put things on the Internet – librarians need to make sure it is quality information. Librarians should be curious and absorb everything around them - we are guardians of quality information. It is also important to find a great mentor and then drain their brain.



**Correction:** In our last issue there were several errors in the article concerning the City Hall Library. Christine Bruzzese's title is Supervising Librarian not Chief Librarian. The collection actually comprises close to 300,000 items rather than 100,000. The Library does keep Rules of the City of New York but not their legislative histories. It does not have complete holdings on rules of city agencies before the 1991 codification.

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## **Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts**

Reviewed by **Rissa Peckar**, Library Director

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I love buffets! And, gourmet buffets offer everything from soup to nuts, exquisitely presented and prepared by different chefs who are experts in their niche. **Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts, Second Edition**, Robert L. Haig, Esq., Editor-in-Chief, is a hardy buffet for the attorneys who practice in this area and the librarians who assist them.

The added value of Practice Aids encompassing primary source materials, Checklists, and Jury Instructions are a librarian's delight. Primary sources are accompanied by brief summaries, Checklists (my personal favorite) take the novice as well as the notable attorney through practical and important steps that can easily be overlooked in these days of multitasking, and Jury Instructions because one can never over-indulge on jury instructions.

When in a frenzy to find an answer, Research References are also a good way to satisfy the attorney who is hungry for more information. While the attorney is ingesting and digesting the wealth of information in the treatise, the librarian can further assist and feel confident gathering the many other sources listed. Both lawyer and librarian breath a sigh of relief as yet another emergency was calmed by having quality information available. The extensive Table of Cases and the few hundred forms placed right with the topic at hand are the icing on the cake, while the handy annual appendix, offering tables for all the above special feature, makes this 8 volume treatise all the more user-friendly.

If you've dog-eared the 1st edition of this treatise, you will be pleased with the expanded existing chapters and the additional sixteen new ones, especially "Discovery of Electronic Information" by The Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin and Jonathan M. Redgrave, and "Litigation Technology" by David Boies.

Although I am not an attorney, some of my best friends are -- and having worked with some of the best legal minds for almost 1/5 of my Firm's 214 year existence, I'd like to think I am expert enough to know what they like . . . especially when they tell me!

I quote one of my firm's partners who keeps a set in his office, "I find the articles by these practitioners very useful. The set covers a wide range of topics -- everything from drafting a complaint to handling an appeal. I really like this set a lot. So much in one place."

Let this "encyclopedic" work be a knowledge base for the quick "down and dirty" answer, a stepping stone from where one gathers enough information to move on to other sources if necessary, or, if one takes the time to examine the many ancillary benefits such as the Forms, Jury Instructions, and Checklists, to use as a one-stop shop.

Commercial litigation is a large universe to cover, but it is obvious that the 199 authors took great care to nurture and savor each topic. I recommend Robert Haig's treatise for small and large law libraries. The vast amount of quality information is neatly packed in 8 volumes and fairly priced at \$960. Bon appetit!





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**Robert A. Bruno**

**Margaret Butler**, Student

**Carlson, Marcy**, Library Intern at Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP

**Ruth Armstrong Carter**, Global Director of Library & Information Resources at White & Case, LLP

**Jennifer J. Chang**, Student and at Stern & Montana, LLP

**Anthony Clements**, Library Assistant at Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP

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**Shera Goldman**, Reference Librarian at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

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**Karen G. Telford**, Reference Assistant at Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP

**Sarah Valentine**, Legal Research Instruction Coordinator at CUNY Law School Library

**Christine Weber**, Branch Librarian at Loeb & Loeb, LLP

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**Maria Maida** is now Reference Librarian at Davis Polk & Wardwell

**Teresa A. Tully**, is now Reference & Continuing Education Librarian at Dewey Ballantine, LLP

**Rebecca R. Wright** is now Research Librarian at Winston & Strawn, LLP

  
**MEMBERSHIP NEWS & MOVES** Continued**Member Title Changes:**

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**Gary Brown** is now Technical Services Assistant at DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary

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**Mark S. Vega** is now Resource Specialist at Greenberg Traurig, LLP

**Rosaria Vigoritto, Esq.** is now Reference Librarian at CUNY Law School Library

**President's Message** (Continued from page 1)

To accomplish this, we need your help. Please volunteer (it is easy – just contact the Committee Chairs or any Board member); write articles; look for opportunities to promote LLAGNY and the profession; get involved.


**Union List:** Heidi signed the contract with SIMA to publish the electronic Union List. The first step of compiling as comprehensive a list as possible for which participating libraries will identify holdings is under way. Stay tuned for more information!

**“Libraries Without Borders”:** LLAGNY is a sponsoring chapter for the upcoming Northeast Regional Conference, to be held in Toronto October 17 – 20, 2007. At AALL we had the kick-off meeting. As a sponsoring chapter LLAGNY is responsible for providing at least one educational program and Dave Merkin agreed to chair and coordinate our involvement. Don't forget to budget in 2007 for this program. Check the website for more information <http://www.library.dal.ca/law/Libswoborders>

**Thank you:** Many thanks to Dialog for once again hosting the joint reception for ALLUNY, LLAGNY and NJLLA at AALL.

**Save the dates: Bridge the Gap,** March 30, 2007

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### **Bridging the Generation Gap** (Continued from page 3)

According to the Wikipedia definition, the generation gap (noun) occurs "when older and younger people do not understand each other because of their different experiences, opinions, habits and behaviour." "Whow a genRAshon gap lik there wasnot 1 b4," wrote "Kenny," in an Internet response to Associate Professor Catherine Beavis of Deakin University in Australia, in attempting to define the generation gap. Kenny's "kwik" retort and "casUL" shorthand is a dead giveaway as to his Gen Y origins (e-mailers who don't punctuate or bother to complete thoughts or sentences). OK, so these gaps have been around since the days of Blackstone's Commentaries; library professionals are still saddled with the issue of providing quality legal research as the baton is passed to those who were born with a triple latte in one hand and an iPod in the other. How does one fill the gaps and still present the best work product to clients?

Although we are hugely sympathetic to the disgruntlement the senior generations feel about the "tossing of the tablets," unless a clearly defined retention philosophy is followed, a firm risks a Jurassic traffic jam -- lots of noise and frustration with no one moving forward. The need to get with the virtual program is a harsh and uncomfortable reality.

#### **THE WAY IT WAS**

By way of explanation and to expand Gen X and Yers' understanding of the path that's been traveled, here's a bit of history: Early in the careers of the Mature Generation, reference librarians would escort an attorney to the Centennial Digests, where the attorney would then park him/herself for several hours to comb through topical key number indexes directing the attorney to various cases in the West's Reporters that were classified under the correct key number for the issue at hand. Reporters were pulled off the shelves and parked in a study carrel. After hours of reading the full texts of cases, Shepardizing began. This was an arduous task that utilized many bound volumes and soft-covered supplements. Knowing what was missing was critical to the project. Simultaneously, librarians combed through journal indexes, and identified, copied, cut and pasted appropriate articles on the topic.

But it is pointless to harp on what was. It's time to move on to seek thrills from the virtual places one needs to go. What's a law librarian to do now?

Strap on your virtual seat belt for a worthwhile ride where enjoyment, passion and even thrills are still to be found traveling over the river and through the woods ... and, maybe, finding the way back to grandma's house. Who would have thought that toilsome tasks would take mere seconds or, at most, minutes today? The expectation now is that everything can be done immediately and electronically, and a desire for instant gratification rules. Why wouldn't it? Shepardizing is now done in minutes. One can track corporate relationship paths, and create "take to meeting" reports on the fly. But while many things are made easier and faster, the challenge shifts to assure that the end result meets the lawyers' standards of quality.

Today's Gen Y students have spent much of their time studying for the purpose of passing the next test. It's not their fault. The political and economic circumstances surrounding today's educational system have made the quest for the whys and wherefores not all that sexy -- if knowledge happens to be retained along the way, that's considered a bonus. One can see what a laborious and unrewarding process the mechanics of legal research is to the current generation.

The Internet has aided and abetted the newer researcher by making it appear that the gathering of information will be instant and free, and the information itself unfailingly correct. With this erroneous perception, the new lawyer is faced with the quandary of what to do when the realization hits that the Web is imperfect. The power of the written word is so sacrosanct that what seems to reek with reliability may



prove one's worst enemy. While the Internet is full of sites that help debunk false statements, it is more complicated to pick up the subtleties of outdated laws or regulations.

(At this time, please excuse a formal plea to all who publish on the World Wide Web and to their audience. Webmasters: Date your documents. Your sites are nice but useless unless you date your documents. Users: It is the duty of responsible users to look for the "Contact Us" button available on most sites, and *use it*. Users will be pleasantly amazed by the many responses.)

Believe it or not, training can be a very sensitive issue. It is sometimes met with the rolling eyes of Gen X and Y. They are "on Google all the time" and don't feel they need a class covering Internet imperfections or how subscription databases differ. To be honest, training sessions would probably be more crowded if the billable hour weren't a top priority. This holds true for each generation, although the Mature Generation bears the added pressure of sometimes feeling like Luddites. But classes are critical for all who practice law.

It is extremely important for the older generations to make the time (perhaps during the 25th hour of the day) to learn what tools have taken the place of, or now complement, the coveted book. No one expects this group to be expert in the ins and outs of online research; however, an overview with periodic upgrading is essential if the generation gap is too narrow. Seniors should know what the newbies are reading and in what formats. Once they are properly schooled, research advice will drastically change, and the fear of associates "going online" will dissipate. Training for the young and the old saves money, ensures that the right resources will be used for the right purpose, empowers the user and opens the door for more meaningful communication between the generations.

And speaking of communication, when time pressures prevent thorough coaching, law librarians have their hands full attempting to assist, although there are amusing rewards. A request for the "Lewy Laws" turned out, after too many wasted efforts, to be the treatise by Louis Loss on Securities Regulation.

## **LOOK IN THE RIGHT PLACE**

As deadlines get more unreasonable, and when expertise on a topic has not yet been cultivated, Gen X and Gen Y will seek their comfort zone -- an online source -- and will desperately attempt a search. Here is where a quick read of treatises on the subject would more properly focus and prepare one for online research. A trip to the library may even solve the problem, making an online search unnecessary. Seize the book and save the moment, as well as money. In this case, finding one's way back to grandma's house can pay off.

Of course, on the other hand, disallowing all use of online sources can be penny wise and pound foolish.

Although not as popular as in the olden days, and not nearly as exciting as the new database aggregators, CD-ROMs certainly still have their place, though they are sometimes problematic as to updates and functionality. But they offer less stress while searching, since it is rare that usage is billed back to a client.

Subscription databases that a firm chooses not to bill back to clients provide a cost-effective alternative to Lexis and Westlaw and other "bill-backables." This is not to say that they replace Lexis or Westlaw. These are the staples for legal research, and although competition is giving them a run for their money, they are here to stay, at least through the next generation. If databases such as CCH Internet Research NetWork, RIA Checkpoint, OneSource, Capital IQ, idExec, Securities Mosaic and others are not running on the meter, a world of "guilt-free" searching opens up. But along with this "free lunch" come certain quirks



within each database. One bad experience often prompts an attorney to resolve never to use the database again, which helps neither the attorney, the librarian nor the client. To repeat: When training is offered ... go!

Licensing for proprietary databases has become quite the moneymaker for vendors. No longer should the size of a firm alone dictate the cost of a license. If a fantastic product is used by 20 attorneys, why should a license cover 200 ... or more? The savvy librarian must try to educate vendors, who, for the most part, say they are listening -- but change comes slowly.

As shelf space is shrinking and databases are multiplying, information technology (IT) staffs are blossoming in law libraries. The librarians who dabbled with technology, along with the assistance of a firm's IT staff, were saviors to all during the tumultuous technological transition from manual research to cyberspace, but the time has come for a sophisticated hybrid of techie/librarian. As library staffs devote more time to designing Web sites, exploring functionalities that are intuitive, pushing information to a demanding audience and offering technical assistance for the products they license, the demand grows for the technically savvy specialist. New responsibilities will push librarians into unforeseen territory. This may be an uncomfortable position for a profession so geared to law and order, but, as one advertisement put it, "the greatest risk is not taking one."

Build it and they will come -- maybe. Set up a Starbuck's corner in the library -- where the shelves used to be. The idea is to set a friendly, nonintimidating atmosphere where attorneys will be greeted with service with a smile. Sure, everything old is new again. But e-mail runs rings around telephone calls and personal visits. As librarians are building Web sites, adding RSS feeds, writing blogs, pushing electronic sources out and trying to keep their electronic publishing intuitive, attractive and chock full of value, they must also start producing podcasts and perhaps videocasts in order to keep their new audiences interested and informed.

Let this be a sign off (and don't forget to use the log-out button) with a KISS: Keep It Simple, Stupid! It's best to take one project at a time. Attorneys from the Mature Generation might try to learn about one new research source per month. Baby Boomers should also follow this recommendation, and offer to take a few moments to mentor the newbie regarding some tried and true research methods. Members of Gen X or Y should remember that, although their work/personal life balance goals are to be greatly admired, we live in a multigenerational world where diversity rules: Let it!

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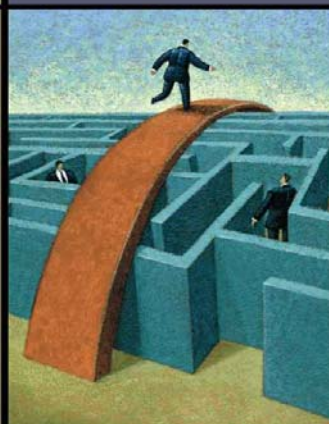


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## Why We Want Wikis

By **Marlene Gebauer**

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Your child (or in my case my husband) needs to find whether the planet name “Coruscant” is G-Canon, S-Canon or Non-Canon in the Star Wars Universe.<sup>1</sup> Does he Google it? No, too many hits and advertised pages. Try various official and unofficial Star Wars websites? No, again too much searching involved and who knows how good the content will be? Print? Forget it. It will be way behind. What he does is search on Wookieepedia--an all things Star Wars wiki and finds his answer in minutes.

What is a wiki? Wikipedia, perhaps one of the larger wikis on the Internet defines it as:

A type of website that allows users to easily add, remove, or otherwise edit and change some available content, sometimes without the need for registration. This ease of interaction and operation makes a wiki an effective tool for collaborative authoring. The term wiki can also refer to the collaborative software itself (wiki engine) that facilitates the operation of such a website (see wiki software), or to certain specific wiki sites, including the computer science site (and original wiki), WikiWikiWeb, and the online encyclopedias such as Wikipedia. The first wiki, WikiWikiWeb, is named after the "Wiki Wiki" line of Chance RT-52 buses in Honolulu International Airport, Hawaii. It was created in 1994 and installed on the web in 1995 by Ward Cunningham, who also created the Portland Pattern Repository. "Wiki-wiki" means "hurry quick" in Hawaiian. It also refers to a type of native fish of the islands.<sup>2</sup>

So essentially a wiki, whether through software or web is a tool that can be used by multiple parties to easily *share* and *update* information about a common interest or topic. This is different than a blog, which is generally moderated and updated by an individual.

What are the benefits of collaborative authoring and updating on wikis? Well, if you’ve read any of the recent publications regarding collective thought,<sup>3</sup> collaborative thinking often results in the “best” (correct, most comprehensive, most current) information. Many heads are better than one, as my mom says. And collaborative updating not only keeps entries current, it keeps authors honest. If there is any disagreement, unsubstantiated claims, or grey area surrounding content posted, you can be sure there will be an entry and discussion about it posted on a wiki.

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<sup>1</sup> I am no Star Wars expert, but will try to explain this. G-Canon is George Canon (as in George Lucas). G-Canon refers to anything Lucas says or does regarding Star Wars, such as interviews and behind the scenes material, not just the movies. C-Canon is Common Canon, which includes all G-Canon and the Expanded Universe--think of all Star Wars books and graphic novels that are not a product of George Lucas or himself. S-Canon is Secondary Canon--the non-contradicting elements of what happens in video games put out by LucasArts are still canon and part of the Star Wars universe.

By the way, Coruscant was C-Canon (based on the books of Timothy Zahn), but became G-Canon when George Lucas adopted the name "Coruscant" in the prequel movies (SW Episodes I-III).

<sup>2</sup> Wikipedia, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiki>. August 15, 2006.

<sup>3</sup> Try J. Surowiecki, The Wisdom of Crowds, Doubleday, 2004.



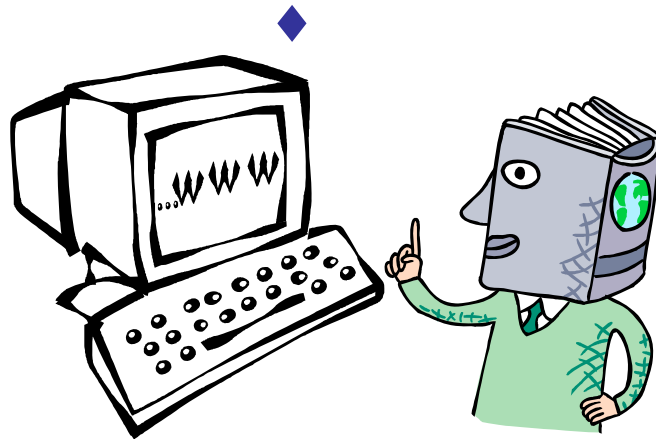
Wikipedia and Wookieepedia are public wikis--anyone anywhere can post content. I looked up the definition and history of bobby pins the other day and Wikipedia had the answer. But can wikis also serve a useful function when used privately by organizations?

Of course! We opted to use wiki software at Greenberg Traurig for the members of the Research Center to share information. Postings revolve around research resources, best practice search methodology and of course, vacation pictures, but postings can be about anything department-related. The main reason we chose a wiki over a blog for our internal research center communication is that you cannot search our wiki's content via the Internet-- a somewhat important consideration when working for a law firm.

The entire staff can post content-- and do. We have some excellent entries regarding local document delivery services in states our offices serve, tribal law and foreign patents—to name a few. We also post research guidelines as well, such as how to find non-billable numbers. To keep things from getting too disorganized, three of our librarians volunteered to be “moderators”—they set the basic category organization of the wiki and may add cross links from postings as they see fit. The wiki can be searched via the content tree, author, date or by keyword.

We are only into our fourth month of using our wiki, but have already found it to be a powerful knowledge management tool. We have successfully used it to quickly find information or department experts on a topic, update colleagues on new developments, train new staff members on resources and search strategy and, perhaps most importantly, determine where we want to go on our next vacation.

For more discussion regarding wikis and their uses, see the July 31<sup>st</sup> issue of the *New Yorker*<sup>4</sup> and Deborah Ginsberg's informative *Spectrum* article.<sup>5</sup>



<sup>4</sup> S. Schiff, *Know It All*, *New Yorker*, July 31, 2006  
[http://www.newyorker.com/printables/fact/060731fa\\_fact](http://www.newyorker.com/printables/fact/060731fa_fact). August 15, 2006.

<sup>5</sup> D. Ginsberg, *A Wiki Wiki: Learn How to Use this Powerful Content Management Application for Research and to Organize Projects*, *AALL Spectrum*, July 2006  
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## **Notice of Proposed Technical Corrections to the LLAGNY Constitution**

Last spring, we voted on and approved several amendments to the LLAGNY Bylaws. Christina Rattiner's report also recommended two technical corrections to the LLAGNY Constitution that the Board approved, which now require a member vote.

These amendments essentially bring the language of our Constitution into conformity with the Bylaw changes and AALL's Bylaws.

Our Constitution requires 60 days notice in writing to the membership prior to a vote on a constitutional amendment, so we are publishing these proposals in the Summer 2006 issue of Law Lines and will mail a ballot to all members after the requisite 60 days. The proposed amendments follow.

**Strikethrough indicates deleted text; underlining indicates added text.**

### **Amendment 1**

Whereas the Bylaws of the American Association of Law Libraries, Article XI, Sec. 4 *Chapters* states that "Chapters may establish their own membership qualifications and rights.",

Therefore, Article II, *Membership* is amended by deleting Section 2:

Section 1. Any person interested in law libraries or law librarianship may become a member of the Law Library Assn. of Greater New York, Inc. by qualifying under the provisions of one of the classes of membership specified in the bylaws of the Association.

~~Section 2. Privileges and responsibilities of the various classes of membership shall be the same as in the American Association of Law Libraries.~~

### **Amendment 2**

Whereas the LLAGNY Bylaws, Article III, Sec. 1 *Officers and Board of Directors* specifies that there are "five (5) Directors,"

Therefore Article VI, Section 1, *Board of Directors*, is amended:

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Directors numbering ~~nine~~ ten regular members and consisting of the officers named in Art. III, Sec. 1, the last-retired president, and ~~four~~ five directors as designated in the bylaws, Art. III, Sec. 1, to serve such terms as designated in the bylaws.



# Mr. Burgalassi Goes to St. Louis, MO

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**AALL Annual Meeting**



**Anthony Burgalassi**  
Mary Matuzak NY County District Attorney's Office  
Andrew Tschinkel NY State Supreme Court Library

**Joseph Lanz Dorsey & Whitney**  
**Anthony Burgalassi**



**Margaret Beirne** Bronx Supreme Court Library, **Barbara Tanzer** Kirkpatrick & Lockhart  
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**Martin Roberts & Holland**



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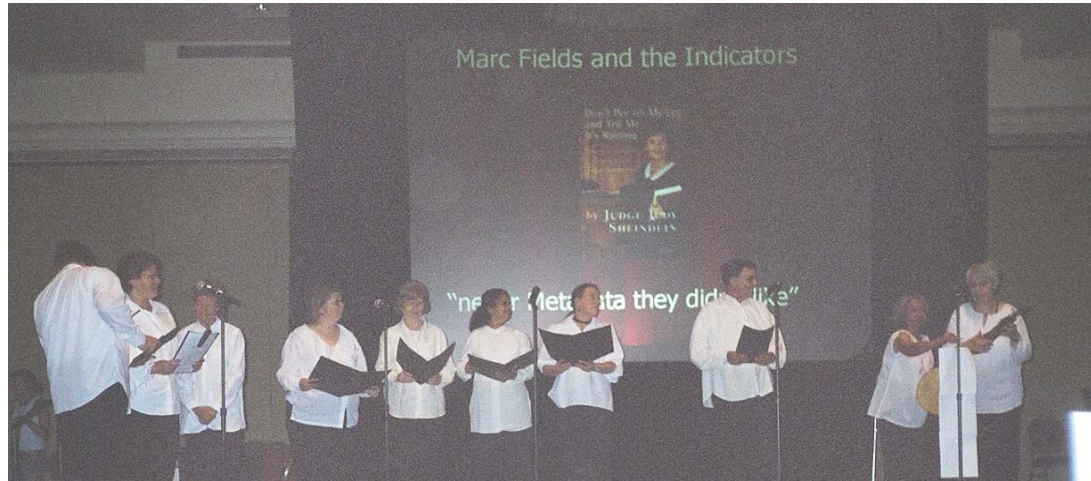


**Anthony Burgalassi** manning the LLAGNY table



# Mr. Burgalassi Goes to St. Louis, MO

(cont.)



“MARC Fields & the Indicators” a dramatic reading of the MARC record of a legal title especially selected for humorous effect!



**Roxanne Hamberry, Christine Wierzba**  
**Bryan Cave & James Boss**



**Marsha Pront Heller Ehrman &**  
**Patricia Barbone Hughes Hubbard & Reed**





### **Why Do You Belong to AALL? Write it down and Win!**

Our profession and its Association have changed greatly in the last 100 years, but have the reasons for joining and retaining our memberships in AALL changed all that much?

The AALL Membership and Retention Committee is sponsoring a 500-word writing contest to find out why membership in AALL is important to you. We want to know what you've gained and what you value from your membership, including illustrative examples or anecdotes. As an added incentive, three winners will receive free full registrations to the New Orleans Meeting next summer.

Judging criteria will be based on originality, creativity, and quality and clarity of writing.

So, rise to the challenge! As we embark on AALL's second 100 years, we invite you to tell us the reasons why you belong to AALL. This is also your opportunity for fame (winning entries will be published in Spectrum) and fortune (winners will receive free full registrations for the 2007 Annual Meeting). Read on for more details.

#### Contest Guidelines

- . Contest participants must be current AALL members.
  - . Entries will be divided into three groups based on years as a law librarian: 1-5 years, 5-10 years, and 10+ years.
  - . One winner will be selected from each group. Be sure to indicate your group on your entry.
  - . The three winning entries (500-words) will be published in the June 2007 issue of AALL Spectrum, and each winner will receive a free full registration to AALL's 2007 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.
  - . Deadline for receipt of entries is Friday, December 15, 2006.
- Entries should be sent to: Claudia Jalowka, Law Librarian, Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries, 90 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106; e-mail [Claudia.beth.jalowka@jud.ct.gov](mailto:Claudia.beth.jalowka@jud.ct.gov); fax 860/706-5086; or phone 860/706-5151.
- . Submitted entries become property of AALL.





## LLAGNY Board Meeting

May 9, 2006

Weil Gotshal & Manges  
New York, NY

In attendance: Board members Heidi Bliss (presiding), Tania Danielson, Kit Kreilick, David Merkin, Ralph Monaco, Marsha Pront, Bonnie Fox Schwartz, Mark Zaleck

The meeting convened at approximately 6:10 p.m.

### 1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 5, 2006 Board Meeting were distributed via email.

Motion to approve the April 5, 2006 Board Meeting minutes as amended.

- Motion approved (Pront, Danielson)

### 2. Reports of Officers and Committees

There is no Treasurer's Report since Patricia is absent.

#### Union List

We have tentatively scheduled a joint meeting of the Union List Committee and the Board with SIMA on June 5 to resolve our questions and concerns so we can move forward as soon as possible. Sima will bring another staff member with her. We have agreed to reimburse SIMA for train fare from Washington, D.C. and local transportation cost.

Motion to approve up to \$400 for reimbursement of SIMA's train fare and local transportation costs.

- Motion approved (Kreilick, Zaleck)

Location of the meeting is yet to be determined, but we will see if we can do it at Bingham McCutchen so that our pro bono attorney there might be able to attend.

#### Special Events-June Dinner

CCH wishes to bring more staff to the dinner than the standard number of tickets we provide for vendor donations, so we need to decide what the cost will be—actual cost or the member price. Since we have already arranged with another vendor to charge the member price for additional guests, it was agreed we need to be consistent in our policy.

Motion to charge the member price for any additional CCH staff coming to the dinner

- Motion approved (Kreilick, Schwartz)

are guests at the June Dinner. It was agreed that the Leadership Manual should be updated to reflect that LLAGNY Scholarship recipients are guests at the dinner but not grant recipients.

We also discussed inviting newly elected Life Members to the June Dinner as LLAGNY guests.

Motion that newly elected Life Members be invited guests of LLAGNY at the June Dinner immediately following their election.

- Motion approved (Pront, Kreilick)

Since Jim Murphy must attend the June Dinner as part of his Law Lines Editor responsibilities and his employer will not pay for the dinner cost, we have allowed him to attend as a LLAGNY guest in the past. Motion that Jim Murphy as Law Lines Editor be a guest of LLAGNY at the June Dinner this year.

- Motion approved (Pront, Kreilick)

#### Placement

Denis O'Connor has submitted a proposal for changing the rate structure for listing jobs on the LLAGNY website. We discussed the rationale for our placement listings and the costs involved. It was agreed that we needed Patricia's fiscal expertise and knowledge of the history to make an educated decision, so the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

#### Grants and Scholarships

We reviewed the list thus far of members who should be included in the Memorial Scholarship designation this year, and Heidi asked everyone to let her know if any other names came to mind.

#### MCLE

Ralph suggests that we change the name of the committee to more accurately reflect its responsibilities and revise the charge in the Leadership Manual. The original committee was formed prior to implementation of the MCLE requirement in New York State, with the thought that we would offer eligible research courses for New York attorneys. We started with the Bridge the Gap program and never developed anything further, but would now like to focus on research and librarianship courses that would meet the needs of library students, library staff, and other interested outside parties as well as law students. Ralph suggested a choice of names

There was request for clarification about whether both LLAGNY Scholarship and LLAGNY Grant recipients “Outreach Programs Committee.” However, to change the name will require an amendment to the Bylaws, so we will put a notice in the Fall Law Lines and have a vote after that. Meanwhile, Ralph will work on revising the draft of the Leadership Manual description, which will include coordinating with the Public Relations Committee to advertise the programs.

#### Education

Kit reported that all the education programs currently under development will have to be deferred to the fall for various reasons. It was suggested that the Securities Program offered downtown be repeated in early September in midtown as well did with the first Business Law program, and Kit will pass that along to the Education Committee. It was agreed that we should try to aim for a 3 month lead time for all new programs, so if we can fix a date in September now and continue work on the other programs in development, that would work well. The discussion turned to other possible program topics for next year. The suggestions included: a program with Lexis and Westlaw reps to explain their pricing structure, and a separate program with Ken Svengalis as speaker to address pricing from the librarian perspective.

#### 3. Unfinished Business

##### Annual Reports

So far, annual reports have been received from the Education and MCLE Committees. The deadline is still a few weeks away.

and after discussion, it was agreed that a more appropriate name for the committee would be the Volunteer Gifts

Heidi has decided on an umbrella for the volunteer gift this year.

#### 4. New Business

##### Memorial donation for Michele Falkow

Michele Falkow passed away in late March and it was agreed that we should contribute to Michele’s designated memorial in light of her significant contributions to the profession and to our association as a past president.

Motion to send a \$100.00 donation to the memorial designated by Michele Falkow on behalf of LLAGNY

- Motion approved (Pront, Merkin)

Now that the Bylaws have been updated and approved, we should investigate the possibility of using AALL’s electronic voting system next year or what other options we might have for holding an electronic election.

TASK: Kit to investigate the process at AALL and check with LLSDC and with SLA about how they do their elections.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kit Kreilick, LLAGNY Secretary



## LLAGNY Board Meeting

June 21, 2006  
Heller, Ehrman  
New York, NY

In attendance: Board members Patricia Barbone, Heidi Bliss (presiding), Tania Danielson, Kit Kreilick, David Merkin, Ralph Monaco, Marsha Pront, Mark Zaleck , plus incoming Board members Christine Dubuque, Elaine Egan and Nuchine Nobari,  
The meeting convened at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Expenses from April 6, 2006 to June 13, 2006 consisted of

\$	489.88	AALL Chapter Visit
\$	2,764.02	Board Expenses
\$	8,941.45	Directory
\$	2,723.66	Education
\$	7,500.00	Grants & Scholarships
\$	35,604.24	June Dinner
\$	144.00	Stationery & Supplies

Our total expenses from April 6, 2006 to June 13, 2006 were \$58,167.25

Income from April 6, 2006 to June 13, 2006 consisted of

\$	1,190.00	Education (BTG)
\$	300.00	Grants & Scholarship
\$	26,700.00	June Dinner
\$	1,250.00	Lines Advertising
\$	705.00	Membership
\$	1,450.00	Placement

Our total income from April 6, 2006 to June 13, 2006 is \$31,595.00.

We received a notice from the IRS that our FYE 6/30/05 taxes were filed late. A letter was sent protesting this as the taxes were mailed prior to the November 15th deadline. We requested a copy of the envelope as proof of late filing. We received a letter dated 5/5/2006 that said our penalty was being removed. Our protest was successful.

### Year End Summaries

*	Directory:	(\$4,941.45)
*	Law Lines:	\$9,100.00
*	Placement to date:	We have exceeded our FYE 6/30/2005 total of \$4,575.00, our total for Placement for the present fiscal year is \$6,300.00.

### 1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 9, 2006 Board Meeting were distributed via email.

Motion to approve the May 9, 2006 Board Meeting minutes

- Motion approved (Barbone, Schwartz)

### 2. Reports of Officers and Committees

Treasurer's Report: June 21st, 2006

Motion to acknowledge and thank our three panelists and New York City Bar Library Executive Director Richard Tuske with a letter accompanying a LLAGNY Umbrella.

- Motion approved (Monaco, Kreilick)

Heidi then asked for each of us to summarize our liaison committee reports for the year.

#### Student Relations

Marsha reported that there were two training sessions for library school students this year—one for Westlaw and one for LEXIS. The timing of the LEXIS presentation was somewhat problematic. This year's breakfast at Shearman and law library tours attracted 25 registrants, although it's unclear how many actually attended. Marsha has charged the incoming co-chairs Teresa Tully and Megan Scanlon to get things going more quickly next year and contact the library schools as soon in the fall as they can.

#### Membership

We had 107 new and 651 renewing members this year. There were only 5 errors in the latest directory, which is an improvement, but we continue to have issues with the mailing labels for LLAGNY events. The committee co-chairs suggest that we consider creating an automated system similar to AALL's so that members could join online and could update their information online. One comment from Marsha is that the phone numbers in the directory need to be re-spaced because they are hard to read in their present layout.

#### Education

Kit reported that the Education Committee had a banner year, producing several programs from October to April, including a repeated program on Business



\* June Dinner to date: (-\$16,004.24)

The Board congratulated Patricia on a successful challenge to the IRS, and remarked that she will be missed as Treasurer. Patricia noted that she would be helping Nuchine transition to the role over the next couple of months, and would continue to be active in LLAGNY as the new Placement chair.

#### MCLE

Ralph Monaco raised a question about providing a thank you gift for the Bridge the Gap Program speakers and host Richard Tuske. It was agreed that we should acknowledge their contribution to the program and thank them for their participation with a LLAGNY umbrella.

Attendance this year was low (49) but enthusiastic. Co-chairs Jeff Cohen and Michael Roffer have agreed to stay on. They have already begun a pitch for funds from LEXIS and WESTLAW, but recognize that other LLAGNY needs may take priority with the vendors. They are hoping to hold the next program in mid-March next year, again at the New York City Bar. This year the Board considered and approved a change of name for the committee to "Outreach Programs Committee," since future programs will be directed to library staff, students and librarians as well as law students and lawyers. The name change will need to be approved by the membership along with the addition of the Archives Committee, since it is part of the Bylaws. Ralph is working on revising the committee description for the Leadership Manual.

#### Public Relations

Ralph noted that the Public Relations Committee helped with promoting Bridge the Gap this year. They also tried to participate in the job fair at Pratt Institute but were too late to get a space; they will make an effort to discover the date and respond more quickly next year.

#### Technology

Mark reported that mostly the committee has been maintaining the web site. Co-chairs Bess Reynolds and Ben Toby have agreed to continue next year. They hope to revamp the web site next year using Cascading Style Sheets and are working with Janet Peros on setting up the LLAGNY Blog.

#### Grants and Scholarships

Co-chairs Katherine Kenworthy and Vicki Gannon will stay on for next year. This committee accomplished a great deal this year, having revised all the criteria and

Law. Three programs originally conceived for this year are still in development for next year: a program on intellectual property developments, a program on space planning and moving libraries, and a program on how to get published. It's hoped the publishing program might be scheduled for late September to get the year off to a good start. Marsha noted that the new committee co-chairs will be Janet Peros and Kathleen Moringiello.

#### MCLE

Ralph reported that the Bridge the Gap Program this year was fairly successful despite a late start.

#### Pro Bono

The committee did significant research work for Brooklyn Legal Services, correctional facility inmates and the American Opera Music Theater. Anthony Lovell and Adam Lederer will continue as co-chairs.

#### Special Events

Tania reported that thanks to our new party planner, the June Dinner at the Rainbow Room Pegasus Suites was a substantial success despite less than optimum weather for enjoying the view. The one exception was that the space for the cocktail hour was insufficient to hold everyone, so latecomers were directed to area outside the dining room and were not allowed to join the main group. This led to a general discussion of special event issues: the number of vendor representatives who can attend for free in exchange for a contribution, whether the annual meeting can be held in late May instead of June (the Bylaws currently designate June so we would have to propose a change to do this), whether we wish to return to the Pegasus Suites for the annual meeting next year if we can fix the problem of space for the cocktail hour. It was agreed that we liked the venue and should try to return if we can work out the space problem. The committee is now working with Alfred to identify new spaces for the Fall Soiree and have given him some target dates to work with. Approval of the Fall Soiree and possibly the re-engagement of the Rainbow Pegasus Suites may require a conference call meeting since we are not scheduled to meet again until mid-August. The new co-chairs of the Special Events committee are Tania and June Berger.

#### Volunteers

Bonnie did not get a report from co-chairs Raoul

forms for our grants and scholarships. Memorial scholarships were a major component this year, especially for Suzanne Borenstein with a \$2500 donation from her firm, Thacher, Proffitt and Wood. In addition, we received vendor donations for grants and scholarships from CCH, EOS International, GSI, LexisNexis and Thomson West.

#### Corporate Sponsorship

David reported that the group had great success this year, and they are already working on donations for next year from Capital District Information, Institutional Investor and IP.COM. Since Elaine is now on the Board, Gitelle Seer will co-chair next year with Janet Accardo.

#### Advertising

Patricia reported that Nancy Rine and Mary Cosgrove continue to co-chair and have had a very successful year, as noted in her Treasurer's Report. They are already starting to solicit ads for next year.

#### Placement

As noted earlier, Patricia is the new chair of the Placement Committee. It was a great year for Placement revenue and she hopes it will continue, but is proposing a change which will be discussed as part of unfinished business.

#### Union List

Heidi reported on this committee in Anthony's absence. Co-chairs Karen Campbell and Sara Kagen have done an outstanding job this year and will continue as we finally implement this project in the year to come. After approving SIMA as our vendor, the committee and board continued to clarify and negotiate the terms, finally meeting with SIMA in person on June 5 at Bingham, McCutcheon. The chairs have submitted some recommendations for us to consider in response to that meeting.

### 3. Unfinished Business

#### Placement Proposal

We had discussed a proposal from Denis O'Connor at the last meeting and opted to table until Patricia could be present. Patricia has a proposal of own to charge \$75 for four weeks at the start, but otherwise offer two weeks posting at \$50 with another \$50 charge for a two-week extension. The two week extension is a real pain for both Treasurer and Placement chair, so she would like to discourage it. After some discussion, it was agreed that

Lopez and John Campbell, but understands they are working on lining up volunteers to staff or replenish the LLAGNY Table in the AALL Exhibits area for the St. Louis conference.

#### Law Lines

This committee retains the same chairs, although Janet Peros will be busy with Education and they will need to find some new assistants. The Spring issue was just posted on the website and Bonnie is not sure why it took so long to get it done.

individual in each library.

The other proposed change is to reword Paragraph 4 as follows:

This agreement shall be in force beginning from the date when all the initial 60 libraries have access to the Union List and continuing for a period of two years, with an automatic annual extension until one or both parties request termination of the contract. A 90-day notice will be required for termination; however, the contract can be terminated without cause.

Although extension will be automatic, pricing can be reviewed annually beginning at the end of the first two years if either of the parties desires.

In addition, Patricia questioned whether the requirement of a 'local call number' in the revised language of Paragraph 1 (A) (4) was necessary or desired. She suggests we ask that it be eliminated. She also questioned what "a reasonable cost" was for SIMA to convert our databases back to ASCII in the event we wanted to move to another system in Paragraph 1 (B) (3). She proposed that we ask the language be changed to "mutually agreed upon cost" so that we will have some input on this determination.

There was some discussion of these proposals, and then a motion was proposed.

Motion to amend Paragraph 1(B) (3) to substitute "mutually agreed upon cost" for "reasonable cost" in the last sentence, and to accept the two amendments suggested by the Union List Co-chairs.

- Motion approved (Barbone, Pront)

TASK: Heidi to talk to Karen Campbell in the next day to advise of approved changes so that contract can be revised and signed by both parties before the end of the



we should no longer offer a two week initial period, but charge for 4 weeks and remove ads earlier upon request. Motion to change the Placement listing policy to charge \$75.00 for a four-week period on the Job Hotline effective August 1, 2006.

- Motion approved (Barbone, Merkin)

#### Union List

The Union List co-chairs have recommended two changes to the revised contract provided by SIMA after our June 5, 2006 meeting. One is to add a sentence to Paragraph 1(A) (2) that reads:

In addition, each participating library will receive an editing password, which will be assigned to one Education--Tom Eikenbrod

She asked that if we have specific liaison requests we make them as soon as we can.

#### 5. Board Meeting Schedule for 2006-2007

Marsha reported that Tom had asked if we could hold the meetings on a different night of the week, since he has a regular conflict on Wednesdays. Since Kit is no longer teaching on Tuesday evenings, it was agreed that Tuesdays would work for everyone. Kit asked if everyone would be willing to hold the August meeting at her house in Park Slope Brooklyn, where we could have a more informal cookout gathering. It was agreed we would do that on August 15. We agreed to aim at the second Tuesday of the month for our meetings, so the September leadership meeting will be on the 12th and hosted by O'Melveny. Marsha will check the calendar and propose a list of dates for the remaining meetings that we discuss at the interim conference call.

With a fond farewell to those members who are leaving the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kit Kreilick, LLAGNY Secretary

#### **LLAGNY Board Conference Call**

Thursday, July 20, 2006  
10 a.m. EDT

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

month.

#### 4. Passing of Gavel to Marcia Pront

With great enthusiasm, Heidi then passed the gavel to Marsha as the new President of LLAGNY.

Marsha then presented a gift to Heidi on behalf of the Board, a lovely bracelet.

Marsha reviewed the committee liaison assignments she has already agreed to for next year:

Chapter Representative to Northeast Regional

Conference-- David Merkin (although he will no longer be on the Board)

Corporate Sponsorship--Elaine Egan

probably work this out now that we know about it in advance. They also want a \$10,000 deposit up front and our current checkbook balance is around \$8,000, so we will need to see if they will accommodate us a bit and allow the deposit to be less or paid in installments. In general, it was agreed that we would really like to go back there again, and the price was the same as last time, which is great.

Motion to accept the proposed date and terms from the Rainbow Room for the LLAGNY June Dinner assuming we can work out accommodation on the payment of the deposit. This would be a cost of \$125/person, with a guaranteed minimum of 200, and would assure us use of the Empire Suites A&B as overflow for the cocktail hour.

- Motion approved (Egan, Tschinkel)

#### 2. Board Meeting Schedule

Marsha's list of dates was agreed to, and it was decided that we would meet on April 10, not April 17. The complete list follows:

August 15 at Kit Kreilick's house in Brooklyn

September 12, Leadership Meeting at O'Melveny & Myers

October 10

November 14

December 12

January 9, 2007

February 13

March 13

April 10

May 8



June 12

1. LLAGNY June Dinner 2007

We have a proposal from the Rainbow Room for the date of June 13, 2007 at a cost of \$125/person with a 22% service charge. We would guarantee 200 persons minimum; the dining room holds a maximum of 300. There is a separate room (booked by another group when we were there last) adjacent to the cocktail area called Empire Suites A & B that we could use for overflow so that we would not have a small group on one end of the floor by themselves when space ran out in the cocktail area. We needed to provide a \$400 cash tip to the Maitre D' last time, which was a problem for Patricia, but we can

4. Mary Matusak has agreed to chair the Nominations Committee this year.

Motion to approve Mary Matusak as Chair of the Nominations Committee

- Motion approved (Nobari, Eikenbrod)

5. Marsha will ask the Special Events Committee to have a proposal for the Fall Soiree by August 10 so we can consider it at the next Board Meeting. She asked if we wished to return to Planet Hollywood for the third year in a row or seek another venue. It was agreed that it is time to move on, so she will ask the committee to look for other options. We usually get about 175 attendees for this event. Marsha suggested that the Boathouse in Central Park might be a possibility, and would be pleasant in the fall.

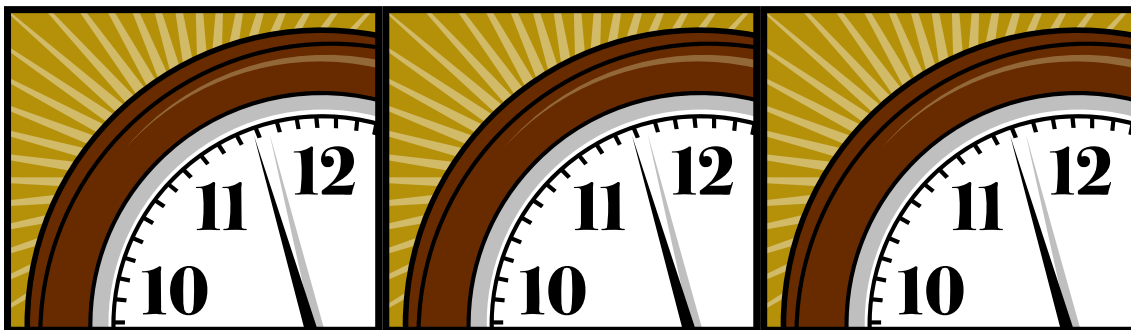
3. Bess Armstrong has requested LLAGNY purchase a copy of Dreamweaver for use with the LLAGNY website; the cost will be approximately \$300.00. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$500.00 for the purchase of a copy of Dreamweaver software and a maintenance contract to be licensed to LLAGNY.

- Motion approved (Kreilick, Schwartz)

6. Marsha also noted that she was asking the Student Relations committee to start checking with the library schools now about how to get our information to the new students, so we might be able to attract some to join LLAGNY and attend the Fall Soiree.

Conference call adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kit Kreilick, LLAGNY Secretary





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