President’s Column

It seems that the AALL Annual Meeting just wrapped up, yet here we are just a few weeks away from gathering in beautiful Jackson¹, Wyoming for the 49th Annual WestPac Conference. I hope you will be able to join us for an excellent program and networking opportunities at the opening reception, during tours, and of course, at the meeting itself.

Kelly Reynolds, Education Committee chair, along with her committee, have put together a terrific program. Deb Person, Local Arrangements chair, and her committee, have planned a wonderful opening reception and have been working with the Snow King Resort to ensure our meeting goes smoothly. Don’t forget to book your hotel room by August 28 to take advantage of the deeply discounted rates. (In the words of past-president Tim Kelly, “Please register now...It is better than Excedrin for the many event planners.”)

Thank you to everyone who attended the WestPac Business Meeting and Lunch in Chicago. It was well attended, and thanks to the generous donations from two vendors - Documents Delivered and LexisNexis - we were able to charge just $10 for lunch. You can read the committee reports in the Secretary’s minutes, which were taken by incoming Secretary Andrew Martineau.

I would also like to thank everyone who attended the Pacific Chapters Joint Reception. It was WestPac’s turn to host this year, and thanks to a suggestion from Michele Knapp, we held it at Portillo’s, a famous Chicago eatery, where there was plenty of food and drink. The reception was well attended, and thanks to a donation from Thomson Reuters, we were able to provide two drink tickets per person.

If you haven’t had a chance to check out the new WestPac website, please take a minute to admire the handiwork of our webmistress, Laurie Urquiaga. The fresh design is visually pleasing, and information is easier to find under the new navigation.

¹According to Wyoming expert (and WestPac Secretary) Tawnya Plumb, here’s why Jackson and Jackson Hole are commonly used interchangeably: “The town is called Jackson. The valley, which includes the town of Jackson, is called Jackson Hole. The popular ski area is called Jackson Hole, which is why I think most people refer to Jackson Hole rather than Jackson.”
President remarks cont.

Finally, I’d like to thank the extremely talented Board: Jaye Barlous, the guardian of WestPac funds, is extremely conscientious and somehow manages to make money talk fun; Tawnya Plumb managed to survive her tenure as WestPac secretary despite taking minutes for the numerous conference calls we had when planning the joint meeting last October in Hawaii, and has been meticulous in her record keeping this year as well, somehow managing to find the time to serve on the Local Arrangements committee in addition to her duties as secretary; and Kelly Reynolds came aboard with great ideas about how to put together a wonderful program and her hard work will soon be realized in Jackson. And last but not least, Past-President Bonnie Geldmacher has been so gracious with her time and advice, answering all of my questions whenever I asked.

The Board and the WestPac membership has made my time as president very rewarding. I hope to see many of you in Jackson!

Thank you all.

JOIN US IN JACKSON, WY

WestPac’s 2016 annual meeting is set to take place in Jackson, Wyoming, September 28 through October 1. Accommodations and programming sessions will be held at Snow King Resort. Jackson is a well-known resort town popular for its great skiing and easy access to the Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone National Park. The Jackson area hosts a National Elk Refuge, dozens of sightseeing tours, museums, and excellent restaurants.

As Wyoming is the birthplace of Jackson Pollock, it seemed appropriate to begin the meeting with a paint party and wine reception on Thursday night at Teton Science School. Sessions start Friday morning and continue through Saturday noon. Programs will cover topics of general library interest such as social media, collection management, and library personnel; legal research sessions on electronic searching algorithms and real world research needs; social justice issues on the Heart Mountain Japanese Internment Camp; and the national parks conservation program. The speakers are experts from around the region, including a number of WestPac and former WestPac friends. View full program

The Local Arrangements Committee has organized two optional tours to highlight the season in Jackson. On Friday night an outing to Jackson Hole Winery for a two-hour tour and tasting session is arranged. Saturday afternoon a four-hour sunset tour and optional hike will be guided by BrushBuck Tours. For more information on the tours, grants, accommodations, and other activities in the Jackson area, check out the links on the annual meeting web site. Autumn can be chilly in the mountains of Wyoming. Bring your cozy clothing, especially for evening events.
JACKSON, WY OPTIONAL TOURS

Many WestPac members know that optional tours are an important part of our annual meeting. We hear and share stories about haunted mines, fishing boat expeditions, and glass gardens. The Local Arrangements Committee hopes the tours offered this fall in Jackson Hole will not disappoint.

- **Tour 1: Jackson Hole Winery** - [http://jacksonholewinery.com/](http://jacksonholewinery.com/). Please join us for a 2 hour tour and tasting session at Jackson Hole Winery beginning at 6:30 pm on Friday, September 30. The cost is $28 per person and includes light appetizers. Participants will be responsible for transportation to and from the venue, which is about 5 miles (a short cab ride) from Snow King Resort.

- **Tour 2: BrushBuck Grand Teton Dusk Bus Tour** - [http://www.brushbucktours.com/grand-teton-tours/grand-teton-dawn-or-dusk-four-hour-tour/](http://www.brushbucktours.com/grand-teton-tours/grand-teton-dawn-or-dusk-four-hour-tour/). Interested in wildlife viewing in the Tetons with an optional hike? If so, sign up for this 4 hour sunset tour beginning at 3 pm following the conference on Saturday, October 1. The cost for the bus tour is $99 per person and includes resort pick-up, gratuity, refreshments, binoculars, and spotting scopes for each guest. Each participant will be required to pay an additional park entry fee of $20 which is good for seven days and is transferable to Yellowstone National Park. Guests who have National Park passes can use these for park entrance as well.

Care to become part of WestPac history? If so, please visit the activities website at [http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/thisyear/activities.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/thisyear/activities.asp) to register and pay for your optional tour(s) by September 1. Additional sightseeing information is provided on the webpage as well.

ON YOUR OWN, A FEW CHOICES

- Lake Jenny Boating
- National Museum of Wildlife Art
- Vertical Harvest
2016 Annual Meeting Reflections

By Brian R. Huffman
Travel Grant Recipient
Electronic Services Librarian
William S. Richardson School of Law Library, Hawai‘i

I have been back from the AALL annual conference for over a week now. Chicago was everything I had hoped for: beautiful weather (only hot maybe one day); our hotel was located downtown near amazing architecture amid the natural beauty of Millennium Park; and a chance to find some mainland food I rarely get the chance to partake on the islands. The conference was satisfying as well. I left feeling energized and full of new ideas. The theme this year was “Make It New: Create the Future”.

Keynote Address: New Models of Purpose-Driven Exploration in Knowledge Work
The keynote speaker, Will Evans (of PraxisFlow), motivated us and told us to “get out of the building” (aka GOOBoxing) and talk to your customer. Evans applied startup business strategies to libraries suggesting we are well-aligned and equipped to bring about successful change as we go into the future.

Evans provided a great starting point for me to think of ways to push my concepts of librarianship, what our patrons need, and the services we provide. I want to “get out of the building” and find new technologies and ways of providing key services for my stakeholders.

I plan to briefly address key takeaways from a few of the sessions I attended. My goal is to give the reader salient points and suggestions on how to make possible change in their libraries in a manner that could improve their services.

“Are People Even Using This Database?”: E-Resources and Statistics (A4)
Based on a survey conducted by the presenters, statistics are:
- being collected largely by e-resource librarians (people like me)
- used primarily to justify renewals
- gathered by vendor contact
- kept track of by vendor-provided methods

It’s not new information, but libraries still have problems getting vendors to provide statistics in a meaningful manner (i.e. following COUNTER standards and in a timely manner). Libraries cannot compare non-COUNTER compliant statistics.

The ultimate takeaway was to continue to send a message to our vendors that we need COUNTER reports that are provided when needed. AALL can assist through CRIV (perhaps by forming a new working group) and by producing educational webinars and workshops encouraging vendors and libraries to utilize best practices. I plan to have conversations with my existing and future vendors making sure we are on the same page when it comes to my needs and the value I place on meaningful statistics.

CRM/DMS/EDD/KM – What are they and why should I care? (D7)
This ambitious presentation covered client relationship management, document management system, electronic data discovery, and knowledge management. When all was said and done, organization, time-saving, and findability were the universal touchstones in any management system. Training and dedicated use of the product leads to success.
Our library continues its quest to move away from a static digital content storage system to one that incorporates all of these management strategies to help us organize, archive, and locate digital assets. These technology strategies afford a unique opportunity for digital natives to partner with digital immigrants in the workplace.

**Mindful Meditation: Reduce Stress and Improve Your Work, Workplace, and World (E6)**

One of the best presentations I attended was all about being present and learning what other law schools and lawyers were doing to promote mindfulness into their academics and private practice. The presentation had a useful handout ([http://bit.ly/2amwmOU](http://bit.ly/2amwmOU)) giving simple beginner’s advice, list of resources, and bios on the speakers.

Suggestions I took away from this presentation:

- Kyle Courtney from Harvard noted libraries are great spaces for mindfulness and meditation. Meditation represents another point of service for the library. We conduct weekly mindfulness sittings at my law library but I may consider a weeklong session or two. Harvard holds retreats over the winter term. Some law schools adopt mindfulness into the curriculum offering credited study.
- Jessica Fayerman, a solo practitioner in Chicago, is a member of a Chicago bar mindfulness group. She acknowledged that meditation is a great stress relief for attorneys, and it helps remind us our work is not just about us (it’s just not our personal battles). Through meditation we encompass a wider space and learn the difference between reacting and responding. Mindfulness encourages collaborative leadership.
- Rev. Eitaro Hayashi of Shinnyo-en, a US Buddhist Order, advised us to be present and learn to do one thing at a time (avoid multitasking). He led us in a meditation session.
- During the Q&A portion I learned about a law professor who lead one class with a short breathing exercise and found that it encouraged better discussion and listening. I may consider using this technique in one of my classes.

**Building Pro Bono Partnerships That Deliver (F8)**

Malinda Muller, of the LA Law Library, told us about the “new conversation” that was being discussed in the legal services world: there is a broader conversation with the ABA in which courts and legal service providers are being encouraged to provide “100% access” to those in need of legal assistance. To this end, non-lawyers are helping in some states. She shared “compassion fatigue” has hit and providers are getting burned out being asked to do so much more with less.

The LA Law Library offers 20-min clinic sessions. They are same-day appointments without pre-registration or screening. The library streamlined their process: had less people helping and gathered less statistics. They offered an internship program with law schools and utilized non-licensed attorneys who are supervised by an attorney. All the forms are prepared in plain English. Volunteer lawyers are encouraged to stretch outside their area of expertise. The clinic wrote and provided scripts for volunteers and recruited a social worker. Malinda advised using kitchen timers to keep things moving and stressed exit surveys were helpful.

Key concepts I took away and hope to consider for any Access to Justice initiatives we are doing in Hawaii:

- Evaluation is key! Survey, assess and re-evaluate.
- Consider ways technology can be leveraged to help all those in need. See if law school clinics would be willing to create an A2J document which litigants can make use of. Look for where there are needs. Perhaps look for a law class that could do this or provide students with pro bono hour credits.
Taking the Lead on Teaching Legal Technology: Opportunities and Challenges (G8)
This presentation gave some very useful and practical best practices for incorporating the instruction of legal technology into trainings and legal pedagogy:

- Require that all students have a laptop
- Encourage learning to use both Mac and PC
- Case management experience is necessary
- Hold an all-day tech boot camp for 3Ls
- Integrate legal technology into doctrinal classes
- Teach technology over lunch
- Social media is essential; have a presence on LinkedIn and Twitter
- Make students/lawyers use PowerPoint
- Understand data security (ethical considerations)
- Stay up to date! Technology is a fast-moving target.

Be aware you will never get caught up. There is always the next big thing. Involve law firms in the conversation asking what firms need regarding tech-ready law students. (see page 8 for recommended blogs)

Innovations in Teaching with Technology (H5)
Deborah Ginsberg and Alex Berio Matamoros gave some excellent resources and a glimpse into what is on the leading edge of teaching with technology. They encouraged us to someday attend the EDUCAUSE annual conference. Barring that, the need to read the annual EDUCAUSE Horizon Report was stressed. This report describes six areas of emerging technology that will have significant impact on higher education and creative expression over the next one to five years.

Here are some important trends the speakers advised we become aware of:

- Law training modules for non-JDs using technology versus in-person training
- Legal Tech Assessment – using a law firm technology testing tool
- Micro-credentials and nanodegrees (i.e. certificate or badges for attending lunch and learn sessions)
- Create a studio meeting space: computer/camera/Camtasia software
- Use of affective computing: computers that sense your emotions/stress level and react accordingly
- Robotics – how could this science be used in law school? Maybe a simulated law client – it’s really machine language and artificial intelligence
- Use of predictive coding in e-Discovery
- Finally, it was suggested we subscribe to PinHawk Law Tech Daily Digest and the Librarian News Digest.

Conclusion
There were many new and worthwhile ideas I learned from the annual conference. I hope to bring these technology suggestions to use at my law school for the faculty and students. The professional connections and new practices I discovered in pro bono partnerships have given me meaningful avenues to pursue back in Hawaii to help expand and grow our Access to Justice initiatives. Additionally, I feel motivated and intellectually inspired to expand mindfulness practice at the law school. I know this could greatly benefit our students.
A column featuring a WestPac member and their answers to five questions. This issue’s Q&A is with Jenny Silbiger. She is the State Law Librarian, who began working for the Hawaii State Judiciary in 2008. She also worked for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Library--Honolulu Branch beginning in 2013 and returned to the state in 2014. Her writing has appeared online and in print in the Hawaii Bar Journal and the Hawaii Review, and she edited the book Century of the Tiger: 100 Years of Korean Culture in America, published by the University of Hawaii Press in 2003.

1. What is the best advice you ever received about working as a law librarian?
My predecessor once told me to always remember to keep the big picture in mind, i.e. even amidst severe budget cuts, the craziest challenges will pass. I took this to mean that in light of whatever new problem may appear, to always remember we’re here to serve our constituents (the Judiciary, the Bar, the public) in whatever shape or form we can do so, and to keep our momentum and positive can-do attitude at our fingertips so we can provide quality service.

2. What is your favorite app?
Work related--I do like the ease of the WestlawNext app for the iPad. Not work-related--my daughter is introducing me to the world of Pokémon Go (but no trespassing, and not while driving, ha!), Pandora, Skyview (shows you what constellation you’re looking at).

3. What book title best represents your day-to-day work life?
*The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
Shameless book plug: I just finished reading this novel on my Kindle (courtesy of the Hawaii State Public Library Overdrive circulation); it’s a story about the life of two sisters in pre-civil war Charleston who dared to break their social/economic mold and speak out against slavery and for women’s civil rights. It’s inspiring to say the least! Please note that I do not begin to equate the work that I do to the brave work that the Grimke sisters did in their time--I was merely resonating on the phrase "The Invention of Wings."

Why I think this "title" describes my daily life: I’d like to think that my day-to-day work life when working on Access to Justice projects requires nurturing creative partnerships and supporting people (my staff, my colleagues, our partners, the people we serve)–to fly.

4. What is the coolest thing you’ve seen another library do that you wish you could do at your library?
Shout out to Travis County Law Library--they employ staff attorneys to help pro se litigants with their civil legal needs.

5. What have you enjoyed the most from being involved with WestPac?
Being able to connect with law librarian colleagues here in Hawaii and across the Pacific Ocean.
New Board Members

Hilary Hardcastle
Vice-President/President-Elect
Adjunct Professor and Reference Librarian
UC Hastings College of the Law
San Francisco, CA

Andrew Martineau
Secretary
Digital Services Librarian & Assistant Professor
UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, NV

Recommended Blogs

3 Geeks and a Law Blog http://www.geeklawblog.com
Above the Law http://abovethelaw.com
ABA Blawg Directory http://www.abajournal.com/blawgs
Bose Law and Technology Blog https://lawandtechnologyblog.boselaw.com
Dewey B Strategic http://deweybstrategic.blogspot.com
Globalex http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex
In Custodia Legis https://blogs.loc.gov/law
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Lawyerist https://lawyerist.com
Legal Talk Network http://legaltalknetwork.com
LegalTech News (formerly Law Technology News) http://www.legaltechnews.com
LLRX http://www.llrx.com
MassLomap http://masslomap.org/blog
Prism Legal Strategic Legal Technology Blog http://prismlegal.com/blog
Ride the Lightning http://ridethelightning.senseient.com
Science Daily https://www.sciencedaily.com
TechnoLawyer Community http://www.technolawyer.com
Technologist http://blogs.findlaw.com/technologist
TSLL TechScans http://tssltechscans.blogspot.com
We welcome our newest members since Spring 2016—

Anna Blaine, University of Idaho College of Law, Moscow, ID
Karen Byrd, Clark County Law Library, Las Vegas, NV
Cynthia Engle, University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law Library, Honolulu, HI
Stacy Etheredge, University of Idaho College of Law, Boise, ID
Eric Glover, Concordia University School of Law, Boise, ID
Damon Martin, State Law Library of Montana, Helena, MT
Shelly Newton, Clark County Law Library, Las Vegas, NV
Rebecca Sherman, Multnomah Law Library, Portland, OR
Summer Youngquist, Clark County Law Library, Las Vegas, NV

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Willamette’s Tim Kelly Retires in January

Tim Kelly, Reference & Research Services Librarian at Willamette University College of Law Library will retire January 2017 ending a long and distinguished career in law librarianship. Tim, a native of Kansas, received his degree in Library Science at Emporia State and later earned his J.D. at Washburn. His first position as a Reference Librarian was at the University of Nebraska Law Library from 1990-1993. In 1994, Tim moved to Salem, Oregon to work at Willamette where he provided reference services and legal research instruction to faculty and students for the next 23 years.

Tim was an active member of WestPac throughout his career. He was involved as Newsletter Production Manager from 1994-1998, Listserv Moderator from 1998-2014, and Newsletter Editor from 2009-2012. As Vice President, Tim was the Chair of the Education Committee for the WestPac Conference in Las Vegas in 2013 and served as WestPac President in 2014.

WestPac Meetings won’t be the same without Tim’s winning smile, sense of humor and dedication to librarianship. Tim’s first WestPac Meeting was in Jackson, Wyoming in 1994. It is fitting that his last one will be at the same location. If you plan to attend, be sure to wish him well as he starts a new chapter in his life. Congratulations on your retirement, Tim!

NEVADA

The Wiener-Rogers Law Library at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is excited to welcome two new Research Librarians to its law library faculty: Emma Babler and Laura Vlieg. Emma is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School and is a member of the Wisconsin bar. She recently received her M.L.I.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Laura is a graduate of William & Mary Law School and previously served as a Law Library Fellow at the Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library at the University of Arizona’s James E. Rogers College of Law. She is currently pursuing her M.L.I.S. degree from the University of Arizona. Emma will focus on special collections and archives, and Laura will focus on student services. Both Emma and Laura will work directly with faculty, supporting their research and teaching through the library’s liaison program.
Business Meeting Minutes (AALL, Chicago, 2016)

Present: WestPac members, Erin Hagy of Lexis

Call to Order, Quorum Declared, and Minutes Approved
WestPac President Mari Cheney called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 2016 WestPac Lunch and Business Meeting at the AALL Conference. A quorum was declared, and Mari Cheney asked that the minutes from the October 2015 WestPac Annual Meeting be approved. There was a motion for the minutes to be approved; Susan Falk seconded the motion. Minutes approved by a voice vote. Mari Cheney introduced Erin Hagy of Lexis, and thanked her for her support in sponsoring the WestPac business lunch.

Financial Report
The Treasurer’s Report was submitted by Jaye Barlous via email. Mari Cheney summarized the major points, including a plea for WestPac members to renew their memberships. So far, 93 people have applied for membership, which is low. Mari thanked Jaye for her work.

Secretary’s Report
Tawnya Plumb submitted the Secretary’s Report via email. In the report, Tawnya encouraged members to review their contact information in the WestPac directory, and to contact her to correct any inaccuracies.

Archives Committee
Jacque Jurkins, Committee Chair, reported to Mari Cheney via email that it had been an uneventful year for archives. Lee Warthen of the University of Utah S.J. Quinney Law Library gave the following to the archive: a 1990 membership directory; annual meeting programs, c. 1990 - 2004; and WestPac Newsletters 1990 – 2006. Jacque Jurkins is in the process of revising the Index, and has begun to weed duplicates of records from the archive.

Education Committee
Kelly Reynolds, Committee Chair, discussed programming at the upcoming WestPac Conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Kathy Carlson will be the keynote speaker. Program topics include collection management, social media, search algorithms, and legal research instruction.

Grants and Awards
Hilary Hardcastle, Committee Chair, reported that $750 grants were awarded to Keiko Okuhara and Brian Huffman of the William S. Richardson School of Law Library at the University of Hawai‘i.

Membership Committee
Suzanne Darais, committee member, reported on behalf of Committee Chair Stephanie Midkiff that WestPac currently has 125 members, 91 of whom are regular members, and 34 of whom are life members. Nominations for life members were due July 25th, and the website contains more information about qualifications. The listserv is closed to members.

Nominations & Elections
Paula Doty, Committee Chair, reported that Hilary Hardcastle was voted WestPac President and Andrew Martineau was voted WestPac Secretary during the last election.

Public Relations
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Committee Chair, reported by email that the WestPac Public Relations Committee put together the display for the WestPac table at AALL 2015 and helped with the publicity for WestPac’s 2015 Annual Meeting held in Hawai‘i. The Public Relations Committee created two posters for the 2016 AALL Conference in Chicago. The committee plans to help promote the upcoming WestPac meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The Public Relations Committee has been thinking about whether it is time to update the WestPac brochure. As of now, the link on the website to the brochure is broken.
**Internet Coordination**

Laurie Urquiaga, Committee Chair, reported by email that the website redesign has been completed. The new website is responsive to device dimensions, and thus mobile friendly. Additional mobile-friendly features will be added.

The Committee has also kept up with routine updates of the membership directory, committee pages, forms, and similar tasks. Web support for the 2015 WestPac Annual Meeting was complicated by the fact that it was a joint conference with the Chinese law library association. The Committee would like to thank Bonnie Geldmacher for her help as an intermediary between these two organizations. Mari Cheney volunteered to coordinate WestPac’s presence on social media.

**Constitution and Bylaws**

Geri Cepeda, Committee Chair, reported by email that the Committee received suggestions from the AALL Bylaws and Resolutions Committee (BRC) on August 25, 2015. The suggestions were distributed during the business lunch.

The AALL BRC recommended that the WestPac Constitution and Bylaws be merged into one bylaws document, with the Constitution being abolished. The WestPac Constitution and Bylaws Committee will prepare a Draft Proposed Bylaws, which will be circulated and voted on at the WestPac Annual Meeting in Jackson Hole.

Some discussion took place on the proposal to merge the Bylaws with the Constitution. Jennifer Gross voiced her support for this proposal, and Tami Gierloff noted that many other regional chapters do not have separate Bylaws and Constitution documents.

**Government Relations**

David McFadden, Committee Chair, asked for volunteers to represent Nevada on the Government Relations Committee; Andrew Martineau volunteered. David McFadden noted that LLOPS is covering UELMA efforts in Washington. Although these efforts have stalled, the bill might be reintroduced early next year.

**Local Arrangements**

Deb Person, Committee Chair, reported by email that the WestPac Annual Meeting will be held at the Snow King Resort in Jackson, Wyoming from Sept. 29th to Oct. 1st. The conference and accommodations will all be on site. An opening reception will be held at the Teton Science School, just outside Jackson. Several sponsors have offered financial support for the meeting, and grant requests have been made. The Committee is polling WestPac members to estimate Annual Meeting attendance, as well as interest in optional tours. The registration page should be up and running on the website soon. Attendees should book their hotel by August 1st. Flights are available to Jackson, and the Snow King Resort offers a free shuttle.

**Newsletter**

David McClure, co-editor, thanked members for sending content for the newsletter, and asked members to continue sending photos and news items, as well as any ideas or proposals for newsletter features. August 17th is the deadline to submit content for the summer newsletter. Tami Gierloff commented that she thinks the newsletter is fantastic.

**Site Selection**

Dennis Sears, Committee Chair, reported that the 2017 WestPac Annual Meeting will be held in Boise, Idaho.

**Announcements and Acknowledgments**

Mari Cheney thanked attendees and committees, as well as the vendors Lexis and Documents Delivered. She asked attendees to come see her if they needed pins, and asked everyone to take the survey about likely attendance at the 2016 WestPac Annual Meeting.

**Meeting adjourned.**

*Respectfully submitted by Andrew Martineau, Secretary-Elect.*
My Great Conference in Chicago  
By Keiko Okuhara  
Travel Grant Recipient  
Bibliographic Services/Systems Librarian  
William S. Richardson School of Law Library, Hawai‘i

First off, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the grant committee for generously honoring the travel grant to me. Initially I was not planning to attend the meeting this year. I admit that I am lucky enough to get to know and work with great colleagues who are willing to provide me with an enticing recommendation letter. I am grateful for their big heart and kind support, which reminds me of the importance of networking through the professional involvement. How fortunate I am to work in this supportive environment!

I was very happy to attend the conference to fulfill my commitment to one of the most unlikely or atypical AALL education programs, “Mindful Meditation: Reduce Stress and Improve Your Work, Workplace and World.” As the program title implies, the focus of the program was on our emotional, mental, and physical aspects in overall relationships with ourselves, others (family members etc.), and coworkers. The program also offered a short mindful meditation session followed by the discussion and Q & A sessions. The participants benefited from taking a moment to relax and refocus on their learning at the conference.

In order to save one night hotel stay, I had a rough start of my conference. I took a red eye flight from Honolulu on Friday arriving in Chicago early morning next day to attend a half-day workshop in the afternoon, “BIBFRAME and Linked Data in Action: From Theory to Practice.” As you can imagine, I was dozing off in the beginning, but the enthusiasm of the panelists kept me awake. Since it was an interesting hot topic for me, I enjoyed the lively discussions on BIBFRAME. It was definitely useful to know the current status quo of the BIBFRAME development, the stumbling issues, and how far away from or close to the implementation of BIBFRAME to replace forty-year-old our legacy MARC bibliographic records. Although it is important to implement linked data to make library resources more discoverable on the Web and share with other institutions such as museums or digital archives, the condition of its implementation relies on finding out the ways to convert years of MARC bibliographic records to linked data to transfer our treasure trove.

Although I missed my favorite committee meeting, TS-SIS Cataloging & Classification Committee Meeting, I attended the WestPac Business Meeting and Luncheon to get reacquainted with WestPacers. Thanks to Jaye Barlous’s wonderful arrangement, I enjoyed the luncheon very much and it was worth sacrificing. After that enjoyable luncheon and being reconnected with my WestPac colleagues, more excitement arrived. Since I don’t have any sense of direction and rather confusing layout of the conference site, after much struggle in locating the right room of the program, I went to the program that my boss moderated, entitled “Promoting the Value of Technical Service at Budget Time: Practical Advice for Directors and Managers.”

It was an innovative panel on how library directors and managers strategize the roles of technical services and painstakingly making efforts to promote the value of usually behind-scenes of technical services. Thanks Karen Selden, Vicki Szymczak, and the panelists for marketing the unique nature of technical services. After that beaming excitement, I still wanted to learn more about BIBFRAME. So I went to the
BIBFRAME 101 program. I was really impressed with Paul Frank and Karen Selden’s splendid work to fill in for the emergency absence of one of the speakers. Paul elaborated on the development of BIBFRAME and encouraged us to use BIBFRAME editor 2.0 to organize bibliographic information into three core levels of abstraction: Work, Instance, and Item and give our feedback to refine the BIBFRAME editor to be a more useful tool for less complicated BIBFRAME implementation.

It is wonderful to have kind colleagues. I was reminded of one of the TS committee meetings that I missed highlighting, Descriptive Cataloging Advisory Group Meeting. From time to time the discussions on cataloging get intense especially when cataloging is in a transition period. This meeting was one of them. After having heated discussions, we found a common ground to cooperatively work through the nitty-gritty cataloging issues rather than arguing over different viewpoints. Even though the meeting was over, I kept working to talk about the program of the mindfulness meditation over the dinner.

The last meeting was also the TS meeting, Classification and Subject Cataloging Group. One of the centered discussions was on the Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms (LCDGT). LCDGT is a new vocabulary that the LC is developing. This vocabulary will be used to describe the creators of, and contributors to, resources, and also the intended audience of resources. Since LCDGT will be maintained distinct from the other vocabularies such as Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH), Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials (LCGFT) etc., the group will surely closely observe any future development of LCDGT.

I hope you all had a fun and productive time as I did. For me, it was fun to see old friends and make new ones. Although my registration was for a half-day workshop and one day conference, I attended five meetings and five programs, which is I think a good deal. Thanks to your generous travel grant, I enjoyed the conference very much! I am very grateful for your support.

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AALL2go

Check out the digital content (webinars and annual meeting recordings available to you on the AALL2go page
Life Member Nominations

The WestPac Executive Board is pleased to nominate two candidates for life membership: **Linda Stephenson** and **Lee Warthen**. According to the Bylaws, the requirements for life membership are:

The nominee must have been an active member of the Chapter for ten or more years; must be 55 years or older; and must have retired from active law library work.

Life member nominations will be voted on at the annual meeting in Jackson Hole. Life members must be elected by a 2/3 vote.

**Linda Stephenson**

Linda Stephenson retired from the James E. Faust Law Library at the University of Utah SJ Quinney College of Law in December 2015. She was hired at the University of Utah in 1986 as the reference librarian (singular). Over the years she served in many roles including as Head of Reference and Head of Information Access Services. Linda taught legal research for many years, both in the first year required legal research course and as a co-instructor of Advanced Legal Research. She served on many professional committees including the American Association of Law Libraries Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Over the years Linda was an active member of WestPac and served in a variety of positions, most notably as Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee from 1996-2002, and then again as a committee member from 2004-06. She also served on the WestPac Government Relations Committee from 2004-05.

**Lee Warthen**

Lee Warthen retired from the James E. Faust Law Library at the University of Utah SJ Quinney College of Law in May 2016 after 31 years of service, having begun working at the law library in September of 1985. During his time at the library, he served in many roles including as Assistant Director, Head of Public Services, Acting Director, and Head of Collections, Building and Maintenance. During his years at the College of Law, he taught both basic and advanced legal research classes and also taught a course in international legal research. Lee also served in AALL, most notably as Chair of the Legal Information Services to the Public (LISP) Special Interest Section, and as a co-author of a legal research guide for non-lawyers offered by LISP which was in use for approximately 20 years. He has been very active in WestPac, serving as its President in 1994-95. Lee also served on the WestPac Local Arrangements, Education and Preservation Committees to name a few. In recognition of his many contributions, he was selected to receive the WestPac Distinguished Member Award in 2014.
WestPac Treasurer’s Report

Respectfully Submitted by Jaye Barlous, Treasurer

ACCOUNT ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY 1, 2016-AUGUST 5, 2016

I. Business Checking Balance as of August 5, 2016 $16,268.48

Receipts
- 2015 Conference registration [delayed receipt] $ 80.00
- 2015 Conference grant money [received in 2016] $ 2400.00
- 2016 Conference sponsorships $ 1185.20
- Membership Dues (includes 1 renewal from 2015) $ 1844.80
- Chapter & grant contributions towards Pacific Chapters $ 2143.20
- Joint Reception [WestPac hosting] $ 540.00
- AALL Business Meeting Luncheon $ 2357.11
- 2016 Annual Meeting Evening Reception $ 1634.79
- Misc. Operating Expenses (ie. paypal fees, registered agent’s fee/debit card) $ 425.30
- AALL WestPac business lunch $ 774.50
- Total Receipts $ 8193.20

Expenditures
- CAFLL (Split vendor contribution of $2000) $ 992.00
- Grants $ 1500.00
- AALL Pacific Chapter Joint Reception $ 2357.11
- AALL WestPac business lunch $ 1634.79
- 2016 Annual Meeting Evening Reception $ 774.50
- Misc. Operating Expenses (ie. paypal fees, registered agent’s fee/debit card) $ 198.90
- Total Expenditures $ 7457.30

II. Business Market Account
Balance as of August 5, 2016 $15,836.21

Registrations for our Annual Meeting in Jackson are beginning to trickle in. Please remember to get your registrations and payments in before the early bird cutoff of August 26th. Otherwise, I’ll be forced to call upon my cousin, who moonlights as a bill collector. His name is Guido. I look forward to seeing many of you in Wyoming—hopefully without your arm in a cast.

Membership renewal activity has been slow but consistent this year. We have 100 registered members to date (you know who you are). If you haven’t already taken the time to renew, please do so using the PDF Membership Application/Renewal Form or the Online Form on the website. Both can be found here: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/membership.asp. If you have questions about renewing, want to share pesto recipes or discuss how to remove a wine cork using a power drill, feel free to email me at westpac.treasurer@gmail.com.

And finally, we continue to have a healthy bank balance in preparation for next year’s 50th anniversary, so please mark your calendars to attend, be enlightened, network and celebrate! And as always, thank you for your continued support of WestPac!
Legal Humor

Spot the Tort: Secure Your Dirt
Some of the worst “Rolling Torts,” as we call them here at Lawhaha.com, involve folks negligently failing to secure objects being transported on the backs or tops of their cars or trucks. Not sure whether to give the driver of this truck credit for at least trying to secure this huge loose pile of dirt or demerits for not trying quite hard enough. Other examples of Rolling Torts ...

Believe it or not—this is a frig.

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