Upcoming Membership Meeting at AALL

As most readers know, LLMC is owned and guided by a fixed group of Charter Members, comprised of the 246 intrepid and far-sighted libraries that launched the digital project over eight years ago, when they became the founding subscribers to LLMC-Digital.¹

The Consortium functions as follows. Day-to-day operations are conducted by paid fulltime staff, supervised by a volunteer, part-time Board of Directors elected by the Charter Members. In turn, the Directors seek advice as needed from an 18-member Advisory Council (AC), also elected by the Charter Members. As its principal duty, the AC is available for consultation when issues needing prompt resolution arise between the annual meetings, and the Board feels a need to consult a body representative of the membership. In addition, AC members occasionally serve on committees established by the Board to address special needs.

The member libraries meet once a year, always in conjunction with the annual convention of AALL. At the annual meeting they select colleagues to fill vacant seats on the two governing bodies, receive reports from the staff on LLMC’s progress, provide input on current issues, and decide any policy questions submitted by the Board.

The 35th annual LLMC Members Meeting will take place during the AALL convention in Boston, MA, on Monday, July 23, 5:45-7:00 PM. The venue will be the Sheraton’s Fairfax-B room. All member libraries are invited to send a representative. Voting entitlement packets will be available at the door for the Charter Member library representatives, to whom voting on balloted questions is reserved. However, all subscribers and any other interested law library colleagues are welcome to participate and provide input.

As always, the main official business of the annual meeting will be to elect directors and councilors to fill open slots on our governing bodies, the Board of Directors and Advisory Council. The list of current incumbents in both bodies appears below, with the final year of each person’s term listed after their name.²

¹ New readers can view the list of Charter Members by going to LLMC-Central www.llmc.com and clicking successively on the tabs “About LLMC” & “Charter Community.” They will see that our club of charter members encompasses all varieties of libraries, although it is heavily weighted to the academic law library world. Note also that the list provides the weighted voting entitlements for each charter member.

² Current LLMC governing structure:

— Board of Directors:
  Marcia Koslov Dir., LA Law Library (2014)
  Kathleen Richman LLMC Exec.Dir. (ex officio)

— Advisory Council:
  Steve Anderson Dir., Maryland St.L.L. (2012)
  Ralph Monaco Head Libn., N.Y.L.I.Lib. (2012)
Board of Directors Elections

The terms of two current directors, Barbara Garavaglia and Jonathan Franklin, expire this year. Following tradition, and to ensure the availability of candidates able and willing to serve, the incumbent Board recruits and nominates candidates for open Board positions. However, nominations from the floor are also in order; although nominators should be able to assure the Chair that their candidates are able and willing to put in the time for effective service. The current Board’s nominees for the two four-year board slots falling vacant this year are: Kent McKeever, Director of the Columbia University Law Library, and Barbara Garavaglia, Director of the University of Michigan Law Library.3

Advisory Council Elections

This year there will be six open slots on the AC due to the expiration of the terms of our colleagues Steve Anderson, Dragomir Cosanici, Ralph Monaco, Scott Pagel, Richard Tuske, & Sally Wise. Nominations for these open positions can be made from the floor. Once again, nominators should be prepared to assure the Chair that their nominees are both able and willing to serve. Any person in present or former service at a subscribing institution is eligible to serve. While the Councilors’ terms run for three years, individuals may serve for more than one term. Upon the recommend-

dation of the Board’s Nominations Committee, the Board Chair has notified us that, due to their heavy involvement in current LLMC projects, he will personally nominate Ralph Monaco, Scott Pagel and Richard Tuske for reelection.

Introducing Enhancements to Interface

At its January 2012 meeting in Wash., D.C., our Board instructed management to begin a major overhaul of the LLMC-Digital interface. Subsequently, LLMC’s staff has been working steadily with our technical partner, National Business Systems (NBS) in this effort. The planning work accelerated at a two meetings in March. The first, in Chicago, was between top LLMC managers and staff at the Center for Research Libraries to seek input on improvements that would be most useful to CRL members. Then came a day-long retreat in Egan, MN, between top LLMC and NBS management and technical staff. In these sessions a general list of desired enhancements was prioritized, development schedules were developed, and the decision was made to focus initial resources and energy toward fully exploiting the search potential inherent in our high-quality, OCLC-standard, cataloging metadata.

Subsequently, all the relevant technical people at both NBS and LLMC have worked assiduously on that initial goal. Fortunately, their efforts have borne fruit. We are happy to be able to announce that a major enhancement to the LLMC-Digital interface, involving full and robust utilization of the OCLC data will be launched on July 17. While it wouldn’t do justice to the powerful new search enhancements to try to describe them in a few words here, we can preview the fact that they will provide swift and easy new search capacity for titles, authors, subjects, and keywords; or combinations of those options. We invite delegates to AALL to visit LLMC’s booth in the exhibit hall (No. 811) to try out our new search engine and give us their input. We do think that you will be pleasantly surprised and hope that you also will take this opportunity to give us your input on desirable directions for additional useful enhancements to the LLMC-Digital interface going forward.
CRL/LLMC Preservation Partnership

As most readers know, LLMC has been partnering with the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) on several fronts for over two years. A new area of cooperation has now opened up. An essential component for a successful legal patrimony preservation program would be the development of an effective, universally digitally available, registry for the recording of the distributed preservation efforts of libraries and other institutions. We’re never going to preserve our patrimony if we don’t even know who’s doing what. LLMC and others have been preaching the need for the creation of a preservation registry for years. CRL has now stepped up to the plate and launched a serious program, of which LLMC has become an early and enthusiastic supporter. The following is a lightly-edited, brief description of the CRL program as provided by CRL’s Head of Technical Services and project supervisor, Amy Wood:

In 2010, the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) was awarded a two-year Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Leadership Program grant to establish a model for cooperative, coordinated management of physical collections in two major fields of research. The project (entitled “Cooperative Print Archiving by Discipline: Developing an Infrastructure to Sustain Scholarly Resources”) focuses on the fields of law and agriculture and will build a sustainable and scalable plan for cooperative management of legacy print materials at the local, regional, state, and national level.

The project’s goals are to establish consensus on archiving needs for physical collections in the two focus fields, and to provide a replicable model and sustainable framework to undertake such archiving on a national level. In the field of law, the project will focus on the corpus of legal material microfilmed and/or digitized by the Law Library Microform Consortium (LLMC).

To expose information about preservation programs and the titles actually being preserved, CRL is partnering with the California Digital Library to develop a data-base capable of displaying detailed holdings information. This database has been named PAPR, standing for the Print Archives Preservation Registry.

In November 2011, CRL, LLMC and a group of representatives from major law school libraries met for a day in Chicago to discuss what was needed to move forward with a collaborative effort to preserve essential primary law resources. Mapping local holdings to LLMC print archives and digital holdings was seen as a linchpin for a successful effort.

To help create that mapping, LLMC provided CRL with detailed information about the holdings in its print dark archive; i.e., its salt-mine storage venue in Hutchinson, Kansas. CRL then mapped the digital records from LLMC’s database to print records held by major law libraries. Frequently this resulted in a ratio of one digital record to three or four print records. Once records were mapped, information about what was held in the print archives, the condition of the material, and what had been digitized and OCR’d was entered into the records. A complete mapping and recording of the LLMC print archives will be completed by August 2012. All information will then be transferred to the PAPR database and be made universally available online.

Going forward beyond August, CRL will continue to work with libraries to ingest metadata describing other print archives. Meanwhile, LLMC will continue to acquire print holdings and will continue forwarding its data to update its portion of the PAPR database.

LLMC applauds the CRL effort and is pleased to be a part of this productive project. We urge all of our colleagues, wherever they are situated, to familiarize themselves with the PAPR Project and to keep its activities on their radar. Once up and running PAPR will provide the tracking data underpinning our combined preservation efforts in perpetuity. This is the kind of forward looking and effective preservation initiative to which we all should want to provide encouragement and support whenever possible.
Building the FCIL Network

In the last two issues of this newsletter we have been describing the evolution of a ten-year scanning program targeted at building online the most complete Foreign, Comparative, and International Law (FCIL) collection ever offered to the world’s library community. Essential to the success of that plan will be the recruitment of a network of libraries with combined FCIL holdings rich enough to provide the print corpus from which such a collection could be constructed. Equally essential will be the creation of a comprehensive collection-building model sufficiently focused to guide the project through to a successful scholarly conclusion. A final important ingredient will be devising a business plan robust enough to carry the project through a decades-long scanning effort.

Progress has been made on several of these fronts. A preliminary scanning network has now been assembled. It will include at least three libraries whose holdings rank among the top ten FCIL repositories in the U.S.. Combined with access to those riches will be access to FCIL materials made possible by LLMC’s existing force of extern-scanner installations at GWU Law Library, St. Louis Univ. Lib., the LA-Law Library and the Univ. of Hawaii Library. Additional sources for the access to the print corpus are being pursued. On the bibliographic front, our content staff in Kaneohe is completing development of a detailed ten-year collection-building plan, and that document will soon be ready for review and refinement by the LLMC Board. The Board itself is in consultation among its members, and with LLMC management, on the details of a strategic financial plan that could carry the project through to completion.

All of these elements will be under discussion at LLMC’s upcoming meeting in Boston on July 20. It is expected that at least some of the elements of the program will then be ripe for final resolution and for sharing with the membership sometime in August.

South Carolina Historical Court Records

In the October 25 issue of this newsletter, a notice appeared announcing the launch of a project focused on the scanning of the rare early court records of the State of South Carolina held by the University of South Carolina Law Library. The first fruits of that project are now online and ready for your inspection. Interested parties can check out current progress on www.llmc.com (for a detailed project and content description) and www.llmc-digital.org (for a look at the actual first batch of images). In both cases swift access would be facilitated by using the “Search for LLMC Number” feature. Just enter the LLMC title number for South Carolina Historical Court Records (09400) and you will be taken directly to the title.

Roll of Honor for Content Donors

As we announced in our February issue, LLMC’s online volume count has passed 100,000 volumes. The current figure is actually ca. 108,000. Some readers may well wonder, where did all of those books come from? The answer is that we are a consortium and the source of our riches has been truly consortial. At this date some 142 libraries, government agencies, organizations, law firms and individuals have provided content for our online collections. The bulk of these donations have involved texts in print or digital format. But we have also benefited by the gift or loan of microfilm or microfiche for digitization purposes and the freedom provided by generous releases of copyright.

Passing the 100K-volume mark provides an appropriate occasion to give formal recognition to our many friends and supporters on the content front. Several of these donors have made gifts above the level of 10,000 volumes, while others provided one or two

These mega-gifts provide preservation problems of their own. Such large numbers mean that before scanning many volumes must be stored in our Kaneohe, HI, plant. Here in the sub-tropics, termites can be a problem. You may be interested to see the photos showing our two-story HQ building gussied up for “tenting” and fumigation attached to this newsletter.
unique titles. But their combined contributions have enabled the creation of one of the world’s great online law libraries. In modest tribute to their vital role, we present below a Roll of Honor for content donors. Going forward this list will reside permanently and be updated regularly on LLMC-Central (www.llmc.com). We hope that all members will scan the list and, when the occasion presents, thank those of our colleagues who have made our progress possible.

Honor Roll of Libraries and other Donors of Content to LLMC-Digital

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AK
Alaska State Court Law Library

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CA
California Legislative Counsel Bureau
Google
Huntington Library
Internet Archive
Los Angeles Law Library
Univ. of San Diego Law Library

CT
Connecticut State Library
Trinity College Library
Yale Univ. Law School Library

DC
American Assn. of Law Schools (M&CR)
George Washington Univ. Law Library
Georgetown Univ. Law School Library
Law Library Lights (L.L.Soc. D.C.) (CR)
Public Law Education Institute (M&CR)
U.S., Board of Veterans' Appeals Library

U.S., Court of International Trade Library
U.S., Federal Judicial Center (M&CR)
U.S. Government Printing Office
U.S., Law Library of Congress
U.S., Library of Congress
U.S., Supreme Court Library
U.S. Surface Transportation Board Library

FL
Digital Library of the Caribbean
Florida Coastal School of Law Library
Univ. of Florida Library
Univ. of Miami Law Library

GA
Emory Univ. Law Library

GU
Guam, Off. Compiler of Statutes (M&CR)

HI
Hawaii State Archives
Hawaii State Library
Hawaii Supreme Court Library
Univ. of Hawaii (U.H.) Law Library
Univ. of Hawaii Library (Hamilton)
U.H. Hilo Library
U.H. Windward Com. College Library

IA
Drake Univ. Law Library
Iowa Legislative Services Agency
Iowa Supreme Court Library
Univ. of Iowa

IL
Center for Research Libraries
Northwestern Univ. Law Library
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