Throughout its history, the American Association of Law Libraries has relied on member initiative to shape the organization and change its direction. Of course, AALL Presidents have played a key role in this process, but so too have many individual members/volunteers, even if the importance of those individual members is often lost in the shadows. The 2002 AALL Archives Exhibit looks at just a few of the many members who have dedicated their time and energy to the AALL, as reflected in current archival holdings. As AALL President Viola Bird (1971-72) said, "AALL members are unified by their interest in law librarianship and constantly demonstrate a willingness to contribute ideas and service to that common concern."

George E. Wire (1859-1936) was a founding member of AALL and member of the executive committee (1906-07) who held degrees in law, librarianship, and medicine, although he never practiced medicine. From 1898 to 1929, he directed the County Law Library in Worcester, Massachusetts. In the AALL, Wire was chairman of the Committee on Binding (1906-07) with a particular concern for the materials used to bind law books. As chairman of the committee, he wrote to many publishers, asking them to consider using buckram instead of leather. While some publishers were concerned that buyers would not want buckram, many were interested in Wire's ideas and supported him. This August 21, 1907 letter (Item 1) from West Publishing Company was in response to one he sent asking for the cloth covering. Through the years, he wrote several articles on binding, preservation, and public libraries.

Allen Mercer Daniel, the first African-American member of AALL, attended every consecutive meeting from 1933 to 1975 even when AALL met in segregated cities. He worked for the War Department, before taking a job at the Howard University Law Library, where he remained from 1923 to 1956. Mercer Daniel (Photograph) was active in AALL and served on the nominating committee in 1955. Mercer Daniel wrote several articles and many book reviews for the Howard Law Journal, the Journal of Negro History and the Journal of Negro Education over his long career. In 1971, Howard University renamed its law library the Allen Mercer Daniel Law Library in honor of his dedication and service to the university and library (Item 2).

Charles Hallam was President of the Law Librarians’ Society of Washington, D.C. from 1948-49, Chair of the AALL Committee on Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, and Librarian at the Supreme Court Library from 1947 to 1965. In 1943, he agreed to chair a joint committee with the AALL and the National Association of State Libraries to study the distribution of government documents. His May 28, 1943 letter (Item 3), is in response to one from Raymond C. Lindquist of the Public Library Commission, who wished to leave the Joint Committee because he felt he was no longer serving in a law library. Lindquist, one of the many librarians displaced by World War II, was afraid to accept a position on the committee for fear he may be drafted before the study was complete.
Hibernia Turbeville, (1908-98), was the first Law Librarian at Southern Methodist University's Underwood Law Library, serving from 1947 to 1975. She then worked for the Dallas law firm of Locke Purnell Rain Harrell from 1975 to 1985. In AALL, she was a member of Committee on Lists of Law Libraries, and helped compile the statistics used for the *Directory of Law Libraries in the United States and Canada* in 1950. As their report *(Item 4)* shows, this hardworking committee, chaired by A. Mercer Daniel, had the task of updating the list of law libraries and the volume of their holdings. Amazingly, it was completed within three months. This was one of Turbeville's *(Photograph)* first ventures into AALL volunteer service. She later went on to become the AALL Representative on Joint Committee on the State Law Index (1958-63), chair of Committee on Chapters (1960-61) and Scholarship Committee (1964). She also helped found the Southwestern Chapter of AALL (now SWALL).

Adolf Sprudzs, head of Classification and Cataloging at Northwestern University, was for a time Supervisor at the Defense Information Office in Chicago, and worked at the University of Illinois. Since 1965, he has been with the University of Chicago. As a member of AALL, he served on the Committee on Foreign Law Indexing from 1968-74 and as the Representative to the International Association of Law Libraries (1970-78). Sprudzs *(Photograph)* was AALL’s first Press Representative from 1957-59. One of his last press releases, from March 13, 1959 *(Item 5)*, concerns the beginnings of the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals. He was pleased to announce the IFLP and knew that it would truly be a benefit to the law librarian community. As Press Representative, he strove to show the public what the AALL and its members did, and often solicited information on members’ activities for publication. Sprudzs also authored many articles and books on international law and became the President of the International Association of Law Libraries from 1980-83.

Alfred J. Lewis began his long service at the University of California Law Library as Assistant Librarian and Lecturer in 1968. In May 1970, he published the first *Statistical Survey of Law School Libraries*. Compiled by the Statistics Committee with Lewis as Chair, the survey was performed in conjunction with the American Bar Association, Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. By 1974, the AALL Statistics Committee had surveyed other types of law libraries and their initial funding had run out, but the committee desired to continue compiling their statistics. In this July 19, 1974 letter *(Item 6)* to the Executive Board, he simply asked for the little money need to carry on their studies.

Joyce Malden has been the Municipal Reference Librarian for the city of Chicago since 1967. She served as AALL Treasurer from 1976-83, member, 1983-87, then Chair, 1987-88, of the Financial Advisory Committee, and she served as an Executive Board member and member of Executive Director Search Committee from 1980-82. She was the first woman selected for the cabinet of the City of Chicago. While AALL Treasurer, Malden implemented many changes to keep the budget under control. She reformed the reimbursement structure for Executive Board trips and tried to rein in spending for annual meetings. In this 1977 memo *(Item 7)*, she responded to Myron Jacobstein's thoughts on a new policy for convention funding put before the Executive Board. He believed that members could not afford to attend meetings of the same quality if publishers were not allowed to sponsor events. Malden supported raising the fees to attend the meetings and no longer relying on the publishers and other vendors to pay for food. However, Jacobstein's proposal passed at the December 28, 1977 Executive Board Meeting, and, subsequently, AALL could accept, but not solicit, contributions from vendors.
William C. Younger served as Librarian at Alabama Supreme Court Library and Director of Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library 1965- ca. 1992. He was President of the Southeastern Chapter from 1974 to 1976 and from 1975 to 1981, he served as Chair of the AALL Certification Board. While on the Certification Board, he was proud of the success of the program. Younger *(Photograph)* also helped implement changes in the design of the certificates, much to the delight of many who received them *(Item 8)*. In the committee’s 1978 Annual Report *(Item 9)*, submitted seventeen years after the beginning of the program, there is an indication that the conditions for certification may not be clear. However, the program was still considered a success as a way to assist in hiring librarians.

Shirley Bysiewicz, Professor of Law and the Law Librarian at the University of Connecticut, was the first tenured woman professor at that university. She served on the Connecticut Permanent Commission of the Status of Women and Connecticut Law Revision Commission, and founded the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund, Inc. As a member of the AALL, she served as Secretary from 1980 to 1983 and the *Law Library Journal* Business Manager from 1968 to 1972. Bysiewicz was a member of the Special Committee to study Certification Board Proposal appointed in December 1982. The certification program came under scrutiny once changes were suggested and the AALL realized it was not functioning as they had hoped. A proposal brought before the organization recommended a written exam as a requirement to being certified and that the first level of certification simply required five years of professional experience and passing the exam, with the other two levels requiring an MLS. In her February 17, 1983 letter to Roger Jacobs *(Item 10)*, Bysiewicz opposed the proposal because it would have allowed the AALL to certify librarians that have no advanced degree in library science. In the end, the certification program was disbanded in 1984.

Reynold Kosek was chair of Academic Libraries Special Interest Section from 1980-81 and chair of Standards Committee 1981-82. He has been Professor of Law at Mercer University Law School, since 1977 and coach of their moot court team. His 1983 *Library Standards, a Subject Bibliography with Emphasis on Law Library Standards*, which he wrote with Mary Anne Royle, is a guide for libraries, pointing them to sources for standards for everything from copying machines to ethics and from serials to cataloging. An August 18, 1980 letter *(Item 11)* shows the beginning of Royle’s involvement with the project. This work remains the only comprehensive bibliography on the topic to date.

Alan Holoch, AALL treasurer (1986-88), was Director of the Law Library and Assistant Professor at Villanova University Law School. He worked at the University of Southern California Law Library from 1971 to 1982, and was President of SCALL (1980-81). In September 1980, Alan Holoch *(Photograph)* suggested the formation of the Council of Chapter Presidents. At their gathering at the annual meeting, the presidents of the chapters and other interested AALL members discussed their need for a voice in the AALL. In a September 30, 1980 memo *(Item 12)*, he outlined the several options discussed at their meeting, including his idea that the Chapter Presidents Committee should become the Council of Chapter Presidents. The Council encourages visits to the chapters by members of the executive board and continues to act as a bridge between chapter members and AALL leadership.

Grace Elizabeth (Betty) Woodall Taylor was Director of the Legal Information Center at the University of Florida and the first woman to hold an endowed professorship at the University of Florida, where she is still Professor of Law. She was President of the
Online Computer Library Center Inc., and sat on the Advisory Board for Westlaw, 1984-88. In AALL, Taylor (Photograph) has been Chair of the Joint Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries, the Association of American Law Schools and the American Bar Association for LAWNET. While serving in that position, she was instrumental in LAWNET, the online database for legal information started by the AALL, becoming its own corporate entity. Her memo from November 18, 1981 (Item 13), shows the significance LAWNET had for law libraries and the legal world. For her services, she was awarded the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Law Libraries in 1997.

Thus defined by the traces they have left in the AALL Archives, these members well illustrate the observation of Morris L. Cohen in the October, 1970 President’s Newsletter: “The vitality of this association depends above all else on the vitality of its membership!”

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