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Connecticut Adopts the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act

On May 17th Public Act 13-17, the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act was signed into law by Governor Dannel Malloy.

Among the sources of supporters that testified on behalf of the bill or submitted testimony were Kendall Wiggins - State Librarian, Connecticut State Library, Darcy Kirk - Past President of American Association of Law Libraries, Jonathan Stock - Chairman of the Connecticut Bar Associations’ Law Librarian Section and Chair of SNELLA’s Government Relations Section, Blair Kauffman - Director, Yale Law Library and Nancy Marcove - Past President of SNELLA.

The act becomes effective on October 1, 2014.

SNELLA will have a booth at the Connecticut Bar Association's Annual Conference is on 6/17/13
NEWS

• SNELLA was an event partner for the InPractice Conference which took place on May 2, 2013 at the Hartford Hilton Hotel.

• Astoria Ridley was on the panel for *Community Librarianship in the 21st Century* at the 2013 Connecticut Library Association’s Annual Conference.

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The AALL/SCCLL Law Library Advocate award will be conferred on **The Honorable The Honorable William J. Lavery** of the Connecticut Judicial Branch at the SNELLA Summer Dinner on June 11th.

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**AALL2go Pick of the Month – Passing the Baton: Managing Temporary and Permanent Succession Changes**

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: *Passing the Baton: Managing Temporary and Permanent Succession Changes.*

The time to prepare for retirements, extended leaves, and resignations is before they happen. What do you do when a key staffer announces his or her retirement? How do you prepare if you're the one leaving? Speakers Wendy Moore and Meg Butler discuss succession planning in law libraries. They identify issues and problems and offer solutions ranging from training other staff to take over essential duties to using technologies, such as LibGuides, to make policies and procedures easily accessible to all library staff. This program will help you take your transition from a horror story to a smooth, orderly process.

This program was originally presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting in Boston. It is available as a streaming audio and can be accessed via AALL2go.

Find this and more than 80 other **free** continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members at [AALL2go](#)!
SNELLA Summer Dinner and Meeting

Go to http://www.snella.info/events/rsvp-for-summer-dinner to RSVP

RSVP
Please R.S.V.P. by June 4th

WHEN
Wednesday, June 11, 2013
Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE
Barcelona
155 Temple Street
In the Omni New Haven Hotel
New Haven, CT 06510

DETAILS
Cost will be $50.00 for SNELLA members; $60 for non-SNELLA members and guests. Bring payment with you to the dinner, either in cash or by check to SNELLA.

The preset menu is:

TAPAS
whipped sheep’s cheese
crispy calamari with smoked tomato aioli
spinach and chickpea casserole
serrano ham and manchego cheese croquettes
potato tortilla with chive sour cream
chicken empanadas with guacamole sauce
herbed goat cheese and wild mushrooms

ENTREES
Mariscos Paella
saffron rice, prawns, squid, clams and mussel

Parillada Mixed Grill
NY Steak, Half Chicken, Gaucho Sausage, and Pork Loin
served with chimichurri sauce and papas fritas

DESSERTS
assorted dessert platters
The SNELLA Scholarship Committee would like to give a big thank you to Thomson Reuters and LexisNexis for their generous donations to our scholarship fund.

These gifts enable SNELLA members to attend national and regional law librarian’s educational programs. Last year three scholarships were granted for attendance at the AALL’s Annual Meeting and Conference and a Legal Writing Institute.

Thank you for your continued support.

SNELLA Scholarship Committee
Early Bird Registration Ends June 7 for 2013 Annual Meeting and Conference

Register for the 2013 Annual Meeting and Conference to learn from more than 70 educational programs and rethink the way that human behavior shapes information management with keynote David Weinberger, technologist and co-author of the bestselling book, The Cluetrain Manifesto. Connect with law librarians from across the nation, from all types of settings, who understand the issues you face every day. Register by June 7 and save $100.

Spring 2013 Law Library Journal Available

The Spring 2013 issue of Law Library Journal is now available and has been mailed to members. The issue features articles on the legislative history of the Affordable Care Act and how the history of that legislation is an example of the changing process needed to research federal legislative history; how academic law librarians can help their law schools enhance the visibility of faculty scholarship; and ways that training for foreign, comparative, and international law librarians can be improved.

2012 AALL Price Index for Legal Publications Now Available

The 2012 AALL Price Index for Legal Publications is now available on AALLNET. The table-based report includes details for the mean cost of titles and percentage increases over previous years for serial publications, legal periodicals, loose-leaf services, commercially published court reporters, and supplemented treatises.

The purpose of the Price Index is to provide members with comparative information about past price changes to help with budgeting and collection development decisions. In gathering information for the Price Index, the committee asks publishers to provide their pricing. If a publisher declines to do so, its pricing is not included in the index.

Special thanks to the Price Index for Legal Publications Committee and Carol Avery Nicholson, Price Index editor, for their work on this edition.
MINUTES OF THE CLA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 6, 2012

Middletown Library Service Center

Present: Carl A. Antonucci, CLA Legislative Committee, Co-Chair—Central Connecticut State University; Jay Johnston, CLA Legislative Committee Co-Chair—Farmington Libraries; Carl R. DeMilia, President, CLA—New Milford Public Library; Richard Conroy, Vice-President/President Elect, CLA—Essex Library Association; Betty Anne Reiter, Immediate Past President, CLA—Groton Public Library; Peter F. Ciparelli, Region 3 Representative—Killingly Public Library; Kate Byroade—Region 6 Representative—Cragin Memorial Library, Colchester; Deborah Herman—Central Connecticut State University; Connie Sear—Connecticut Library Consortium; Drusilla Carter—Willimantic Public Library; Sally Tornow—Region 1 Representative, New Milford Public Library; Sheri Szymanski, Region 4 Representative—Stratford Library Association; Elaine Barrie, CLA—Ferguson Library; Ken Wiggin, State Librarian; Jonathan C. Stock, SNELLA Liaison; Attorney Robert Shea, Lobbyist; Mary Etter—South Windsor Public Library; Emmett McSweeney—Silas Bronson Library.

Co-Chair Carl Antonucci called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Capitol Update began with an observation by Jay Johnston. He noted that, owing to an FY 2012 deficit, the State Library budget had taken a full 5% cut. Ken Wiggin responded that this maximum reduction was at least not across-the-board. Areas taking the principal hits included the Humanities Council, Connecticut Library Consortium, and Grants. The latter was reduced to the statutory $1,200 minimum. No staff lay-offs are anticipated owing to the union contract. Another deficit mitigation plan will be prepared for next year. At present, the Governor is meeting with Republicans to build bi-partisan consensus. One bright line is that friendly legislators recognize that the small State Library budget has already taken heavy hits; further reduction would yield little economy and severely curtail surviving service. The Governor hopes that, if uncertainties triggered by current Fiscal Cliff negotiations in Congress resolve, next year’s economic prospects may brighten. For this year, however, first priority goes to closing the current deficit. In January, another $1 billion in saving is needful. Ken Wiggin further noted that requested bonding money resides in a different package. One option might be to utilize these funds for emergency purposes. Exercising the option, however, requires Bonding Commission approval; and that might prove difficult.

Bob Shea noted that the legislature will meet on December 19 to close a remaining $200 million budget gap. Substantial reduction in aid to municipalities is anticipated. That reduction impacts public libraries. Hence, the argument for establishing a statewide Library PAC grows ever more compelling. Higher Education will also experience heavy cuts. We may need, therefore, two separate alliances: one for municipal public libraries, another for academic libraries. Attorney Shea further observed that the State Library budget proposal will shortly be reviewed by the Appropriations Education Subcommittee.
Ken Wiggin indicated that the State Library has placed a request to the Governor’s Office for a 2013 UELMA bill. At this point, the gubernatorial staff seems amenable. One reason is that UELMA legislation helps make The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies electronic next July 1. A response is currently being awaited.

The State Librarian suggested two other legislative initiatives for 2013. One would establish a Reader’s Privacy Act governing electronic books. It might require vendors to respect circulation confidentiality in the new format—as they now must in print. Currently, patrons borrowing e-readers are subject to publisher tracking of their usage. A second legislative initiative would compel vendors to sell e-books to libraries. At present, some rule out library contracts altogether. Present legal advice raises a problem: namely that collusion among publishers must be proved to compel library sales. Bob Shea suggested that, with both initiatives, the best route is to submit bills. Whatever the outcome, proposed legislation would try these matters where it counts—in the court of public opinion. Such trial constitutes, in fact, our duty as professional librarians. The refusal to contract with public libraries discriminates against poor people who cannot purchase independently.

Jay Johnston offered a motion that bills on e-book policy and e-book vendor sales to libraries be introduced next session. The motion was duly seconded and gained unanimous approval. Bob Shea also urged that we submit a UELMA bill in 2013. That proposal won consensus.

Next attention went to arrangements for a Legislators Reception at the State Library. After some discussion, it was decided to go forward. The projected date is February 12.

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Deborah Herman outlined the need to establish a CLA Political Action Committee. She noted that a national library PAC designated *Every Library* presently exists. There remains a strong need, however, for a Connecticut-specific PAC dedicated to local library emergencies. Concerns surrounding the Manchester Public Library expansion illustrate such need. A consensus arose to bring the PAC concept forward for CLA Board consideration. The observation was made that PAC money goes to library advocacy only; it does not support particular candidates.

Jay Johnston inquired about plans for a Business Incubator Services Meeting with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. After brief discussion, it was resolved that Bob Shea will facilitate arrangements.

Jon Stock presented a SNELLA update. A UELMA CLE program was offered at the Legislative Office Building on November 27. Entitled *Official Documents on the Web: Are They For Real?*, it was jointly sponsored by SNELLA and the Connecticut Bar Association Law Librarians Section on November 27. Its setting, timeliness, and substantial attendance augur well for efforts at UELMA passage next year. The program was also broadcast by CT-N, assuring wider coverage. The program description with links to the CT-N recording and electronic handouts are posted in the CLA newsletter. Similar postings have been sent to CBA and SNELLA. Special gratitude was expressed to Ken Wiggin and Darcy Kirk for their fine presentations at the event.

Mr. Stock requested a review of minutes for the previous committee meeting held November 1, 2012. After brief discussion, Jay Johnston moved that said minutes be approved. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued concerning library budget cuts under present economic conditions. Several alternative responses were put forward and considered at some length.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan C. Stock
Government Relations Chair
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