The officers of the New Orleans Association of Law Librarians (NOALL) during 2009-2010 were Miriam Childs, president; Brent Hightower, vice president/president-elect; Cathy Wagar, treasurer; and Carla Pritchett, secretary.

The most pressing issue for NOALL was addressing IRS rule changes that made it necessary for NOALL to apply for tax-exempt status as a non-profit entity. The membership voted to amend NOALL’s constitution with a dissolution clause. The dissolution clause brings the constitution into compliance with IRS filing requirements. President Miriam Childs completed a draft of the application, and vice president/president-elect Brent Hightower will continue the application process during his presidency.

NOALL was eligible for an AALL chapter registration award, and the membership voted to provide an additional two scholarships to attend professional meetings. Francis Norton and Aimee Bain served on the Scholarship Committee, which also administered the chapter registration award. An award in the amount of $500 to attend SEAALL was unused. Tara Lombardi won the chapter registration award, and Ajaye Bloomstone won the $500 scholarship to attend AALL.

The membership voted to allocate funding to participate in the AALL VIP program. Invitations to two possible VIPs were sent by President Miriam Childs in early spring. Both potential VIPs respectfully declined NOALL’s invitation to attend AALL.

Ruth Mahoney and Anne Middleton served on the Nominations Committee. The committee successfully found candidates for the open 2010-2011 offices. The election of officers took place at the annual business meeting in May.

NOALL was eligible for a visit from the AALL Executive Board, and AALL President Cathy Lemann visited the chapter in January. She brought members up to date on AALL initiatives. In May Ron Episcopo from LexisNexis gave a well-attended presentation on social media in the legal environment.

A new initiative was the development and completion of a chapter procedures manual. President Miriam Childs completed a draft of the procedures manual, based on current practices. The manual was posted to NOALL’s website and is available to members for viewing and reference. It is a working draft to be updated as frequently as necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Miriam Childs
President 2009-2010