



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT — NINA SCHOLTZ

I'm writing this message while we are still deep in winter here in upstate New York. And when I say deep, I mean about six inches, more or less. As a transplanted Californian, I still feel awe when I see snow transforming the landscape, sharp delineation of bare branch and evergreen needle, white haze filling the air. And, I look forward to the transformations of spring, when every day I search the branches for signs of green and then experience the uplifting rush of leaves, grass, and flowers. These exciting seasonal transformations simply don't happen in Los Angeles.

During the remainder of winter and through spring, while nature follows its annual calendar, ALLUNY will continue on its annual calendar as well. I hope that you will try to check off all four of these upcoming opportunities.

- ◆ **First:** *Submit your annual [membership renewal](#).* Your membership is an incredible bargain. It includes access to ALLUNY's network of members from public, private, and academic libraries; this newsletter; discount registration for ALLUNY events with their opportunities for professional development, growth, and networking; and grants and awards for travel to events. If you haven't sent in your renewal, please do so now!
- ◆ **Second:** *Participate in ALLUNY's [organizational work and activities](#).* As a member of ALLUNY, you have the privilege of working with other members to make possible the benefits that ALLUNY provides. Every year ALLUNY looks for members interested in joining the Board of Directors and committees. As a participating member of ALLUNY, you can pursue the professional interests you are passionate about, such as advocating for laws that promote access to legal information, providing high quality continuing education, and interacting with other information professionals. Joining the Board or a committee is a great way to get the larger professional network and continuing education we know you want from your membership. Contact any [Board member](#) or [committee chair](#) for more information, and watch your email for opportunities to participate.
- ◆ **Third:** *Attend the [ALLUNY Spring Institute](#).* The Institute will take place on **April 26** at Syracuse University College of Law. Thanks to the Library for hosting us! Mark your calendar and watch for registration to open.
- ◆ **Fourth:** *Attend a local ALLUNY Meetup.* We have a new program this spring: Over the next few months, I will host ALLUNY Meetups around the state. The Meetups will take place at a location in your immediate region and light refreshments will be served. You'll be able to discuss all things ALLUNY and law libraries, as well as enjoy socializing with others who face and solve the same professional challenges you do. ALLUNY will announce dates, times and locations in upcoming weeks.

Our beautiful outdoors constantly remind us of the passage of time. ALLUNY has its seasonal markers as well, which are made possible only by your active participation in the organization. Please consider attending the Spring Institute and Fall Meeting, as well as other networking events and continuing education programming.



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IMPORTANT DATES 2019

April 26 ALLUNY Spring Institute

July 12 AALL Day On The Hill: Advocacy Leadership Training & Lobby Day, Marriott Marquis, Washington D.C.

July 13 - 16 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference Capitalizing On Our Strengths, Washington D.C.

Oct. 11-12 ALLUNY Annual Meeting 2019, Albany, New York



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SPRING INSTITUTE

Syracuse University College of Law, Law Library

APRIL 26, 2019

Hello ALLUNY Members and Friends:

I am pleased to invite you on behalf of the Board of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York to join us at the 2019 Spring Institute on **Friday, April 26, 2019** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., room 106 at Syracuse University College of Law.

What is the ALLUNY Spring Institute? It is a day long program designed to give you, our members and friends, a chance to learn and engage with your fellow law librarians! We have a wonderful lineup of speakers, and this year we are also giving you an opportunity to engage with your colleagues in small group discussions about the topics that interest you.

Registration information and the agenda are available at https://www.alluny.org/?page_id=1094 The registration form will be available online, **March 26**. The registration fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The continental breakfast will start at 9:00 a.m. and programming will begin at 10:00 a.m. Discount parking will also be available. Please make sure to register by **Thursday, April 18, 2019**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Director Jan Fleckenstein of the Syracuse University College of Law Library for agreeing to host the Spring Institute and the wonderful staff at Syracuse University College of Law Library for their generous support.

We hope to see you there!

Warm regards,

Ariel

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ALLUNY Spring Institute 2019
Syracuse University College of Law
April 26, 2019
AGENDA

Registration and Continental Breakfast 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Visualizing Legal Information: tools and techniques to help make explicit the rich, intellectual infrastructure of the law. <i>Speaker:</i> Peter Hook, Cornell University Law Library
Textualism, Legislative History, and You <i>Speaker:</i> Olli S. Baker, Rockland Supreme Court Law Library	
Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Re-imagining the Federal Records Management and Access in the Digital Era <i>Speaker:</i> Sarah Lamdan, CUNY School of Law
2:35 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Law Librarianship and Change <i>Speaker:</i> You! During this session, we will have several small group discussion tables—pick your table based on your interests. Each table will receive sample discussion questions to help jumpstart the conversation, but you are not constrained to those questions. Feel free to switch groups or topics during the session!
3:35 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	ALLUNY Board Meeting (All members welcome to attend).



ALLUNY Spring Institute 2018

Friday, April 26, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Syracuse University College of Law, MacNaughton Collaboratory, Room 130

You may register and pay online or print and mail the completed registration form with your payment. Your receipt will be included with your registration materials.

FIRST NAME (as it will appear on name badge)		LAST NAME
PROFESSIONAL TITLE	INSTITUTION	
STREET ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
E-MAIL	PHONE NUMBER	

Registration Fee Includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Conference Materials

<input type="checkbox"/>	ALLUNY Member	\$30	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-ALLUNY Member	\$35	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student	\$15	\$_____
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	TOTAL		\$_____

* Please give your name to the attendant when you enter the ramp and mention that you are attending the ALLUNY conference.

Please choose **two** topics that you are interested in discussing in small groups:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Can Law Libraries Be Neutral Spaces? | <input type="checkbox"/> Collection Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Navigating Changes in the Workplace | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology and Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Training and Instruction | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach |

Payment due no later than **Thursday, April 18, 2019.**

Make checks payable to ALLUNY and mail to:

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A VOLUME OF LIBRARIANS

By: Marissa Mason, New York State Court of Appeals Law Library

Not for the first time, I found myself rambling around an unfamiliar city in one-hundred-degree weather, seeking Poe landmarks. You could say I was in hot pursuit. At the 2018 AALL Annual Meeting in Baltimore, aside from the wealth of educational sessions, meetings, and events I had scheduled for myself, topping my tourism agenda were the grave of Edgar Allan Poe and the Poe House and Museum. The Baltimore Poe House, which the family rented in the 1830s, now consists of a series of small, unfurnished rooms connected by a winding stair just barely wide enough for a single person. Objects of interest include Poe's portable writing desk and the family telescope which he used as a young man. As I ascended the narrow staircase to the attic, I was thinking of Poe's life in that house, and the stories and poems likely written there, but I was also reflecting on my first AALL meeting in 2015. It was my first time in Philly, and I had arrived a day early to explore, starting with the Poe House. As much as I enjoyed the Philly Poe House (it has a striking mural outside and a suitably creepy basement), it was not enough to totally distract me from my increasing anticipation of the start of the conference. I had recently moved from New York to Ohio for my first professional job and was not feeling entirely sure of myself. However, the following morning at CONELL, my nerves were calmed as I connected with people who would become great friends, and whose companionship was invaluable throughout that first, overwhelming AALL experience.

At the Poe house in Baltimore, I found myself reflecting on how much I've grown as a professional over the past three years, and how much more confident I feel in the milieu of the national conference experience. This time around, rather than attending CONELL as a newbie, I was representing GLL-SIS at the marketplace, happy to share my experience with such a diverse and welcoming group. Throughout the conference I continued to note the sense of familiarity and ease I felt, whether wading into the Fastcase suite or browsing the exhibit hall. I reconnected with old friends from CONELL, spent quality time with past colleagues from other parts of the country, and met many new people. In the end, I came away with a renewed energy for the profession, inspired by my colleagues' good work and creative thinking.

The very scale of the meeting inspires a certain awe. In the thick of it I found myself thinking about possible collective nouns for a group of librarians—I think my favorite is “a volume of librarians”. For further consideration of this question, see the crowdsourced site [All Sorts: A Linguistic Experiment](#), and Kerrie Stevens' 2013 article “What is the Collective Noun for a Group of Librarians?”. Those who have suggested “a hush of librarians” have clearly never attended an AALL meeting.

Thank you to the ALLUNY Grants Committee for awarding me an AALL membership grant in 2018.

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MRS. SCOTESE GOES TO JOHANNESBURG: A GOALI STORY

By: Ariel Scotese, Cornell University Law Library

In January 2019, I had the pleasure of teaching a three-day long workshop (with two Cornell Law School students) that was hosted by the University of Johannesburg Faculty of Law in Johannesburg, South Africa. The goal of the workshop was to instruct information professionals from multiple organizations, including ITOCA (Information Teaching and Outreach Centre for Africa), about the structure of legal information and legal research, and how the online platform GOALI (Global Online Access to Legal Information) facilitates legal research. The journey to South Africa was nerve-racking but extremely rewarding because it allowed me to participate in a global initiative to promote access to justice through access to information.



Top row (starting from the left): Ariel Scotese (Cornell), Takapiwanashe Chikosha (ITOCA), Gracian Chimwaza (ITOCA), Lizette Van Zyl (University of Johannesburg), Tshepo Mohatle (ILO), Blessing Mawire (DAR)

Lower row (starting from the left): Marcia Mabhula (ITOCA), Dana Kinel (Cornell), Medhavi Nautiyal (Cornell), Catrin Ver Loren van Themaat (University of Johannesburg), Chiedza Manuel (ITOCA), Monicca Mohlamonyane (ITOCA)

The GOALI Platform and Cornell Law Library's Involvement

GOALI is a module in the Research4Life program and was developed in partnership between the International Labor Organization, Yale Law Library, Cornell Law Library, and partner publishers. The mission of GOALI is to “provide free or very low-cost online access to legal information and academic research to governments, universities, and non-profit institutions in developing countries to promote access to justice and rule of law.”ⁱ GOALI was launched in March 2018.ⁱⁱ

Researchers at eligible institutions need training on the GOALI platform and education on how to use the materials available. Cornell Law Library was tasked with taking the lead in providing this education and training, which includes developing training materials and providing training to both end users of the platform and information professionals who will go on to provide outreach and training to others. This workshop was one project undertaken for this purpose.

The Road to Johannesburg

Cornell Law Library partnered with ITOCA in the development of the workshop. ITOCA has its headquarters in Pretoria, South Africa and partnered with Cornell Library in the past to successfully train researchers on other Research4Life modules in sub-Saharan Africa. We decided to build upon this existing relationship and past success when considering strategies for GOALI outreach and training. However, in order to successfully train researchers on GOALI the staff from ITOCA needed training about legal research because, while the ITOCA staff are seasoned information professionals with knowledge of the Research4Life program, they were not familiar with legal information or legal research. The workshop required at least one law librarian and two law school students to travel to South Africa, for which Cornell Law Library received funding from the Engaged Cornell Opportunity grant.

In addition to partnering with ITOCA, the Cornell Legal Research Clinic was called upon as a partner for this workshop. As the Assistant Director of the Legal Research Clinic, I was excited to be a part of the GOALI initiative because this opportunity to train the ITOCA staff, and thus assist with removing barriers to legal information, is consistent with the clinic's mission. I was asked to go to Johannesburg with two Cornell Law School students to teach the workshop. The students selected to go with me to South Africa were Dana Kinel (JD '20) and Medhavi Nautiyal (LLM '19). Proceeds from the Engaged Cornell Curriculum grant awarded to the Clinic were also used for this trip.

With the partners in place, we needed to find a space for the workshop. We approached the University of Johannesburg about hosting the workshop because of an existing relationship between Cornell Law School and the University of Johannesburg. Through this partnership, we were able to utilize the University of Johannesburg's resources to ensure that we could provide food and parking for workshop participants, in addition to a space for the workshop. Jacob Sayward (Director of Collections, Faculty & Scholarly Services, Cornell Law Library) planned the logistics of our trip to Johannesburg.

The last step was developing the curriculum for the workshop. Nina Scholtz (Director for Reference and Instruction, Cornell Law Library) and I in consultation with Gracian Chimwaza (Executive Director of ITOCA) created the curriculum. We planned for the workshop to be a condensed version of a first-year legal research course. We knew that the participants in this workshop would provide training and outreach throughout sub-Saharan Africa and that the different countries in the region use different legal frameworks: civil law, common law, Islamic law, and domestic customary law. We also knew that international law was highly relevant to legal researchers and policymakers in this region. Therefore, the content of the workshop had to discuss the structure of legal information and the strategy for legal research for these frameworks. In addition to Nina Scholtz and me, Jacob Sayward and Sabrina Sondhi (Director for Director for Administrative Services, Cornell Law Library) helped create the content we used in the workshop.

The Workshop

Although the workshop was initially developed with the thought that ITOCA staff would be the only participants, we ultimately had participants from ILO (International Labour Organization), DAR

(Technology Bank - Digital Access to Research), and the University of Johannesburg Law Library. Most of the participants in attendance were not familiar with legal research prior to this workshop.

The workshop was all day from Monday, January 14 through Wednesday, January 16. During the first day and a half, we laid the foundation by discussing the different legal frameworks. For each framework, we explained the sources of the law, how information is organized, and the role of legal scholarship and secondary sources.

The second half of the workshop was modeled after the core curriculum for first-year American law students by using GOALI to demonstrate subject-specific research in contracts, torts, property, criminal law, and international human rights. Participants had the opportunity to use GOALI for legal research and to apply what they had learned in the first half of the workshop. Participants were asked to complete an anonymous feedback form evaluating the workshop.

The Result

The workshop was more successful than I could have hoped. All of the participants were very engaged during the entire workshop, which was incredible considering the length of the program. The law touches all aspects of our lives, so as we explained the sources of the law and specific topics there was a lot of lively discussions.

The evaluations showed that the participants appreciated and learned from the exercises completed during the training. It was clear from the comments that the workshop was highly relevant and useful to the work that these information professionals were doing to promote GOALI. With this positive response, it is our hope to be able to build off of this workshop to create additional educational materials, either for online courses or additional in-person training sessions.

All in all, this workshop was a very powerful experience. GOALI is an important program for promoting access to justice through access to information, and seeing the difference that our efforts made was invaluable. The Cornell Law School students who helped teach this workshop also found the experience incredibly rewarding. "It was an opportunity of a lifetime and I am extremely grateful that I was a part of it," said Medhavi Nautiyal. Dana Kinel explained that workshops like this one don't only stimulate legal scholarship but also inform policymaking. She said "Discussions about the law, like we had during the GOALI workshop, and the GOALI platform itself are big steps towards eliminating information imbalances and empowering people to create effective and just legal systems." I couldn't have said it better myself.

ⁱRichelle Van Snellenberg and Horváth, Edit *Global Online Access to Legal Information (GOALI) – A New Legal Training Resource for Developing Countries*. Paper presented at: IFLA WLIC 2017 – Wrocław, Poland. Available online at <http://library.ifla.org/1680/>

ⁱⁱFor more information about the GOALI initiative and its history please read Lora Johns, Diana Quinones, Yuksel Serinandag and Stacia Stein *The GOALI Initiative: Removing the Barriers to Legal Research, Training, and Justice in Developing Countries*, AALL Spectrum, March/April 2019, at 38 (Subscription Required).

WESTERN NEW YORK LAW LIBRARY COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETINGS

By Jay Deveau with original photographs by Suzanne Weiss

Law library staff from a variety of Western New York locations have enjoyed two events in downtown Buffalo since mid-year 2018. On Tuesday, October 16 many gathered at the new beautiful Canalside office of Phillips Lytle LLP. We were hosted by Kristine Westphal, Information Services Manager. This session was largely socializing/networking over lunch. The session provided the means to establish/maintain open communication lines amongst our local professional colleagues. I think this is also one of the major benefits of being a member of ALLUNY.

On January 11 our group was invited to the office of Hurwitz & Fine. Suzanne Weiss, Librarian, was our host. The firm sponsored a great lunch in a welcoming conference room on the 13th floor of the Liberty Building. Following lunch, Suzanne provided a presentation about the history of the building. Attached you will find a variety of photographs she shared. We also got a tour of the office space, including some spectacular views of Lake Erie and the Niagara River. We also got to visit her law library. As is typical with this group, a discussion on a variety of specific titles ensued along with sharing of experiences resulting from the transition of many of those titles from print to digital.

We learned that Hurwitz & Fine was founded in 1977. The firm currently operates from eight locations with approximately 50 attorneys. Their major practice areas include: Business & Commercial Litigation, Commercial Real Estate Development & Finance, Business Law, Estate Planning & Administration, Insurance Coverage, Municipal Law and Trucking & Commercial Transportation Negligence.



Since the Liberty Building has had a long presence in downtown Buffalo, some of the attendees had employment history working within its walls at other law firm operations, but it was still enlightening to get details about the structure and see some of the significant renovations. The building was completed in 1925 to serve as the headquarters of the Liberty National Bank. The building architect was Alfred Bossom and the structure remains an example of neoclassical architecture. Mr. Bossom is credited with other office building designs in Richmond, Galveston, Houston, Washington DC and Jersey City.

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Standing 23 stories high the Liberty Building remains the fifth tallest building in the city. Its most distinguishing features are the two Statues of Liberty which grace the rooftop spires at the east and west ends of the building. Those statues were sculpted by Leo Lentelli. They do not mirror their more famous sister who graces the entrance to New York Harbor. Each statue is 36 feet tall. Over the past year both statues were briefly encased in scaffolding while repair work was completed. The statues are illuminated at night, making them focal points on the Buffalo skyline. Many of the internal features of the building reflect an era of grandeur in Buffalo construction. Suzanne's photos show some of those glamorous accoutrements. One of the more bizarre events in the history of the building took place on September 23, 2010 when French tightrope artist, Didier Pasquette successfully completed a 150 foot walk on a high-wire suspended between the two statues. We would like to thank Suzanne for her gracious invitation and willingness to enlighten us about another architectural gem in Buffalo.



Attendees at the Hurwitz & Fine session were: Marcia Zubrow of the Charles B. Sears Law Library of S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo, Elizabeth Lederer and Amanda Steinbacher of Phillips Lytle, Melissa Lamb of Hodgson Russ, Andrew Filippone of Goldberg Segalla, Dawn Vollmer of the Federal Court Library, Jay Deveau, Katie Loveless and Michael Morrissey of Buffalo Supreme Court Library.

ALLUNY Business Meeting

Hyatt Place Buffalo/Amherst, Amherst, NY

Friday, September 28, 2018

Present: President Donna Byrne, Vice President/President-Elect Nina Scholtz,

Present: Nina Scholtz, Ariel Scotese, Mark Burns, Elaine Knecht, Lisa Worhacz, Donna Byrne, Andrew Kloc

Byrne called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Knecht submitted Treasurer's Report:

-Summarized expenses as indicated in written budget report; previous year = ~\$12,000

-Summarized income as indicated in written budget report; previous year = \$13,234

-Income from Spring Institute; merchandise sales; registrations/memberships;
\$2,225 in sponsorships

-Year-end balance = \$23,896.58 (current)

-\$1,916 dedicated to grants

-Byrne accepted Treasurer's Report at 10:10 a.m.

Archives: Nothing to report.

Government Relations: Jacob Sayward (Cornell) agreed to be new head of Government Relations Committee.

Education: Nothing to report.

Communications & Outreach: Nothing to report.

Grants & Scholarships: John Beatty sent email re: grant award; also resigned. Laura Suttell agreed to take over, but she is also current membership chair. Knecht suggested she may take over the membership-related responsibilities.

Listserv: Nothing to report.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Worhacz indicated completion of two successful newsletters; indicated need for assistance with newsletter content and feedback.

Parliamentarian: Nothing to report.

Election Results:

VP –	Scotese
Board member –	Deveau
Treasurer –	Knecht
Secretary –	Detweiler

Website:

Sievers indicated to Byrne, who reported:

-Recent changes to website;

-Added security;

-Email addresses no longer listed; replaced by webforms (contact via form);

-Website cost \$134;

-Discussed need for further improvements for which there are a cost; Sievers agreed to pay and be reimbursed.

-Worhacz indicated Sievers is comparing ALLUNY website to other AALL chapter sites.

Privacy consent:

Byrne discussed the current system for obtaining consent for photos and the need to change it; Worhacz described difficulty in using photos in newsletter due to different consent levels, and the inherent problem in identifying individuals that appear in photos.

Byrne asked if we need to have a full floor vote to change current system; consensus that we do not.

Byrne indicated consent is needed for meeting registrations; not just membership.

Worhacz described AALL consent is obtained automatically upon membership registration/renewal.

Knecht described pitfalls of utilizing opt-out checkmark, which makes it very easy to opt-out.

Contact Information Concern:

Byrne discussed situation where archives chairs Cunningham and Hoolihan were asked to provide contact information for a member from a third party. All agreed that this was not to be done; no need to codify further.

Membership information and member contact information is strictly private. Agree to note in meeting notes and potentially on website.

Member Survey Results:

Group discussed what action should be taken with survey results from earlier in the year. Agreed to state, "Board is conferring; please feel free to share any comments you have with a board member."

2019 Annual Meeting Location:

Scotese suggested Saratoga as potential next meeting location, at the hotel previously suggested by Lee.

Scholtz expressed concern over attendance at location that far from Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse.

General discussion of need to return meeting to eastern location; not done since Albany in 2013.

Agreed to announce Saratoga as next meeting location.

Scotese agreed to investigate costs.

Discussed potential dates. No date was set. Agreed that it would depend heavily on hotel availability.

Listservs:

Byrne indicated Joan Hoolihan, archives co-chair, has asked to be included on the ALLUNY-BOARD listserv, so she can print and archive the contents.

-Discussed whether the archives chair(s) can be elevated to a board member, or to consider adding to the Board listserv.

-Kloc indicated support for adding Hoolihan to Board listserv to enable effective archiving of board communications.

-Consensus reached regarding: the decision is up to the president. No decision stated.

Worhacz indicated problems with listserv security at her firm; IT at her firm indicated it is not possible to receive listserv emails due to security concerns.

Alternatives to listservs were discussed. Knecht and Scotese indicated support for Slack as an alternative/replacement for the listservs. Other alternatives discussed were MS Teams and Cisco Webex. Scotese agreed to investigate viability of Slack.

Scholtz moved to adjourn the meeting; Scotese seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Detweiler, Secretary*

*Many thanks to Board Member Andrew Kloc for recording the minutes in my absence!

ALLUNY Business Meeting

Hyatt Place Buffalo/Amherst, Amherst, NY

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Present: President Donna Byrne, Vice President/President-Elect Nina Scholtz, Treasurer Elaine Knecht, Secretary Brian Detweiler, Board Members Mark Burns, Ariel Scotese, and Newsletter Editor Lisa Worhacz. Also present were Nancy Babb, Jay Deveau, Marcia Heckmann, Saadia Iqbal, Judy Lauer, Melissa Lamb, Kim Miller, Mary Miller, John Mondo, Mike Morrissey, Celine Murphy, Allison Perry, Steve Roses, Melissa Sievers, Laura Suttell, Laura Whitbeck, and Marcia Zubrow.

Byrne called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

-The agenda for the Business Meeting was approved (Knecht, Heckmann).

-The minutes for last year's Business Meeting were approved (Detweiler, Scotese).

Vice President's Report:

Scholtz thanked everyone for participating in the membership survey and opened the floor to comments about the following questions:

1. What do you hope to gain by joining ALLUNY?
2. What should ALLUNY be doing that it is not?

-Deveau said he hoped for the collegiality of working with other professionals and for contacts across the various sectors of law librarianship; he hopes that by joining together we can address legal issues, issues in the community, and issues in librarianship as well as enjoy some great programming

-Scholtz announced that next year's Annual Meeting will be in the Albany/Saratoga area, and encouraged everyone to reach out to incoming Vice President Ariel Scotese with related feedback or suggestions.

Treasurer's Report:

-Knecht announced the AALL Grant went to Marissa Mason and that ALLUNY distributed \$1916 through grants this year; Knecht encouraged everyone to take advantage of these opportunities

-Knecht reported that ALLUNY's current balance is \$23,896.58, but that amount does not reflect expenses or income related to the 2018 Annual Meeting

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

-Deveau nominated Mary Miller, Joan White Taube, Beth Colon, and Elaine Blum for life membership; Heckmann seconded, and there were no objections.

-The motion passed unanimously.

-Deveau solicited location suggestions for the 2020 Annual Meeting; both Rochester and Old Forge were suggested

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 PM (Detweiler, Burns).

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Detweiler, Secretary

Incoming ALLUNY Board Meeting

Forest Lawn Cemetery Wendt Resource Center, Buffalo, NY

Saturday September 29, 2018

Present: President Nina Scholtz, Vice President Ariel Scotese, Treasurer Elaine Knecht, Secretary Brian Detweiler, Board Members Jay Deveau, Newsletter Editor Lisa Worhacz, Immediate Past President Donna Byrne, and Members Michael Morrissey, Melissa Sievers, and Laura Suttell.

Scholtz called the meeting to order at 5:21 PM.

The Meeting Agenda was approved (Knecht, Deveau)

President's Report:

-Scholtz announced her priorities for her 2018-19 term, which include fostering collegiality and participation among the membership

-Scholtz will reach out to membership regarding committee vacancies and encourage members to take advantage of opportunities available through the organization, as well as to encourage support for UELMA

Old Business:

-Deveau reported that the vacancy announcement on the website for the Vendor Chair position is inaccurate

-Sievers will address discrepancies between the website and the Operating Manual

-Scotese proposed involving membership in voting on programming and themes for future spring institutes and annual meetings

-Scholtz suggested setting up voting through Cornell's survey software as we do for ALLUNY elections

-Scholtz also wants to prioritize the creation of reliable communication channels given the firewall issues our firm librarians have been having with the current listserv

-Scotese announced she would be willing to host a webinar to discuss using Slack as a secure alternative to communicating via the listserv; she will send a Doodle poll to the Board to find a time that is convenient for everyone to attend the webinar

-Scholtz wants to review and update the quorum requirements in our Bylaws to comply with New York Non-Profit Law requirements before the next Business Meeting

-Scholtz would also like to find volunteers or appoint a task force to make sure the Bylaws comply the law in other ways

Vice President's Report:

-Scotese reported that Jeannine Lee had passed along details about two potential sites for next year's Annual Meeting: The Hyatt Place Saratoga in Malta is available on October 4th and 5th 2019, and would be \$109 per night for lodging, \$150 per day for a meeting room, and requires a \$1000 minimum expenditure for food and drinks; the Saratoga Casino Hotel is available for September 20th and 21st 2019, and would cost \$149 per night for lodging and require a \$4,000 minimum expenditure for food and drink

-several members expressed reservations about the distance between the proposed sites and Albany, where it was anticipated that various tours and activities could be scheduled to take advantage of holding the Annual Meeting in the Capitol District

-Scotese reported that Saadia Iqbal volunteered to assist with local arrangements next year, so she will ask her to suggest and check out some potential locations in and around Albany

-Worhacz will inquire with a former colleague at the New York State Library about scheduling a tour

-Knecht suggested Troy, New York as another possibility since it would be more convenient than Saratoga

-Worhacz suggested downtown Albany

-Deveau suggested contacting Laura Barber for additional suggestions about potential sites and proposed returning to the structure where each board member is responsible for booking one speaker for the Annual Meeting and Spring Institute to lessen the burden on the Vice President

-Scholtz suggested Scotese contact Maggie Ambrose for information about the Albany area

-Scotese proposed a conference call for January 2019 to discuss the Annual Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM (Scotese, Deveau).

Respectfully submitted, Brian Detweiler, Secretary

ALLUNY Winter Board Meeting

Hosted by Cornell Law Library via Zoom & Telephone

Tuesday February 2, 2019

Present: President Nina Scholtz, Vice President Ariel Scotese, Treasurer Elaine Knecht, Secretary Brian Detweiler, Board Members Jay Deveau, Andrew Kloc, Newsletter Editor Lisa Worhacz, Immediate Past President Donna Byrne, and Website Webmaster Melissa Sievers.

Scholtz began the meeting at 1:32 PM.

-Scholtz advised that several chair positions need to be filled, including Public Relations, Social Media, Membership, and Grants & Scholarships

-Jacob from Cornell may be interested in being Public Relations Chair

-Byrne advised we are required by AALL to have a Government Relations Chair

-Knecht volunteered to take over Membership for the duration of her term as Treasurer

-Byrne thought that Laura Suttell may have expressed interest in taking over as Grants & Scholarships Chair (Suttell later confirmed this to Board via email)

-Sievers volunteered to add Social Media duties to her position as Webmaster

-Scholtz announced that Jessica Petitto and Saadia Iqbal agreed to become the new Vendor Co-Chairs

-Byrne announced that changes at Thomson Reuters/West may impact sponsorships and that their contributions to future events may be diminished

-As Byrne is in charge of Nominations as Past President, she will send out emails regarding ongoing vacancies

-Knecht suggested a soft roll-out before sending an official message soliciting volunteers

-Scholtz advised that membership contact information on website needs to be changed

-Sievers will add Knecht as contact and adjust membership deadline to March 1st

-Knecht received membership forms from Syracuse University but is still awaiting payment, so she will follow up with them

- Worhacz has not received any material for the Newsletter except the minutes from the Annual Meeting
- Scholtz will send Worhacz a President's Message
- Deveau will submit an article about the Western New York Law Librarians' Quarterly Meeting from January
- Kloc will submit a write-up about his presentation at New York Library Association
- Scotese also volunteered to write an article about travelling to South Africa for teaching and outreach
- Knecht reported that Marissa Mason received funding from ALLUNY to attend the Annual Meeting and suggested she may want to submit a write-up as well
- Scholtz announced plans to travel to cities across the membership area to speak with members
- Deveau offered the Supreme Court Library as the Buffalo site and suggested that Scholtz's visit could coincide with a WNY Librarians' Quarterly Meeting
- Kloc will inquire with the Appellate Division about hosting for Scholtz's visit to Rochester
- Scholtz will inquire with SU Law Library about hosting in Syracuse and Byrne will check with their iSchool to see if any MS students would be interested in attending
- Scholtz will also email ALLUNY people in Albany to see about hosting her visit there
- Detweiler will check with UB Department of Library & Information Studies to advertise the President's Meeting, Annual Meeting, and Spring Institute on their listserv
- Scotese announced that everything has been signed with the Desmond in Albany for the Annual Meeting on October 11th and 12th, 2019
- Scotese also reported that everything is set with SU Law Library for the Spring Institute and she will send out a call for speakers
- Knecht suggested calling it an "unconference" to indicate openness to people contributing more informally and on various topics
- Detweiler will check with Faculty Outreach Librarian to see whether he is aware of any law faculty who might want to present
- Scotese will reach out to Cornell faculty and ask Iqbal to do so at Albany Law School

-Scholtz announced that the next Board Meeting will take place at the Spring Institute and ended the meeting at 2:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Detweiler, Secretary