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Upcoming Membership Meeting in Philly

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 six 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 part-time, volunteer Board of Directors elected by the Charter Members. In turn, the Directors seek advice as needed from an 18-member Advisory Council, also elected by the Charter Members. This latter consultative body has been used on several occasions when unexpected issues arose between the annual meetings. Member libraries meet once a year, usually in conjunction with the annual convention of AALL, when they select colleagues to fill vacant seats on the two governing bodies, receive reports from the staff on the LLMC's progress, provide input on current issues and decide any policy questions submitted by the Board.

The 35th annual LLMC Members Meeting will be conducted during the AALL convention being held this year in Philadelphia, PA, on **Monday, July 25, 5:30-6:30 PM**. The room will be announced in the AALL convention program. All Charter Member libraries are invited to send a representative. Voting

¹ New readers can view the list of Charter Members by going to www.llmc.com and clicking successively on the tabs "About LLMC" & "Charter Community." They will see that our membership includes all kinds of libraries, although it is decidedly weighted toward the academic side, including over 90% of all U.S. law school libraries and 80% of the Canadian. This list also provides the voting entitlements for each Charter Member.

entitlement packets will be available at the door for Charter Member Library representatives. Voting on balloted questions is reserved to *LLMC-Digital* Charter Members, but other subscribers and interested colleagues are most welcome, both to attend and to provide input.

As always, the main official business of our 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

■ Board of Directors Elections

The terms of two current directors, Darin Fox and Regina Smith, expire this year; requiring replacements. Following tradition, and to ensure the availability of candidates able and willing to serve, the incumbent Board recruits and nominates candidates for open Board

² Current LLMC governing structure:

Board of Directors:

- Richard Amelung, *Asso.Dir., St. Louis U.L.L. (14)*
- Darin Fox, *Dir., U. Oklahoma L.L. (11)*
- Jonathan Franklin, *Asso. Libn. U. Wash, L.L. (12)*
- Barbara Garavaglia, *Hd. Ref., U. Mich. L.L. (12)*
- Joe Hinger, *Hd.Tech.Serv., St. John's U.L.L. (13)*
- Marcia Koslov, *Dir., Los Angeles L.L. (14)*
- Kathleen Richman, *LLMC Exec. Dir. (ex officio)*
- Regina Smith, *Dir. Jenkins Memorial L.L. (11)*
- Judith Wright, *Dir., U. Chicago L.L. (13)*

Advisory Council:

- Glen-Peter Ahlers, *Dir. Barry U. L.L. (11)*
- Steve Anderson, *Dir., Maryland St. L.L. (12)*
- John Barden, *Dir. Maine St. Law L. (11)*
- Neil Campbell, *Dir., U. Victoria (CA) L.L. (13)*
- Dragomir Cosanici, *Dir., La. State U. L.L. (12)*
- Judith Gaskell, *Dir. U.S.Sup.Ct.L. (11)*
- Yolande Goldberg, *Sen.Cat.Policy Spec., LC (13)*
- Janice Johnston, *Dir., U. Illinois L.L. (12)*
- Dan Lavering, *Dir., J.A.G. Sch. L. (13)*
- Margaret Leary, *Dir. U. Mich. L.L. (13)*
- Grace Mills, *Dir. Hamline U.L.L. (13)*
- Ralph Monaco, *Hd. Libn., N.Y. Law Inst. L.L. (12)*
- Marie Newman, *Dir. Pace U. L.L. (11)*
- Scott Pagel, *Dir., George Washington U. L.L. (12)*
- Jeanne Price, *Dir., U. Nevada-Las Vegas L.L. (13)*
- Carol Roehrenbeck, *Dir. Rutgers-N. U. L.L. (11)*
- Richard Tuske, *Hd. Libn., Assn. Bar C.N.Y. (12)*
- Sally Wise, *Dir., U. Miami L.L. (12)*

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 serve. The current Board's nominees for the two four-year board slots falling vacant this year are: **Janis Johnston**, Director of the University of Illinois Law Library, and, for a second term, **Regina Smith**, Executive Director of the Jenkins Law Library.³

▪ Advisory Council Elections

This year there may be six open slots, due to the expiration of the terms of our colleagues Glen-Peter Ahlers, John Barden, Judith Gaskell, Marie Newman, & Carol Roehrenbeck; and to the possible election of Janis Johnston to the Board. Nominations for these 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 library is eligible. The Board's Nominations Committee has advised that it has recruited and will nominate for A.C. terms: **John Barden**, Maine State L.L., **Darin Fox**, U. Oklahoma L.L., **Marie Newman**, Pace U.L.L., Carol Roehrenbeck, Rutgers/Newark L.L., **Judy Russell**, U. Florida Library, and **Michelle Wu**, Georgetown Univ. L.L.

New Partnership with Canadiana.org
LLMC is delighted to announce a partnership with the premier digital-preservation organization operating in Canada, Canadiana.org.⁴

³ Although it is permissible under our By-Laws, the Board does not often nominate current members for additional terms. However, in the opinion of the full Board, LLMC being in the midst of a careful restructuring of its financial accounting processes, a reform supervised and implemented in large part by its Finance Committee Chair, Regina Smith, the Consortium would benefit immensely if she could be persuaded to take on a second term. After some gentle arm-twisting, she has graciously consented to serve another four years if the Member Libraries will have her.

⁴ Canadiana.org is familiar to some as ECO, from its earlier name "Early Canadiana Online." The ECO acronym is still in valid use. Real old-timers will remember an even earlier acronym: CHIM. To

This agreement is focused on enabling each organization to enrich the collections it offers its users through the swapping of unique materials held by one or the other. While the avoidance of duplicative effort is certainly a factor, the principle motivation is to enhance the research experience for both user groups; giving each a wider array of resources aggregated behind its own familiar interface. On a more granular level, Canadiana.org hopes to benefit by using the swap mechanism to avoid having to scan some very large Canadian titles that LLMC has already completed. For its part LLMC hopes to acquire access to rarer Canadian materials that it would be unlikely to acquire from its usual array of American donor libraries.⁵ We look forward to many pleasant and mutually helpful years in partnership with our new Canadian colleagues.

Progress Report on LLMC/CRL First Year

LLMC's partnership with the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), announced last June, is approaching the end of its first operational year. In the area of digital content we tested our cooperative systems by absorbing and scanning CRL's entire legal treatise collection, some 730+ titles in 833 volumes. Most of those titles are already cataloged and online. The rest will make it online later this year. With the methodology now worked out, the partnership then took on a much bigger reformatting job, scanning all of CRL's extensive holdings of Canadian legislative journals, debates, and sessional papers. This material is expected to amount to ca. 2,300 volumes. Two thirds of it is already scanned,

learn more about Canadiana.org and its exciting mission, see <http://www.canadiana.ca/en/eco>.

⁵ As a practical example of how beneficial a swap can be for both sides, LLMC just exchanged our images for the bulk of the *Canada Law Journal*, 1868-1922, for ECO's tiffs of *The Upper Canada Law Journal*, 1855-64, *Revue de Legislation*, 1845-48, *The Legal News*, 1877-97, and some gap-fillers for our copy of *Canada Law Journal*. With this one swap our two organizations enriched their respective collections, while each avoided the expense of finding hardcopy for and scanning almost 25,000 images.

with the rest scheduled for scanning this summer. Given the lesser cataloging burden for these multi-volume Canadian titles, all of this legislative material will also be up on *LLMC-Digital* by early fall.⁶

Meanwhile, the Global Resources Steering Committee (the joint CRL/LLMC group guiding our content selection policies for these joint scanning projects,⁷) is already planning our targets for next year. We expect to be announcing those in the post-AALL convention newsletter, due in early August.

Getting Serious About LLMC Fundraising
A serious source of support to which a non-profit can legitimately aspire is aid from our country's "charities community." However, during its 35-year history, LLMC has not done well in attracting funding from foundations and other grant-giving institutions. There were several reasons in our film era why foundations gave us the brush off, but our Board is convinced that in our digital guise we have a higher claim for currency and relevance. It also feels that we have achieved a sufficient critical mass of accomplishments to convince grantors that they could leverage our assets with relatively modest aid to accomplish a lot more. Finally, it judged that our new alliance with CRL, described above, demonstrates to possible grantors that our two organizations demonstrably "get things done." So the Board decided at its winter meeting that the time has come for us to hire professional help to guide us in serious efforts to attract our "fair share" of foundation support.

⁶ In addition to cooperation in the scanning of CRL-held law-related materials, CRL also assisted in another LLMC project by soliciting its non-law-library members (*terra incognita* for us) to assist us in our Haiti Collection efforts. Because of when we joined ranks, CRL's plea on this occasion came late in the program. However it still generated some extremely valuable contributions to the effort. Given that, LLMC will certainly take care in future such projects to enlist CRL's help early on.

⁷ See Newsletter Issue #45, Oct. 25, 2010, p.5, archived on www.llmc.com.

The firm that the Board has engaged is named Grant Development Services (GDS).⁸ While based in Canada, it has a long list of satisfied clients located all over North America. GDS specializes in helping clients to identify foundations with the best grant-giving potential for their unique missions and needs, and then assisting the clients in the development of the appropriate proposals and supporting documentation to make the best possible case to those prospects. The Board knows that its chosen path will entail a great amount of work, both for its own members and for LLMC staff. However, it feels that the time is ripe, and that it would be derelict in its duty if it did not move while the potential was so high. We will report here on further developments as they occur

Finishing Touches on the Haiti Project
Titles only go "live" on *LLMC-Digital* after the materials are scanned; the images are proofed, processed and OCR'd; and the titles are cataloged. At this point over 75% of the target titles for the Haiti Legal Patrimony Collection have been scanned, and over 55% of those scanned titles have already been cataloged. Many of the remaining target titles are flowing in daily from our network of contributing libraries, and the processing and cataloging of these items proceeds apace.

The one big remaining scanning project will be the digital capture of Haiti's official gazette (*Le Moniteur-journal officiel de la République d'Haiti*, 1844-), which will comprise the very heart of the collection. We are happy to report that the Law Library of Congress is donating a copy of the gazette to the project for high-speed scanning, and that the digitization of the bulk of this important title will occur over the next several months. At the rate things are going, the initial building phase of this project will be substantially completed by the end of this year. By that time we anticipate that the total collection will number ca. 800 titles in ca. 1,100 volumes.⁹

⁸ See: < <http://www.bigdatabase.com/big-html/nonsecure/services/gds.html> >

⁹ A summary report on the completed basic collection, and a final report on the contributions of the score and more of libraries that contributed to

Meanwhile, as foretold in the previous newsletter, the Haiti Legal Patrimony Collection has also gone live on the no-fee website of the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC). As explained earlier, Haiti is a member of dLOC, and so we decided that hosting the material via the dLOC platform would be the most economical way of achieving our goal of providing access, while sparing Haiti additional expense at this time of grave competing needs. Over half of the target titles are already up on dLOC, and we will continue to make sure that their version of the collection, which is the one most practically accessible to Haiti and its neighbors, receives all of the remaining additions and enhancements that are being added to *LLMC-Digital*.¹⁰

Launching Another Country Collection

Now that we can see the flowering of our Haiti efforts, it has occurred to many people (not least some folks in the funding agencies discussed on p. 3 above) that this is a model for collection building that could fruitfully be applied to other countries. Your LLMC staff

its content is posted on www.llmc.com and will be maintained through the rest of the year. Of course, as with all of LLMC's collections, enhancements will occur for many years to come. New relevant titles will be discovered, and we will continue to search for any missing portions of titles already offered. As one example, only last month LLMC discovered the existence of a predecessor series to Haiti's current official gazette. That previous official title, *Le Telegraph*, ran from 1821 to 1843. We already have found scattered issues (1836-38) of this periodical in the rare book room of the University of Florida Library, and would be deeply grateful if librarians from any other of our member libraries whose collections "just might" hold portions of this vital title would check their catalogs to see if just possibly they could help us to complete it.

¹⁰ Readers curious to see how our materials display on a web site with a different interface than ours are invited to check out a few of the Haiti titles at <http://dloc.com/illmc>. For a concise description of the dLOC organization, go to their home page <http://dloc.com> and click on "Invitation for partner institutions to join dLOC." However, be aware that added materials about LLMC as an organization partnering with dLOC are in preparation and won't be mounted for a month or so.

has been heeding those suggestions and has been working on an appropriate sequel. We have now determined that our next efforts in this mode will focus on creating a world class Cuba Legal Patrimony Collection.

Using the Haiti collection operational model first requires that LLMC identify and recruit several libraries with strong collections in the target subject area to serve as the lead partners, the core donors from whose collections we can construct the bibliographic skeleton which other sponsor libraries can later flesh out with their contributions. This was the role played so capably by Columbia Law Library and the Law Library of Congress in the Haiti effort. In justice to those two stalwarts it should be noted that taking that responsibility required a lot of extra work. It seemed only fair to give them a rest in the next round. So we cast our net in search of two other libraries with the capacity and willingness to take on this task for the Cuba endeavor. We are delighted to report that we have found two superb candidates, the University of Florida Library System (UF) and the University of Michigan Law Library (UM-L). Each of these renowned institutions is blessed with a particularly rich Cuba collection. Furthermore, as with LC and Columbia in the Haiti case, the UM-L and UF collections are very complementary in their areas of coverage. All of us owe these two libraries sincere thanks for their willingness to put their collections and staff in the service of this great new project.

The initial phase of the Cuba project will be the creation by LLMC, in consultation with its core donors and working from their online catalogs, of a bibliographic skeleton for the collection. We expect this work to occur over the summer, and hope to have a master spreadsheet, like that used for Haiti, ready for public release in the fall. It's hard to do quantitative estimates this early, but a quick survey of the UF & UM-L online catalogs, using law related search terms, indicates that the core collection might have ca. 550 titles.

With a base collection identified, as we did with Haiti, we will launch the solicitation of additional materials from other libraries willing to serve as sponsors of the project. Judg-

ing by the amount of cooperation we got from our member libraries in the Haiti effort, and extrapolating from the schedule for that effort, we estimate that we could have the most complete Cuba collection ever assembled online before the end of 2012.

Online Stats for LLMC-Digital

Our current online numbers are:

titles = 3,936
volumes = 70,073
images = 31,480, 621
serials = 641

Since we regularly get e-mail queries for them from people needing to complete surveys, etc., it's clear that not all users know that the stats are always available on our free web site "LLMC-Central." Go to www.llmc.com, click on the tab "Search Holdings," then click on "View All Holdings." Be aware that the totals for titles, volumes and images are updated monthly.¹¹ The total for serials, which involves a bit more effort to compile accurately, is updated several times a year, and comes with an "as of" date. However, should you need an even more current figure for that category, do feel free to e-mail a request to llmc@llmc.com and we'll provide it.

Remembering Donald Gordon

LLMC is now celebrating its thirty-fifth year. Very few people were involved with the project "before the beginning," and now two of them have recently left us. We covered the passing of Morris Cohen in the last newsletter, and now we must do the same for Donald Gordon, who passed away last month in Honolulu in his 85th year. The details of Donald's long and useful life have been memorialized in other appropriate venues. We

¹¹ For the statistically inclined, these numbers may contribute some evidence toward resolving a discussion carried on in law library building-planning literature over the years; i.e., "what is the average size of a law book?" We know from the LLMC title listings that our online holdings provide a very diverse sampling of many types of legal material, and we have precise numbers for the volumes and pages. So, at least for this possibly representative sample of legal literature the "average law book" turns out to have ca. 449 pages. That might be a useful figure for somebody's planning purposes.

will concentrate here on his long and fruitful association with LLMC, described here by his colleague Jerry Dupont.¹²

Donald and I first joined forces in 1973 as members of a small founding faculty for the new University of Hawaii Law School. He taught Tax and Legal Philosophy, subjects that he had taught for years at Wayne State in Detroit. We soon became fast friends. Unfortunately, Hawaii soon lost Donald's services, because after two years Wayne State recruited him back to become their dean.

Before he left Donald told me that as one of their lures to get him back, a group of loyal Wayne alumni had promised to raise "real money" to help him modernize and upgrade the law school. What, he asked, besides just buying more books, could he do to significantly improve Wayne's law library. I showed him the plans for a law library filming consortium that I had been unsuccessfully shopping around for some three years. He asked me how much in seed money loans we would need to get such a project into self sustaining mode. I reported that it would take roughly \$120,000. He asked a few reality-check questions and then committed to raising half the money from Wayne State sources on condition that I find somebody to raise the other half in Hawaii. This was hardly a chicken-feed pledge at the time; nor would it be easy sledding. Donald was committing to raise \$257,000 in today's money for a less-than-sexy project that most donors would find hard to comprehend. Stuart Ho, a Hawaii Law School booster who raised the Hawaii half of the seed money, faced the same problem.

Once back in Detroit Donald was as good as his word. Within eight months he had raised his quota from a variety of sources; the auto companies, law firms, and benevolent individuals. In addition to raising the money, he took a deep and personal interest in the project, serving as a director on the LLMC Board for the next fourteen years until the end of his service at Wayne State. His was a

¹² See, e.g., the memorials aggregated on the web site of Wayne State University Law School, to which Donald devoted the bulk of his professional career: <http://law.wayne.edu/>.

very active service. On many occasions he used his clout as a law school dean, and later senior law professor, to beseech, beg and cajole people in the non-law-library world to lend us support.

After finishing his service at Wayne State in 1990, Donald returned to his beloved Hawaii to spend his retirement years. Even in retirement, while he had relinquished his seat on the Board to the Wayne State Law Librarian, Georgia Clark,¹³ he still maintained an avid interest in Consortium affairs, continued to help raise money, read all of the directors' reports, and regularly called in with suggestions for improvements or tips about opportunities he had unearthed. He was intensely proud of his involvement in LLMC. As he told me just months ago, when the end was seemingly drawing near: "This is the best thing I ever did."

When Donald died, his wife, Irene,¹⁴ asked mourners that, in lieu of flower, and memorial gifts be in the form of, either donations to sponsor books being scanned by LLMC, or donations to a teaching award that has been established in his honor at Wayne State. The list of those of Donald's friends who sponsored books in his memory appears online under the "Recognitions" tab on www.llmc.com. See, for example, the acknowledgement following the listing for Georgia Clark. Note also that the title of the

book sponsored is linked to the images of the book on line, and that the acknowledgement message appears there also.

For its part, and in all of our names, the LLMC Board thought it most fitting to establish a special collection of books on LLMC-Digital to honor Donald's long and loyal association with our project. That special collection is described under the "Recognitions" tab on www.llmc.com under the heading "Special Honorees." The Board recognizes that this gesture is but a token of our appreciation, which is why it has adopted as the motto for the "Special Honorees" section a phrase borrowed from the memorial for Christopher Wren in St. Paul's Cathedral: *Si monumentum requires, circumspice*.

¹³ Georgia, now retired and living in Duluth, had almost as long a connection with LLMC as Donald, coming on board in the first year to run our first off-site filming operation, located at Wayne State. While the off-site model proved impractical, given the limitations of film technology, she put in several years of hard labor giving it the best possible trial.

¹⁴ A relatively recent picture of Donald and Irene is attached to this newsletter. Apart from her touching gesture in requesting the Haiti book sponsorships in Donald's honor, she is of interest to our LLMC community for another reason. When Donald retired to Hawaii, Irene was still of working age. Before going back to her first love, teaching languages, she spent her first two years serving as LLMC's office manager, during which time she executed a major and much needed reform of LLMC's financial records.