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Upcoming Members Meeting at AALL

As most readers know, LLMC is owned and governed by a fixed group of Charter Members, comprised of the 246 intrepid and farsighted libraries that launched the digital project over ten years ago, when they became the founding subscriber group that organized *LLMC-Digital*.¹

Since 2004 the Consortium has functioned as follows. Day-to-day operations are conducted by paid fulltime staff, supervised by a volunteer, part-time Board of Directors (BD) elected by the Charter Members. In turn, the Directors seek advice as needed from an 18-member Advisory Council (AC), also elected by the Charter Members. As its principal duty, the AC is available for consultation when issues needing prompt resolution arise between the annual meetings, and the BD feels a need to consult a body representative of the membership. In addition, AC members regularly serve on committees established by the BD to address special needs.

The Member Libraries meet once a year, always in conjunction with the annual convention of AALL. At this annual meeting they select colleagues to fill vacant seats on the two governing bodies, receive reports from the staff on LLMC's progress, provide input on current issues, and decide any policy questions submitted by the Board.

The 38th annual LLMC Members Meeting will take place during the AALL convention in San Antonio, Texas, on **Monday**, **July 14**,

¹ New readers can view the list of Charter Members by going to LLMC-Central < www.llmc.com > and clicking successively on the tabs "About LLMC" & "Charter Community." They will see that our club of charter members encompasses all varieties of libraries, although it leans heavily toward the academic law library world. Note also that the list provides the weighted voting entitlements for each charter member.

5:30-6:30 PM. The meeting venue will be the Marriott Rivercenter's Salon D. All member libraries are invited to send a representative. Voting entitlement packets will be available at the door for the Charter Member library representatives, to whom voting on balloted questions is reserved. However, all subscribers, and any other interested law library colleagues are welcome to participate and provide input.

As always, the main official business of the 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

² LLMC governing structure, 2013/14

Board of Directors:

Jerry Dupont Bd. Chair & Content Developer (2014)
Barbara Garavaglia Dir., U. Mich L.L. (2016)
Joe Hinger Dir. Tech Serv., St. John's U.L.L. (2015)
Marcia Koslov Dir.Ret., Los Angeles L.L. (2014)
Kent McKeever Dir., Columbia U.L.L. (2016)
Anne Matthewman Dir., Dalhousie U.L.L. (2017)
Kathleen Richman LLMC Exec. Dir. (ex officio)
Judy Russell Dean, U. Florida Libraries (2017)
Regina Smith Dir., Jenkins Memorial L.L. (2015)

Advisory Council:

John Barden Dir., Maine St. Law & L.R.L. (2014) Neil Campbell Dir., U. Victoria L.L. (2016) Darin Fox Dir.ret., U. Oklahoma L.L. (2014) **Judith Gaskell** Dir.Ret., U.S.Sup.Ct.L. (2014) Jolande Goldberg Sen.Cat.-Policy Spec., LC (2016) Jonathan Franklin Asso. Libn. U. Wash. L.L. (2015) **Louis Mirando** Osgoode Hall L.L. (2016) Ralph Monaco Hd. Libn., N.Y.L.I. Lib. (2015) Marie Newman Dir., Pace U.L.L. (2014) Scott Pagel Dir., George Washington U.L.L. (2015) Michelle Pearse Libn., Harvard U.L.L. (2017) Jeanne Price Dir., U. Nevada-Las Vegas L.L. (2016) Carol Roehrenbeck Dir.Ret., Rutgers-N.L.L. (2014) Mark Podvia Dickinson S.L.L.L. (2016) Richard Tuske Hd. Libn., A.Bar C.N.Y. L.L. (2015) Jules Winterton Dir., I.A.L.S. (2015) Sally Wise Dir. U. Miami L.L. (2015) Michelle Wu Dir., Georgetown U.L.L. (2014)

Board of Directors Elections

The terms of two current directors, **Jerry Dupont** and **Marcia Koslov**, expire this year. Following tradition, and to ensure the availability of at least some candidates able and willing to serve, the current Board recruits and nominates candidates to fill open Board positions. However, nominations from the floor are always in order; although nominators should be able to assure the Chair that their candidates are able and willing to put in the time for effective service.

The Board's nominees for the two four-year slots opening up this year are: **Jerry Dupont**, current Board Chair and content developer at LLMC's headquarters in Kaneohe, Hawaii; and **Jules Winterton**, Dir. of the Institute and the Law Library of the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies at the University of London.

Advisory Council Elections

This year there will be eight open slots on the AC. This is due to the expiration of the terms of colleagues John Barden, Darin Fox, Judy Gaskell, Marie Newman, Carol Roehrenbeck, and Michelle Wu. In addition, Neil Campbell has notified us of his impending retirement from his library post and his hope that he might be replaced by an active Canadian law librarian. Finally, if Jules Winterton is elected to the Board of Directors, that will result in another AC vacancy.

As with the Board elections, but this time with the intention of attracting or retaining people with special pertinence to ongoing LLMC projects, the incumbent Board recruits and nominates candidates to fill some open AC positions. This year the Board will be nominating five candidates for the Advisory Council. These are: John Barden, Dir., Maine State Law & Legislative Research Dickenson, Dir.. Library: Glen Legislative Services Agency; Judith Gaskell, Dir., Ret., U.S. Supreme Ct. Lib. Wendell Johnting, Asst. Dir. Tech. Serv., U. Indiana, Indianapolis L.L.; and Jean Wenger, Gov. Docs. & For. & Intl' Law Libn, Cook County L.L.

However, especially with so many open positions to fill, nominations from the floor are very much in order and are hereby invited. Nominators should be prepared to assure the Chair that their nominee is able and willing to serve.

Lincoln's Inn Library Scanning Project

From time to time LLMC has found it useful to arrange for sub-contracted scanning in remote locations to take advantage of special content opportunities where moving the target materials would not be feasible due to their frailty, rareness or similar considerations.

Thus, for the past two years we have had a sub-contractor in Hamburg, Germany, scanning rare Haitian legal materials that would otherwise have been unattainable. In this manner we were able to capture the texts of some 53 Haitian law and law-related titles that were graciously loaned to us for this purpose by a private book collector, Mr. Wolfgang Windel of Norderstedt, Germany. Most of those titles are now already online, and that rewarding project will be winding up this year.

A similar opportunity has presented itself to us in the form of an offer by the Lincoln's Inn Library in London to let us "mine" its rare pamphlets collection for unique items from the 18th and 19th centuries that relate to various of our online collections. The formalities of that partnership have now been established and a trial scanning with a UK-based scanning service acceptable to the Library has proved successful. Therefore the Lincoln's Inn project will now get fully underway. Its initial focus will be on enhancing LLMC-Digital's "British Empire Studies Collection" with materials related to the abolition of the slave trade and slavery itself in British jurisdictions. The first images received are already being processed at our HQ in Kaneohe, HI, and we anticipate that over the next several years we will acquire some truly unique and valuable titles via this partnership.