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Save the date for:

MALL MEET-UP

23 Feb 2021 noon-1:00pm

MALL DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION BRAINSTORMING SESSION

24 Feb 2021 11:30 AM •

MALL WINTER MEETING

03 Mar 2021 1:00 PM • Zoom

Welcome to the new MALL Fall/ Winter Newsletter. Thank you so much for your patience as we worked through both pandemic challenges and a new platform. We are excited to share this edition to you and look forward to our future issues. Be well and be safe.

Sarah Ann Small, Newsletter Chair
Susan Trombley, Newsletter Co-Chair

EXECUTIVE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From Patrick Butler, President MLIS, JD

Updated Mission Statement & Proposed Bylaws to Vote On at Winter Meeting

In the summer of 2020, the Executive Board decided to review both the Mission Statement and the Bylaws to ensure they reflected our association's commitment to diversity and inclusion. We felt that it was important to explicitly include language that reflected this commitment. The Board approved the updated version of the Mission Statement during the September Board meeting. The new Mission Statement is available on the new website under *Governing Documents*.

The Board also looked closely at the Bylaws and proposes a number of amendments for the membership to vote on during our virtual Winter meeting, which will take place at the beginning of March. Please keep an eye out for the announcement. The proposed Bylaws may also be viewed on the website under Governing Documents or copy & paste this link: <https://mall.wildapricot.org/page-1577048>

Per the Articles of Incorporation requirements, the Board is providing the membership 30 days' notice of the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Please review the redlined Bylaws and the new proposed Bylaws on the website prior to our upcoming Winter meeting.





THE JUSTICE BIOGRAPHY PROJECT

BY ERICA NUTMAN



Lafayette Emmett. Edwin A. Jaggard. Homer J. Dibell. The names of former Minnesota Supreme Court Justices may just be names in old reporters, but the Librarians at the Minnesota State Law Library have spent the last few years working to delve into the lives of all the men and women who served on this bench. Librarians curated resources to help tell the stories of these Minnesota legal titans.

Each Justice has a biography page as well as pages with linked resources with more information as well as photographs, news stories, bibliographies of their written works and obituaries (if applicable). Please take a look and let us know what you think:

<https://mn.gov/law-library/research-links/justice-bios/>

MALL SPOTLIGHT ON ANDREW MARTINEAU

BY SUSAN TROMBLY

What is your current job?

Instructional Services Librarian at the University of Minnesota Law Library

How long have you been there?

About 3 years.

What MALL committee are you a part of?

Awards, Grants, and Scholarships

How did your career path lead you to librarianship? During law school, I was totally unaware of the law librarianship career path. One day, though, I just happened to be at a CLE event where a law librarian was a speaker, and it instantly clicked.

If you weren't a librarian where do you think your career path would have led you? That is a really tough one--nowhere good, probably!

What is one thing you learned last month? Gary Cooper and Clark Gable? Two different people.

What is your favorite food? Anything grilled, it turns out.

Have you picked up any new hobbies during the pandemic? Does OCD-level handwashing qualify as a hobby? If not, let's go with outdoor grilling.

One thing people should know about you? I have a few grizzly bear stories from growing up in Alaska, but they are all really boring and follow exactly the same pattern. (E.g., "I was walking along a beach, and a bear came around the corner, so I walked away, and the bear moseyed on by without incident.")



NEW DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE FORMING

BY ELVIRA EMBSER-HERBERT



As one of the co-chairs, along with Suzi Stephenson, of the newly forming Diversity and Inclusion Committee, I have been asked to share a bit about what we are doing. As some of you know, in one of our first unofficial acts, we offered the suggestion of Val Jenson, as speaker for the last meeting and also used some of the time at the meeting to invite attendees to share their ideas with us and to let us know if they would like to serve on the committee. We heard from a few people and want to extend the invitation more broadly. If you would like to be part of figuring out what diversity and inclusion means for MALL and creating a plan of action to move forward, please contact me, elvira.embser-herbert@courts.state.mn.us, or Suzi, suzanne.stephenson@co.washington.mn.us. Please know that you do not have to agree to serve on the committee to share your ideas. We welcome your participation in any form. Our goal is to have a plan ready to present at the spring meeting.

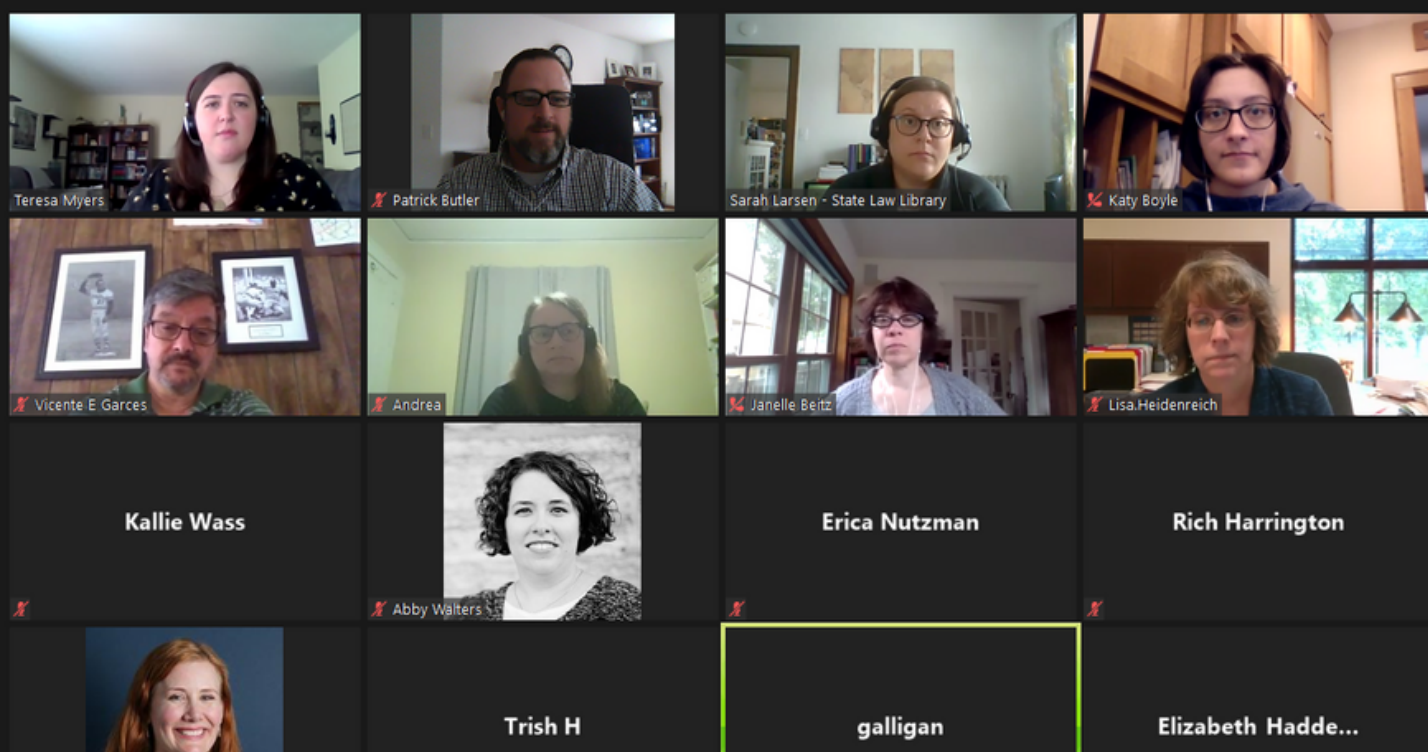


MEANWHILE LIFE ON ZOOM CONTINUES: 2020 AND BEYOND

SARAH ANN SMALL

For so many of us, Zoom, Teams, and other other video conferencing platforms have helped us to more safely conduct business, see our relatives, attend yoga classes, medical appointments, birthdays, weddings, memorials, educate our children, court hearings, provide essentials services, and other simple to complex tasks. There are so many contexts that have changed dramatically since the global pandemic and so significantly impacted our lives. We would thought we would share a photo from the September meeting.

On this note, we welcome 2021 as a new year for hope, justice, and equity for all. Thank you joining us for the newsletter. Be safe. Stay well. See you next issue.



MALL COMMITTEES

2020/2021

Education Committee:

Chair – John Murphy, Katy Boyle, Vic Garces, Tim Grover, Alicia Kubas, Sarah Mulligan, and Anna Tonsfeldt

MALL Meetup:

Co-Chair – Teresa Myers and Co-Chair – Sarah Larsen

Diversity & Inclusion: Co-Chair Suzi Stephenson and Co-Chair - Elvira Embser-Herbert

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Chair – Janelle Beitz and Sonya Huesman

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