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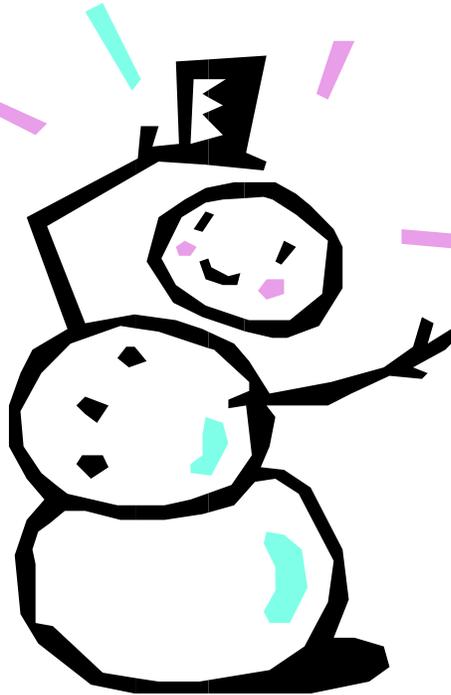
A Note from the President

Dear Members,

The mission of our Association, according to our constitution, is to “associate ourselves for purposes of maintaining the highest professional standards and advocating improvements in the field of administrative law.” I have the pleasure to report that our Association appears to be accomplishing those goals and that the state of our Association is strong.

Our leadership is strong. Our Board Members and Committee Chairs are dedicated volunteers; they are task oriented but also know how to have fun. With Kim Farrell as our Immediate Past President, we have some solid institutional knowledge on which to rely. With John Leidig as our President-elect, waiting in the wings as it were, we have someone who is learning the ropes

through my mistakes. Sakeenah Graham as Secretary is an energetic chronicler and communicator. Marc Nachman, our Treasurer, is a walking calculator. Our Mem-



bers at Large on the Board of Governors, Terri Garland, Lou Hurwitz, and Bonnie Leppert, offer wise advice at our Board meetings and fill other important roles as committee chairs.

Our Standing Committees are strong. Mary Shock chairs our Education Committee and she is always looking for opportunities to offer CLE to our members and general civics education to the public. Kim Farrell is the chair of the Nominating Committee. Please bend her ear if you would like to serve on the Board as an officer or member at large. Terri Garland is the chair of our Membership Committee. Although our current members come from agencies on both the state and federal sides, which should represent an endless pool of new members, Terri is diligently ferreting out new sources of mem-

bers, such as county zoning boards and various local government agency hearing officers.

Our *ad hoc* Committees are also strong. David Norcken chairs our Legislative Committee focus-

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Board of Governors

- Will Somerville, **President**
- John Leidig, **President-Elect**
- Marc Nachman, **Treasurer**
- Sakeenah Graham, **Secretary**
- Terri Garland, **Member at Large**
- Lou Hurwitz, **Member at Large**
- Bonnie Leppert, **Member at Large**

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sing on both state and federal legislation that might affect our members.

Mike Osbourn chairs the Bylaws Committee – a thankless but necessary function in any organization. Marc Nachman, our Treasurer, chairs the Finance & Audit Committee. In order to avoid any conflict of interest with regard to auditing the books, Marc gets to recommend to the Board the appointments of others who will do the actual oversight, and he is not involved with the tedious work of reviewing books and records. Lou Hurwitz is Chair of the Events Committee. He plans food, beverage, and venue support for the Education Committee in its events and he is planning some purely fun Association activities as well.

Bonnie Leppert chairs our NAALJ Liaison Committee. As a member of the NAALJ Membership Committee, Bonnie is “in the know” about almost everything NAALJ. Sakeenah Graham chairs our Publication & Website Com-

mittee. She produces our newsletters and her committee is working on an MAALJ website. If you have not already done so, please contact a committee chair and volunteer to help.

Our events are strong. So far this year our events have included our Annual Meeting and Dinner in June at Little Havana in south Baltimore, and our less formal gathering and dinners at the NAALJ Conference in Salt Lake City in September. We have more Association events in the pipeline to help us “maintain the highest professional standards” so please stay tuned.

Our reputation among the state associations is strong. We are remembered for our recent, outstanding, mid-year conference in Annapolis. In September, at



the NAALJ Conference in Salt Lake City, our Association had the highest number of participants (ten) of any NAALJ affiliate at the Conference. Showing our Maryland pride in Utah, we debuted a fashionable MAALJ lapel pin. In addition, one of our members, Georgia Brady, presented a CLE program, and another, Mary Shock, was elected to the NAALJ Board of Governors. Because of our high participation rate,

among other things, I believe that our Association is considered a leader among the state associations affiliated with the NAALJ. Although there is always room for improvement, you can take genuine pride in your membership in the MAALJ.

Will Somerville
MAALJ President

Treasurer’s Letter

As treasurer of MAALJ, I collect the dues, make required and Board authorized payments, apprise the Board of the Association's financial condition, and maintain our savings and checking accounts. *We even have collected and saved*

“There is still time to submit your membership dues to Marc!”

enough money to have opened a certificate of deposit! Know that our accounts are earning interest, albeit in small increments, and that we are solvent as a result of the hard work power past and present leadership. If anyone has any sugges-

tions with for fundraising events, grants, or other financial matters that can benefit the Association, please let me or Will Somerville know and we would be happy to speak with you.

Marc Nachman
MAALJ Treasurer



Diversity & Inclusion Dinner with Judge Pamila Brown

On Thursday, December 1, 2016 the Honorable Pamila J. Brown, Associate Judge for the District Court of Maryland for Howard County will present on Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession. The event includes dinner and begins at 6:00 p.m. at Stella Notte Restaurant is \$25.00, which includes taxes and gratuity, with the remaining MAALJ. The MAALJ Education Committee is hosting and all events!! There is still time to sign up, just email Kim Farrell at ly.farrell@maryland.gov or Mary Shock at mary.shock@maryland.gov.



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MAALJ Member Mary Shock Elected NAALJ Board Member

We are happy to announce that MAALJ Member and former MAALJ Secretary Mary Shock was elected to the NAALJ Board of Governors during the 2016 NAALJ Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mary joins Bonnie Leppert, who serves on the NAALJ Board as our NAALJ Liaison. Congratulations and keep up the great work for Maryland!!

If you are interested in serving on the NAALJ Board of Governors, Mary and Bonnie would be great resources!

MAALJ Website

Last year we launched the MAALJ Newsletter! This year, we have decided to step into the 21st century and revive our presence on the web! I chair the MAALJ Publication & Website Committee and we have been hard at work gearing up for the launch of our website. If you are tech savvy or just want to help, feel free to contact me at Takeenah.graham@nad.usda.gov.

Takeenah Graham
MAALJ Secretary



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Upcoming Events!!

We are planning lots of great events for 2017. Be sure to stay tuned for the following:

- *Orioles Spring Game*
- *Law Day*
- *June Annual Meeting*

Also the NAALJ 2017 Annual Conference will be in New York City October 8-10, 2017.

MAALJ Official Pin!!

Show Your MAALJ Pride!!

This tack pin is a die cut crab with a Maryland Flag design on the shell. Perfect for lapels, blouses, etc., or use as a tie tack. 7/8" x 3/4" size. **Price: \$3.50**

www.TheMarylandStore.com



*Happy
Holidays
from
MAALJ!!*