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American Association of Law Libraries
Southeastern Chapter
Newsletter

February 1, 1962

Twenty Southeastern Chapter members assembled at Williamsburg, Virginia for the annual meeting on October 26 - 27, 1962. Beautiful fall weather combined with the historic atmosphere of colonial Williamsburg made our stay there a memorable one.

Anna Johnson, our most charming and eloquent hostess, met us for Registration at 9 AM on Thursday. After a coffee break we attended a lecture presented by Dr. William F. Swindler, Professor of Legal History at the College of William and Mary, entitled "Legal History — Unhappy Hybrid". He challenged law librarians with the bibliographic problems in promoting research in legal history with the statement: "More than for any other subject in law, legal history requires for its proper pursuit access to the whole field of social science material as well as basic documents in law itself".

Mr. James A. Servies, the Librarian of the College of William and Mary, gave us a most interesting account of the historical background and heritage of the College and toured us through the Sir Christopher Wren Building where we could feel the tradition of the past all about us, and at the same time we were very cognizant of the present when we stood on the balcony where Queen Elizabeth II viewed the campus. We also enjoyed seeing the college Library, the School of Law, and Anna's Library.

After a dinner at the Williamsburg Lodge where we were delightfully entertained by a troubador, President Paschall extended his greetings and Dean Woodbridge delivered a twenty-minute history of Williamsburg.



Friday morning Mary Oliver, from the University of North Carolina and Meleva Bayitch from the University of Miami led a group discussion on classification. Immediately following Jeanne Tillman conducted the annual business meeting. An edited version of the minutes of the meeting written by Frances Hall, Secretary - Treasurer reports that the Chapter's cash on hand as of October 25, 1961 was \$386.40. A discussion concerning the lowering of the annual membership dues followed, but no action was taken on the suggestion to lower the dues.

The President directed the Secretary - Treasurer to send a copy of the constitution and bylaws of the Chapter to each member.

The President reported that neither the President nor the President-elect of the A.A.L.L. could be present because of prior engagements.

Frances Farmer, former President of the A.A.L.L., was asked by the President to report on the recent activities of the Policy Board. Miss Farmer reported that the Board was studying the merits of law library autonomy. Miss Farmer also reported that she had recently attended a meeting of the Evaluations Committee on the Electronic Data retrieval program.

The President requested suggestions for a project for the Chapter. She reported that Dillard Gardner had suggested that an annotated list of practice books for each state be prepared. Mary Oliver suggested that an index to legal essays in collections otherwise unindexed, be prepared. These suggestions were discussed, but no action was taken to adopt either.

The President announced that Betty Taylor had volunteered to edit a Chapter newsletter for the coming year. Margaret Prendergast and Lillian Taylor volunteered to assist with the newsletter. The President urged all members to send the editor appropriate information for inclusion in the newsletter, with the hope that such information will increase participation in the Chapter's activities.

Corinne Bass, Chairman of the A.A.L.L. Committee on Membership, requested that she be informed of the names of prospective members for the A.A.L.L..

The President asked for suggestions for a place for the next annual meeting. She reported that an invitation had been extended from the University of Florida. Frances Farmer extended a tentative invitation to the Chapter to meet next year at the University of Virginia. The President announced that all members would be given an opportunity at a later date to vote on the place for the next meeting.

On behalf of all the members who attended the meeting we would like to thank Anna and all the others who contributed to the very successful, stimulating, and entertaining meeting in such a quaint setting where the past blends so well with the present.

Please send some information about your professional or library activities to Margaret Prendergast, Lillian Taylor, or Betty Taylor so that we may have news items of interest to Chapter members in the next issue to be published in Spring.

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