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October 7, 1986

SEAALL Executive Board:
Hazel Johnson
Larry Wenger
Bill James
Dick Danner

Dear Friends: *Hazel*

Information about the Lucile Elliott Scholarships needs to appear in the next issue of our newsletter, and Tim's deadline is November 15. Consequently Claire Engel and her committee will be looking at the scholarship guidelines and application form during the next few weeks to see if they feel that any modifications are in order.

I spoke to Claire yesterday and told her that in addition to her polling the committee members about their opinions, I would ask each of you to indicate how you feel about several policy matters relating to the scholarships.

To that end, I have enclosed a short questionnaire. Claire will appreciate having some indication of the board's feelings about these matters by October 29. So will you please return your questionnaire to me by the 27th so that I can pass on our views to her?

One other matter: Bill has informed me that we have about \$8,000 in the SEALL treasury, and our newsletter is costing us almost nothing this year. Therefore, I am inclined to ask Wes Daniels, chair of our Publications Committee, if he would like to announce in the upcoming newsletter that the chapter would be prepared to make a grant for some worthy project benefitting the chapter that some individual might like to take on. I have in mind something like a salary survey of southeastern law librarians or an updating of our practice series (probably a group project headed up by someone.) Let me know what you think about this. If you are interested, we could ask Wes's committee to draw up guidelines and a grant application.

That's all for the moment. I'm sure we'll all be in touch again soon. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Carol

ELLIOTT SCHOLARSHIP POLICY QUESTIONS

1. Do we wish to eliminate anyone from consideration who has received an AALL or SEAALL scholarship within the last five years, or shall we ask applicants about this but leave the door open for deserving applicants who may have won an AALL scholarship several years before and whose institution cannot afford to pay his expenses to a meeting this year?

2. Shall we include a question about participation in and service to AALL and SEAALL? Should a member who has worked willingly and faithfully for the chapter and/or AALL and whose institution cannot afford to send him to a meeting, etc. be assisted in order to continue attending and participating?

3. Or, should the scholarship be aimed at newer members?

4. Should we consider giving a percentage of the scholarships to new members, and a percentage to people who have been around and worked for the chapter? (Note: The chapter's treasury seems healthy enough at the moment that it is very likely that we may be able to increase the number of scholarships this year, probably to 5 or 6.)

5. Instead of announcing that all scholarships will be the same amount (e.g., \$300), should the award vary with the need? (AALL customarily awards airfare, etc.)

Any other comments on the scholarship award process:

Continue on another sheet if necessary. Thanks!