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Miss Mary Oliver, Law Librarian  
University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Mary:

I accepted with regret Jane Oliver Green's resignation as President of Southeastern Chapter of A. A. L. L. I trust that that was the proper thing for me to do.

Jane sent me the papers, etc. relating to Chapter matters. You have all done even more work than I had realized. I am pleased that I have such an efficient and experienced Executive Board to help me in my sudden responsibility.

A problem which seems to require immediate attention is the election of a Vice-President and President-Elect for the current term. Since this is almost the beginning of the term, I think this officer should be elected as soon as practicable to serve as Vice-President now and to take over as President at the close of our next annual meeting (in Louisville). Will you please let me have your opinion on this matter and also your suggestions for membership of the Nominating Committee. Jane suggested that the committee be appointed from the North Carolina-Duke area since it should not be too difficult for them to get together.

Enclosed is tentative draft of a letter asking for nominations. Should it be sent to members who have paid dues or to all on the Newsletter mailing list? If you agree that we should hold a special election at this time; please make any suggestions of corrections or changes you think should be made in the letter. Also, if you think nominations for 1956-57 officers should be made at the same time, note particularly paragraph 4. The procedure for regular election of officers as set forth in the Constitution as amended is not entirely clear to me.

Another problem, not so immediate, is planning for the September meeting. I asked Jane whether she had any plans underway. She suggested the appointment of Dorothy Salmon and Mrs. Von Allman as a Local Arrangements Committee. This seems a good choice. If my Executive
Board approves, I shall write to Dorothy and Mrs. Von Allman sometime soon so that they may be alerted and in a better position to discuss arrangements with Dean Stahr and Dean Russell.

I quote from Jane's letter of February 8th: "It seems to me that two programsessions at Louisville should be enough, leaving time for interested librarians to attend some of the sessions of the law teachers. I assume that entertainment can be integrated with that planned for the law teachers also except perhaps for one luncheon. My idea for the program was to devote one session to a round table discussion or evaluation of the practice books, digests, etc. for each state represented in the Chapter with the idea of helping out-of-staters select publications for their own libraries. As you know these publications are seldom reviewed in the leading law reviews. Because of time limitations it might be necessary to limit panel members to representatives of four or five states and then encourage contributions from the floor. Another meeting might be devoted to briefing the members of the group on the status and projected activities of the South-eastern Inter-library Research Facility which has recently been organized under the auspices of the Southern Regional Education Board. This Facility certainly affects any cooperative efforts which law libraries might be considering. My suggestion for a program committee would be Stanley Bogus, Chairman, Ruth Corry and John Folger. Since they all live here in Atlanta they should be able to work together conveniently on such a committee".

Please be thinking about the program and let me have your ideas as to the program and as to possible program committee. Do you think it wise to have all members of the Program Committee from the same area?

There are probably numerous other problems of which I do not even know! I hope you will tell me about them.

Sincerely,

Corinne Bass, President
Southeastern Chapter, A. A. L. L.