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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It is an exciting time for SEAALL, the finest chapter of AALL! Why is this so? First, a great program is planned for a meeting in one of the most exciting cities in the nation, New Orleans, March 11-14, 1998. Sue Burch and Catherine Lemann and their respective planning committees are in the process of creating an experience none of you will want to miss. Mark your calendars for a long weekend at the Monteleone Hotel. And, if you need more inspiration, check out the website: www.NewOrleans.com - I can smell the beignets and chicory wafting through the sultry breezes already!

What else does SEAALL have to be excited about? New Southeastern Law Librarian editors using a new logo and a new process for producing a newsletter of even greater value to our members than ever before. Amy Osborne and Ebba Jo Sexton have taken on a big job on all our behalves and deserve thanks and encouragement. Let them know what you like and what could be improved. This newsletter, like our association is a work in progress. Be a part of it!

SEAALL sent as many representatives to chapter training roundtables at AALL in Baltimore as any chapter. Our range of participation resulted in lots of new ideas and a sense that SEAALL has already faced many of the issues that other chapters are facing for the first time. We can be justly proud of chapter leaders who have maintained SEAALL’s status as a strong and well-managed chapter. You’ll be hearing more about some specific proposals which will result from what we learned at these sessions.

Thanks to the efforts Anne Klinefelter and Sue Burch, SEAALL has submitted two program proposals to the AALL Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee for consideration for the Anaheim meeting. Both would be updates and reprises of two of the many successful programs from Tallahassee.

Anne’s committee is also working on the development of a SEAALL website. While it remains a work in progress, check out the SEAALL page on AALLNET’s Chapters section. There is a great deal of useful and current information about our chapter and important contacts with live e-mail links to committee chairs and chapter officers.

Use this resource and let me know improvements which would be made to this site and I’ll forward them to AALL.

You will note in the minutes of the Business Meeting that sites have been selected for the 1999 and 2000 annual meetings. We’ll “party like it’s 1999” in Knoxville, April 14-18, and in 2000 we’ll be in Puerto Rico. The 20001 SEAALL/SWALL site will be selected in New Orleans. A form appears in this issue to submit a proposal for this or a later date. Consider hosting SEAALL. Past local arrangements chairs will tell you that hosting SEAALL is a wonderful experience.

New Orleans is going to be the site of an AALL/National Center for State Courts co-sponsored seminar - Effective Legal Information Service to the Public: Meeting the Needs of the Self-Represented Litigant. AALL’s PDC (Professional Development Committee) is developing continuing education opportunities which can be taken “on the road”. This roadshow is designed to meet the needs of both public service librarians and administrators in coping with this ever-growing segment of our customer base. Scheduled as a second Institute slot on Thursday, this trial run of a new education product is an exciting opportunity for SEAALL, at no risk to the chapter.

SEAALL officers and committees are working on a variety of projects and initiatives and brainstorming programming and entertainment for upcoming meetings. The SEAALL year is underway in its typical energetic and inspired manner. All of you who are in the midst of serving our chapter and your professional colleagues have my sincerest personal thanks for your efforts. As the year progresses, I’ll be reporting on the fine work of many other SEAALL activists.

As they say on 20/20, “We’re in touch, so you be in touch”. Or as Mary Koch of the Big Apple used to ask: “How are we doing?” Please contact me and let me know your thoughts; SEAALL is nothing more than the sum total of all of its members - and we rely on each of you for direction and input.

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EDITORS NOTE

In this issue, we hope you will take note of the enhancements and changes we made to the layout. This issue also contains the first appearance of the new SEAALL logo. We hope you will approve of the “new look”, but the contents still depend upon you - the reader. Please keep the information and articles rolling in, so that each newsletter is useful and interesting. We’d like to thank Donna Bausch, Hazel Johnson, Mary McCormick, Diana Osbaldiston and Paula Tejeda for their help with the business of changing the newsletter to a new location.

Amy & Ebba Jo

SEAALL NEWSLETTER

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A lawyer from rural Virginia recently stopped by the reference office. He was just beginning to work on a fascinating capital murder case that included an interesting variety of factual and legal issues. The most challenging aspect of the case was that it would be governed by the criminal laws and procedures of Trinidad and Tobago, about which the attorney knew next to nothing. He was starting his research from scratch and wanted to know how and where to begin.

Some of the most difficult questions patrons pose involve issues of foreign and international law. This difficulty is compounded by the fact that many of us work in libraries where the foreign law collection is less than comprehensive. While I can occasionally direct the patron who has a foreign law question to sources that we own, I have found over the past year or so that I can almost always find more complete information on the Internet. This is precisely what I did for this attorney and, while we were unable to locate as much as he would have liked, he was overjoyed with what we were able to find.

Several of my favorite foreign and international websites are listed below. They represent a very small sampling of what is available on the Internet, and many other sites may be reached by following links from the listed sites.

Foreign and International Law (University of Chicago)
http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/LibInfo/Law/intl.html
Links include: Constitutions and Constitutional Courts; Comparative Law; Laws of Foreign Countries; Treaties; U.S. Foreign Affairs; European Union; Council of Europe; United Nations; Other International Organizations; War Crimes; Human Rights; International Trade; Intellectual Property; and International Law Journals

Foreign and International Law (Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington) http://www.law.indiana.edu/law/v-lib/non-us.html
An alphabetical list of links that is fully searchable

Foreign and International Law Web (Washburn University) http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/forint/forintmain.html

An annotated list of links to the law of jurisdictions around the world

Legal Information Institute, Cornell University: Legal Material - By Source http://www.law.cornell.edu/source.html
Links: Constitutions of the World: Decisions of the International Court of Justice; National Law Material (North America, South America, Australia and New Zealand, Asia, Europe, Middle East, and Africa); International Trade Law Materials; United Nations Materials; International Treaties; Treaties Dealing with the Environment; and More

The U.S. House of Representative Internet Law Library http://law.house.gov/52.html
Contains links to law and treaties of other nations

Web addresses and the contents of web pages frequently change, and new sites are added on a daily basis. The usual warnings apply regarding the accuracy and currency of the information contained on the Web. However, legal transactions increasingly involve many nations and many different sets of laws, and the sites listed above often provide a good starting point in the research process. They also come in handy when there is little or nothing available at your library or through commercial databases.
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It’s all you need to know
The origin of the Southeastern Chapter was established in 1937 during a meeting of ten North Carolina law librarians who agreed to meet several times a year to overcome what they perceived was professional isolation. In 1938, the name of the group was changed to the Carolina Law Library Association reflecting the inclusion of law librarians from South Carolina. AALL created procedures for the establishment of chapters in 1939 and the Carolinas group petitioned to become an AALL Chapter. After another small name change to reflect its association with AALL, the Carolinas Chapter was born as AALL's first chapter. After World War II, law schools began to grow with the admission of returning veterans. This also engendered a growth in the number and size of law libraries. Reflecting a need to network, in 1953, a group of law librarians throughout the southeast met in conjunction with the newly organized South Eastern Conference of Law Teachers. The law librarians again petitioned AALL to recognize the larger group as an AALL chapter and the Carolinas Chapter became the Southeastern Chapter in 1954.

SEAALL has grown from a group of ten North Carolina law librarians who worked within 35 miles of each other to a membership of more than 500 law librarians from eleven southeastern states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, a geographical area encompassing thousands of miles. During the years, the membership has also diversified in terms of the types of employment held by librarians. The original group of ten in 1937 included nine academic law librarians and one state court librarian. Today's membership reflects expansion of law librarians into corporations, law firms, county law libraries, the federal courts, state and federal agencies and as independent contractors and consultants.

A continuing mission for SEAALL has always been to provide educational opportunities for its members. The earliest meetings of the chapter featured programs on the organization of a law library, bindery routines and materials selection. In the early seventies, the first SEAALL institutes were held on classification and cataloging and law library administration. Most recently, the annual meeting in Tallahassee featured a one-day institute and seventeen educational programs. SEAALL and SW ALL held what may have been the first joint meeting of AALL Chapters in New Orleans in 1976. And, of course, SEAALL held what may be one of the most unusual of chapter meetings, on a cruise between Miami and the Bahamas in 1989.

Over the years, SEAALL has served as a training ground for AALL leadership. William Roalfe of Duke University served as AALL President-Elect and President from 1934 to 1936 prior to the official existence of the North Carolina Law Libraries group. With the exception of 12 scattered years, SEAALL members have held positions as officers or members of the Executive Board since 1937. SEAALL members serving as AALL President have included Lucile Elliott (University of North Carolina) 1953-54, Dillard Gardner (North Carolina Supreme Court) 1956-57, Frances Farmer (University of Virginia 1959-60, Kate Wallach (Louisiana State University) 1966-67, Mary Oliver (University of North Carolina 1972-73, Leah Chamin (Mercer University) 1982-83, Lolly Gasaway (University of North Carolina) 1986-87, Dick Danner (Duke University) 1989-90, Kay Todd (Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker, Atlanta) 1993-94, Carol Billings (Law Library of Louisiana) 1994-95 and of course, Jim Heller (William & Mary) 1998-99. Life member Erwin Surrency (retired from University of Georgia) also served as AALL President, but during the time was director of the Temple University Law Library.

Author's Note: This article borrows extensively from my section on SEAALL in Gasaway and Chiorazzi, ed. Law Librarianship: Historical Perspectives, Rothman, 1996. An extensive history of the Carolinas Chapter can be found in the article, History of the Carolina-Southeastern Chapter, 1937-1955, 49 Law Libr. J. 180 (1955) by Sarah Leverette and Lucile Elliott. This occasional series of articles will explore various other aspects of SEAALL history.
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SEEKS NOMINEES

The 1997-1998 SEAALL Nominations Committee would like to have membership input in the nomination process for filling the offices of Vice-President/President Elect and Secretary for 1998-1999. You can use the attached form to specify someone for either office. If you are interested in serving, don't hesitate to nominate yourself.

It is not necessary for you to contact the person(s) you nominate. The Nominations Committee will consider all suggested nominees. Help the Nominations Committee prepare a slate of candidates who represent the diversity found in our academic, firm/corporate, and court libraries. Let's hear from you!

Please return this form by October 15, 1997 to:

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SEAALL NOMINATION FORM (1998-1999 Officers)

I would like to nominate:

Name
Office

I would like to be considered for:

Office
Name of submitter:

You may also nominate candidates for office by contacting any member of the 1997-1998 Nominations Committee. Members include: Herb Cihak (University of Kentucky), Kathy Crosslin (LEXIS-NEXIS), Sally Wambold (University of Richmond) and Georgiana Weliford (Law Library, Office of the Virginia Attorney General)
SEAALL TO PUBLISH BIBLIOGRAPHIES

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The SEAALL Education/Publications Committee proposes to produce updates for the bibliographies of state practice materials that originally appeared in the Southeastern Law Librarian in the early 80s. These bibliographies were very helpful to our colleagues in other states when attempting to identify the existence of any practice-specific materials.

If you are unfamiliar with the series, it ran in the Southeastern Law Librarian from 1982-1985 and included information for 9 southeastern states. The bibliographies were selective, unannotated and encompassed two to four pages.

We anticipate once again publishing the initial series in the Southeastern Law Librarian, with the possibility of including it on the SEAALL website that is under construction. Other ideas under discussion are the possible publication of a compilation of the annotated versions of the bibliographies.

We are aware that this has been attempted at least once in the recent past. Unfortunately, the files containing the information on possible compilers have been misplaced.

If you previously volunteered to compile a bibliography and are still interested, the committee would be delighted for you to undertake the project at this time.

If you have not volunteered (or can't remember), and are interested in compiling such a bibliography for your state please let me know.

Hazel Johnson

1998 SEAALL ANNUAL MEETING

The Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries and the New Orleans Association of Law Libraries will hold a joint annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 11-14, 1998 revisiting the site of the 1985 annual meeting. The conference will be held in the French Quarter, the oldest part of the city which was laid out in a grid in 1721. While fires destroyed parts of the Quarter at various times, many fine examples of colonial and ante-bellum architecture have survived. Consider a walking tour conducted by the U.S. Parks Service to learn more about the history and architecture of the area. Or, how about a swamp, or haunted house tour. The many well known attractions of the city include the Cabildo, Audubon Zoo, Aquarium of the Americas, riverboat cruises, Louisiana Children’s Museum, the New Orleans Museum of Arts as well as nearby plantations.

Don’t forget that New Orleanians are the fattest people in the United States and for good reason! You will be able to indulge in old favorites like coffee and beignets, oyster or shrimp or softshell crab po-boys (dressed or not), jambalaya, trout meuniere or crawfish etouffee. There are many new restaurants to discover that put a delicious, innovative twist on our wonderful local ingredients. After your meal, you might consider going to listen to some live New Orleans music. You will find everything from brass bands, blues, jazz, hip hop, classical to zydeco.

March is usually a beautiful month in New Orleans, with moderate temperatures and little rain. Start planning now to attend the annual meeting. When you leave you will know what it means to miss New Orleans.
BNA would like to thank the American Association of Law Libraries for recognizing us with their distinguished Best New Product Award.

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Before the Thompson legal publishing oligopoly consumed West and tightened its monopoly hold legal publishing in this country, a West salesman told me, "A judge said if West makes a mistake, it becomes law." In the Gomez case, I believe it did.

In the nineteenth Circuit, Mr. Gomez was convicted of two felonies: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, grand theft; and a first degree misdemeanor: driving without a valid license. Both the felony convictions were upheld on appeal, but the misdemeanor conviction was remanded to the trial court to correct the judgement so that it correctly indicates that the conviction for driving without a valid license is a civil infraction rather than a first degree misdemeanor.

I was asked to perform a legislative analysis of Chapter 322.03[2]. The historical notes of Chapter 322.03, (1995) had eighteen citations to laws. For those unacquainted with researching Florida legislative history, each law has connected with it from zero to hundreds of pages, with an average of about fifteen. To reduce my workload to the minimum, I contacted the patron and determined, instead of the total history of Chapter 322.03, the question was "When did the punishment for violating Chapter 322.03(1)131 driving without a license, not suspended, not at the house, not revoked, never had one period, became a civil infraction and not a crime?"

The answer to this question is: it is not a civil infraction, it is a crime. According to Chapter 322.39, any violation of Chapter 322 is a second degree misdemeanor unless otherwise provided for.

Now to the meat, why was this first degree misdemeanor conviction remanded to change it to a civil infraction rather than a second degree? In my opinion, it happened because in the 1996 pocket of Volume 13, Florida Statutes Annotated, says, "Penalties for this section see, 318.18." "Amount of civil penalties" is the title of 318.18. As 318 deals only with civil infractions, this implies to me that any violation of Chapter 322.03 is a civil infraction. I will be the first to admit the chapter is a badly written statute, it has been changed hundreds of times in the last 50 years. The striking of a specific citation in Chapter 322.03 to Chapter 322.39 by Section 6 or 89-282, Laws of Florida added to the confusion.

After spending a couple of hours to arrive at this conclusion, I called West to have them change their editorial comment. The response was Chapter 322.03 cites Chapter 318.18 and it is going to stay. If I wanted Chapter 322.39 added, it was up to me to get the legislature to change the law.

* Square parentheses are to end notes.


[2] All Chapter cites are to Florida Statutes.

[3] Except as otherwise authorized in this chapter, a person may not drive any motorized vehicle upon a highway in this state unless such person has a valid driver's license under the provisions of this chapter.
ALABAMA
The University of Alabama School of Law is pleased to announce that James Leonard has been appointed Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law effective January 1.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Celeste Feather, Edward Bennett Williams Law Library, Georgetown University, has been elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of the Research Instruction and patron Services Special Interest Section of AALL.

FLORIDA
Betty Taylor, Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law and Director of the Legal Information Center at the University of Florida Libraries, has been named the 1997 recipient of the Marta Lange/CQ Award. The award is administered by the Association of College and Research Library's Law and Political Science Section (LPSS) and sponsored by the Congressional Quarterly in honor of former LPSS chair Marta Lange. The award, $1,000 and a citation was presented at the LPSS Program at the ALA Conference in San Francisco.

The AALL Awards Committee has selected Betty Taylor as a 1997 recipient of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes extended and sustained service to law librarianship, for exemplary service to the Association, or for contributions to professional literature. Established in 1984 as the Distinguished Service Award, this honor was renamed the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award in 1990. Nominees are those who are or at one time have been a member of AALL and who are near or at the end of their careers. It is the highest honor presented by the Association.

GEORGIA
Ladd Brown is leaving the College of Law Library at Georgia State University to become the Acquisitions Librarian at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, beginning October 1.

KENTUCKY
Sue Burch and Amy Osborne, University of Kentucky College of Law Library, were speakers at the “Greatest Hits on the Web” program sponsored by the Central and Eastern Kentucky On-line Users Group. Sue and Amy demonstrated how to access and use their favorite legal websites.

Shaun Esposito, Carol Parris and Emily Raney, University of Kentucky College of Law Library, visited the LeGrange Reformatory in LeGrange, Kentucky, where they did a presentation for the inmates on basic legal research and writing skills.

NORTH CAROLINA
The Raleigh Area Law Librarian Association once again sponsored an exhibit at the North Carolina Bar Association Annual Meeting which focused on law librarianship and North Carolina Law Librarians. Staffing the exhibit were Don Adamick (Womble, Carlyle Sandridge & Rice), Mary Louise Corbett (Wake Forest University Professional Center Library), Barbara Duvall (Smith, Helms, Muliliss & Moore), Connie Matzen (Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan), and Martha Thomas (Kilpatrick Stockton). In addition to RALLA, financial support for the exhibit was provided by the Katherine R. Everett Law Library at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and by Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan. Visitors to the exhibit discovered what law librarians in their area were doing to serve the bar and each other as member of local associations. They received handouts on law librarianship prepared by AALL, the Private Law Libraries SIS and SEAALL. The AALL tip cards were a favorite “freebie.”

Ken Hirsh, Duke University, has been elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of the Computing Services Special Interest Section of AALL.

Jill Sloop, formerly librarian with Robinson, Bradshaw & Hanson, P.A., has opened a Charlotte, NC office for Advanced Information Consultants, Inc. and Library Services, Inc. She may be reached by phone: (704)567-4606 or e-mail: Jill@AdvInfoC.com.

The Consortium of South Eastern Law Libraries awarded the Katherine Everett Law Library at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill a grant in the
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REFLECTIONS ON THE SEAALL INSTITUTE
by
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I found the entire 1997 SEAALL annual Meeting program to be of great benefit to me in my professional education. I particularly enjoyed the SEAALL Institute, "The Messenger and the Message: Effective Communications Skills for Law Librarians.

The first speaker was Kathy Crosslin with Lexis-Nexis. Her first topic was "Using Needs Assessment Tools and Training Programs to Communicate." She informed the group that needs assessment is necessary to assist in laying groundwork for clear objectives and effective design, to provide a communications forum and to create a marketing toll. Kathy also discussed action plans to assess user/audience needs.

Kathy continued with the topic, "How to Optimize Adult Learning Opportunities." The type of speaker, audience, tools, and seating were discussed for various presentations.

Anne Caputo of Knight-Ridder Information, Inc. spoke on "Business Presentation Skills." She elaborated on the types of business presentations, presentation content, visuals, designing graphics and visuals, the presentation environment, and the speaker's appearance and type. Anne's suggestions and tips for each topic would benefit all prospective speakers.

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The purpose of the grant is to provide initial support for a project to develop a CD-ROM database containing an inventory of the Fourth Circuit Records and Briefs located at the UNC Law Library. Copies of the CD-ROM database will be provided to all COSELL libraries.

TENNESSEE
Liz Glankler, University of Memphis, has been elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Computing Services Special Interest Section of AALL.

Vanderbilt University has recently redesigned its Web site. Among the changes, they are pleased to announce that there is now a set of pages for the Alyne Quenner Massey Law Library. Its URL is http://www.vanderbilt.edu/Law/library/.

VIRGINIA
Timothy Coggins, Director of the Law Library, University of Richmond, will serve as Chair of the Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee for 1998-99. This committee will select the programs for the 1999 meeting in Washington, D.C.

Hazel Johnson has been appointed American Association of Law Libraries' official representative to the American Bar Association's Law Practice Management Section (ABA-LPM), an entity which provides guidance on how to manage and market legal practices more efficiently.

Debbie Wilson is the new Assistant Law Librarian at Norfolk Law Library. She was previously Special Projects Librarian at Covington and Burling, Washington, D.C.

Evelyn Campbell, formerly at Norfolk Law Library, is now Reference Librarian at Hunton & Williams, Richmond
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Eugenia Minor(MS)
Elizabeth Moore(AL)
Carol Parris(KY)
Majorie Price(WVA)
Lisa Williams(NC)
Pamela Williams(FL)

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Melanie Dunshee, Chair
Brian Baker
Kelly Browne
Tim Coggins
Rebekah Maxwell
Brandon Quarles

NEWSLETTER AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
Ebba Jo Sexton and Amy Osborne, Co-chairs
Brandon Quarles
Robert Linz
Lisa Smith-Butler
Sue Trask

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Catherine Lemann, Chair

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Charles Oates
Nancy Strohmeyer

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Jim Heller, Chair
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Sue Burch

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

SEAALL@NewOrleans.98 is the place to be on March 11-14! Your Program Committee has been very hard at work putting together a dynamic 1998 Conference.

We have our Institute speakers lined up and think you’ll enjoy learning how you can be successful at gaining influence and power in and outside of your organizations (and no one will know how you’re doing it!)

Plus, our Conference programs are focused on providing you with a potpourri of speakers and topics that will enthral, educate and enlighten you!

So, mark your calendars and watch for updates on the SEAALL-list and in the December Newsletter.

SEAALL@NewOrleans.98 - - be there!

Sue Burch, Chair
Program Committee - - Nona Beisenherz, Bea Citron, Tim Coggins, Billie Jo Kaufman, Amy Osborne, Pedro Padilla-Rosa, Ebba Jo Sexton, Martha Thomas, and Steve Thorpe
1997/98 Lucile Elliott Scholarship

The Lucile Elliott Scholarship program grants individual awards based on need and the actual cost of the activity for which the applicant is seeking assistance.

The application form is available in this issue of the newsletter. You may include additional information on a separate sheet, if you feel it is relevant to your application. Below are the Lucile Elliott Scholarship Guidelines. The guidelines are the criteria the Committee will use in evaluating your application.

Award recipients will be required either to report on how their scholarship money was used by writing a brief article describing their experience for the Chapter newsletter, the *Southeastern Law Librarian*, or to volunteer for and serve on a SEAALL committee. Recipients who decide to write an article and use their grants to attend the SEAALL Annual Meeting and other meetings with choices of sessions will be contacted to choose specific sessions to report on in order to avoid duplication of information in the newsletter.

1997-1998 SEAALL Scholarship Committee
Pam Deemer, Chair
Nancy Deel
Joyce Manna Janto
Terry Long
Charles Oates
Nancy Strohmeyer

LUCILE ELLIOTT SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES
The Lucile Elliott Scholarship fund was established to provide financial aid for any purpose reasonably designed to improve one's career in law librarianship. Part of the purpose of these awards is to encourage recipients to remain in the profession.

Applicants must be paid members of the Southeastern Chapter of AALL at the time the application is completed. Scholarship Committee members are ineligible to receive scholarships during their tenure on the Committee. Applicants who have received a Lucile Elliott Scholarship within the previous three years are ineligible to receive a scholarship. Five points will be deducted for each previous SEAALL scholarship received by an applicant.

In selecting the scholarship recipients, the Committee will consider the following factors:

1. Length of membership in SEAALL - the Chapter wishes to encourage the participation of its newer members (3 years or less). Therefore, when the applicant pool permits, scholarships will be awarded on a 70:30 newer members to continuing members ratio.
2. Participation and service to the library profession - This is demonstrated by participation in committees, sections, programs, project, etc. of professional associations.
3. Intended use of scholarship - Scholarships may be used to provide financial aid for any purpose reasonably designed to improve one's career in law librarianship. Preference shall be given for attending any activity sponsored by the Southeastern Chapter.
4. Lack of financial assistance from employer.
5. Letters of recommendation.
SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES, INC.
Lucile Elliott Scholarship Application Form

1. Name ____________________________________________

2. Address __________________________________________

3. Are you a member of the Southeastern Chapter (SEAALL)? ____ How long? ______________________

4. For what purpose do you wish to use this scholarship? Please be as specific as possible, including the type of activity (SEAALL, AALL, other meeting, institute, course work or other activity) and where and when it will take place. (See scholarship guidelines for a statement of the purposes for which scholarships are granted.)

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5. Please estimate the cost of registration/tuition _______; travel _______; housing _______; food _______; other ________

6. Please state your employer's policy regarding reimbursement for professional activities. Please specify the extent to which your participation in the activity described above will depend on receipt of a SEAALL scholarship.

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7. How much financial support do you anticipate receiving from your employer for this activity?

   ______________________________________________________

8. Have you previously applied for a Lucile Elliott Scholarship? Yes _____ No _____ If the answer is yes, please give dates and indicate whether or not you received a scholarship.

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9. Please describe how this scholarship would help you in your career as a law librarian.

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10. By enclosing a resume or on a separate sheet, please provide:
   a) Present place of employment, job title and starting date.
   b) Last two positions, employer and length of service.
   c) Educational background (schools attended, dates, and degrees).
   d) Description of your participation in and service to the profession (for example, service as an officer or committee member in a professional library organization; active participation in workshops, seminars or other educational programs).

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUALS (WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE SEAALL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE) MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION. One letter must be from another member of the Southeastern Chapter, and one letter must be from your supervisor, if applicable. If not applicable, then one letter should be from a major client. The letters should comment on your record of and/or potential for service to the profession, and should describe how receipt of a SEAALL scholarship would improve your career in law librarianship.

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

If the correct answers to any of the above questions change materially after submission of this application, I shall immediately notify the Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

If I receive a SEAALL scholarship and for any reason I cannot participate in the activity listed in question #4, I shall immediately return the money to the SEAALL Treasurer, who will notify the Scholarship Committee.

In the event funds are received for the same activity from AALL or an AALL-affiliated source, I shall accept only one such grant.

Date: ___________________________  Signed ___________________________

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Please mail six copies of the completed application and letters of recommendation postmarked by NOVEMBER 15, 1997 TO:

Pam Deemer
Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library
Emory University
1301 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30345-2780
If you are a SEAALL member looking for a new position, a prospective employer, or just curious about the current job market, the Placement Committee would like to assist you. The Committee offers various placement services to chapter members throughout the year by advertising new employment opportunities and acting as liaison between job seekers and potential employers.

Placement assistance includes year-round advertisement of employment opportunities through the newsletter and SEAALL-P, SEAALL’s Placement Listserv. SEAALL-P has been created to serve as a supplement to LAWLIB and to prevent job announcement “clutter” on SEAALL-L. The majority of employment opportunities will be posted/forwarded to the listserv by Committee members or any potential employer. SEAALL-P has been set up so that subscribers only are able to post to it. If you would like to post a job announcement and you are not a subscriber, you can send it to a Placement Committee Member via E-mail to post it for you. An important feature of SEAALL-P is that a list of subscribers CANNOT be obtained, allowing job seekers to preserve their anonymity. To subscribe, send the following message to maiser@uofrlaw.richmond.edu:

subscribe seaall-p first name last name

Remember to leave the subject header blank and omit any signature files.

The Placement Committee serves also as the central agency for SEAALL librarians seeking employment and employers who would like to fill vacant positions by collecting resumes of job seekers and forwarding the resumes to prospective employers. The organization of this service begins in the early spring and culminates at the Annual SEAALL Chapter Meeting where job interviews are arranged. All placement file information is CONFIDENTIAL and will not be released to employers. Registration procedures and forms will be made available in the next issue of the Southeastern Law Librarian.

Stay tuned to law-lib, seaall-l, seaall-p and the Southeastern Law Librarian for the latest placement information. If you have any questions, please contact Dee Wood, Chair, Placement Committee, at the University of Kentucky, College of Law Library, 620 S. Limestone, Lexington, KY 40506-0048. Phone: 606-257-2925. E-mail: owoood@pop.uky.edu. Fax: 606-323-4906.

LUCILE ELLIOT SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

by

Kelly Browne

I very much enjoyed the 1997 SEAALL Annual Meeting in Tallahassee, and am grateful to the Scholarship Committee for a grant to attend the conference. This was my third SEAALL Annual Meeting, and I believe it was the best so far. The programs were all interesting (which was a good thing, since we couldn’t go back to our hotel rooms between meetings for an afternoon nap:-)). I particularly enjoyed Martha Dragich’s program on unpublished opinions, Herb Cihak and Sue Burch’s program on “Leading Today’s Professional and Paraprofessional Staff,” Ken Svengalis’ program on “Survival in the Age of the Mega-Publisher,” and Part Two of “Speaking Up and Speaking Out: Public and Media Relations for Law Libraries,” with Sally Reed and Mary Alice Baish. In addition, I met several people that I had always wanted to meet in person but had only spoken to on the phone before. It’s wonderful to be able to put a face to a name and voice.
President Donna Bausch called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

**Introductions and Comments:**
Michael Petit thanked the Chapter for its donation to the AALL Memorial Fund in Mary Cross’ name. The chapter welcomed June Stewart, the new director of the new Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, VA.

President Bausch thanked the more than 70 individuals who have volunteered to serve on SEAALL committees this year. She also thanked Cathy Lemann for the attractive SEAALL table in the Activities Area of the Exhibit Hall. It highlights New Orleans, thereby focusing on the 1998 SEAALL Annual Meeting. Thanks also to Jack Bissett for arranging staffing for the table.

The AALL Salary Surveys have been mailed to all directors; please complete and return them promptly.

The Board at the request of Jim Heller has endorsed the concept of a National Conference on Information Policy Issues, to be held in conjunction with the 1999 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

**Officers’ Reports:**

**Secretary**
The Minutes of the 1997 Annual Business meeting held April 19 were published in the Southeastern Law Librarian. A motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes was made, seconded, and passed. The Minutes were approved as published.

**Treasurer:**
Ladd Brown reported that the Chapter is solvent, with a June 30 balance of over $36,000. A copy of the Treasurer’s Report is attached to these Minutes. The proposed budget for the 1997-1998 year has been approved by the Board.

**1997 Annual Meeting, Tallahassee - Final Report**
President Bausch thanked Alva Stone and her committee for their hard work in providing arrangements for a very successful meeting. Evaluations show that the sessions were well received. The Chapter has a net gain of $7500 from the meeting. Thanks also to Jim Heller for his successful fundraising efforts for the meeting.

**Future SEAALL Meetings - Sites and Plans**
- **Scheduled**
  - 1998- New Orleans (March 11-14)
    Cathy Lemann described conference and room arrangements for the Monteleone Hotel, in the French Quarter. The hotel room rate is $135.00 for either a single or double room. The opening Reception will be at the Historic New Orleans Collection, two blocks from the Monteleone. Friday night’s activity may be a “Rock and Roll” zydeco dance excursion outside of the French Quarter.
  - Carol Parris of the University of Kentucky won the drawing sponsored by the Local Arrangements Committee for the basket of New Orleans goodies.
  - Sue Burch, Chair of the Program Committee, reported that the committee soon will select the 12 program topics, and will focus on using as many SEAALL members and local people as speakers as possible in order to save on speaker expenses. The meeting theme will be announced in the next issue of the Southeastern Law Librarian.

SWALL is conducting surveys of its membership to find out cities they would like us to consider as possible meeting sites. SEAALL has received formal proposals from Atlanta and Lexington, but will consider other possible sites, too. A straw vote of those present showed a slightly greater preference for Lexington than for Atlanta, Nashville, or Memphis. A form to make a proposal to host the 2001 or other future meetings will appear in the next issue of the Southeastern Law Librarian.

**Committee Reports:**

**Articles and Bylaws - Jim Heller announced that an article and a bylaw adding the Virgin Islands to SEAALL’s jurisdiction will be proposed.**

**Education and Publications - Anne Klinefelter reported that John Hokkanen has offered to host SEAALL’s proposed website. AALLNET also has space to host it. The Board needs to consider whether we want to provide links to commercial sites. In addition, the committee will oversee the**
Even though SEAALL has three great meeting locations lined up, the Executive Board is already wondering where we will be meeting in the year 2001 and thereafter. (The 2001 Meeting is to be a joint meeting with the SWALL Chapter.) Do you know of a wonderful place in your area? Talk to your colleagues, fill out this form, and let the Board know about your proposal. To help you get started, here are the sites for 1991 through 2000:

1991 Tuscaloosa, AL
1992 Callaway Gardens, GA
1993 Charleston, WV
1994 Asheville, NC
1995 Richmond, VA
1996 Austin, TX
1997 Tallahassee, FL
1998 New Orleans, LA
1999 Knoxville, TN
2000 San Juan, Puerto Rico

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updating of the Practice Bibliography Series which covers states and jurisdictions within the Chapter, act as a clearinghouse for educational programs offered by other chapters, and possibly develop a guide for document delivery services within the Southeast.

Government Relations - This committee has sent a letter to the Clerk of the Tennessee Supreme Court regarding the state's proposed uniform citation system.

Membership - Jack Bissett announced that the Chapter has thirteen new members. The committee plans to identify and then contact AALL members who are not members of SEAALL. In addition, it will review the guidelines for life membership.

Newsletter and Public Relations - Amy Osborne reported that the Chapter will purchase Microsoft Publisher software to use for producing the Southeastern Law Librarian, and that work on a new chapter logo continues.

Nominations - Nancy Johnson encouraged everyone to volunteer themselves or others for the two positions to be filled in 1998: secretary and vice president/president-elect.

Placement - Dee Wood will continue to post announcements to SEAALL's placement listserv, SEAALL-P@uofrlaw.richmond.edu

Scholarships - Pam Deemer announced that guidelines are being revised to further define the ways in which scholarship recipients may return something to the Chapter. As in the past, recipients may write an article for the Southeastern Law Librarian; instead, they may volunteer to serve on a chapter committee. More details on this change will be published in the Chapter newsletter.

Service to SEAALL - Pam Williams asked the membership to put forth recommendations for this year's recipient.

New Business

Life Membership for Steve Huang - Diane Osbaldiston read a letter from the University of South Carolina Law School Library staff proposing life membership for Steve Huang, in accordance with Article I, Section 1.e of the Bylaws. The letter was considered to be a motion, which was seconded, and passed unanimously. Congratulations, Steve.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Matzen
Secretary
In order for the SEAALL Board and committees to adequately plan the local arrangements for annual meetings, nominations for sites are requested several years in advance. The nomination must be made by a group willing to act as the local arrangements committee, should the nomination be accepted. A representative of this group should fill out the following form and forward it to the Secretary for submission to the Board.

Proposed Site and Year:

List the names, addresses, and phone numbers of those putting forth this proposal:

Why is this a great place for SEAALL to meet:

Proposed Dates (List 1st, 2d, 3rd choices, keeping in mind any conflicts with Easter or Passover):

Estimated Hotel Room Rates:

Describe transportation options to the site:

Send this form to: Connie Matzen
SEAALL Secretary
Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorset, Mitchell & Jernigan
P.O.Box 2611
Raleigh, NC 27602-2611
From April 17-19, one hundred and sixty individuals gathered for SEAALL’s annual meeting in Tallahassee, Florida. The meeting opened with a reception at the downtown Old Capital Building on Thursday evening. Finger foods, a cash bar, and a barbershop quartet made it memorable. Early Friday morning, a breakfast buffet and business meeting were held at FSU’s Turnbull Conference Center. Programs were also held at this site. Participants gathered in the Kissimpee Dining Hall for a luncheon on Friday afternoon. Frank Houdek, President of AALL, was the keynote speaker for this event. On Friday evening, participants went to Wakulla Springs taking a jungle boat cruise and observing alligators, snakes and birds. A seafood dinner in Panacea, Florida, directly on the Gulf, then followed.

This annual meeting’s focus was on the role of law librarians in the twenty-first century. Seventeen programs were offered on this theme.

On Friday morning, David Shipley discussed emerging copyright issues generated by the new publishing realm of cyberspace. Mark Estes and Kay Todd suggested that librarians define their roles, making patron satisfaction rather than system satisfaction their ultimate goal. Dwight King, Helena Lai, Grace Mills, and Dr. Yvonne Chandler discussed the impact of minority librarians in their field. Martha Dragich commented on the current courts’ caseloads, noting that the heavy caseloads are altering court publishing to the detriment of legal research. Sarah Wiant talked about the future of the ABA accreditation process and its impact upon academic law libraries.

On Friday afternoon, Karin den Bleyker and Alva T. Stone discussed the use of LCSH headings in OPACS. In a nearby session, Dr. Yvonne Chandler, Nancy Johnson, and Gene Sherron presented ideas for the education of librarians in the next millennium. Virginia Thomas and Mark Giangrande talked about the difficulties of providing all individuals with access to electronic information. Herb Cihak and Sue Burch spoke to the issue of new management styles, arguing that today’s library staff needs a team/coach approach rather than a hierarchical management style. Susan Lisi and Frosty Owens discussed issues faced by branch librarians.

On Saturday, there were several programs before the meeting concluded with a tour of FSU’s law school campus. Kendall Svengalis discussed the trend of mega legal publishers and its potential impact upon acquisitions budgets while Mary Alice Baish addressed the topic of public relations for law librarians. Jane Miller provided a session on running law libraries as businesses while Frances Pugh and John Hokkanen addressed the impact of the new technology upon libraries, in particular private libraries.

It was an enjoyable and informative meeting, providing librarians with the opportunity to renew and establish new relationships. Local arrangements by Florida State University, the Supreme Court of Florida, the University of Florida and Hopping, Green, Sams and Smith allowed participants to enjoy both the SEAALL programs and Tallahassee.
Support within law firms for attendance at professional meetings varies greatly. Many firms are willing to send their librarians to only one professional meeting each year. Often, the meeting chosen is the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, with many opportunities to tour law libraries, talk to vendors, and attend programs on "cutting-edge" topics.

Attendees at the 1997 SEAALL Annual Meeting in Tallahassee found the same opportunities, and in a more intimate setting. Not quite 200 people, including vendors, speakers, and attendees were at the meeting, which was held at the Florida State University Conference Center.

Programs covered a wide range, from the practical, to professional growth, to developments in the practice of law. Those responsible for expenditures gained much from Ken Svengalis’s presentation, “Law Library Survival in the Age of the Mega-Publisher.” And those wanting to know more about the future in communications technology learned about how a firm library can be involved in the firm’s intranet. Practical sessions such as these always appeal a great deal to me. They often provide information that may be applied immediately in my own job.

However, sessions which encourage me to grow as a professional are my favorite. Mark Estes and Kay Todd showed us how to start “Thinking Out of the Box...” Their ideas are the ones that will sustain and challenge me when I and my staff get bogged down in the mundane or nitty-gritty daily details of our work.

I also appreciate sessions which comment on trends in the practice of law. Martha Dragich’s comments on “The Disappearing Paper Trail” provided useful information about the proliferating number of unpublished opinions and the impact of this development on legal research. North Carolina federal district courts are notorious for not publishing opinions; hence my interest in this topic.

Besides attending formal sessions, one may tour libraries. In Tallahassee, the Florida State University College of Law Library staff hosted a tour. Besides the usual departments, we spent time in the Rare Book Room, perusing some delightful acquisitions.

Yet, while attending the sessions and examining rare legal materials certainly was worth while, the greatest benefit was meeting other librarians. The relatively small size of this meeting provided many opportunities to get to know librarians. Interestingly enough, this benefit was also the meeting’s greatest weakness; only eighteen representatives of corporate and firm libraries attended. And while SEAALL’s less intense, more laid back atmosphere is great for developing friendships with academic and court librarians, really getting to know firm librarians also would be wonderful. SEAALL’s scholarships provide the opportunity to attend additional professional meetings. More firms and corporate librarians should take advantage of this opportunity.
Southeastern Chapter  
of the American Association  
of Law Libraries, Inc.  
Financial Statement  
April 1, 1997 - June 30, 1997

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**Required for membership

Respectfully submitted,