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Ah..., Springtime in the Southeast! The weather is warming up, everything is in bloom, and it is hard not to feel optimistic about the year ahead. Ready or not, we are on the final approach to the turn of the century and it seems fitting for me to use this, my inaugural President's column, to tip my cap to SEAALL for the accomplishments of its first 45 years and to give you some indication of the exciting things that SEAALL will be working on as we approach the new millennium.

Those of you who attended the annual meeting in Knoxville several weeks ago (and if you didn't, we missed you!) are basking in memories as warm as the Spring sunshine of another wonderful gathering of SEAALL colleagues. In keeping with the first part of our program theme, “ Tradition and Transition,” we took time to look back at the kind of professional excellence, activism, and collegiality that is a hallmark of the Chapter. SEAALL has every reason to be proud of its tradition and its accomplishments to date. As to the “transition” part of our theme, attendees saw ample evidence of a library and information world that is changing at a rapid pace and it was heartening to see that SEAALL members are ready, willing, and able to take on leadership positions in our profession in the 21st Century.

As for the meeting itself, I want to congratulate the countless individual Chapter members who gave selflessly of their time and energies to make our experience in Knoxville so successful. Unlike AALL which has permanent administrative staff to help them organize their meetings, SEAALL members do all of this on top of their regular jobs. I marvel at the professional commitment and Chapter pride that motivates people to give this kind of voluntary effort and thank you all for your hard work.

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EDITOR’S NOTE

Many thanks to Maureen Eggert, Robert Linz and new co-editor, Sue Burch, for the Knoxville meeting pictures in this issue. Amy Osborne has moved on to another committee and left me with the intricacies of Microsoft Publisher. Here’s hoping I can continue successfully in her footsteps!

There was a portion of Karen Taylor’s South Carolina bibliography omitted from the last newsletter (v. 24, no. 1 Winter 1999). We are reprinting the complete version in this issue, so please use this edition. Connie Matzen has completed the finishing touches to her North Carolina bibliography, which you will also find in this issue.

Sue and I hope for more articles from you ....this is a good place to get your publishing career launched.

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Let me thank, specifically, the Program Committee for everything they did to help put together a very illuminating and entertaining slate of educational offerings: Pauline Aranas, Ed Edmonds, Allen Moye, and Gail Warren. And, I would be remiss if I didn't thank Past-President Sue Burch for her wonderful leadership and for all the help she provided me as we prepared for the Knoxville meeting. Finally, I want to thank the incredible Local Arrangements Committee consisting of a lot of hard-working folks from the University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt University, and Tennessee Supreme Court law libraries and chaired by Bill Bein­tema. Knoxville is going to be a hard act to follow!

But, follow it we will with a trip next March to San Juan, Puerto Rico where Local Arrangements Chairs Mike Whipple and Pedro Padilla-Rosa and their committee are already busily at work putting together what is sure to be a spectacular annual meeting in one of the most exotic spots that SEAALL has ever visited. Cathy Lemann and her Program Committee are in the earliest stages of planning next year’s educational program, and I expect that she will share a glimpse of what we can expect at the next SEAALL Business Meeting held during the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. in July. The meeting will be held on Monday, July 19 from 4:45 to 5:45 pm, and our SEAALL reception will follow from 5:45 to 6:45 pm and I hope everyone attending AALL will make sure to attend both the meeting and the reception.

SEAALL will also be playing a part in the AALL meeting itself, with Rhea Ballard-Thrower, Tim Coggins, and James Hashek presenting the Chapter sponsored program “Censorship at Your Library” on Tuesday, July 20 from 8:30 - 9:45 am. And, SEAALL will be hosting two distinguished guests, Virginia Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Lacy and University of Georgia School of Law Dean David Shipley, as part of AALL’s VIP Program.

Although our Chapter is strong and very active, I would like to challenge even more of you to get involved in every way possible in the coming years. If SEAALL is to remain an important part of the professional lives of all our members, then our Chapter officers, committee members, program speakers, and volunteers must reflect the diversity of our membership. After years in which non-academic law librarians were traditionally as involved in Chapter leadership positions as their law school colleagues, this participation has fallen off drastically in the last ten years. I am making it a goal during my year as President to try to reinvigorate our non-academic members to add their important voices and efforts to the future of SEAALL. To that end, I have asked former SEAALL and AALL President, Kay Moller Todd, to chair a special committee to investigate ways that this can be done. SEAALL’s traditional strength has been demonstrated through the years by a membership with diverse thought and experience and I hope that we can find ways to capitalize on that diversity in the years ahead.

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I look forward to an exciting year and hope to see a lot of you at the AALL meeting in Washington in July. Please stay in touch – I welcome any and all suggestions and ideas regarding the Chapter and thank you in advance for the hard work that I know so many of you will be doing on behalf of SEAALL this year.

See you soon!

Steve Hinckley
President Sue Burch called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the 45th annual SEAALL business meeting and introduced the officers.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT:**
The President thanked Bill Beintema and the Local Arrangements Committee for their efforts and mentioned the wonderful assistance given by Pauline Aranas and her staff at Vanderbilt. The President next thanked Steve Hinckley for all his and his committee's work on the program.

**VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT:**
The Vice President announced that he will be assigning people as chairs and members of various committees in the next few weeks.

**SECRETARY:**
The Secretary announced that the minutes of the business meeting in Anaheim had been published in Southeastern Law Librarian, v. 23, no. 3, Summer, 1998. She requested that the minutes be taken as read. It was moved to approve the minutes as printed.

The election of officers, which took place in February, resulted in the election of Cathy Lemann of the Law Library of Louisiana as Vice President/President Elect, Sally Wambold of the University of Richmond Law Library as Treasurer, and Kathy Crosslin of Kilpatrick, Stockton in Atlanta in the new position of Member-at-Large. It was moved to destroy the ballots.

The Secretary announced that dues notices had been mailed to the membership on 1 April, coinciding with the new fiscal year.

**TREASURER:**
The President read the report of the Treasurer in his absence. The balance in the treasury is in excess of $28,000.00.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS:**
Bill Beintema as chair thanked his committee, mentioning the staffs of the University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt Law Libraries and others, for their hard work on the project. He especially thanked Judy Kelly who planned the food events and Anna Belle Leiserson who constructed the website.

**PROGRAM:**
Steve Hinckley thanked his committee and those who were speaking at the meeting.

**FUTURE MEETING SITES:**
2000–Mike Whipple announced that the old San Geronimo Fort which adjoins the Caribe Hilton grounds would be the venue for the opening reception. He raffled a basket of Puerto Rican delicacies, which was won by Janet Hirt.
2001—Rhea Ballard-Thrower announced that dates for the Atlanta meeting would be 19-21 April.

PLACEMENT:
Maureen Eggert said that there were 12 positions listed, and reminded everyone to check the SEAALL web site.

SCHOLARSHIP:
Joyce Janto said that one scholarship had been declined and requested that the matter of re-allocation be reviewed by the Board so that there was a policy in place for that eventuality.

SERVICE TO SEAALL:
Pam Williams formally presented the 1998 award to Ed Schroeder, Florida State University. Ed spoke and mentioned gratefully the people who had worked with him on various committees and projects. The 1999 winner was not present, so was not announced.

Further to the business of committee reports, the Chair announced that most reports had been posted on the SEAALL list. She thanked the committees for their efforts and presented the various chairs with a plaque of appreciation. The Chair also presented a plaque to Alva Stone for her detailed instructions for the handbook on local arrangements for annual meetings, and to Pam Williams for her help with the dues invoice design.

NEW BUSINESS:

AALL ANNUAL MEETING AT WASHINGTON:

The SEAALL Business Meeting will be held on Monday 19 July at 4:45 p.m. followed by a reception from 5:45 p.m.
The SEAALL Program, Censorship at your Library, is scheduled for Tuesday 20 July at 8:30 a.m., presented by Rhea Ballard-Thrower, Tim Coggins and James Hashek.

VIP PROGRAM:
James Heller, President of AALL, reminded us that this program began in 1995 in Pittsburgh and has now been instituted permanently by the Association. This year 14 chapters are sponsoring 19 people, ranging from deans of law or library schools to supreme court justices.

PARAPROFESSIONAL PROGRAM:
There is a forum all day Monday 19 July designed for paraprofessional staff. The cost is $75.00, which includes tickets to the Opening Reception and the Luncheon.

PASSING THE GAVEL:
The President thanked the retiring Board Members, Donna Bausch, Past President, and Ladd Brown, Treasurer, and commended them on their efforts. She particularly spoke of the work of the Treasurer, who had been unable to attend SEAALL meetings since taking a position at Virginia Polytechnic, but had continued to act as Treasurer. The Chair appreciated receiving the financial reports from him. The President introduced the newly elected Board Members and passed the gavel to President-elect Steve Hinckley. President Hinckley then thanked Sue Burch, now

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Immediate Past President, for her good works and presented her with some mementos. The President asked for further business. There was a suggestion from Grace Mills that next year's business meeting be held on the beach. The President then presented a certificate of appreciation to Bill Beintema and declared the meeting closed at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Osbaldiston, Secretary

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETING SITES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

In response to the Secretary's request for suggestions for annual meeting sites, two cities were offered for 2002. Presentations were given at the Board meeting by Billie Jo Kaufman for Fort Lauderdale, FL and by Joseph Cross and Diana Osbaldiston for Columbia, SC. Brief synopses follow:

Fort Lauderdale has a number of resort/traditional hotel settings. Many are near or on the ocean with conference facilities. There is also the Broward County Convention Center near Port Everglades with shopping and restaurants nearby. A possible hotel is Doubletree Suites near the ocean and movie theaters. The Galleria Mall is within walking distance, and the hotel is served by the water taxi which provides transportation to the Las Olas shopping, arts, and restaurant area. A number of possibilities for group entertainment include Mai Kai Polynesian Restaurant & Show, the Jungle Queen Boat tour and dinner, plus baseball, hockey, horse racing and other sporting events like jai alai and dog racing. Transportation is easy - most hotels are within 10 minutes; many hotels provide shuttle transportation. NSU Law School is within 20 minutes of the ocean/downtown area. Broward County Law Library within 5-10 minutes. University of Miami and St. Thomas are within 30-45 minutes.

Columbia offers a rejuvenated downtown area anchored by the Adams Mark Hotel with excellent conference facilities, good food and accommodation. This is a town for history - the South Carolina State Museum is built inside the historic Mount Vernon Textile Mill, first mill ever to be powered by electricity. Historic homes include the Robert Mills House, the Hampton-Preston Mansion and Woodrow Wilson's boyhood home, among others. There are a new Art Museum, the restored State Capitol, the Supreme Court, the Confederate Relic Museum and the University of South Carolina within a few blocks. The Vista offers galleries, antique shops and restaurants. Five Points offers music in the bars, food and student life. Both the Vista and Five Points are on the trolley route. Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens are lovely in the spring, as are the charming residential areas of Heathwood and Shandon. We could do a group outing to the Zoo or to one of the plantations nearby. Of course, being in South Carolina we'd have some great southern barbecue for y'all somewhere along the way. Columbia is accessible by air with Delta and U.S. Air, the airport being about 6 miles from downtown, and by some good, fast, interstate highways. The law librarians of U.S.C. and of the courts, legislature and local firms will welcome you in 2002.

The Board will make a decision for 2002 at the time of our meeting in Washington.

-Diana Osbaldiston, Secretary.
Mary Mahoney, Pedro Padilla-Rosa and Maureen Eggert staffed the SEAALL Placement table at the annual meeting in Knoxville. A dozen jobs were advertised and included a mix of public, technical and computer service offerings. A Thank you to the firms, corporations, academic institutions and court libraries who made it possible for Placement to offer such a variety of jobs.

Despite the array of jobs available, no resumes were submitted. If you are seeking a job, the position descriptions advertised at SEAALL Placement are now located on the SEAALL Placement website, at www.law.wfu.edu/seaall/positions.htm. Do not forget about SEAALL-P. This listserv provides information on a wide range of job descriptions in the Southeast, including those outside the law library field. To subscribe send the following message, without a subject header, to
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Bill Cooper, of William and Mary School of Law, Marshall-Wythe Library, will take over as the Chair of the Placement Committee. He can be contacted at wlicoop@facstaff.wm.edu or (757)221-3051. If you have a job that you would like posted to the webpage, contact committee member Maureen Eggert, at meggert@law.wfu.edu;
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Since I am taking the financial helm (so to speak) of SEAALL, I will try to bow out gracefully from SEAALL Briefs. I don't know who will take over, but I wish them the enjoyment of e-mailing the good folks who have given me the news.

*Sally Wambold*

**MISSISSIPPI**

University of Mississippi School of Law Library

April E. Johnson reports:

The University of Mississippi Law Library welcomes two new librarians. Anne M. Klingen joined us in December of 1998 as a Public Services Law Librarian. Anne received a Bachelor's in History and Philosophy from the University of Mississippi in 1988, her Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi Law School in 1992 and her Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1997. She has previously worked for the University of Memphis Law Library and the FDIC. Our second new librarian, Lynn E. Murray, fills our newest Public Services Law Librarian position. Lynn started work with us in March of 1999. Lynn received her Bachelor's in English from Belmont University in Tennessee in 1992, her Juris Doctor from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1997, and her M.L.I.S and Certificate in Law Librarianship from the University of Washington Graduate School of Library & Information Science, Seattle, WA., in 1998.

We also have two new paraprofessional staff members. Jason Miller joined our staff in mid January as a circulation clerk. Talisha Jones began work in late February as our serials assistant.

**NORTH CAROLINA**

North Carolina Central University

Two new librarians at North Carolina Central University are Loretta Mershon, Cataloging Librarian, and Walter High, Assistant Law Librarian for Technical Services. SEAALL is glad to have them as members.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Columbia, SC

Librarian By Day/Stargazer-Drive-in Owner By Night!

Richard Boaz, Librarian at the U.S. Courts Library in Columbia, fulfilled a life-long dream when he and his wife, Lisa, reopened the Monetta Drive-In Theatre (a.k.a., "The Big MO") in Monetta, SC, on March 26. The drive-in, first opened in 1951 and closed in 1986, had been sinking into obscurity for 13
years when Richard and Lisa rescued and refurbished it. The rescue took a lot of hard work, to the consternation of cows in a neighboring pasture, who watched while Richard cleared the overgrowth. With its 240+ car capacity and its 34 x 67 foot screen, Big MO provides a place where the past and the present collide for happy times and family fun. The theatre offers a double feature most Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Attendance has been great and Richard and Lisa expect lots of activity during the summer season. Everything old *is* new again. How new? The drive-in even has a website: www.TheBigMo.com! Hats off to Richard and Lisa for a job well done and an exciting alternative career!

**VIRGINIA**

**NORFOLK LAW LIBRARY**

Deborah Krassy Eckert has joined the Norfolk Law Library as Assistant Law Librarian. Deborah is a 1996 graduate of the College of William and Mary School of Law. Following law school, Deborah served as a law clerk for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland and thereafter was an associate with Miles & Stockbridge, P.C. in the firm's bankruptcy and creditors' rights group.

**University of Richmond**

John R. Barden joins the University of Richmond School of Law Library staff as Reference/Research Services Librarian effective June 14, 1999. John recently graduated from law school at the University of Virginia School of Law. He holds the M.S.L.S. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and also has a Ph.D. in History from Duke University and a M.A. in History from the College of William and Mary.

Nancy A. Martin plans to retire from her position as Circulation Manager at the University of Richmond School of Law Library effective May 31, 1999. Mrs. Martin joined the Law Library staff in April, 1981. Nancy plans to spend more time with her family and working on church activities during her retirement. The Law Library staff will certainly miss her, but wishes her the best.
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TO THE MEMBERS OF S.E.A.A.L.

I have just returned from the conference in Knoxville. Words cannot express how pleased I was to be invited to participate in the panel "S.E.A.A.L. @ 45". When I reflect on the years I called on the South-East schools, I am filled with many special memories. I remember how warmly I was received at the law libraries, and the friendships I developed. Knoxville was very special as it allowed me to renew those friendships with so many fine people. My personal thanks to the executive program committee and the local arrangements group. All of your efforts culminated in a conference that will be long remembered as one of the best. My hope is that the future will hold new challenges to an association that has shown leadership in the law library profession.

RESPECTFULLY,

KEN BARNETT

KEN BARNETT and FRIENDS in KNOXVILLE
Annual Meeting Programs to Address Millennium Issues

by
Timothy Coggins, Chair, Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee
Hazel Johnson, Member, Annual Meeting Advisory Task Force

Reflecting the theme, “At the Crossroads: Information Management, Technology, and Policy”, the programs at the 1999 Annual Meeting will confront the issues facing law librarians as the 21st Century approaches. We are at an important crossroads. We must position ourselves not only to survive but also to thrive in the technology based world that continues to evolve around us. Within each of the five tracks at the Annual Meeting, Technology; Information Access & Policy; Foreign, Comparative & International; and Technical Services -there is a plethora of programming designed to help law librarians address important millennium issues.

The Technology track includes exciting ideas and dynamic speakers. It's All in the Books, Right?: The Ethical Perils of Ignoring Electronic Legal Resources in the Information Age features Judge Robert E. Payne (E.D. Va.) who wrote one of the first opinions acknowledging that attorneys have a duty to stay “abreast of developments in the law” and that there are numerous resources, including online services, serving this purpose. Encryption at the Crossroads features Marc Rotenberg, compiler of The Privacy Law Sourcebook, Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center and one of the organizers of the grassroots campaign against Lotus Marketplace. The program will feature a discussion of PGP, the current industry standard for email encryption, and current and proposed legislation regulating the use and export of strong encryption products. The proliferation of electronic products, the Hyperlaw decision and the burgeoning number of legal documents found on the Internet has escalated the need for a uniform citation system. The principal drafters of AALL’s new Universal Citation Guide will “state their case” for adoption of the guide during the program, AALL’s Universal Citation Guide on Trial. A panel of judges representing various segments of the legal system will cross-examine the drafters about the potential problems and impact of such a system on the way judges, lawyers, scholars and others work.

Among the Information Access & Policy track programs, Unauthorized Practice of Law 1999 will feature representatives from Nolo Press, which is currently under investigation by a subcommittee of the Supreme Court of Texas for producing materials which assist individuals to do their own legal work. The preservation of the digital records created by federal agencies is one of the greatest challenges of the upcoming millennium. Lawyers, scholars, judges, reporters all should have an interest in how the federal government and the National Archives and Records Administration plans to meet this challenge. Federal Information Policy and Agency Recordkeeping at the Crossroads will feature Scott Armstrong, a noted author and journalist, and Dr. Lewis Belardo of NARA debating
the issue. The consolidation in the legal publishing industry affects law librarians every day. The two-part program, *Meeting of the Minds at the Crossroads of Legal Information*, offers a panel of law book publishers participating in a roundtable discussion on the state of legal publishing today. Part Two will feature a panel of law librarians reacting to the points made by the publishers.

The **Technical Services** and **Foreign, Comparative & International** tracks feature programs of value to everyone, not just the librarians who specialize in those two fields. **Crosswalks to Information Management:**

**Metadata** focuses on one of the cutting edge issues of searching the Internet. What is metadata? How can it make storage and retrieval of information more accurate? How will it affect search engines? The emergence of electronic publications has caused librarians to rethink the definition of a serial. The program **Loose-leafs at the Crossroads: Redefining Seriality** will focus on the ongoing discussions of proposals to re-define seriality and the impact that may have on cataloging and processing traditional materials and their new electronic counterparts. The globalization of the world's economy makes the quest for the law of other countries a daily challenge. **From Russia With Law, Cuban Legal and Political System** and **Our Neighbors to the North and South** will provide insights in understanding and researching the law of some of the most important of the U.S.'s many trading partners.

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