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August 9, 1955

Miss Jane Oliver, President
Southeastern Chapter
American Association of Law Libraries
Georgia State Library
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jane:

Enclosed is a tentative draft of a cover letter and a list of the recommended changes made in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Southeastern Chapter at the April meeting.

It is my understanding from the minutes that this is the form on which the Chapter agreed for mailing out the proposed drafts for voting purposes. Under this procedure the mailing would consist of a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws with the list of recommended changes attached and a ballot for a "Yes" or "No" vote. In other words, the actual incorporation of these changes would be made after the vote was taken.

Will you please look on page 3 of your copy of the Minutes, the last two paragraphs, and see what you think about the inclusion of the material on Article I, Section 2(b), and Article III on Elections in the list of changes. Of course, the usual procedure is to set out the amount of the fees in the By-Laws. However, from the Minutes it does not appear that there was a specific directive that this be spelled out in Article I, Section 2(b). It probably would be wise to include it. Though the matter on Article III, Elections, was taken care of by Article V, Section 2, it might be best to include it as a change in the By-Laws so that the election procedure would be clearly spelled out. Mary suggested this in her letter to me after checking the Minutes. Since, if adopted, the final draft of the Constitution and By-Laws will incorporate these changes, I felt that I could not decide this on my own.

Please do not hesitate to change the cover letter, list or anything that you think needs revision.

Thanks again for doing the mimeographing and mailing job as I certainly would be caught short with no accessible facilities here. I am keeping the beach trip in mind.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Leverette, Secretary-Treasurer
S. E. Chapter, A.A.L.L.
Dear

At the second meeting of the Southeastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries, held at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, April 28-29, 1955, the agenda included submission of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the organization to the attending members for adoption or rejection. However, it was the consensus of the members present that their number was insufficient to cast a representative vote on these items. It was decided that the Constitution and By-Laws be discussed by those present, acting somewhat as a committee of the whole, and that any changes resulting therefrom be considered a part of the Constitution and By-Laws and submitted to the entire membership for final adoption or rejection.

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws to which is attached the list of recommended changes. Please note that your vote is to be cast for or against adoption of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws as revised by these changes. An affirmative vote indicates approval of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws as they would appear with the suggested changes incorporated therein.
Article V, Section 1.

Officers. The officers shall consist of a president, a president-elect, and a secretary-treasurer. The officers shall be elected annually. The president-elect shall automatically become president after one year and shall serve during the second year following his or her election. The officers shall serve without compensation.

Recommendation:
Adds provision that the President-Elect shall serve as Vice-President.

Article V, Section 3.

Executive Committee. The officers shall together act as Executive Committee and as such direct the activities of the chapter (group or association) subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the By-Laws and in accordance with the policies agreed upon by the members.

Recommendation:
Adds provision that the Ex-President shall serve on the Executive Committee.

Article VII.

Any by-law may be adopted, repealed, amended or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting in a ballot conducted by mail in the manner provided in the by-laws or at a meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Chapter.

Recommendation:
Changes the necessary vote for adoption, amendment, repeal or suspension of the By-Laws at a meeting of the Chapter from two-thirds vote of all members of the chapter to a three-fourths vote of members voting in the ballot.
Suggested Revision of Proposed By-Laws, Southeastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries

Article I, Section 1, Par. 2.

Persons or institutions who are not members of the American Association of Law Libraries who are engaged or interested in law library work and who wish to take part in regional activities may become members of the chapter upon application to its president and approval by a two-thirds vote of the members. This type of membership is subject to the limitations imposed by the By-Laws of the American Association of Law Libraries (Art. V (d)).

Recommendation:

Change provision requiring non-members of A.A.L.L. to receive approval by a 2/3 vote of the members of the Chapter for admission to membership in the Chapter to provision requiring approval by members of the Executive Committee.

Article I, Section 2 (b).

b. Dues paid by members of the Southeastern Chapter in the amount to be determined by the Chapter.

Recommendation:

That dues provided for in this subsection be set at $2.00, $1.00 of which would be contributed for members of A.A.L.L. by the A.A.L.L. refund provided for in Article I, Section 2 (a).

Article II, Section 1.

Meetings shall be held generally coinciding with the meetings of the Southeastern Regional Conference of Law Teachers.

Recommendation:

Provide that the words "when feasible" be added at the end of this Section so as not to bind the Chapter to the schedule or place of meeting of the Southeastern Regional Conference of Law Teachers when either would be impractical.

Article II, Section 2.

Special meetings may be held at such time and place as the Executive Committee of the Chapter direct.

Recommendation:

Provide that Section 2 become Section 3 and that a new Section 2 be added, said Section to provide that a Chapter meeting be held at A.A.L.L. National Conventions, when the Convention schedule permits, for the purpose of discussing future programs and projects and submitting progress reports on Chapter activities; that the Executive Committee be charged with the duty of scheduling and making arrangements for such meetings; and that attendance
at these meetings not be confined to the executive committee, but extend to the entire membership.

Article III.

Elections. The officers shall be elected annually by mail ballot. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. The membership is to be notified by the secretary-treasurer of the outcome of the election by mail or at the annual meeting.

Recommendation:

Add the provision that the notice given by the Secretary-Treasurer of the agenda of forthcoming business meetings as required under Article V, Section 2, shall in the case of pending elections include a list of officers and a request for recommendations for nominees to be made to the nominating committee.