Email to Donna Bausch, Diana Osbaldiston, and Ladd Brown regarding AALL Annual Meeting, October 8, 1998

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Hi everyone!

Hadn't been in touch with all of you in awhile, and there are a few things I wanted to tell you about and get your in-put.

First, Susan Siebers, Secretary of AALL, will be our "Chapter Visitor" at the Knoxville meeting. The letter from AALL says that we should confirm the visit with her and advise her of our timetable for making arrangements. Steve, I'll send out the first letter, thanking her for coming and telling her a little about the meeting. I'll send you a copy of the letter. Then later, as your programs get more developed, you might want to contact her, too, to let her know if you have "programmatic responsibilities" for her. Generally we've had the Chapter Visitor give an AALL update at the Thursday luncheon, but if you want her to help out with a program, you could discuss that with her.

Secondly, I've received information from AALL concerning scheduling our Business Meeting at Washington, DC. We have a choice of days/times:

- Monday at 4:45 pm
- Tuesday at 7 to 8:30 am or 5 pm
- Wednesday at 7 to 8:30 am

I need to return this form by November 2. Steve, since you will be conducting this meeting, do you have a preference for a particular day/time? Perhaps the others can give him their in-put, but I think Steve should decide. I think the earlier I can get the form in, the better our chances of receiving our first choice. I'd like to send this form out by the end of next week, so please let Steve (and me) hear from you.

The third item is the Chapter VIP Program (Valuable Invited Participant). Basically, AALL would like us to invite special guests from our area's legal, governmental or information communities to participate in the annual meeting in DC.

We're encouraged to select non-AALL members, and AALL is supporting chapters by offering complimentary registration (includes most meals from Saturday evening through Mnday lunch) for up to two guests. These people will be encouraged to participate in the full range of annual meeting activities and may also be invited to speak at an educational program.
I have a small handbook that I was sent detailing this whole process. So I will copy it and mail it off to each of you.

My questions are: is this just a Board decision? Should we ask for member input? I don't remember how this was handled in the past. Didn't we have VIPs a few years ago -- maybe Pittsburgh?

If anyone has a suggestion on how to proceed, I'd appreciate it!! I'll get this booklet mailed out to you so that you can see what this entails for us as a chapter. Please let me know your ideas by the end of the month.

That's about it! Thanks for your help with these matters. Be back in touch with everyone after you've had time to mull over everything.

Sue