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Presidential Ponderings

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So who needs that "other" Athens after you've been to SEAALL in Athens Georgia? O.K., perhaps I exaggerate, but the Local Arrangements Committee did a stellar job of planning, organizing, and showing attendees true southern hospitality while the Program Committee was fantastic, recruiting speakers, coordinating, and even proposing programs and pulling together a spectacular Institute. Kudos also to ALL committees, sponsors, and individuals who took part in making the meeting a success. For those members who were unable to attend I hope that you can experience the Meeting by looking through pictures (<http://www.flickr.com/search/?q=seaall2009>) while partaking in a "Puckettini" (This was the feature drink at the opening reception and local Arrangements has generously shared the recipe –see below.)

I admit that the idea of submitting "ponderings" was a bit daunting at first. "Ponderings" implies some serious reflection and the sharing of deep thoughts. While I would have liked a day meditating on a mountain top or by Walden Pond, this has been quite an eventful year, with no time for mountain meditations. However, thinking

of our annual meeting reminded me that, while we all enjoy the brilliant program with the profound speaker, sometimes the best benefits are from communicating with our colleagues. So communicate is what I intend to do, particularly regarding the positive changes that SEAALL has made and will be making. Some positive examples from the past few years include the creation of the Community Services Committee, the creating and funding of the Kathryn Mattox Scholarship, the move to online elections, the development of a standard program proposal form, and the test-run of varied program lengths at this year's annual meeting. While the changes may have ultimately been suggested by members of the Executive Board or by committee chairs, many of the ideas were brought to their attention via the requests and suggestions of SEAALL members. For this reason, I hope that as the year progresses you will feel free to communicate too, be it to committee chairs, committee members or to any of the SEAALL Executive Board.

A reminder to those members attending AALL this July, do not forget to check the

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The Puckettini

This new creation was still a work in progress so quantities are in the eye/hand of the drink-holder. Consider your individual taste preferences and/or the amount of work you must complete after having one (or more).

Basic instructions: Mix the first three ingredients cocktail shaker, add ice until about half full and shake for about 20 seconds. Strain into a martini glass, squeeze in a few drops of lemon juice from the wedge and then use it as a garnish.

raspberry vodka
ginger ale

cranberry juice
lemon wedge (for garnish)

schedule for our SEAALL meeting and reception Monday night, and to look for programs where our member are coordinating and/or speaking. Also, I would like to offer a word of advice regarding the opening reception at the Library of Congress. Based on a previous and much enjoyed reception many years ago, the line at the gift shop is likely to be LONG. While you do not want to pass up any opportunities for touring this very special library, you may wish to forgo a few dips in the chocolate fountain in order to get a jump on shoppers from other regions. Enjoy and I hope to talk with many of you in D.C.

A non sequitur pondering: For those who attended the annual meeting and walked by the School Nutrition Conference, was I the only one puzzled by the healthy food display that featured chicken fried steak and flour coated or crusted fish? I am still pondering that one.

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2009 AALL Management Institute

With the help of the Lucile Elliot Scholarship, I was able to attend the 2009 AALL Management Institute held in Tampa, FL from March 19-21. The theme of the institute was "Manage with Confidence." The group that attended this Institute was a good mix of librarians from various types of libraries and from different levels of management, including those who have not yet held management positions.

AALL provided six objectives for the Institute:

1. Build and nurture a professional network.
2. Develop effective communication.
3. Negotiate and handle difficult situations.
4. Develop a strategic plan.
5. Take on project management.
6. Champion the library's role within the institution and build partnerships.

The Institute was facilitated by Maureen Sullivan, a well-respected organization development consultant. Ms. Sullivan introduced us to the concept of the "managerial leader," which combines attributes of being a manager with the attributes of being a leader. She also offered her guidelines

for learning which helped us get the most out of the Institute. One of the most important guidelines was to assume self-responsibility. I interpreted this as meaning that I needed to take responsibility for my learning at the Institute, as well as taking responsibility for the decisions made in my career.

Ms. Sullivan's sessions were interactive as well as collaborative. She offered us plenty of opportunities to express our own experiences, ideas, and opinions. She also allowed us to challenge or add to what she said. Additionally, Ms. Sullivan was cognizant of what the group needed to discuss more and which topics did not need further discussion.

I personally found this Institute to be invaluable. I was able to learn and grow as a law librarian and as an individual. The exercises that Ms. Sullivan guided us through helped me evaluate my strengths and identify the areas that I need to work on. In short, the AALL Management Institute was a wonderful and useful experience. Law librarians from all experience levels can benefit from attending a program like this.

Michelle Cosby
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Service to SEAALL Award - Anne Klinefelter

Anne Klinefelter is the Service to SEAALL Award recipient for 2009. Anne has been an active member of SEAALL since 1996 and has served on the following SEAALL committees: Scholarship, Education and Publications, Government Relations, Articles and Bylaws, Member at Large, Program Chair, and President of SEAALL in '06-'07. She is equally active in AALL. Anne is also a YouTube star. She has become an expert in privacy law and has authored several articles, including *Privacy and Library Public Services: Or, I Know What You Read Last Summer*, 26 *LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES Q.* 253-279 (2007). Anne is the Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Law Library at University of North Carolina. I was very pleased to present this award to Anne at the 2009 SEAALL Meeting in Athens, Georgia.



Service to SEAALL Committee:
Nancy Johnson, Chair; Ken Hirsh; Terry Long

Tweeting #SEAALL2009

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Chances are, even if you're not quite sure what all this "tweeting" or "twittering" is about, you've heard of Twitter. Law librarians around the country are using Twitter to share information instantaneously, including during the recent SEAALL Annual Meeting. As a Twitter user myself, I found that using Twitter enhanced my conference experience tremendously – whether it was hearing about interesting sessions, networking with other attendees, or simply discovering the best local food and shopping in Athens.

First, a little background for those new to the Twitter phenomenon: Twitter is a social networking tool that allows users to send 140 character updates (AKA "tweets") to fellow users. Tweets can be sent and received from anywhere with an internet or cellular connection: using the Twitter.com website, desktop applications or via cell phones. Like all social networks, you communicate with people you choose, only instead of having "friends", on Twitter you have "followers".

A popular aspect of Twitter is that you participate when you want to – there's no expectation that people are always available as with a chat room or instant messenger. An apt analogy is that Twitter is like a virtual water cooler where people gather and talk, but arrive and depart as their work allows. It's also perfectly acceptable to be wallflower on Twitter and "follow" (i.e., receive updates from) the people that interest you, and update as little or as often as you like.

At SEAALL, there were at least a dozen or so active Twitterers reporting on things they found interesting during sessions, like the following:

johnny42: GA Gov't Publication Depository online through GALILEO. UGA scans all agency publications released to the public. #seaall2009

elizout: today I learned from Marin (again) how effective it is to survey students when you do something new #seaall2009

shucha: @pcbrannon Jing is awesome for chat and email reference #seaall2009

Twitter also served as a medium for asking about resources mentioned in the sessions, for example this exchange:

gugek: #seaall2009 faye jones bringing up a cch whitepaper on emerging social web stuff. Can haz link?

emasters: @gugek CCH White paper on Web 2.0: <http://tinyurl.com/aktsfu> #SEAALL2009

In all the Twitter updates quoted above, you'll notice they all include the text "#SEAALL2009". In Twitter, that is what's called a hashtag, essentially a method of self-categorizing your tweets so they can be found with a search. To find the Twitter updates from SEAALL, just type in #SEAALL2009 in the Twitter search engine at: <http://search.twitter.com/>. The hashtags provide a great method of filtering and reading through updates, but they are also invaluable for discovering and connecting with new people with similar interests.

Looking forward, the Twittering crowd at the AALL Annual Meeting this summer promises to be an active and vibrant channel of communication. You can view the current tweets for #AALL2009 (the hashtag for this summer's meeting) at <http://search.twitter.com/search?q=%23aall2009>, and on that page you can also subscribe to an RSS feed of those same tweets. Even if you're still skeptical about Twitter, I'd highly encourage you to at least check out the Twitter activity during AALL. Whether or not you're actually there in person, I can assure that you'll learn something interesting.

Annual Report: Program Committee

Early in the planning period we decided to try something new for the 2008 -2009 program, change the traditional 75minute program length. A number of potential program planners/speakers had expressed concerns about being able to develop programs lasting the full 75 minutes. Initially the committee planned to offer 30 minute programs, either three of them at the same time, or two 30 minute programs running simultaneously with 75 minute programs. However, there were two requests for 60 minute programs and one other speaker was happy to adjust their program giving us the opportunity to also try a 60 minute slot. Should this prove successful may prove new challenges in hour to best accommodate programs of varying lengths

The Local Arrangements committee provided great creative impetuous with their theme "Renew, Refresh, Rethink*and Rock 'n' Roll" and their focus on thinking green. This resulted in a good number of programs on diverse topics. The Program Committee made every effort to see that programs of interest to technical services librarians were included since this is an area that is often underrepresented. I think we had some interesting offerings, I continue to encourage members with Tech. Services savvy to please send in proposals on topics that interest you every year.

Financially this was a challenging year, some willing speakers had to decline due to lack of financial support. We also had two wonderfully dedicated SEAALL members who came to speak at their programs, but could not stay to enjoy the other programs or networking opportunities. Our committee members and some very dedicated proposers worked to locate speakers (and sometimes replacement speakers, gather information, and many who attended the

meeting performed introductions. We also had some wonderful non-committee members volunteer and who we thank for filling the gaps!

While there were many SEAALL speakers (including one from our newest member state, Maryland) we had an interesting mix of outside speakers, including both undergraduate and legal writing professors, a professional consultant, and a university recycling coordinator. The Keynote speaker Dr. Michael A. Covington of UGA is an expert in artificial intelligence and information retrieval, and plenary speaker Dr. Jay Hakes is the Director of the Carter Library and Museum and author of "A Declaration of Energy Independence."

The SEAALL Institute "The Impact of Electronic Resources on Today's Law Library" was coordinated by Sally Irvin and Terry Long and generously sponsored by Hein. Dick Spinelli and his staff also provided our coordinators with much in the way of organizational support and the result was a wonderful mix of vendors and law librarians to speak on a topic that, due to economic changes, is even more relevant now than when it was proposed.

Committee members for the 2008/2009 year were:

Maureen Eggert, Chair
Jaime Edge
Sarah Glassmeyer
Ismael Gullon
Sally Irvin
Iris Lee
Terry Long
David Lehmann
Katherine Marsh
Terrance Manion
Susan Skyzinski
Ron Wheeler

SEAALL Business Meeting - Athens, GA - April 17, 2009

Call to Order: President Amy Osborne called the meeting to order.

Dean Rebecca H. White of the University of Georgia School of Law welcomed SEAALL members to Athens. She thanked the UGA library staff for their contributions to the law school and the members of the Local Arrangements Committee for their efforts in hosting the conference. She congratulated UGA Library Director Ann Puckett, who is slated to receive the Gallagher Award at this year's AALL conference in Washington, DC.

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Treasurer's Report

Paula Tejada presented the Treasurer's report, which was approved. Highlights of her report include an opening balance of \$59,519.17, total income of \$58,082.92, total working balance of \$117,602.09, total expenditures of \$26,404.39, a closing working balance of \$91,197.70, total investments of \$9,955.70, and total assets of \$101,153.40. The organization is in a secure financial position.

Committee Reports

a. Local Arrangements: Ann Puckett, Chair, welcomed members to Athens and introduced members of the committee, whom she thanked for their outstanding work. She described the raffle opportunities available at the conference. The Thomas Moser Company donated a rocking chair to be raffled for the benefit of the SEAALL Scholarship Fund. Local artist Jamie Calkin donated a print (framed with funds donated by EBSCO) to be raffled for the benefit of the Pinewoods Library, the local library adopted by the SEAALL Community Service Committee for this year's meeting.

b. Community Service: Sarah Mauldin presented the committee's report on behalf of Chair Ron Wheeler. She reported that the committee's major work this year has been the drafting of the committee's mission and procedures for inclusion in the SEAALL Handbook. Sarah also reported on the committee's service projects in Athens: the book drive for the Pinewoods Library and the food drive for Athens area homeless shelters.

Ms. Luisa Vazquez, Pinewoods Library Branch Manager, described the work of the Pinewoods Library and the impact that it has on the lives of its patrons and on its community. SEAALL members are invited to visit the library's website at <http://www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us/pinewoods/index.html> to see this fabulous branch library in action.

c. Education and Publications: Elizabeth Outler, Chair, reported that the committee had two programs accepted for this year's AALL meeting. Additionally, two committee members have had programs accepted for presentation at AALL.

d. Government Relations: Kevin Butterfield presented the committee's report on behalf of Chair Dionne Dockendorf. The committee lead the SEAALL initiative to sign on in support of the Whistleblower Protection Act, which was incorporated into the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and became law on February 17, 2009. The GRC also monitored state legislatures for issues affecting libraries and the freedom of information. The SEAALL GRC also worked with the AALL Washington Affairs Office to learn how to become more educated and effective regarding advocacy actions. The committee intends to use the WAO's Advocacy Tool Kit to advance advocacy initiatives in the 2009-2010 term.

e. Membership: Chair Ed Hart reported that SEAALL had a good table at last year's AALL conference in Portland, and thanked the committee members and volunteers who helped staff the table. He announced that work will begin on a SEAALL directory as soon as the Executive Board identifies an appropriate database product.

f. Newsletter and Public Relations: Chair Carolyn Santanella introduced and thanked the members of the committee. President Amy Osborne thanked Carolyn for her courage and tenacity in managing the newsletter in the wake of a house fire.

g. Nominations: Nancy Johnson delivered the report on behalf of Chair Georgia Chadwick. The committee developed the slate of candidates for this year's elections.

h. Placement: Chair Rob Farmer provided an overview of placement services during the conference. He also announced that the AALL Placement Committee was changing its name to "Career Services" and asked the members to consider whether SEAALL should follow this lead.

i. Program: Chair Maureen Eggert thanked Terry Long and Sally Wise for their outstanding work in coordinating this year's Institute. She noted that this year's programming for the main meeting was offered in blocks of 30 minutes, 60 minutes, and 75 minutes. She encouraged member feedback on this departure from previous scheduling, as well as other ideas to make programming options more meaningful and flexible.

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j. Scholarship: Chair Jason Sowards reported that the committee awarded \$13,000 in scholarships this year through six different types of grants. Grant categories include AALL Chapter Registration Award, Library School Scholarships, Lucille Elliot Scholarship, AALL Registration Grant, CONELL Registration Grant and, in its inaugural year, the Kathryn P. Mattox Scholarship. Jason congratulated scholarship winners and thanked committee members for their work.

k. Service to SEAALL: Chair Nancy Johnson presented this year's award to Anne Klinefelter.

Future Meetings/Local Arrangements

a. Williamsburg, VA, in 2010: Jim Heller, Local Arrangements Chair, asked the membership for approval to move the meeting from the week of April 15 to the week of April 20 in order to take advantage of better weather conditions. The members approved. Jim announced that the conference hotel is the Woodlands Hotel in Williamsburg. Jim then awarded Williamsburg-oriented prizes to lucky winners who had various types of coins taped underneath their chairs.

b. Columbia, SC, in 2011: Rebekah Maxwell reported on behalf of Pamela Melton, Local Arrangements Chair. The conference will be held April 13 – 17. The conference hotel will be the Hilton and the venue will be the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Administrative Positions

Archives - currently vacant

Database Manager - currently vacant

Handbook – Whitney Curtiss is taking over for Laurel Brown.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

VP/President-Elect Maureen Eggert issued a call for a site for the SEAALL meeting in 2012. She also asked the membership to consider whom to nominate as SEAALL's VIP to this year's AALL meeting in Washington, DC. The deadline to select a VIP is May 15.

Introduction of New Officers

President Amy Osborne introduced the newest SEAALL Officers:

Vice President/President-Elect: Karen B. Douglas

Treasurer: Dee Wood

Member-At-Large: Sarah Mauldin

Amy then passed the gavel to Maureen, who presented Amy with a gift from the SEAALL Board.

The meeting was adjourned.

Annual Report: Local Arrangements Committee

The SEAALL Local Arrangements Committee consisted of members of the law library staffs of the University of Georgia; Mercer University; Georgia State University; and Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin.

University of Georgia staff members necessarily took the lead in local arrangements planning. They are Deb Baker, Sharon Bradley, Anne Burnett, Maureen Cahill,

James Donovan, Suzanne Graham, Wendy Moore, Cheryl Solomon, and Carol Watson. Together, this group chose meeting and event venues, selected menus, arranged tours and transportation, worked with the Program Committee to assure presenters had all the facilities they needed, prepared informative guides for meeting attendees, and kept meticulous records of registra-

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tions and contributions. Most of the UGA Law Library staff volunteered their services during the meeting for such tasks as staffing registration and information desks, directing guests to buses, and conducting tours. Special mention goes to JoEllen Childers and Brad Grove from the Computing Services Department for providing technical support to meeting speakers.

Pre-meeting fund raising is one of the responsibilities of the Local Arrangements Committee. This duty was undertaken by committee chair Ann Puckett, with the able assistance of law library directors Nancy Johnson (Georgia State) and Suzanne Cassidy (Mercer). Wendy Moore (UGA) and Ismael Gullon (Mercer) provided lists of likely prospects, with their contact information, that proved very useful.

Working on local arrangements when you are not close to the meeting venue is a little difficult. Nevertheless, willing volunteers found a way to help. Pam Brannon (Georgia State) and Sarah Mauldin (Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin) created an innovative ride-sharing arrangement that fit nicely into the overall "green" theme of the meeting. Ismael Gullon (Mercer) coordinated volunteer scheduling. Terrance Manion (Georgia State) helped publicize the meeting through the Atlanta Law Libraries Association.

As usual, a day long Institute was held on Thursday, April 16, prior to the beginning of the annual meeting Friday morning, April 17. The topic of the Institute was "The Impact of Electronic Resources on Today's Law Library". Attendance was limited to 40; actual registrations totaled 37. Hein sponsored the Institute, which was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Athens.

The annual meeting itself was held at the Classic Center, Athens' convention center. The theme selected for the 2009 Annual Meeting was "Renew, Refresh, Rethink – and Rock 'n' Roll". While the Rock 'n' Roll addendum was simply a tribute to the music culture for which Athens is justifiably famous, the first part of the theme set the stage for all decision making about venues and events. We tried to make the meeting as "green" as possible. For instance, the bags selected for the conference were made of recycled materials. At the open-

ing reception, the food was locally grown, the disposable eating utensils were biodegradable, and the centerpieces were living plants. All of the meeting facilities included recycling containers next to the trash containers. Table centerpieces for all meal functions at the Classic Center consisted of large baskets filled with non-perishable foods that were donated to the Northeast Georgia Food Bank after the meeting. Those baskets will be used again for the same purpose at the 2010 meeting in Williamsburg. At the end of the meeting, badge holders were collected for reuse at the 2010 meeting as well. The Program Committee contributed to the green theme by scheduling compatible programs such as a plenary speaker on energy independence and a program about a trash audit conducted at the Miller Learning Center on the UGA campus.

In addition to the "green" focus of the meeting, we also wanted to leave both SEAALL and Athens better off for the meeting having been held here. We worked with the SEAALL Community Service Committee on two projects, a book drive for the Pinewoods Branch Library and a food drive for the Northeast Georgia Food Bank. A total of \$305 in cash was generated for Pinewoods, in addition to the book orders placed through Amazon (for which I have no figures); and a total of \$400 in cash and food was donated to the food bank. Thos Moser Cabinetmakers generously donated a hand made Gloucester Rocker to be raffled off for the SEAALL Scholarship Fund. That raffle netted \$1225 for the scholarship fund. The lucky winner was Catherine M. Dunn from Georgetown, who bought her tickets by mail.

Early in the year leading up to the 2009 meeting, we created a website to keep SEAALL members apprised of developments. <<http://www.law.uga.edu/library/seaall2009/index.htm>> We also created a Facebook account and a Twitter account to generate further publicity for the meeting. The website took the place of a mailed preliminary program, thus saving money for SEAALL and reducing the environmental impact of the meeting too. Just to be certain no one was left out, we sent post cards to all SEAALL members telling them how

to request registration materials if they had no access to the web page. Not a single person responded to the post card invitation, leading us to advise future local arrangements committees to eliminate the preliminary program mailing altogether.

We are still working to finalize the numbers, but here are some preliminary figures:

Institute Registrations	37
Annual Meeting registrations	117
Exhibitors	9
Contributors and Sponsors	12
Total Income	\$50,337.50
Total Expenses	<u>\$35,312.22</u>
Net Income	\$15,025.28

I cannot end this report without noting that SEAALL 2009 inspired the creation of a delicious new drink that is doubtless destined to become a classic cocktail. Made of raspberry vodka, cranberry juice, ginger ale, and a lemon garnish, it is dubbed the Puckettini in honor of your humble servant.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Puckett
Local Arrangements Chair

SEAALL Financial Statement - July 2008 TO April 14, 2009

Opening Balance		\$ 59,519.17
INCOME		
Membership dues	\$12,620.00	
Associate	220.00	
Individual	680.00	
Institutional	11,600.00	
Students	120.00	
Mattox Scholarship Fund	4,940.54	
SEAALL 2008 Meeting Profit	1,257.38	
SEAALL 2009 Meeting	39,265.00	
TOTAL INCOME	58,082.92	
TOTAL WORKING BALANCE		117,602.09
EXPENSES		
SEAALL 2011 Meeting	1,970.95	
AALL 2008 Meeting	1,496.54	
SEAALL 2009 Annual Meeting	10,333.90	
08/09 Memb. reimbursement	120.00	
Scholarships	12,115.00	
AALL Online Elections	368.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	26,404.39	
CLOSING WORKING BALANCE		\$91,197.70
INVESTMENTS -AS OF MARCH 31, 2009		
Bank of America CD	3,587.89	
Fidelity	6,367.81	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	9,955.70	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$101,153.40

Annual Report: Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee administered six types of grants this past year:

- 2008 AALL Chapter Registration Award
- Library School Scholarships
- Lucile Elliott Scholarship
- AALL Registration Grant
- CONELL Registration Grant
- Kathryn P. Mattox Scholarship

The Executive Board allotted \$10,000 for scholarships and grants this year, and the Kathryn P. Mattox was privately funded at \$3,000 this year. The 2008 AALL Chapter Registration Award to the meeting in Portland, Oregon was a rotating award funded by AALL. Every year, select chapters are eligible to give the award to distribute to one of its members. The Committee allocated these funds as follows:

Grant/Scholarship	Quantity and Amount(s)	Total
Library School	(1) \$3,000; (1) \$2,000; (1) \$1,000	\$6,000
Lucile Elliott	(5) amount varies	\$3,160
AALL Registration Grant	(1) \$490	\$490
CONELL	(1) \$350	\$350
Kathryn P. Mattox	(3) \$885; (1) \$345	\$3,000
TOTAL		\$13,000

Scholarship/Grant Specifics

I. 2008 AALL Chapter Registration Award

SEAALL was one of the AALL chapters eligible to receive one annual meeting registration grant from AALL to attend the national meeting in Portland, Oregon. This award was funded by AALL, and therefore not included in the above financial information.

II. Library School Scholarships

These were awarded to candidates who are currently enrolled in library school and who have demonstrated an interest in becoming law librarians. As is always the case when selecting among talented applicants, the committee faced tough decisions. However, the committee felt that, given the cost of tuition, books, and other expenses related to a graduate degree, fewer scholarships in larger denominations would have more impact than several smaller awards. This was a practice carried over from the prior year's committee.

III. Lucile Elliott Scholarships

The spirit of the Lucile Elliott scholarship is to help defray the cost of any activity that would advance one's career in law librarianship. Awards given this year assisted SEAALL members attend not only the SEAALL annual meeting, but also AALL's Management Institute and the American Library Association annual meeting. In fact, those members who received money to attend SEAALL were speakers at this year's meeting. Receiving an Elliott award made their attendance possible. The candidates indicated varying levels of financial support from employers, so the amount of each award varied among recipients from \$350 to \$850. The applicant pool was a good mix of newer and veteran SEAALL members.

IV. AALL Registration Grant & CONELL Registration Grant

The Committee received only one application for the AALL Registration Grant. The applicant who replied received the award in addition to a partial Kathryn Mattox scholarship to attend the annual meeting in Washington, D.C. As the scholarship guidelines currently read, applicants are eligible to receive a SEAALL-funded scholarship in addition to a Kathryn Mattox Scholarship.

Similarly, the applicant pool for the CONELL grant was small. Two members applied, one award was given.

V. Kathryn P. Mattox Scholarship

This is the inaugural year for this scholarship, funded by Ms. Mattox's sister, Marilyn Swinford. This award was intended to help defray members' expenses associated with attending the AALL and SEAALL annual meetings. We were fortunate to have sufficient funds to allow everyone who applied for a Mattox to receive some money. Two winners were student members of SEAALL.

I would like to thank the members of the committee—Donna Bausch, Marie Summerlin Hamm, Jim Heller, Nichelle Perry, Denise Uzee, Lorelle Anderson, Katie Brown, and Masako Patrum—for their dedication and thoughtful discussions about the candidates' applications. It was a pleasure to work with them and I thank Amy Osborne for offering me the opportunity to chair the committee. It has been personally rewarding to be able to offer financial assistance to so many people who will, in turn, enrich the field of law librarianship for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason R. Sowards

2008-2009 SEAALL Scholarship & Grant Recipients

2008 AALL Chapter Registration Award

(4 Applicants)

Ulysses N. Jaen (West Virginia Univ.)

Library School Scholarships

(15 Applicants)

Brian Barnes (Univ. of Southern Mississippi)

Angela Jaffee (Catholic Univ. of America)

Colleen Martinez-Skinner (Florida State Univ)

Lucile Elliott Scholarship

(6 Applicants)

Billie Blaine (Florida Supreme Court Library)

Pamela Bluh (Univ. of Maryland)

Michelle Cosby (Univ. of Kentucky)

Karen Douglas (Duke Univ.)

Elizabeth Farrell (Florida State Univ.)

AALL Registration Grant

(1 applicant)

Nancy Dulniak (Florida A&M Univ.)

CONELL Registration Grant

(2 applicants)

David Knight (Norfolk Law Library)

Kathryn P. Mattox Scholarship

(4 applicants)

Nancy Dulniak (Florida A&M Univ.)

Susan Jones (Louisiana Supreme Court Law Library)

Carmen Melendez (Univ. of Puerto Rico)

Renee Weatherholt (Univ. of Florida)

Annual Report: Community Service Committee

The CSC began its work this year with a special charge from SEAALL president Amy Osborne. The discovery was made that the SEAALL Handbook, which contains guidelines for all of the SEAALL committees, did not contain a part with guidelines for the Community Service Committee. So, our first task was to draft committee guidelines. Those guidelines were drafted and forwarded to President Amy Osborne. Many thanks go to the entire committee, but especially to Joyce Janto, Pam Deemer, and Sarah Mauldin who were especially zealous and diligent during the process of drafting and redrafting guidelines.

The CSC then focused on identifying a worthy organization in the Athens, GA area with which to partner in conducting a donations drive in conjunction with the 2009 SEAALL Annual Meeting. We started by soliciting suggestions from CSC committee members and others familiar with the Athens community. We specifically asked for suggestions from members of the local arrangements committee. We received recommendations of several worthy organizations and narrowed that down to four promising Athens area organizations: Athens Tutorial, Athens Area Homeless Shelter, Pinewoods Branch Library, and Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic.

Ultimately, the CSC chose the Pinewoods Branch Library, to receive our book donations, and the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, for food donations. The Pinewoods Branch Library serves an underprivileged and heavily Spanish-speaking population in the Athens area, and they were thrilled to be receiving our book donations. And, of course, the Food Bank can always use any help they can get with food donations during these difficult economic times. Special thanks go to Anne Burnett for her work gathering information about and networking with these two organizations.

Pam Deemer single-handedly set up an Amazon.com wish list and we sent to the SEAALL listserv an email soliciting donations. We later sent reminder emails, including one announcing a "Gift Basket" incentive to be raffled off at the SEAALL

meeting. Many thanks go to Marin Dell for her fabulous gift basket creation. Everyone who donated books for the book drive or food donations was entered into the gift basket raffle.

Faye Jones, FSU Research Center won the SEAALL/CSC 2009 Athens, GA Blockbuster Movie Basket! Faye won a \$100 gift card to Blockbuster, movie candy, movie popcorn and a list of movies filmed in the great state of Georgia. Julie Webster-Matthews of Lexis Nexis won the print that was raffled off.

By the end of the meeting, we had collected 225 pounds of canned and boxed food which was delivered to the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia. We also collected \$198 that was raised during the meeting and delivered to the food bank along with the food donations.

The food basket centerpieces were transported to Williamsburg to be used during the 2010 meeting. Additionally, approximately 70 books were purchased via the Amazon wish list and delivered to the Pinewoods Branch Library. Additionally, \$305.00 was raised on the sale of raffle tickets for the Jamie Calkin print of downtown Athens, and this money also went to Pinewoods.

The Amazon wish list was left up for several weeks after the meeting. Many thanks to the wonderfully enthusiastic and committed CSC members, all of whom contributed in many ways, but particularly to Pam Deemer for her work setting up and maintaining our Amazon donations list.

Community Service Committee Members:

Ron Wheeler, Chair (2009)
Pam Deemer (2009)
Sarah Mauldin (2009)
Jennifer McLean (2009)
Olivia Weeks (2009)
Marin Dell (2010)
Sally Irvin (2010)
Anne Burnett (2010)
Joyce Janto (2010)
Ismael Gullon (2010)

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