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## **SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION**



### **Candidates**

**SEAALL is proud to announce the following slate of candidates for the 2018 election:**

#### **Vice President/President Elect: Three-Year Term (2018 - 2021):**

- Sarah K. C. Mauldin, Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP (Georgia)
- Louis Michael Rosen, Barry University School of Law Library (Florida)

#### **Secretary: Two-Year Term (2018-2020):**

- Kat Klepfer, Florida State University (Florida)
- Candle Wester, University of South Carolina (South Carolina)

#### **Member-at-Large: Two-Year Term (2018-2020):**

- Suzanne B. Corriell, U.S. Court of Appeals Library for the Fourth Circuit (Virginia)
- Stephen Parks, State Law Library of Mississippi (Mississippi)

### **Process**

The 2018 election will again be hosted by AALL's online election system. We will elect a vice-president/president-elect, a secretary, and a member-at-large.

**Polls open on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018, and you may submit your ballot anytime until 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, March 2, 2018.** On the first day of the election, eligible voters will receive an email message from AALL containing information about the voting process. An "eligible voter" is any member whose dues are current. Election results will be announced to the SEAALL membership, via email. Please contact TJ Striepe, at [tstriepe@uga.edu](mailto:tstriepe@uga.edu), if you have any problems with the online election system.

A big thanks to our colleagues on the nominations committee: Wendy Moore (Chair), Marie Summerlin Hamm, and Austin Williams. Thanks, also, to SEAALL Treasurer Rachel Purcell for providing the membership directory. And a special thanks to all the candidates for their dedication and willingness to serve SEAALL.

## Candidates for Vice President/President Elect



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I am thrilled to be nominated for the chance to serve SEAALL as vice-president/president elect. I have been a member of this vibrant chapter since I moved home to Georgia in 2006 from my “Babylonian Captivity,” a/k/a living in Las Vegas, NV, and have been thrilled to work on projects large and small alongside the marvelous members of SEAALL.

I have gained much as a member of this chapter, particularly by working with so many librarians who work in settings different from my own. SEAALL has given me opportunities to better understand the work that academic librarians do and to collaborate with academic and court librarians to better serve all of our varied patrons. Our programming, community service, and advocacy efforts are the best around and the charming company of amazing SEAALLs can’t be beat.

It has been, as they say, a long minute since a law firm librarian ran for SEAALL VP, and the last time a firm librarian was elected I was still a high-school student and didn’t know that law librarianship was actually a job. In the intervening years, SEAALL has elected quite a few fantastic academic and court librarians and if you decide to elect me, I hope to bring as much poise and talent to the job as those who have gone before. If nothing else, I know that I may best every one of them in pure, unbridled enthusiasm.

I thank you from the bottom of my SEAALL-sucker clad heart for your consideration.

**More about Sarah K. C. Mauldin [here](#).**



Louis Michael Rosen

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Groucho Marx is widely quoted as saying “I don’t want to belong to any club that would have someone like me as a member.” I used to feel the same, especially throughout law school. But when I started library school, I began to recognize the strength that comes from collaborating, teaming up, and finding a community. I joined both SEAALL and AALL in 2007 as a student member and won generous scholarships from both organizations that helped me immensely as I worked my way through school. Just a few years later, I was able to pay it forward as a member and chair of both SEAALL’s scholarship committee and AALL’s scholarship awards jury.

I am the current chair of SEAALL’s newsletter and public relations committee, helping schedule and plan our *Southeastern Law Librarian* newsletter that highlights our members and their accomplishments. And in 2016, I attended the AALL Leadership Academy, which gave me newfound confidence to hopefully be more than just be a team player, but to take a more active, proactive role – if you’ll have me.

Having never been much of a joiner, I am constantly blown away by how friendly, welcoming, and accepting law librarians are, especially SEAALL members. I love being part of something larger than myself, making new friends, networking, and learning from all of you. I was pleasantly surprised (shocked, really) to be nominated for the position of vice president/president elect of SEAALL, and if you will honor me with the opportunity to serve and put me in front of your crowd, I promise that I’ll make y’all proud.

**More about Louis Michael Rosen [here](#).**

## Candidates for Secretary

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**Kat Klepfer**

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I always struggle with how to start these statements: “Friends, Romans, Librarians, lend me your books!”? I could go a little more obscure and mention that the first law librarian I talked to about this career finished our conversation by chanting, “One of us! One of us!” I knew I was in good company the moment I joined SEAALL and I have benefitted from all the perks of joining: the nerdy camaraderie, the thoughtful career advice, the generous scholarships, and a well-focused conference. I have always looked for opportunities to give back to the community – whether it is simply sharing a handy spreadsheet or volunteering on a committee – and that is how I see this nomination, as an opportunity to repay some of the benefits I’ve received. I have experience handling officer elections, taking meeting minutes, and updating bylaws from other organizations I have been a part of, and I would gladly take on these duties as secretary. I am honored by the nomination and glad for the opportunity to serve SEAALL.

**More about Kat Klepfer [here](#).**



**Candle Wester**

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It is a great honor and privilege to be a candidate for SEAALL secretary. I have been a member of SEAALL since the summer of 2012 and it has been a terrific experience. As an organization, SEAALL is a group of warm, friendly, and truly welcoming members who excel at being helpful and generous with their time. As a member of the programming committee for the Knoxville annual meeting, I had the pleasure of being part of a great team and learned much from the experience. As interim chair of the membership committee, I have had the opportunity to work with more wonderful colleagues. I welcome the opportunity to serve on the SEAALL board as secretary and thank you for your consideration.

**More about Candle Wester [here](#).**

## Candidates for Member-at-Large

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Suzanne B. Corriell

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I am enthusiastic about the chance to serve SEAALL, and I am honored by this nomination. I've found that SEAALL programming is among the best in our profession, and I believe that it is imperative that we continue to support our programming while exploring additional options for professional development and member engagement. I appreciate that SEAALL members are professionally diverse, embracing all fields of law librarianship; we can use that broad spectrum to create incredible opportunities for our members. I look forward to working with all of you as we innovate and collaborate to promote law librarianship.

**More about Suzanne B. Corriell [here](#).**



Stephen Parks

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Before asking for your vote, I feel that I should first confess that I let my SEAALL membership lapse when I took over my current position as State Librarian of Mississippi in early 2016. I rejoined this group in 2017. I hope this won't count against me!

Now that I've gotten that out of the way, I do ask for your vote for member-at-large. I am excited to be back in SEAALL, and I know serving as one of your members-at-large will allow me to give back to this great organization. SEAALL is the first professional organization I joined and the first conference I attended (Columbia, SC, 2011) so it holds a special place in my law librarian heart.

I would appreciate your vote for member-at-large.

**More about Stephen Parks [here](#).**

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