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Mary Smith Forman
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Dear Mary:

Here is my report on my trip to my first SEAALL annual meeting, courtesy of the SEAALL scholarship. I'm not sure I conveyed how much fun I had while learning, listening, meeting, etc. Of course, traveling with Carol and Betty was also a unique experience!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Lemann".

Catherine Lemann
Reference Librarian

What I Did at My First SEAALL Annual Meeting

Thanks to a SEAALL scholarship, I traveled to Charleston, W.Va. to attend the 1993 SEAALL Annual Meeting and the preceding Institute on the Internet. I received a warm welcome as a first time attendee and was thoroughly impressed by the consistently excellent programs and the fabulous social activities. The Presidential Orchestra of the Russian Federation was a delight.

The Internet Institute gave me a lot to consider. We have no access to the Internet at this time and were totally ignorant about all the possibilities it offers. I expect that for e-mail at least we will connect in the near future.

I enjoyed all the programs that I attended. The Intellectual Freedom presentation was terrific and helpful for my program the next day. Empowering the EndUser, You Want Me to Put What Where? and Technostress presented ways to more than merely live with new technology but to use it more effectively and efficiently. Computers may not be friends for everyone but we can make them be useful tools. The Dialog on Westlaw - Tips from an Expert program was great. I was not aware of how much information is at our fingertips!

I was on the panel on Pro Bono Services by Law Librarians program - the last program on the last day. I appreciated the opportunity to speak on the panel with Kathy Garner of Southern Illinois University Law School, advocate of pro bono service by lawyer-librarians, and Nancy Johnson of Georgia State University College of Law, with reservations about pro bono services. I enjoyed preparing for the program, considering practical problems with providing pro bono services in the library or on library time.

West Virginia is a beautiful state, with the world's friendliest waiters. I am grateful for the chance to meet SEAALL members and put many faces with names as well as to enhance my professional knowledge. Thanks again to SEAALL for the scholarship which gave me this opportunity and provided the opportunity for others on our staff to attend this and other programs. After this introduction to SEAALL, I hope that my first SEAALL conference will not be my last.

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