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Letter to Dorothy Salmon regarding SEAALL Chapter Meeting, March 25, 1958

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Dear Dorothy:

I am answering your letter of March 1st in the order of your paragraphs.

1. Yes, leave Sunday A.M. open and begin meeting with luncheon. If you like Stanley can announce in Newsletter before meeting where and when luncheon is to be held Sunday. I think it might be nice to have an informal luncheon speaker for, say a half hour talk. What about asking Marvin Hogan, a former member of the S.E. Chapter, and a University of North Carolina Law School and Library School graduate. He is also a former secretary-treasurer of the Washington Chapter and so should know first hand of the work of the Chapter and its various branches. Besides it would be a good orientation to the Washington library set-up.

2. I agree that we should maintain the chapter breakfast idea, for the reason that some will come then who can't be there early, also it affords a good chance to discuss business and plans for next meeting. Thus our whole discussion can be concentrated on one subject.

3. Yes, we could have a panel or what ever sort of program you would like Sunday afternoon. I haven't any ideas at all for a panel topic, except that I would some day like to hear a panel discussion on book selection tools for legislative reference materials and have some super legislative reference library, like the Council of State Governments described by a panel member and have legislative reference classification and arrangement problems discussed by a panelist.

Yes, ideas for next meeting program could be aired. I'm sure there'd be plenty of time following the panel.

4. Yes, I think the special services of law libraries would be a worthy topic for consideration, perhaps some of the Washington librarians who will be in town Sunday could be one of the panelists and maybe one of the Ohio panelists, and, as you suggested, maybe one of our members, perhaps one of the Miami Librarians or the Dade
county librarian. I imagine that they probably have special service programs. Of course the Los Angeles County library has such fabulous service, perhaps they should be approached but I doubt if they would come early, anyway we can't afford them!

5. What about Miss Wallach having Miss Margaret Lane for her panel speaker when she is President in 1959, we may meet in Miami anyway next time, and if she came as our invited guest perhaps the fare to Miami would be cheaper. I talked to Stanley about what suggestions he gave you and I'm inclined to feel that perhaps some description of legal resources of the Washington area would be apropos unless the A.A.L.L. program is to include such a discussion. Incidentally, if you did decide to choose a Washington panelists perhaps Marvin Hogan, mentioned in this letter previously, could suggest to you such a person.

Do you know or have you any way of finding out what the A.A.L.L. program is to include, perhaps we should know before picking a panel topic. Wouldn't Miss Hargrave know?

6. What about Talbert Fowler, Mrs. Prendergast and Richard Neal for nominating committee, although since all are from Alabama, that would perhaps be poor policy.

P. S. (1) Thanks for the membership dues, we have had only 20 send in dues thus far.

(2) It occurs to me that perhaps we could get Mary Oliver for next year's program (not Washington) to describe in some detail the administrative problems involved in setting up a combined library and law program such as she has initiated so brilliantly at the University of North Carolina. She will in 1959 have a year's solid experience behind her and could give a better analysis of the effectiveness of the program at that stage. After all its a S. E. baby and we should spotlight it beside doing so for its intrinsic merit. It would be a good article for L. L. J. so maybe Mary could kill two birds with one speech.

(3) Dinner at 8? What about Massey for an after dinner speaker. Didn't she go to the Far East recently? Perhaps she could describe her trip.

(4) Thanks for recruiting Mr. Field Harris. He sent his dues in and I extended a chapter welcome in return.

(5) Please let Stanley know as soon as you get a tentative program set up so he can get it into his April 15th Newsletter.

Sincerely,

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