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To: Sally Wiant
From: Elizabeth M. Valadie
Subject: Revision to the guidelines for the Lucille Elliott
Scholarship
Date: 3 February 1993

I have written below my comments on the suggestions for change listed on your memo to the Committee dated January 24, 1994.

(1) I think that the criterion of "evaluating the potential for staying in the profession" should be eliminated.

(2) It appears from the AALL grants application form that AALL's grants are not given to people attending chapter functions. If we do want to continue to award money for people to attend AALL functions, I think that applicants who are applying for the scholarship to attend SEALL should receive significantly more points than applicants attending either an AALL Institute or the AALL Convention. I do think that applicants seeking to use the money for either library school or law school should be given credit somewhere between the SEALL award and the AALL award.

(3) I think that we should still ask applicants for "your employer's policy regarding reimbursement for professional activities". I think that the application form should also be changed to include specific information about the amount of money anticipated from the employer.

(4) To be perfectly honest, I don't see how points can be given for the letters of recommendation. Obviously some people are better letter writers than others, and some fortunate applicants will know someone who is active in SEALL and whose recommendation may carry more weight. The Committee will already know what the applicant needs the money for and how much money the employer can provide. If we change the requirements for the letters, perhaps we should follow AALL's example and require one from a supervisor and one from someone else who is a member of the chapter.

Numbers (5) through (8) all appear to be good suggestions and I have no changes to propose.

Thanks for giving me the chance to offer suggestions and thanks for following through with this to the Executive Board.