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MEMORANDUM

TO: SEAALL Scholarship Committee Members
FROM: Sally Wiant
SUBJECT: Lucille Elliott Scholarship
DATE: January 24, 1994

Enclosed is a copy of our report sent to Pam (President), Kathy (Treasurer) and Sue Trask (newsletter).

During the scholarship applicant review and award process, a number of you mentioned problems in applying the guidelines as they now stand. I have also proposed a calendar for the committee's work to be mailed to new members.

Mary Forman of Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson (Orlando), chair of the committee last year, graciously offered to work with us on the revision of the guidelines and score sheets. If you will forward to me your thoughts on these proposals I will convey them to her.

It is my intention to take our proposals to the board at the Southeastern meeting in March. If at all possible, could you have your comments to me by February 18, 1994. Again, thank you.

The suggestions for change are as follows.

1. We question the ability to evaluate the potential for staying in the profession.
(#4 on the score sheet)
2. We believe that the applicants who intend to attend SEAALL should be awarded more points.
3. We would like to change the application form to have the applicant state how much money he/she anticipates receiving from his/her employer.
4. We believe the evaluation guidelines and score sheets should be changed to reflect letters of recommendation and that greater importance should be placed on them.

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5. We suggest adding questions regarding whether the applicant has applied before and whether he/she has received assistance before.
6. Add a time to the deadline for applications, i.e., by 5:00 p.m.
7. We propose a two year term, some overlapping of committee membership.
8. We suggest an article for the summer newsletter encouraging applicants to think about applying during the fall.

Please let me know what you think of these proposals. Are there other changes you wish to propose?