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I feel as if I blinked and my year as president of SEAALL was over. It has been great to work with the other officers, Steve Hinckley, Herb Cihak, Georgiana Wellford, Sally Wambold, Kathy Crosslin, and Hope Breeze. I thank each of them for the cooperation, guidance and assistance.

Herb and the Program Committee did a terrific job of planning interesting educational programs for our Annual Meeting. Kathy worked hard, along with Kay Todd, to make sure that the Institute will appeal to private law librarians, one of our focuses for the year. Hope worked with the committee chairs to be sure their work went smoothly. Georgiana did a great job with the ballots and minutes. I commend Sally for her persistence in investing our money and reliably performing her duties.

As Steve, Sally and Kathy leave the Board, I thank them for jobs well done and making my job easier. Before you read this, we should know who the new officers will be. I welcome them to the Board. I am sure that they will find working with their SEAALL colleagues to be an enjoyable experience.

Sue Burch, with Ebba Jo Sexton last year, did a great job with our newsletter. Because we only see each other twice a year, it's a vital communications tool. I appreciate their fine work.

Herb will soon be looking for volunteers to work on the SEAALL committees. All of this year's chairs, Steve Hinckley, Herb Cihak, Nancy Johnson, Charles Oates, Terry Long, Michael Whiteman, Gretchen Wolf, Scott Childs, and Sue Burch, and their committees would, I think, tell you that the benefits outweigh the time commitment. When Herb asks for help, please consider it an exciting opportunity. First time volunteers are greatly appreciated for the new ideas they bring to the committee.

I am excitedly looking forward to the joint SEAALL/SWALL meeting in Atlanta, April 18 - 21. Rhea Ballard, Nancy Johnson, and the rest of the local arrangements committee have done a splendid job. There are always glitches and unexpected problems. They were never fazed by any of them. Rhea is relentless and always cheerful. Local arrangements is a tremendous undertaking, requires impeccable organizational skills, and may be the most difficult and rewarding assignment in the Association. Of course, Rhea moved from Georgia State to Howard in the midst of everything, probably adding to the stress of an already stressful situation! I'm very happy that she will still be a member of SEAALL, as I would definitely miss her infectious smile. Thank you to all the individuals who helped make the meeting the success I'm sure that it will be.

Jim Heller, our ping pong expert, has organized the SEAALL/SWALL table tennis tournament. I encourage you to participate. Hein will donate \$10 per participant to our scholarship fund. The tables and equipment will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Atlanta after the meeting.

Of course, the Annual Meeting would not be as successful or as much fun without the financial support we receive. Please consult the program for the final list of contributors. Although I hesitate to single anyone out, I am particularly gratified by the generous support from the Georgia law schools and Atlanta law firms. I believe that this is a tangible indication of the value these

organizations place on their law librarians and our profession. Please be sure to thank all of the supporters.

As my tenure as president draws to a close, I have to thank the staff of the Law Library of Louisiana for their help during the past two years. There have been a few times when I had to focus on SEAALL work and they picked up the slack for me. Carol Billings, Janice Shull, Marie Erickson, Georgia Chadwick, Cathleen Richards, Jason Kruppa, Ruth Mahoney, D.D. Thompson, and Jenni Hutchison are kind, patient, and supportive co-workers. Whatever I've been able to accomplish would not have been possible without them.

See you in Atlanta!