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Miss Mary Oliver,
Law Librarian,
University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mary:

Thanks for your letter of February 20th. I had also received a letter from Corinne about the election of a Vice-President and President-Elect but have not answered it yet. I agree with you. It has always been my impression that in most organizations where it is not otherwise spelled out in the Constitution the President-Elect fills the unexpired term of the vacating President and proceeds to take over for her regular term the following year. This is particularly true it seems since there is no provision for a Vice-President in the Southeastern Chapter. In fact, you will note that the recommended change in Article 5, Section I of the Constitution was that the President-Elect shall serve as Vice-President. I believe that in itself would support this position.

If we are agreed on this I shall write Corinne that that is my opinion and assume that you will do the same.

Now, for your letter of February 2nd. I did not intentionally ignore your inquiries. I, frankly have not had time until this week to do anything that was not connected with the Law School. Also, I wanted to check with Marian Gallagher on Committee procedure before I made any recommendations to you for a cataloger and for Sangster's replacement. Marian has set up an excellent procedure for the Placement Committee and I have received from her a number of personnel records which I thought might fit your situation. I checked with her and found that she had sent you several names which my suggestions may in some cases duplicate. Would you mind letting me know what names she has given you, then I will submit to you copies of the records of those you do not have that may be in my files. In this way it will be necessary to make a copy of the records of only those which she has not sent you. You might also let me know generally what qualifications you need and I will submit on that basis and on their desire for work in this area.
Miss Mary Oliver

I suppose by now you have heard as much as I have about our next meeting of the Southeastern Chapter. I gathered from Jane's letters before she resigned that we would probably meet in Kentucky. Corinne has asked for an O.K. on the appointment of Dorothy Salmon and Mrs. Von Allman as local arrangements Committee. She also quoted in her letter to me from a letter which Jane wrote her on February 8th., as follows: "It seems to me that two program sessions at Louisville should be enough, leaving time for interested librarians to attend some sessions of the law teachers. I assume that entertainment can be integrated with that planned for the law teachers also except perhaps for one luncheon. My idea for the program was to devote one session to a round table discussion or evaluation of the practice books, digests, etc. for each state represented in the Chapter with the idea of helping out-of-staters select publications for their own libraries. As you know these publications are seldom reviewed in the leading law reviews. Because of time limitations it might be necessary to limit panel members to representatives of four or five states and then encourage contributions from the floor. Another meeting might be devoted to briefing the members of the group on the status and projected activities of the Southeastern Inter-library Research Facility which has recently been organized under the auspices of the Southern Regional Education Board. This Facility certainly affects any cooperative efforts which law libraries might be considering. My suggestion for a program committee would be Stanley Bougus, Chairman, Ruth Corry and John Folger. Since they all live here in Atlanta they should be able to work together conveniently on such a committee."

Apparently we will be having our meeting in Kentucky and it remains to plan the program and schedule.

I hope that this letter to some extent answers yours of February 2nd and 20th. If it serves only to confuse the issue I can plead the one man library complaint.

I have not had an opportunity to think up any questions that would be suitable for the QUESTION AND ANSWER SECTION of the JOURNAL but will certainly do what I can in the next few days. You really came to the right person. I have probably asked more questions since I have been in the law library field than any other one person. Unfortunately they were not all sensible questions suitable for publication.

Sincerely,

Sarah Leverette

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