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Letter to Pearl Von Allmen regarding the SEAALL Institute, May 28, 1973

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Dear Pearl:

I herewith submit what I believe to be an accurate report of the recent Regional Institute Program held last month in Atlanta. As far as I know, all expenses have been paid. I have not received word from Secretary-Treasurer, Nancy Kitchen, regarding payment of the last group of fees, but I will assume she now has all revenue.

The final amount of revenue in excess of expenses was not as much as I had hoped for, but the addition of $121.82 to the Chapter's treasury will permit us to attempt other projects in the year ahead.

I would like to suggest that we consider the establishment of a more permanent NEWS LETTER for the Southeastern Chapter, since we seem to have an expanding membership not only among present libraries, but a steady addition of new libraries within our region.

I am prepared to "volunteer" Washington & Lee as a production center for this venture. I will also be pleased to offer my services as Editor for an initial year. With our expanded professional staff, and our new facilities now under construction, we should have ample resources to cover costs of production with only a minimum of "sponsorship" revenue from publishers and dealers.

I would think regular features for the Chapter NEWSLETTER would include the following:

President's Message
Communications from the National President
Information on Membership (activities of chapter members; news of new members)
Placement Information (emphasis on our geographic area)
Continuing Education Information (other Chapter programs)
Information about Southeastern Law Libraries (history and resources)
Publication Information (again, with special emphasis on Southeastern region)
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Such a Newsletter would be distributed to chapter members, national officers and Presidents of other AALL Chapters. In addition, to Deans of the Southeastern Law Schools; Presidents, Directors, Trustees and other officers of the State Bar Associations in the region; and, to the Library Schools in this region. It might appear five times a year.

While I realize this would be a significant project, I believe that our Chapter is ready to undertake this activity, not only to better acquaint our members about professional activities, but to help in our professional and public relations with the people we serve: lawyers, law teachers and library science people.

I will be anxious to discuss this idea at greater length in Seattle.

Sincerely,

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cc William C. Younger