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## Letter to Diane Schreiber regarding Y2K, August 19, 1999

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19 August, 1999.

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Attention: Diane Schreiber

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of 2 August, 1999 requesting information concerning our organization's position on Y2K.

The Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL), of which I am currently Secretary, is a non-profit organization, incorporated under the laws of the state of Florida. The only business that Tulane University would do on a regular basis with this Association is to pay the dues of the librarians in Tulane Law Library once per annum in the spring. I imagine that the reason you sent your letter to me is that my name would have appeared on dues notices for the years 1988 through 1991, when I was Treasurer of the Chapter. Since 1991 there have been five (5) Treasurers, located somewhere else in the south eastern United States, duly elected to 2-year terms in the Chapter, with whom Tulane would have been "business partners." At no time has there been any electronic transfer of funds between Tulane and SEAALL. All financial transactions are handled manually for SEAALL by the elected Treasurer. Y2K compliance is therefore moot.

I cannot certify that the individual institutions of the 600 or so members of SEAALL are Y2K compliant. Our members work for federal, state and county courts, for legislative bodies, for attorney generals' departments, for law firms, for law departments of major corporations, and for academic law libraries. It would be my opinion that all these institutions would be doing their best to ensure that their "business transactions move uninterrupted into the next century."

Yours sincerely,

Diana Osbaldiston  
Head Catalog Librarian  
Coleman Karesh Law Library  
University of South Carolina.