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Letter to Mary Oliver regarding SEAALL Constitution and Bylaws, May 3, 1954

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

Dear Mary:

I have gone over the suggested changes in the proposed constitution and by-laws.

1. The name
   I don't see any reason why we should not use Southeastern Chapter American Association of Law Libraries since we are going to apply as a chapter and not as an affiliate and this constitution will not become effective until we have acquired chapter membership. If that does not meet with your approval then the name of the group should be Southeastern Law Library Association and after approval by the AALL we will have to add, chapter of the AALL.

   I therefore suggest to call the group in the constitution as well as in the by-laws Southeastern Law Library Association.

2. Definition of region
   In Article 2 add the following sentence: "This Southeastern region includes the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia and such additional states as may be added to it by the Southeastern Association of American Law Schools."

3. By-laws
   I understood that we would not decide as yet about finances. Section 2 as presently drafted seems a little ambiguous to me particularly I do not understand the connection between 1 and 2 unless you have decided to raise chapter dues independent of our membership dues in the AALL. Out of individual dues of $7.00, $1.00 goes to the chapter. I cannot find anything in the by-laws about refund for institutional members, but if such are given on the same basis as for active members then Section 1 means the source of income derived from the AALL and can stand.

   Do you mean to empower the chapter to raise additional dues of not less than $1.00 per AALL member? If you want to leave it open, however, Section 2.2 would be included in section 2.4.

   Section 2.3 - It is absolutely unclear how much a chapter member has to pay. I believe that there should be a relationship between the AALL dues and the chapter dues which should either be expressed in percentages of
the AALL dues or in dollars and cents. Since the chapter members do not enjoy any of the privileges of the members of the AALL, their dues should be less than $7.00 and should be more than $1.00. Perhaps we can derive at a figure; if not, I suggest that we make a general statement that the chapter will determine the dues to be paid by known members. We would also have to decide whether we will provide for various types of memberships of the known members of the AALL. I therefore suggest the following Section 2:

Income of the Association shall be derived from the following sources:

1. American Association of Law Libraries refund of institutional and personal membership dues
2. Dues paid by known members of the AALL in the amount to be determined by the Association.
3. Assessments or other means as may be deemed necessary and after approval by the Association.

These are only of course my own suggestions. I believe that we will have to change the by-laws by further additions with respect to election procedure and eligibility of members for office but that can come after we get going.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Kate

Kate Wallach
Law Librarian

cc/ Miss Sarah Leverette