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SEAALL Directors and Committee Chairs:

Each year every aall chapter sends to aall headquarters a summary of the chapter's activities. Below you will find the document I sent to aall hq. Your accomplishments this year were noteworthy, and I again thank you for all your hard work. Committee chairs - I hope you will forward this to your committees.

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Report of SEAALL Activities: 1996-97

At the beginning of the year President Jim Heller asked all committees to prepare new charges that reflected their duties and goals. Each committee also prepared a list of projects for 1996-97, and for the succeeding year or two. The following summarizes some, but certainly not all, of SEAALL's activities.

Joyce Janto chaired the Articles and Bylaws Committee. At the 1997 Annual Meeting the membership passed three amendments to the Articles of Incorporation. These amendments 1) permit the President to appoint an interim Secretary or Treasurer if necessary to fill a vacancy; 2) recognize the current committees (the restructured Newsletter/Public Relations Committee and the new Education/Publications and Service to SEAALL committees); and 3) provide that the same written notice that is needed for a mail ballot is required to allow the membership to vote on Article or Bylaw changes at the annual meeting.

Led by Hazel Johnson, the Education and Publications Committee began operating under its newly expanded charge. Plans are underway to develop a SEAALL web site, coordinate the updating state practice series bibliographies, and establish a clearinghouse to share information about meetings, programs, speakers, and materials from other AALL chapters and informal groups within SEAALL boundaries. The Committee will continue to develop certain SEAALL programs into program proposals for the AALL Annual Meeting.

Tim Coggins and the other members of the Government Relations Committee completed a SEAALL Government Relations Policy, as well
as a brochure that describes effective methods to participate in the political process. The Committee also provided input on the depository library system. The Committee continued to monitor publications and electronic discussion lists to keep abreast of activities in various SEAALL states.

Chair Alva Stone and the other members of the Local Arrangements Committee did a superb job coordinating every aspect of the 1997 annual meeting, which was held in Tallahassee, FL April 17-19. 198 SEAALL members, non-member speakers, vendors, and guests attended the Tallahassee meeting, making it one of the most popular meetings in SEAALL history.

Sue Burch and the Membership Committee provided several new services to new SEAALL members, including sending a welcome letter, organizing a drawing that gave one new member free registration at the Tallahassee meeting, and coordinating a mentor/mentee program in Tallahassee for new members.

The Newsletter and Public Relations Committee, led by editor Mary McCormick, produced four excellent issues of The Southeastern Law Librarian during the year. Mary announced her resignation as newsletter editor effective April 1997.

Lead by Carol Billings, the Nominations Committee nominated four excellent candidates for the positions of Vice President/President Elect, and Treasurer. Sue Burch will serve as VP/Pres. Elect in 1997-98 and as President in 1998-99; Ladd Brown will serve as Treasurer from 1997-99. The Committee’s new charge emphasizes its duty to recruit candidates who represent the chapter’s diverse membership with regard to type of library, geography, areas of expertise, gender, and ethnic heritage.

Trina Robinson and the Placement Committee continue their activities at the annual meeting, but now also provide ongoing placement postings. Sally Wambold monitors job announcements and posts them on a newly created listserv.

Led by Vice President Donna Bausch, the Program Committee offered seventeen diverse education programs at the 1997 annual meeting, as well as a full day institute on effective communication and presentations. (In most instances three programs were held simultaneously). Committee members selected programs, served as program coordinators, and shepherded the programs to fruition.

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Reba Best, provided $3,000 through the Lucille Elliott Scholarship Program. Six members received grants to attend the 1997 SEAALL annual meeting, and one member received a grant for library school tuition. Unlike past years, notice and applications were printed in the SEAALL newsletter and announced on the lawlib and SEAALL-L listservs.

Sarah K. Wiant, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law at Washington and Lee University received the 1997 Service to the Chapter Award. Professor Wiant has served the chapter in numerous leadership positions since 1978.
Hazel Johnson's finished her magnum opus -- a complete revision of the SEALL Handbook.

At the Annual Meeting held in Tallahassee April 17-19, 1997, the following officers were installed: Donna Bausch (Norfolk Law Library) as President; Sue Burch (University of Kentucky) as Vice President/President Elect; and Ladd Brown (Georgia State University) as Treasurer. Connie Matzen will continue to serve as Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

James S. Heller
SEALL President, 1996-97