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Letter to AALL Chapter Committee Members regarding committee business, July 14, 1969

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Dear AALL Chapter Committee Members:

It was good to see so many of you at the Committee Meeting in Houston. Six of the twelve chapter presidents were there. I was sorry "our hour" went so fast that we barely had time to bare our problems when it was time to leave! In reviewing the files and records, I believe that there are several matters we should turn our attention to:

1. Enclosed please find a draft of a chart on the chapters. Will you please supply information for the items marked in red. It will be very helpful to have the information accurate and current.

2. Attached is a copy of the Resolutions Adopted by the Southwestern Chapter in May. Please give me your individual reactions not only as to the resolutions themselves but as to how you think the Chapters Committee should become involved. Placement?

3. Attached also are items of chapter news which were in the file. I intend to send them on to President Stern to include in his newsletter. Will you check them for accuracy? Also, please send me other news so that all chapters will be included. I hope that all of you will become "chapter news" conscious and keep it coming.

4. In checking over the membership of each chapter it seemed that the country is very well covered except for the Dakotas and Nebraska who list a total of nine law librarians. Perhaps the Minnesota chapter should be encouraged to invite these States to join them. For the past four years the Pennsylvania State Library has held a workshop for law librarians. Presently many of the Pennsylvania people belong to chapters in bordering states. It may be that at some future time this State might form a chapter. Any comments?

5. I see the role of the Chapters Committee as fostering communication between chapters! A good way would be for each chapter to put AALL Headquarters on their mailing list for 12 copies of whatever is sent to the members. In this way headquarters would keep one copy and send a copy to each of the other chapters. Will each of you take responsibility to see that headquarters does receive the 12 copies? Comments?

6. Past suggestions for committee work have included:
   a. Preparing forms for Chapters Report to AALL
   b. Preparing suggestions for Chapter Meetings
   c. Preparing a checklist for Chapters Officers.
   Are there any volunteers to undertake any of this work, or do any of you have any other suggestions.

7. I heard the Southern California and Western Pacific Chapters may have a joint meeting. If they do this will surely be a FIRST. It was my privilege to visit the Southwestern Chapter luncheon in Houston - Not only as AALL Chapters Representative, but also to bring greetings from the Ohio Chapter. A vigorous chapter, that!

8. Last but not least - if we are to improve communication between chapters, we must communicate with each other. Will you please reply to this letter within one week. I plan to leave for Europe, August 1st and I would very much like to get our work organized before I go. Upon return, school will be in session and fall underway! I know you are all busy people. A prompt response will help keep your desk clean. If you don't know - just say so. (promptly!) Any ideas, comments or suggestions you make will be most sincerely appreciated. Let's make this a "Chapters" year!

My best,

Sincerely,

Bethany J. Ochal, Chairman
Chapters Committee

July 14, 1969
June 13, 1969

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by the membership of the Southwestern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, assembled for the 12th Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, May 1-3, 1969:

1. IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Reorganization be continued in existence with definite terms of office for committee personnel, in order that it may study the structure and functions of AALL, such study to include (but not limited to) the following topics:

   a. A consideration of the term of office for committee chairmen;

   b. A geographical realignment or realignment by types of libraries, with respect to committee assignments;

   c. A consideration of the structure of committees, including membership terms for committee members, the number of committees and the possibility of limiting the number of members per committee;

   d. A consideration of the standards for law librarianship.

2. IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the AALL Placement Committee be re-constituted to include a representative from each duly chartered chapter who would provide clearinghouse liaison for the geographical area concerned.

3. IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the American Association of Law Libraries give high priority to the revitalization of effort in acquiring an executive director and adequate funding for the Headquarters Office, and that a new dues system be adopted which dues system would be based upon a sliding scale of institutional membership fees according to the total salary schedule of fulltime library staff.

4. IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the American Association of Law Libraries create a committee on Research and Planning which will consider the needs and development of AALL from the broadest possible point of view.

5. IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that these resolutions as passed be transmitted to the Executive Board of AALL, the Chairman of the Committee on Chapters, and the Presidents of each duly chartered chapter; and that each chapter be asked to consider these resolutions at their next regular meeting. With the results of such consideration to be communicated to the AALL Executive Board and other duly chartered chapter.

Respectfully submitted:

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(Resolutions Committee of the Southwestern Chapter)