

Southeastern Association of AALL
Annual Report 2007-2008

The Bylaws Committee Chair thanks members Ken Hirsh and Amy Osborne for excellent work this year.

Two new amendments were proposed and passed by wide margins.

Proposed Amendment No. 1: Amends the Articles of Incorporation, Article IV, third paragraph, by adding the state of Maryland to the Southeastern region.

Proposed Amendment No. 2: Amends the Bylaws, Article II entitled Meetings, by adding a new Section 6 which reads as follows:

Action required or permitted by law, the articles or incorporation, or these bylaws, to be taken at an executive board meeting or committee meeting may be taken without a meeting if all members of the board or committee are provided notice of the proposed action by written or electronic communication. Any proposed action will be effective when approved by the same number of members as is required at a vote conducted at a meeting. The votes of the members may be communicated electronically and in the case of action by the executive board, the secretary shall record the individual votes in the official records in a like manner to the recording of minutes of meetings.

Recommendations for next year's committee would be to see that the amendments, once approved by the AALL Committee, are reflected in the Handbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Klinefelter
March 16, 2008

2008 SEAALL Annual Meeting
Education and Publications Committee Report

Adeen Postar, Chair

Members:

Eric W. Kistler (2009)
Tom Latuszek (2009)
Iris Lee (2009)
Terrance Manion (2009)
Constance Matzen (2009)
Elizabeth Outler (2008)
Miguel Angel Rivera Alvarez (2009)
Colleen Williams (2008)
David Lehmann (2008)

The Education and Publications Committee is charged with developing SEAALL program proposals for the annual American Association of Law Libraries meeting and to develop publications of benefit to the membership of SEAALL.

Several members of the Committee were present at the American Association of Law Libraries Convention in New Orleans and met there informally on July 16, 2007. Members present included Tom Latuszek, Terrance Manion, Elizabeth Outler and Adeen Postar. We discussed ways to carry out the charge of the Committee – and decided to focus on pulling together proposals for the AALL annual meeting to be held in Portland, Oregon in July 2008. All members present at the meeting agreed to think about possible program topics and share them with the Committee.

The Chair sent an email message in late July 2007 to the SEAALL membership soliciting ideas and volunteers to coordinate programs in advance of the August 15, 2007 program registration deadline. The following programs proposals were submitted to AALL for consideration:

Creating and Implementing a Disaster Preparedness Plan

Coordinator: Kathleen Brown, St Thomas University Law Library

Proposal Description: A discussion and presentation by a disaster preparedness instructor and presentations by library personnel who had experienced a disaster in their library

Current Status: Not selected for the Portland Meeting

The Fourth E – The Environment and Law Libraries

Coordinator: Elizabeth Outler, Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center at the University of Florida

Proposal Description: A panel to discuss ways law libraries can examine and implement ways to reduce energy use, energy loss, and waste production. The panel will discuss

“green library” construction and renovation concerns. Speakers include librarians with “hands on experience with the topic.

Co-sponsored by Social Responsibility SIS

Status: Accepted as a program for the 2008 Convention; G-4 Slot (7/14 @ 4:00 pm)

Supporting New Faculty – Help them to Energize, Evolve and Explore their Teaching and Scholarship Responsibilities

Coordinator: Adeen Postar, Washington College of Law, Pence Law Library

Proposal Description: A panel to explore ways to assist new faculty and make them lifetime supporters of the library at the same time.

Co-Sponsored by ALL-SIS

Status: Not selected for main Portland Program; AALL Program Committee recommended that this program be sponsored by the Academic Law Library SIS and in fact, ALL-SIS approved the program and it will be held on Sunday, July 13 @ 1:30 pm.

Proposals for 2008-2009

- Increase the number of Program Proposals for the AALL Annual Meeting
- Proposal to organize non-traditional teaching opportunities for SEAALL member; including webinars, podcasts and Facebook pages or other social networking sites
- Compilation of non-traditional subject-oriented educational opportunities, to appear on the Committee or the main SEAALL webpage.



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American Association of Law Libraries*

*Alabama Florida Georgia Kentucky Louisiana Mississippi North Carolina Puerto Rico
South Carolina Tennessee U.S. Virgin Islands Virginia Washington D.C. West Virginia*

**SEAALL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MAY 2007 TO MARCH 2008**

Opening balance		\$84,870.53
Income		
SEAALL 2007		
Registration	\$4,454.00	
Hotard Coaches Reimbursement	85.00	
Hurricane Fund	250.00	
LLSDC for AALL Reception	2,912.00	
2007/08 Membership	<u>10,440.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$18,141.00	
TOTAL WORKING BALANCE		\$103,011.53
Expenses		
SEAALL 2007		
Reimbursements	1,400.67	
LSU Rural Museum	882.00	
Reception	4,845.00	
Sheraton Baton Rouge	16,198.54	
AALL 2007		
SEAALL/AALL Grant	495.00	
Hilton New Orleans Reception	5,664.38	
CONNELL Grant	400.00	
SEAALL 2010 Hotel Deposit	500.00	
AALL Insurance	620.00	
Scholarships	6,000.00	
Reimbursements		
Ken Hirsh –		
Domain Name	30.41	
SEAALL computer	1,374.95	
Sally Wambold –Fidelity mailing	17.41	
Paula Tejada		
July mailing	93.68	
QuickBooks upgrade	214.95	
Dues - Duplicate Payment		
Katherine Marsh	20.00	
Greenberg Traurig	<u>200.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$38,956.99	
CLOSING BALANCE		\$ 64,054.54



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SEAALL FINANCIAL STATEMENT MAY 2007 TO MARCH 2008 PAGE 2

Investments		
Bank of America CD	\$3,522.26	
Fidelity	<u>6,123.01</u>	
TOTAL INVESTMENT	\$9,735.27	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 73,789.81

Christine Sellers
March 15, 2008

SEAALL Government Relations Annual Report for 2007-2008

The Government Relations Committee (Chair: Christine Sellers) kept SEAALL informed of updates from the AALL Washington Affairs office. The Washington Affairs office, represented by Mary Alice Baish, also recommended SEAALL take the actions detailed below. SEAALL wrote letters in May 2007, in support of the full GPO appropriations request of \$181.97 million for FY2008 to Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Chair, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, House Committee on Appropriations; Robert C. Byrd, Chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations; Thad Cochran, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Appropriations; and Zach Wamp, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, House Committee on Appropriations. On January 22, 2008, SEAALL wrote a letter to Mary Landrieu in support of the Presidential Records Act to restore standards for the timely release of Presidential records and nullify Executive Order 13233 and to sign on as co-sponsor of the bill. SEAALL also wrote to Alabaman Senator Jeff Sessions to ask him to lift his hold on the bill on that same date.

Local Arrangements Committee Report
SEAALL 2009
March 14, 2008

The Local Arrangements Committee has arranged contracts with the Classic Center, the convention center in Athens, Georgia, for the SEAALL meeting itself (as distinct from the Institute). The meeting events will be held in a beautifully renovated foundry in a historic part of Athens. We will have the entire foundry building from the afternoon of Thursday, April 16 through noon Saturday, April 18. COSELL will be able to hold its board meeting, business meeting, and round tables in rooms in this building. We have reserved the luxuriously appointed Oak Boardroom in the Hilton Garden Inn for the SEAALL board meeting, unless the SEAALL Board prefers to meet in the Classic Center space.

The Hilton Garden Inn will be the official meeting hotel. Room blocks for Wednesday (35 rooms), Thursday and Friday (90 rooms), and Saturday (40 rooms) are in place for \$139, single or double occupancy. Two other hotels are within pleasant walking distance of the Classic Center: the Holiday Inn, and the Foundry Park Inn. Meeting attendees may begin making reservations one year in advance of the meeting.

The Institute will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Dogwood and Azalea Rooms, which are well appointed with state of the art multimedia equipment. Optimal Institute attendance would be 40 people, although the spaces could accommodate a few more registrants if necessary.

We expect that the Opening Reception will be held at the Botanical Gardens of Georgia, a 10 minute bus ride from the hotel. The Botanical Gardens takes reservations only one year in advance, so we cannot guarantee it as a venue, but we are fairly confident we will be able to get it.

The Friday night event is not yet determined. We are waiting to see what entertainments the Classic Center, the Morton Theater, and the Performing Arts Center schedule for that evening to decide whether to get a block of tickets for our group. In the event that none of them offer an attractive show, we have some other possibilities that shall remain secret for now.

Look for the SEAALL 2009 table at this (2008) meeting. We brought a lot of free Athens related stuff, and we're holding drawings for books and CD's you will want to own. We are thrilled and excited at the thought of hosting SEAALL in Athens, and we are working hard to make it a memorable experience for all of you!

Respectfully submitted,

E. Ann Puckett, Chair

Annual Report
Local Arrangements Committee
LLSDC/SEAALL 2008 Joint Conference
Old Town Alexandria, Virginia
March 27 – 29, 2008

It is hard to believe that it was three years ago, when the SEAALL members agreed to host the 2008 Annual Meeting in the Washington, DC area. It was quickly decided that the Annual Meeting would be only better if it were hosted as a Joint Conference with the members of the Law Librarians Society of Washington, DC (LLSDC). As a result, a Local Arrangements Committee was formed with members from both SEAALL and LLSDC. As members of that Local Arrangements Committee, it is our pleasure to provide this Annual Report.

Abigail Ellsworth Ross, LLSDC President, Keller and Heckman LLP
Francis Brillantine, LLSDC Vice-President, The Catholic University of America
Billie Jo Kaufman, Co-Chair, American University
Rhea Ballard-Thrower, Co-Chair, Howard University
Mike Petit, American University
Elizabeth LeDoux, American University

Theme

Located a few blocks from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Local Arrangements Committee selected a theme for the meeting that corresponded with the area: *IP for the IP – Intellectual Property for the Information Professional*.

Hotel

The meeting was held at the brand new Westin Alexandria located at Courthouse Square. By the week of March 10th all 167 reserved rooms were sold out.

Budget

Attendees/Registration Numbers

By the week of March 10th there were a total of 192 registrants. Registrations are still coming.

Vendors

By the week of March 10th the list of sponsors includes: 10-K Wizard, BNA, Hein, Lexis Nexis, OCLC, the Social Law Library and West Group.

Special Events

Due to the Conference's location in the DC metropolitan area, the Local Arrangements Committee secured an impressive array of speakers and events. The meeting began with a welcome from Alexandria Mayor, William D. Euille. Helen Thomas, Hearst Newspaper Columnist and Member of the White House Press Corps, was the Conference keynote speaker. Judge Leonie Brinkema, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, a former law librarian who as a judge presided over the Zacarias Moussaoui trial, was the keynote for the

Institute. Dr. Michael Kurtz, Assistant Archivist for Records Services, National Archives and Records Administration, spoke on the legal implications of cultural property looted by the Nazis. The Opening Reception was held at the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

Acknowledgments

Special thanks are extended to Ken Hirsh, SEAALL President, Amy Osborne, SEAALL Program Chair, the members of the SEAALL Program Committee who put together an amazing schedule of events and Dan Gassel of Helms-Briscoe, who provided invaluable assistance with planning the meeting.

It was our pleasure to host the 2008 Joint Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Billie Jo Kaufman, Co-Chair
Rhea Ballard-Thrower Co-Chair
14 March 2008

Report of the SEAALL Membership Committee
To the SEAALL Business Meeting
SEAALL Meeting 2008
Alexandria, VA

Committee Members:

Edward T. Hart, Chair (2008)
Shyama Agrawal (2008)
Timothy P. Chinaris (2008)
Margaret L. Christiansen (2009)
Penny Gibson (2009)
Rebekah Maxwell (2009)
Mary Jane Slipsky (2008)
Linda Sobey (2008)
Dee Wood (2009)

This year's committee will continue to fulfill its primary mission, "to promote chapter membership and vitality within the southeastern region".

We plan to continue outreach and recruitment efforts, with a special focus on law firm and court libraries and library school students. We plan to explore ways in which we can assess and address potential unmet needs in the law firm and court librarian communities, and hope to gather ideas from other chapters who have had success in reaching out to these groups. We welcome your thoughts on this subject if you are acquainted with law firm or court librarians who are not SEAALL/AALL members.

Working in partnership with the Public Relations Committee we are developing a chapter brochure.

Committee members located near library schools are networking with those programs to deliver presentations, coordinate activities for students, and raise awareness of legal librarianship as a career.

As always, the committee is sending out welcome letters to new members and will be coordinated the Mentor Program for the annual meeting in Alexandria. We connected three mentees with mentors.

We will have a table for the meeting in Portland. Stop by the Activities Area to see the SEAALL photo album and fun give-aways. Please feel free to take membership brochures for anyone you know who might be interested in joining.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward T. Hart
Chair

SEAALL Newsletter Report/March 15, 2008

Lisa Smith-Butler

Four newsletter issues have been published this year. They include:

- Spring (April 2007)
- Summer (August 2007)
- Fall (December 2007) and
- Winter (February 2008.)

The Fall 2007 issue concluded publication of volume 32 while the Winter 2008 issue ushered in publication of volume 33. The Spring 2008 issue is scheduled for publication in May and will include coverage of the SEAALL Annual Program and National Library Week. It will be jointly produced by Lisa Smith-Butler, outgoing chair of the Newsletter Committee, and Carolyn Santanella, incoming chair of the Newsletter Committee. Steve Melamut, UNC, continues to post the newsletters to the SEAALL web site.

Regular features in the newsletter continue to include:

- the *President's Column* which was written by Ken Hirsh this year;
- *SEAALL Briefs* compiled by Karin Den Bleyker which provide news about SEAALL members' job changes, titles, achievements, awards, and/or publications;
- *Government Relations* information compiled by Christine Sellers; and
- *Treasury Reports* compiled by Paula Tejada.

Feature articles during this past year include:

- Are You 2.0? Meg Kribble
- Dueling Banjos...Meg Kribble
- Everything I Need to Know, I Learned at SEAALL...Jennifer Grieg
- LLSDC/SEAALL 2008: Alexandria...Here We Come...Rhea Ballard-Thrower and Billie Jo Kaufman
- My First Time at SEAALL, Ryan Saltz
- National Library Week Comes Together at NSU...Mary Paige Smith
- Next Generation Librarians...Meg Kribble
- Notes From a Newbie...Katherine Brown
- One Part Supreme Court, One Part Online Video, One Part Archives Makes a Fund and Useful Library Resource...Brian Barnes
- Pacer Pilot Project...Carol Yecies
- Rising to the Challenge: Habitat for Humanity...Meg Kribble
- SEAALL of Approval...Robert Hudson
- Service to SEAALL...Rhea Ballard-Thrower and Lisa Smith-Butler
- Silliness Enjoyed...Sally Wambold
- UGA Orientation: Excellence in Marketing Award...Anne Burnett
- Working Outside the Box...Katherine Brown

Committee members are:

- Laurel Brown
- Stacy A. Etheredge
- Chris G. Hudson
- Stacey A. Lane
- Steve J. Melamut
- Nichelle Perry
- Justine Roach
- Carolyn T. Santanella
- Lisa Smith-Butler

The SEAALL Nominations Committee was chaired by Pedro A. Padilla-Rosa, University of Puerto Rico Law Library. Members of the Committee were: Georgia D. Chadwick, Law Library of Louisiana; Charles J. Condon, Appalachian School of Law Library; Joyce Manna Janto, University of Richmond School of Law Library; and Gordon Russell, Charleston School of Law.

Candidates were identified through the following process:

Call for Nominations:

A call for nominations was sent to SEAALL members through the listserv.

Solicitation of Nominations:

The Committee Chair and the Committee Members contacted members of the Executive Board and some past presidents to submit nominations.

The Committee received numerous outstanding nominations.

Nominations and Voting:

The Committee had a wealth of highly qualified members to choose from. The choices were difficult because only a few can be called to serve in a given year. After reviewing the many nominations received, Committee members chose the candidates to be considered to run for office. These candidates were approached by one Committee member to determine their availability. The Committee was very proud to present an excellent slate to the Executive Board for approval.

- Vice President/President Elect

Charlene Cain, Head of Access Services, Paul M. Hebert Law Center Library, Louisiana State University

Maureen Eggert, Associate Director for Research and Instructional Services, Professional Center Library, Wake Forest University

- Secretary

Rebekah Maxwell, Associate Director for Library Operations, Coleman Karesh Law Library, University of North Carolina

Helen Mellett Walker, Assistant Librarian, Bradley Arant Rose & White L.L.P.

- Member at Large

Timothy Chinaris, Associate Director for Technical Services, College of Law Library,
Florida A & M University

Linda M. Sobey, Associate Dean for Information Resources, Jones School of Law Library,
Faulkner University

Biographical information was obtained from each candidate and sent to Linda Smith-Butler. This information was published in the fall issue of the SEAALL newsletter.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Nomination Committee members for their diligent work in selecting the candidates. Also, many thanks to the candidates who agreed to run for office. The work done by this Committee provided me with the opportunity to reconnect with SEAALL and to reconfirm why this is the best AALL Chapter ever.

On behalf of the SEAALL Nominations Committee, respectfully submitted by Pedro A. Padilla-Rosa.

Annual report of the 2007/08 Placement Committee

Placement: Masako Patrum, Chair.

The SEAALL Placement Committee was chaired this year by Masako Patrum, formerly of Wake Forest University Professional Center Library, currently of Florida International University College of Law Library.

The Placement Committee serves as a clearing house for librarians seeking positions and employers seeking to fill positions in the SEAALL chapter jurisdictions.

The members of the Committee served during the 2007/08 term were:

Billie Blaine of the Supreme Court of Florida Law Library, W. Robert Farmer of Jones School of Law Library, Faulkner University, Sarah Mauldin of Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, Williams & Martin Law Firm Library, Karen Nuckolls of the University of Kentucky Law Library, and Masako Patrum of Florida International University, College of Law Library. Many thanks to the committee members for their diligent work.

This year's chair was not appointed until June when she was beginning the transition to her new position in Miami, FL from Winston-Salem, NC, while the fiscal year had already begun in April. In spite of her concerns with the committee's shaky start, everything went very well. Special thanks go to the president, the web master and the committee members for making this happen.

Immediately after the appointment, the chair quickly contacted all the committee members seeking volunteers for monitoring position openings in a total of fourteen SEAALL chapter jurisdictions. With five members to monitor fourteen jurisdictions, all we needed was for each member to cover two or three jurisdictions. Every member was happy to take two or three jurisdictions of their choice; thus sharing the responsibilities of monitoring worked out perfectly.

Our major activities were to collect information of law library position vacancies in all the SEAALL chapter jurisdictions and to post them on the SEAALL Job website. For collecting and posting information, the committee applied the existing procedure because it worked well in previous years. As each member found position vacancy information in her/his selected jurisdictions, it was sent to the chair, and then the chair forwarded it to the web master, Steve Melmut who posted the information on the website. Sometimes, the chair received posting requests directly from employers which then were forwarded to the webmaster.

In addition to collecting and sending position vacancy information to the web master, the chair had an opportunity to participate in a local campus job fair. As a volunteer for a local library organization at the job fair, she was able to present information on law librarianship, the SEAALL job website and job opportunities in law libraries to the interested graduate and undergraduate students. It seems that the committee members can easily participate in this type of events in order to expand the committee activities. It is recommended that the committee may discuss the matter further next year.

Over sixty jobs were posted this year. Unlike last year all the requests came from the SEAALL chapter jurisdictions. Following the example from last year, the committee members agreed on removing the postings automatically from the website after 60 days unless a special request was made to treat it differently. There were some requests made by employers to keep their postings up for longer than 60 days, thus they were kept longer according to the requests. The committee also received several re-posting requests and they were also handled accordingly. Only one e-mail notification for removal of the posting was received from the employer when the position was filled. Two major questions often asked by employers who wished to post vacancy information were: “are there any fees involved in posting a job?” and “what do I need to do to post a job?”

Many thanks to the webmaster, Steve, while he has been very busy with his position at the UNC Law Library he has done a great job constantly completing the tasks with quick turnaround.

Submitted by: Masako Patrum

**2007/2008 SEAALL Program Committee
Annual Report
March 2008**

The 2007/2008 SEAALL Program Committee was comprised of the following members: Amy Osborne, Chair, Maureen Eggert, Ismael Gullon, Iris Lee, Tim Lewis, Susan Skyzinski, Ronald Wheeler, Sally Wiant and Elaine Fenton (Ms. Fenton resigned in December due to a conflict with another conference).

In choosing programs to be presented at the 2008 SEAALL/LLSDC 2008 Joint Conference, the Program Committee worked with the topical theme chosen by the Local Arrangements Committee, *IP for the IP: Intellectual Property for the Information Professional*. The selection of a topical theme for the meeting was a variation on most SEAALL meeting themes which are generally tied to the location of the Annual Meeting rather than a specific topic.

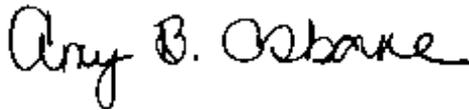
A meeting of the Program Committee and representatives of the Local Arrangements Committee was held at the 2007 AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. At this meeting it was decided that although the 2007 Annual Meeting was being held jointly with the Law Librarians' Society of Washington D.C., SEAALL would take primary responsibility for program planning while consulting with the LLSDC leadership. This plan seemed to work well due in large part to the collegiality of the individuals involved. Additionally, several good ideas for programs were discussed at this meeting including a program on food law and a program on fake consumer goods. Both of these ideas resulted in programs for the Annual Meeting. A call for program submissions was sent out in August of 2007 with all program proposals due by mid September. Three of the program submissions were directly related to the IP theme and so were chosen based on their relevancy to the meeting theme. After reviewing and ranking all program submissions the Program Committee selected an additional ten programs for a total of fifteen programs on the meeting agenda.

Due in large part to the location of this year's meeting both the Program Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee were able to secure several excellent speakers from outside of the SEAALL membership. These included, Helen Thomas as keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Kurtz as plenary speaker, Doug Rabul of the FBI, and Washington, D.C. attorney Richard J. Leighton.

Organization of the SEAALL Institute was done by Program Committee member Sally Wiant. Titled *Clearing up the Confusion with IP*, the Institute was tied directly to the IP theme of the Annual Meeting. The Institute featured a variety of speakers with a wide range of experiences including a patent depository librarian, a law professor and an attorney practicing in the area of intellectual property. The featured speaker for the institute luncheon was Judge Leonie Brinkema of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In summary, the Annual Meeting program featured programs on a wide variety of topics appealing to law librarians working in a wide range of library settings. The success of both the overall program and the Institute was due in large part to the members of the Program Committee and the excellent working relationship between the Program Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee. It was a pleasure working with all of the individuals involved in the program planning process and due to their hard work all tasks of the Program Committee were completed successfully and in a timely manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy B. Osborne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy B. Osborne
Vice President/President-Elect
Chair, 2008 Program Committee

**Scholarship Committee Annual Report
2008 SEAALL Annual Meeting
Alexandria, VA**

The Scholarship Committee administered 4 types of grants this past year: the library school scholarship, the Lucile Elliott scholarship, and the AALL and CONELL meeting grants. The Committee's work on these last two items is continuing, and grant recipients are expected to be announced shortly after the SEAALL Annual Meeting.

The Executive Board allotted \$10,000 for scholarships and grants this year, and the Committee allocated this money as follows:

Grant/Scholarship	Quantity and Amount(s)	Total
Library School	(2) \$2,000, (2) \$1,000	\$6,000
Lucille Elliott	(5); amount varies	\$2,550
AALL	(1) \$475	\$475
CONELL	(3) \$325	\$975
TOTAL		\$10,000

Scholarship/Grant Particulars

LIBRARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS: These were awarded to candidates who are currently enrolled in library school and who have demonstrated an interest in becoming law librarians. As is always the case when selecting among talented applicants, the committee faced tough decisions. However, the committee felt that, given the cost of tuition, books, and other expenses related to a graduate degree, a few larger scholarships would have more impact than several small ones.

LUCILE ELLIOTT SCHOLARSHIP: Although Lucile Elliott scholarships are not earmarked for a specific purpose beyond any activity that would advance one's law librarianship career, all five of the awards this year were given to members who used the money to attend the 2008 SEAALL annual meeting. The candidates indicated varying levels of financial support from employers, so the amount of each award varied among recipients from \$200 up to \$750. Most of the recipients are newer members who have shown great interest in becoming active in the profession, and at least two have never attended a SEAALL meeting before.

The AALL and CONELL grant deadlines were March 21, 2008; therefore, the details of these awards were not available at the time of this report.

The Kathryn Mattox Scholarship

In early March 2008, the SEAALL Executive Board approved the creation of a new scholarship in memory of Kathryn Mattox, a law librarian with Stites & Harbison in Lexington, KY. This scholarship will be funded by Ms. Mattox's sister, Marilyn Swinford, and will help defray members' expenses associated with attending the AALL and SEAALL annual meetings. Ms. Mattox deeply appreciated the learning and

networking opportunities that professional meetings offered her, and Ms. Swinford hopes to send others with the same enthusiasm to conferences they might otherwise not be able to attend.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the members of the committee – Donna Bausch, Marie Hamm, Jim Heller, Nichelle Perry, Jason Sowards, and Denise Uzee – for their dedication and thoughtful discussions about the candidates’ applications and the committee’s work. It was a real treat to work with these fine people, and I thank Ken Hirsh for offering me the opportunity to do so. It also was a tremendous joy to be able to offer grants to so many candidates who in turn will enrich the field of law librarianship with their learning and professional contributions for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Sekula

2007-2008 SEAALL SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT RECIPIENTS

Library School Scholarship (9 applicants)

Olugbenga Ademodi (Texas Woman’s University)

Sean Chen (UNC-Chapel Hill)

Louis Rosen (Univ. of South Florida)

Morgan Stoddard (UNC-Chapel Hill)

Lucile Elliott Scholarship (7 applicants)

Jaime Edge (Smith Anderson LLP, Raleigh, NC)

Trina Holloway (Georgia State Univ., Atlanta, GA)

David Knight (Norfolk Law Library, Norfolk, VA)

Linda Sobey (Florida A&M Univ., Orlando, FL)

Tracy Woodard (Howard Univ., Washington, DC)

AALL Grant

TBA

CONNELL Grant

TBA