

Minutes for the SEAALL Business Meeting
Friday, March 28, 2008
The Westin Hotel, Alexandria VA

1. President Ken Hirsh called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.
2. Announcements
 - a) Ken expressed appreciation for the sponsorships of Thomson West, LexisNexis, Hein, BNA and local law libraries
 - b) Ken recognized the keynote speaker Helen Thomas; Abigail Ross, President of LLSDC; Janet Camillo, President of LLAM; Leanne Battle, Vice-President/President-Elect of VALL; and Ann Fessenden, President of AALL
3. The membership approved the minutes of the annual business meeting, July 15, 2007, in New Orleans.
4. Secretary Sally Wambold announced the results of the February SEAALL electronic election and thanked Ken Hirsh and Duke University Law Library for conducting the election. The bylaws amendments, to permit electronic meeting and electronic voting of the Board and also to add Maryland to the list of SEAALL states, were passed by the membership.
 - a) Ken introduced the newly elected officers: Maureen Eggert, Vice-President/President-Elect; Rebekah Maxwell, Secretary; and Linda Sobey, Board Member at Large.
 - b) The members approved the destruction of the ballots.
5. Treasurer Paula Tejada presented the financial report which will be updated after the meeting. The members approved the Treasurer's report.
6. Committee Reports (Note that the Annual Reports of SEAALL Committees are posted on the website.)
 - a) Article and Bylaws: Ken Hirsh reported for Anne Klinefelter. He reiterated the addition of Maryland to the SEAALL states and the added ability of the Board to vote electronically.
 - b) Community Service: Chair Donna Nixon reported that Bread for the City was chosen as the organization in DC to be supported by SEAALL. At the time of her report 150 books had been donated.
 - c) Education and Publications: Adeen Postar reported two SEAALL educational programs had been accepted for Portland. Her committee is working toward non-traditional teaching and subjects on the web.
 - d) Government Relations: Ken Hirsh reported for Christine Sellers that several resolutions had been forwarded to the SEAALL Board for action.
 - e) Membership: Chair Ed Hart presented a proposal for a Life Membership for Pam Williams in addition to presenting his budget for handouts at the SEAALL table in Portland.
 - f) Newsletter and Public Relations: Newsletter editor Lisa Smith-Butler thanked the members for the opportunity to edit the newsletter for two years. She reported that she was handing the newsletter over to Carolyn Santanella after the Spring 2008 newsletter.
 - g) Nominations: Ken Hirsh thanked Chair Pedro Padilla-Rosa for the work of the Nominations committee.

- h) Placement: Chair Masako Patrum reported that nearly 70 positions had been posted, usually for 60 days and longer if requested. She had encouraged employers to notify the committee when SEAALL members were hired.
- i) Program: Vice-President/President-Elect and Chair Amy Osborne reported that 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.
- j) Scholarship: Chair Jennifer Sekula reported that 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. The Committee awarded four library school scholarships and 5 Lucile Elliott Scholarships. The AALL and CONELL grants are yet to be announced.
- k) Service to SEAALL: Carol Nicholson kept SEAALL members in suspense as she summarized the contributions of the newest person to be given the Service to SEAALL Award. That person was Elizabeth Terry Long who was surprised and delighted by the honor.
- l) Special Committee on Strategic Planning: Chair David Lehmann told the members he would develop a survey to aid the work of the committee.

7. Local Arrangements/Future Meetings Arrangements

- a) Rhea Ballard-Thrower spoke for Local Arrangements at the 2008 Alexandria meeting: She told the members the idea for an Alexandria meeting originated three years ago and pointed out that the Local Arrangements Committee "even built a hotel for you." Over 200 people registered for the meeting and the Westin was very pleased.
- b) Ann Puckett spoke for the Athens, Georgia meeting in 2009: She presented a video of Athens which showed the musical, historical, culinary and other opportunities in Athens, which is one of the top 25 arts destinations. Several prizes were awarded during Ann's presentation.
- c) Fred Dingley spoke for Jim Heller about the Williamsburg, Virginia meeting in 2010: He said that the meeting would be held in an excellent venue, the Woodlands, at the perfect time of year.

8. Administrative Positions

- a) Archivist: With the departure of John Barden from the University of Richmond, this position is vacant. Director Tim Coggins indicated that the University of Richmond will continue to host the archives.
- b) Database: Ken Hirsh told the members there will be a real time live database for SEAALL members.
- c) Handbook: Laurel Brown reported that all files are now in Word. She requested updates and any missing forms. She promised to follow up on these items.
- d) Postmaster: Ken Hirsh thanked Paul Birch, who was not at the meeting, for his work as Postmaster.
- e) Webmaster: Ken Hirsh also thanked Steve Melamut, who was absent. Ken reported that he would replace Steve as Webmaster.

9. Old Business: There was none.

10. New Business: The Membership Committee recommended Life Membership for Pam Williams. Coming from the committee, this motion needed no second. Life Membership was unanimously approved for Pam Williams.
11. President's Remarks: Ken told the members that he considered serving SEAALL as President to be an honor and a privilege and he valued his gavel, which would have an honored place in his office. He thanked the Board, the Committees and the Members. Then he gave Amy Osborne her own gavel and announced that the new Board members were duly installed.
12. Amy Osborne accepted her gavel and took office as SEAALL President. She gave Ken a gift which was designed to keep his family close to him at work (a lovely picture frame).
13. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.