

**SEAALL Business Meeting
Boston, MA
July 23, 2012**

Ed Hart called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. Ed asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the last business meeting, which took place in Clearwater, Florida. There were no changes, so Ed called for a motion to approve the minutes. That motion was given and seconded. No one opposed.

Ed notified everyone that Jason Sowards's mother had passed away a few days before at the beginning of the AALL meeting, and he asked for a motion that SEAALL do something in support of Jason. The motion was passed.

Billie Blaine did not attend the AALL meeting in Boston, so Ed gave the Treasurer's report. Ed reported a balance of \$39,164.03. He said that he had contacted the organizers of the next SEAALL meeting in Decatur, Ga., and had warned them to be careful with their expenses for that conference.

Ed recognized and welcomed SEAALL V.I.P. Jeff Huber, director of the University of Kentucky's School of Library and Information Science.

Ed then asked the committee chairs to give their reports.

The Community Service Committee reported that in August 2011, Lisa Smith-Butler notified SEAALL membership of ways they could get involved with relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Irene. For the annual meeting in Clearwater Beach, Florida, the committee made CASA (Community Action Stops Abuse) the community service partner. The committee publicized the giving campaign to the membership in advance of the meeting and encouraged donations directly to CASA or through collection sites at the annual meeting. SEAALL members contributed approximately \$300 in goods, cash, and checks to CASA.

Jack Bissett, chair of the Education and Publications Committee, gave the report. The committee has started posting notices of activities of other chapters within SEAALL's geographic area. After the Boston AALL meeting, the committee will invite members to submit program proposals for the AALL meeting in Seattle next year. The committee will review and make suggestions about those proposals. Librarians from the Howard Law School Library, the Howard Health Sciences Library, and the District of Columbia Public Library have proposed a webinar to demonstrate and promote the National Institutes of Health's databases. They are working with AALL's Director of Education to complete the proposal.

Brian Barnes, of the Newsletter and Public Relations Committee, encouraged everyone to submit publications to the newsletter.

Ed gave the report for the Local Arrangements Committee. He said that hotel rooms for the Decatur, Georgia, meeting in 2013 will be \$129/night. Rooms will be available for attendees who wish to spend Saturday night in the hotel. The deadline for booking the rooms is March 19, 2013.

The Membership Committee report was provided by its chair, Ryan Valentin. Ryan reported that SEAALL's current membership is 667. SEAALL has added 54 new members since July 2011. A "Welcome to SEAALL" letter was emailed to new members, and a "please consider joining SEAALL" invitation was emailed to new members of AALL who work in the southeastern region. The second annual SEAALLsucker occurred at this year's opening reception to AALL. Many SEAALL members participated. A SEAALL chapter table was hosted at both CONELL and in the AALL exhibit hall. In collaboration with the Newsletter and Public Relations Committee, a new SEAALL brochure was created and made available at the tables. The new takeaway was a beverage coaster with the SEAALL magnolia pressed into it. This idea was proposed by Kate McLeod, and the coasters were hand-pressed in Kentucky.

Deborah Schander, chair of the Placement Committee, gave the report. She said that the committee continues to post jobs on the SEAALL website, and that the committee will have a presence in Decatur at the next SEAALL meeting.

James Donovan gave the report for the Scholarship Committee. It was reported that nine student scholarships, three AALL annual meeting registration grants, two CONELL grants, two Kathryn P. Mattox Memorial Scholarships, and two Lucile Elliot Scholarships were awarded.

Wendy Moore is the chair of the Post-COSELL Options task force that will determine what SEAALL may get from COSELL. She reported that the task force is still moving forward with its mission.

Pamela Melton provided the report for the Program Committee. Pamela informed everyone that the title of the Decatur meeting will be "Meeting in the Middle," which lends itself to a variety of programs. Programs that appeal to law firm librarians are welcome. Solicitations for programs will start after the AALL meeting in Boston, and the Program Committee has no objection to someone submitting the same program to both AALL and SEAALL. Pamela pointed out that some members attend only one of the annual meetings.

Ed made the report for the SEAALL webmaster. He said that we still have an archiving issue and that we will be addressing it in later meetings.

Carol Watson, chair of the Articles and Bylaws Committee, reported that the SEAALL bylaws have been changed to follow AALL's bylaws. She asked for a motion to approve the new bylaws, and that motion was given and seconded. Everyone voted aye. The new bylaws were approved.

Ed asked if anyone had any new business. There was general acknowledgment of several SEAALL members who had recently won awards.

Bill Beintema spoke on behalf of COSELL. After COSELL was liquidated, a check for \$4,288.04 was made out to SEAALL for its Lucile Elliot Scholarship fund. Ed accepted the check from Bill.

Ed then presented Bill Beintema with a lifetime membership in SEAALL for his extraordinary contribution to the organization.

Ed asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was given and seconded. The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Sexton
SEAALL Secretary