

SEAALL Business Meeting
Williamsburg, VA
April 23, 2010

Local Arrangements Chair Jim Heller opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. He thanked the Local Arrangements Committee and the staff of the William & Mary Wolf Law Library for their work in putting on the conference.

Chapter President Maureen Eggert welcomed attendees and recognized Jim Heller and Program Chair Karen Douglas for their contributions to the success of the annual meeting.

The membership approved the minutes of the annual business meeting in July, 2009, in Washington, DC.

Dee Wood presented the Treasurer's report, which will be posted on the SEAALL Website. The organization is well solvent.

The Articles and Bylaws Committee had no report.

Sally Irvin delivered the report of the Community Service Committee. She thanked the members for their generosity, and recognized the efforts of Jim Heller and Janey Jansen on behalf of the Avalon Center for Women and Children, the designated charity of the annual meeting.

James Donovan delivered the report of the Education and Publications Committee. The Committee sponsored 13 proposals this year to the AALL annual meeting, and five were selected for presentation. He thanked the members for their proposals and the committee members for their good work.

Maureen Eggert delivered the report of the Government Relations Committee. The Committee continues with its mission of monitoring state and federal legislation for issues that will affect the access to or delivery of information, and is assisted in these efforts by the AALL Washington Affairs office. Committee members also conduct legislative outreach on pending bills to represent the interests of librarians and patrons.

The Newsletter and Public Relations Committee had no report.

Maureen Eggert delivered the report of the Nominations Committee on behalf of Chair Nancy Johnson. She thanked the Committee members for assembling an excellent slate of candidates for this year's elections, and thanked the candidates for being willing to serve and for putting themselves out there.

Jack Bisset delivered the report of the Placement Committee. Jack noted that the Committee had posted 34 positions on Website, and thanked Ryan Valentin for updating the Website. He also thanked Robb Farmer, who passed along job posting information that was sent to him as former Chair, and invited interested members to visit the Placement Services table in the Azalea Room.

Katie Brown delivered the report of the Scholarship Committee. This year the Committee awarded \$13,000 in funding support to SEAALL members. Katie congratulated the award winners (see the Newsletter for a complete listing).

On behalf of the Service to SEAALL Committee, Terry Long presented the award to Sally Wambold. Congratulations, Sally, and thanks for your steadfast support of SEAALL!

Pamela Melton, Local Arrangements Chair for next year's annual meeting in Columbia, SC, invited members to attend next year's meeting, and to stop by the display in the Convention Center to pick up freebies and information on Columbia.

The membership then discussed potential locations for future meetings. Stetson, Memphis, and Puerto Rico have offered to host upcoming meetings. 2012 is an election year in Puerto Rico, so an annual meeting there would need to be in 2013 or later.

Maureen opened the floor for comments on members' concerns regarding the costs of meetings, and invited members to send comments by email to her or to in-coming President Karen Douglas.

Old business: An ad hoc committee consisting of Maureen Eggert, Amy Osborne, and possibly some others will revise some of the language in the SEAALL Handbook. The effort is to update language regarding procedures that have changed or no longer exist. All substantive changes will be brought before the membership for approval.

New business: Maureen, on behalf of the Executive Board, moved to establish an annual donation from SEAALL to the designated charity. The amount of the donation would be recommended by the Board based on the organization's level of solvency in the given year. The motion was seconded and passed, but some members expressed concern about the open-ended nature of the amount of the donation. Sally Irvin offered a friendly amendment that the amount be capped at \$1,000. The membership accepted the amendment, and another member offered a friendly amendment that, as long as it doesn't exceed the cap, the amount will be settled on by the Board without bringing it before the membership. The motion was seconded and passed, with one vote expressed in opposition.

In her closing remarks, President Maureen Eggert encouraged members, especially new members, to get involved in the work of the organization. She stressed how SEAALL needs new blood and new committee members, and encouraged members to be flexible and patient if they don't get the committees they wanted most on their first attempts. Any committee work is rewarding, and all committees need dedicated volunteers. The organization will be stronger with the membership's active participation.

Maureen then installed the new SEAALL officers and Board members. They are:

Carol Watson – Vice President/President-Elect

Sally Irvin – Secretary

Fran Norton – Member-At-Large

Karen Douglas, incoming President, presented Maureen with a gift from the Board in appreciation for her work as President during the past year.

The meeting was adjourned.