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1990 SEAALL ANNUAL MEETING

OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, APRIL 5-8, 1990

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Oxford, Mississippi, was the gathering place for a large contingent of Southeastern law librarians at the 1990 Annual Meeting. The splendid program was augmented by a heavy dose of Southern hospitality. Special thanks must go to all those responsible for making the meeting such a success. The Local Arrangements Committee members were: Jack Bach, Herb Cihak, Wes Cochran, Eugenia Minor, Cathy Swanson and Ellis Tucker. The Program Committee consisted of: Donna Bennett, Rick Buchanan, Herb Cihak, Timothy Coggins, Robert Munro, Alva Stone and Anne

Washburn. Appreciation should also be expressed to our sponsors and exhibitors, namely: R.R. Bowker Company, Carswell Company, Current USC, EBSCO Subscription Services, William W. Gaunt & Sons, Harrison Company, William S. Hein & Company, Innovative Interfaces Inc., Law Book Exchange, Mead Data Central, Fred B. Rothman & Company and West Publishing Company. Reports from the Meeting begin on Page 6.

1991 ANNUAL MEETING IN TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, will be the site of the 1991 SEAALL Annual Meeting. The Meeting is scheduled for March 15-17, 1991. Cherry Thomas will handle local arrangements.

SEAALL BUSINESS MEETING IN MINNEAPOLIS

In a departure from the traditional breakfast meeting, the Chapter Business Meeting at AALL in Minneapolis will be held on Monday, June 18th, from 5:15 to 6:00 P.M. in the Hyatt Greenway Ballroom A. A reception hosted by Dick Danner will be held immediately following in the Presidential Suite of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. See page 5 for further details.

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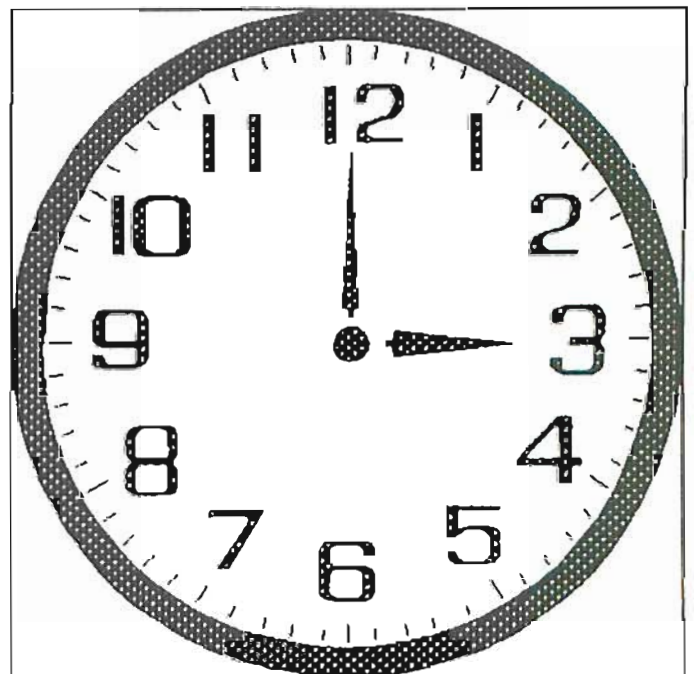
FLORIDA'S PRACTICAL LAW BOOKS

EDITOR'S CORNER

Since this is my final issue, I would like to say that it has been a pleasure serving as the editor of the Southeastern Law Librarian for the past two years. I would like to thank all the committee members, regular columnists and all other contributors to these last two volumes. Thanks also go out to Mary Smith Foreman and Wes Cochran, the presidents the past two years. Finally, a special thank you goes to Mary Cross, whose assistance in the production of the newsletter was invaluable.

Beginning with the next issue, the newsletter will be co-edited by Kathy Heberer of Rumberger, Kirk, et. al., and Russell Gebet of Carlton, Fields, et. al., both of Orlando. I want to wish them the best of luck, and to encourage all the members of SEAALL to contribute to upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Michael J. Petit
 Editor



S.E.A.A.L.L. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 11, 1989 Through March 31, 1990

Opening Balance	\$6,997.78
Add 1989 Convention Loan B/ce	\$543.73
Subtotal	\$7,541.51

Receipts

1989 Convention Profit	\$2,321.44
1989-90 Dues	\$4,840.00
West Talent Search	\$500.00
Bank Interest - CD	\$455.52
Bank Interest - Check A/c	\$336.10
Newsletter Profit	\$166.65
Sale Mailing Labels	\$75.00
Total Receipts	\$8,694.71
Subtotal	\$16,236.22

Expenditures

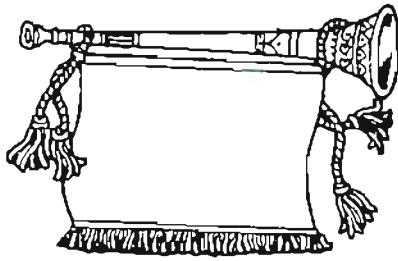
Certificate of Deposit	\$8,000.00
Scholarships	\$3,000.00
Chapter Breakfast - Reno	\$586.14
Directory	\$742.65
Postage	\$320.92
Printing	\$56.70
Stationery and Office Supplies	\$69.12
President's Expenses	\$48.51
Accounting and Legal	\$184.40
Sundries	\$71.47
Total Expenditures	\$13,079.91
Closing Balance	\$3,156.31
Add Certificate of Deposit, giving	
Total Cash on Hand	\$11,156.31

NOTE:

The 1989 Convention Loan Balance (\$543.73) has been added back to the opening balance because it was repaid, and the profit now showing (\$2,321.44) finalizes that account.

The closing balance of \$3,156.31 reconciles with the bank statement and checkbook. The Certificate of Deposit is due August 21, 1990.

Respectfully Submitted
Diana Osbaldiston
SEAALL Treasurer



From The President

Over the last year, I have read countless Chapter newsletters and President's columns, and I noticed that once each year each President writes a column that bears a remarkable resemblance to those written by others. As each President prepares to leave office and reflects upon the past year, he or she thanks the people responsible for the Chapter's successes.

And, while I often break with tradition, I will not here because of the valuable lesson that I learned as President this year. Though it may sound trite, it is nonetheless true. In the final analysis, Chapter Presidents depend upon the dedication and efforts of the chapter members themselves for the successes each year brings. And, although you have heard it and read it all before, the thanks that a President expresses to the Chapter's committee chairs and to the members comes from the heart.

Last year, I announced three goals for my Presidency: to increase educational opportunities for our members by offering an Institute for the first time since 1975, to encourage cooperative efforts with other chapters by exploring the possibility of a joint meeting, and to promote better communication with other library professional associations and with library schools by establishing an organized campaign

of outreach.

To a large extent, we have met these goals. The Education Committee planned and held an Institute in Oxford following the Annual Meeting. The Committee recruited Ms. Kaycee Hale, Executive Director of the Resource and Research Center at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, to present "Organizational Development: Library Power and Performance", and I heard rave reviews from those who attended.

Second, the Special Committee that I appointed to investigate a joint meeting with the Southwestern Chapter will confer with SWALL representatives in Minneapolis to choose a site for a joint meeting for 1993. The prospect of a joint venture posed a challenge to the leadership of both chapters, and I hope that we can finalize plans in Minneapolis.

Third, the Publicity & Public Relations Committee developed a program of contacts with library schools that has greatly increased the visibility of the Southeastern Chapter among library school students in our region. Hopefully, our efforts begun this year in outreach to other parts of the library profession will continue to grow in the years to come.

But, the list of accomplishments does not stop there. The Publications Committee guided the production of our Chapter Directory. Ed Edmonds continued to bring closer to completion the Chapter Manual of Procedures. And, of course, the Chapter held its Annual Meeting in Oxford. Members attending the Annual meeting chose from some eleven different programs ranging in variety from philosophical to very practical, for librarians from academic institutions to law firms, and for large libraries and small libraries. Besides the program, the activities at the Oxford meeting offered much to

everyone. Despite our having outgrown the facilities of the hotel, the annual meeting was a success.

Obviously, the largest share of the credit goes to those of you who volunteered to serve on a Chapter Committee this year. The Chapter simply cannot function without dependable workers in committees, and I thank you all for making this year an exciting and fulfilling one. I would be remiss if I did not thank, as well, the Chairs of the Committees for their dedication in attending to the business of the Chapter. The Chapter functioned smoothly and efficiently this year, largely

due to the efforts and skill of the Committee Chairs.

As I approach the beginning of my service as Immediate Past President, I am thankful, too, that the Southeastern Chapter is not a clique. It is to your credit, the membership of the Chapter, that we seek new leadership, welcome new members and embrace new ideas joyfully. I view that as a definite strength of our organization, and I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your President.

Wes Cochran
President

SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER RECEPTION

Presidential Suite, Hyatt Regency Hotel
Minneapolis, Minnesota
6:00-7:00 P.M., June 18, 1990

Join the Southeastern Chapter's celebration of Dick Danner's year as AALL President. The Chapter Executive Committee has planned a reception at which wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Soft drinks will also be included. The reception is free to all Chapter members.

If you plan to attend the reception, please return the form below by June 13 to assist the Executive Committee in planning the event. Since time is so short, the Committee encourages you to respond by telefax transmission or telephone call.

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SEAALL ANNUAL MEETING 1990

LAW AND LITERATURE: AN OVERVIEW

John O. Cole, Professor of Law Mercer University, spoke on this topic. The field of "law and literature" is a very active field today. There is a philosophical need to define Law and Literature. What is the meaning of life? The answer to this is found in the reality of life, giving it possibility, scope, and definition and literature tries to make sense of the chaos of life, to compose an order.

Law literature attempts to answer the true "meaning of life"-why are we here, what are we here for and trace the true image of ourselves.

Cole also presents us with the views of the Foundationalists (where the true answer is found) vs. anti-Foundationalists (who say that you cannot know everything about the world). We are thrown into the world and our language speaks for us. We are confronted with many anti-Foundationalist critical legal studies which are all operating to create order from chaos in a sensible way as to what it is to be human; claiming that language is all there is, the way we talk determines what is there.

"In order to understand life we have to understand the meaning of language".

Sonia Luna Lamas
University of Miami Law Library

LEGAL LITERATURE: A CLASS IN LC CLASSIFICATION

Alva Stone, Florida State University Law Library, opened this well-attended session and presented an excellent historical review of the development of the Library of Congress K schedules. She reminded us that the reason for the relatively late appearance of the schedules was LC's policy of treating law as an aspect of a subject--not a subject unto itself! Of course, the American Association of Law Libraries played a prominent role in turning around that concept and in promoting the publication of nationally-accepted classification schemes for legal materials.

Next, the audience was divided into two smaller groups. One group consisted of librarians from smaller libraries (firms, etc.) or librarians inexperienced in the application of LC class numbers. The other group was for "advanced" users and those involved in classifying foreign legal materials.

Susan Pinckard of Alston and Bird in Atlanta set a reassuring "you can to it" tone as she addressed the group of those trembling on the brink of cataloging and classifying their collections. Trying to cover an enormous topic in about 45 minutes is an impossible task, but she pointed out that not everything needs to be classified (e.g., periodicals). Then, too, there are numerous sources for ready-made cataloging copy (LC, OCLC, RLIN, etc.), dial access to other law collections (Vanderbilt, Emory), Cataloging-in-Publication (CIP), and commercial vendors (Marcive, etc.). Susan quickly outlined the LC schedules and discussed several "problem" subject areas. She wrapped up the session with



comments on the issues of "forcing," audio-visual materials, and the importance of maintaining a shelflist.

Mary E. Johns, Louisiana State University Law Library, led the "advanced" group through their paces, examining the intricacies of the schedules for foreign law and their attendant form division tables. Cataloging in foreign law is replete with problems not only of language, but also of unfamiliar legal systems (civil, socialist, etc.) and jurisdictional quagmires. Mary tackled the matter of proper choice of class with examples illustrating the principles involved.

Both groups felt these topics were worthy of expansion to full-scale workshops or institutes.

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ABORTION LAW RHETORIC

Leslie Gerwin, Director of Development and Community Relations for Planned Parenthood of New Orleans, presented a tour through the law and regulation of abortion, focusing on the legal consequences of the rhetoric involved in this debate.

A review of the legal history reveals that the first abortion laws in this country were passed in the mid-1850's. The issues at

the time were: 1) the woman's health due to the lack of antibiotics and the performance of abortions by quacks; 2) the medical profession's interest in establishing a monopoly in the performance of abortions; and 3) the desire of male legislators to prevent women from changing their roles in society.

Abortion laws originally were concerned with contraception and grew from the same interest in keeping women from controlling the reproductive process. In the 1870's the concept of the morality of abortion entered into the rhetoric in the form of laws against any form of contraception. Fetal rights did not become part of the legal rhetoric until a hundred years later with the Roe decision [Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113, 93 S.Ct. 705 (1973)]. Roe established the concept of balancing the woman's right to privacy against the state's interest in a potential human life.

Issues tested during the years between the Roe and Webster decisions were: 1) bans on advertising that abortions were performed; 2) waiting periods between the decision and the procedure; 3) spousal consent; 4) parental/judicial consent. Each was rejected, the latter two on the grounds that it is impossible to legislate good marital or family relations.

The Webster decision [Webster v. Reproductive Health Services, 109 S.Ct. 3040 (1989)] introduced a change in the rhetoric by allowing the regulation of public facilities, employees and funding. The court thought a state's interest in the fetus was equally compelling before viability (the time at which meaningful life can be sustained apart from the mother) as after viability.

Among the issues Gerwin sees coming in the future are: 1) informed consent (what the doctor

must tell the woman); 2) attempted regulation of the location at which an abortion may be performed (clinics vs. hospitals); 3) the question of who can perform an abortion; and 4) assigning criminal penalties which carry a greater stigma. The biggest question may be the questions which will arise should the constitutional definition of a person be expanded to include an unborn child at the moment of conception. Would the parent be entitled to a tax deduction at the time of conception? How would inheritance laws be affected?

Gerwin closed citing Planned Parenthood statistics showing the United States having highest rate of unintentional pregnancies; the highest abortion rate; the lowest rate for the use of contraceptives and the worst system of sex education in the world.

Hazel Johnson
Long, Aldridge & Norman

PC BASICS

J.J. Hayden, Special Projects Coordinator for SOLINET, gave an introductory talk about personal computers and PC-DOS.

The first item he discussed was "processor numbers" in which he reviewed the sizes of computer processors and the amount of memory for each. The amount of information that a microcomputer can handle is increasing. The capacity of the processors has created a double-edged sword: libraries that could not afford to automate in the past now are able to; however, computer companies are laying employees off because they are now selling the much cheaper microcomputer systems rather than large mainframes.

Communications interfaces were the second topic discussed. He also compared serial versus

parallel printers. A parallel printer moves information on a line, but limited to about 100 feet, while a serial printer can run long distances of up to 3,000 feet.

The next topic was disk storage. He discussed both floppy diskettes and hard drives. Hard drives are becoming commonplace because of their decreasing price.

The final item for discussion was a brief overview of DOS commands. Some of the commands explained included: DIRECTORY, COPY, TYPE, PATH and BACKUP. Mr. Hayden used overheads to demonstrate examples of these commands. He also distributed handouts with brief explanations of the DOS commands.

Mary F. Cross
Stearns Weaver Miller

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION:
BUILDINGS, NOT BOOKS**

The growing interest in historic preservation law was reflected in the presentation of Stephen Dennis, the Executive Director of the National Center for Preservation Law. After a brief overview of the history and development of preservation law, Mr. Dennis discussed several areas where work was still needed, such as collection and publication of legal documents and forms pertaining to preservation

problems, preparation of an annotated bibliography of published materials on the legal aspects of preservation and preparation of materials for law school and other graduate courses in historic preservation law.

Interested librarians please note that the National Center for Preservation Law publishes a loose-leaf service called Preservation Law Update, which appears 48 times annually.

Emerita Cuesta
University of Miami

**CATALOGING AND CONTROL OF
NON-PRINT/ALTERNATIVE
MEDIA FORMATS**

Jack Bissett and Catherine Swanson shared with the audience some information they have learned about handling microforms, audio and visual tapes, and computer software. First you must decide: where the material will be stored, how does it relate to the rest of the collection, what kind of and how much bibliographic access will be provided, how will the material be arranged on the shelf or storage unit, whether it will circulate, and how should it be maintained. All of these questions should be answered from the point of view of the user's convenience. Catherine stressed that "quick fixes" do not work. Non-print materials should be properly stored and decisions about cataloging should be well-thought-out from the beginning in order to prevent work having to be redone in the future.

Jack recommended separating most of these materials from the book collection because the materials can be stored in protective cabinets near the special equipment that is required for their use, whereas it is wasteful to store small items in

special containers on the shelf. Any materials stored separately must have adequate finding aids, such as extensive catalog subject references, and lists of holdings by type of material.

Jack also briefly discussed cataloging databases available through Westlaw, LEXIS, and NEXIS. Because these databases are dynamic as well as selective, in-depth, traditional cataloging is difficult and costly. Two university libraries in cooperation with Mead Data Central and Westlaw are currently cataloging on-line documents in these databases. Negotiations are underway to forward the catalog records to OCLC.

In conclusion, Jack and Catherine discussed physical processing of non-print materials. Do not use bar coding for magnetic media. However, one vendor is offering a special code for non-print media; contact Watson Label Product in St. Louis at (314) 652-6715. Designate one person on the staff to be responsible for registration cards and warranty statements to prevent loss of this information. Finally, do not stack labels on diskettes because the continue pressure with each application could damage the disk.

Catherine prepared a Selected Bibliography on Cataloging and Control of Non-Print/Alternative Media Formats and recommends Nancy B. Olson's book Cataloging of Audiovisual Materials, Minnesota Scholarly Press, 1985, as a good starting place when faced with handling non-print materials. She also listed specific tips in a handout entitled Maintenance and Preservation of Non-Book Materials and Equipment. Cassette players, for example, should be cleaned after every twenty hours of use. Computers should be vacuumed about every six months to remove dust. "Do what you can to prevent acquiring a computer virus;" SEE: HiTech News, Oct. 1988, p.21 for

hints.

Non-print materials do require special handling and cataloging. Jack's and Catherine's remarks made the audience more aware of how fragile each type of material is and what we as librarians can do to encourage their use while preventing damage or deterioration.

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**SOUTHERN LEGAL HISTORY:
BACKGROUND AND RESOURCES**

The Southern Legal History program on April 7, 1990 was an interesting presentation on a specialized subject.

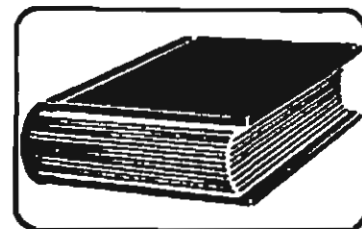
The speaker, Jenni Parrish, divided the session in half, covering the process of legal history research first. She was speaking of legal history research from a historian's perspective as opposed to a lawyer's narrower, more limited one. The former involves looking at political, social, and economic events as reflected in different sources such as archives, pamphlets, and newspapers. To emphasize the importance of such events to the law, she opened her presentation with the reading of a 19th century Mississippi Statute listing the residing of one of the parties outside the confederacy or serving

the U.S. armed forces as grounds for divorce!

As a starting point to legal history research, Jenni recommended general American legal history works like Lawrence Friedman's History of American Law and general history guides such as A Student's Guide to History by Jules Benjamin; these and others were listed in the bibliography she distributed. She pointed out that Interlibrary Loan was a good tool for access to out of print materials and networking by phone with history professors, law professors, librarians, archivists and others often turned up uncatalogued manuscript collections.

Jenni Parrish has been interested in the law of slavery for a long while and this was reflected in the second half of her presentation of Southern Legal History, as well as her bibliography. She described her current research on attorneys who defended slaves and free blacks in criminal cases in North Carolina during 1820 to 1865, to discover who they were, how they did it, and the state of southern jurisprudence at the time. She also has researched white on white crimes to see if whites were treated differently. She has thus far concluded that slaves in North Carolina always had attorney representation at all levels and that Thomas Ruffin, Chief Justice in North Carolina in the early 19th century was among the top justices of the period.

Beatrice S. Citron
St. Thomas University Law Library



**BUILDING A BASIC
INTERNATIONAL/FOREIGN LAW
COLLECTION FOR LAW FIRMS AND
SMALL ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES**

The increasing importance of international law (and foreign law, i.e., law of an individual country) is being felt in law firms and law schools alike. The growing interest in this area is placing a heavy demand on the budgets of law libraries. A question we keep hearing is "Where do we begin; what are the basic sources?"

Claire Germain is well qualified to answer this question. As Associate Library Director and Senior Lecturer in Comparative Law at Duke University School of Law, she has written extensively in the international law area in various journals and is currently writing a book on the subject.

Claire's talk on Saturday morning emphasized four main areas of concern: the basic research tools in international and foreign law, collection development (a core collection), the acquisitions of titles, and the basic resources and referrals to provide assistance in this area. Her handout materials included an extensive ten page outline which provided bibliographic references.

When researching in international or foreign law it is necessary to keep in mind the three basic categories of international law: public international law, i.e., the rights and duties of sovereign states (treaties, human rights, space law, etc.); private international law, or the relations among individuals (contracts, etc.); and transnational law.

The development of a core collection includes the standard practitioners' guides to international business transactions, the introductory surveys to the law of foreign

countries, the current awareness services, bibliographies, and the basic locations for English language translations of foreign laws. Claire also discussed the major publishers and distributors of international and foreign law materials.

Claire concluded her talk by stressing again what she had emphasized throughout, i.e., people contact in gaining assistance in this area cannot be overlooked. It is VERY important.

Donna Bennett
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**DIALOG PILOT PROJECT AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LAW LIBRARY**

An overview of the DIALOG Pilot Project was presented by Rosalie M. Sanderson of the University of Florida and Anne Caputo of DIALOG, Inc.

The University of Florida is in the midst of a two-year project to study the uses of DIALOG in the law school environment. The study is being conducted using the DIALOG Corporate Connection, a menu-driven subsystem of DIALOG containing over 200 databases.

The Library is paying a flat fee for unlimited online time to carry out the study. The uses they have made of DIALOG in the law school environment include: seminars and writing requirements, research assistant projects, law review research, moot court

preparation, legal clinic research, course development and quick reference (at the reference desk).

Ms. Sanderson also mentioned what she thought law schools needed from DIALOG: a flat fee subscription rate, basic programs and field guides on certain relevant subjects, training guides and workbooks, online tutorials connection, and all DIALOG databases available on the Corporate Connection.

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1990 POST CONFERENCE INSTITUTE

April 7-8, 1990: Organizational Development: Library Power and Performance presented by Kaycee Hale, Executive Director, Resource and Research Center, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising.

During the Friday afternoon session, Kaycee Hale discussed Leadership options and opportunities. She stated that the present era has been described as the information age, the age of technology, and the service age, and librarians can fulfill the needs of all three; she stressed that we should seize the

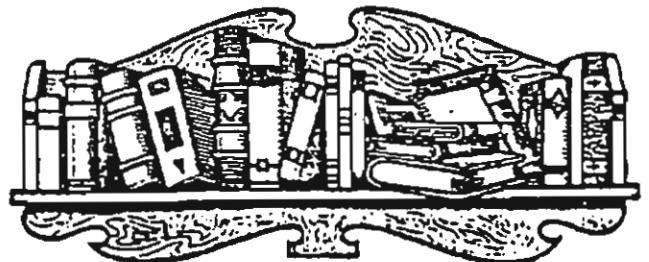
opportunities for leadership. Among the topics discussed were professional image, staff development, motivation and morale, team building and effective communication. Mission statements and departmental standards were suggested tools.

The Sunday morning session focused on the library in its larger institutional setting. Stressing dynamic organizational skills, Ms. Hale discussed how librarians can market themselves, their department, and their organization using professional activities, civic involvement, and medial to maximize individual and organizational effectiveness. She talked about inspired enthusiasm, efficiency and effectiveness, with planning the key to success.

As an enhancement to the presentation, two study guides were distributed, one for maximizing internal effectiveness and the other for maximizing external effectiveness. They contained useful checklists, relevant material, helpful examples and suggestions.

Kaycee Hale gave an enthusiastic, exciting presentation that held everyone's attention and was a wonderful demonstration of much that she was sharing with the participants.

Beatrice S. Citron
St. Thomas University Law Library



**MINUTES OF SEAALL
SPRING BUSINESS MEETING**

The 1990 Spring meeting was called to order at the University Inn, Oxford, Mississippi at 7:50 A.M., on April 7, 1990.

After the introduction of officers, President Wes Cochran commented on the impressive number of leaders in SEAALL. Our members serve as AALL SIS and Committee chairs, several are program participants for Minnesota, and five, including President Dick Danner, are on the Executive Board. A member of this "Fearsome Fivesome" is Kathy Larson.

Kathy, AALL representative to our meeting (and a newer member of SEAALL herself) reported the "hot topics" from the AALL Board meeting.

The Government Relations Committee has worked closely with the AALL Board to insure that AALL's position on draft legislation has been written, reviewed and communicated to Congressional committees in a timely fashion. The first legislative update program will be presented by this committee in Minneapolis.

Executive Director Judy Genesen is having a very beneficial professional and public relations impact on AALL's relations with other library and legal associations.

Statistical breakdown of AALL membership: 35% private firms, 29% law schools, state court & county 19%, corporate 8%, and only 9% with other or no affiliation.

The Long Range Strategic Planning Committee headed by Kay Todd will be mailing a draft of the Plan within the next month to Chapter Presidents, SIS and Committee Chairs, etc. The draft will be available at the annual meeting in Minneapolis.

Kathy concluded her remarks by encouraging everyone to attend the AALL meeting in Minneapolis.

Treasurer Diana Osbaldiston reminded members that dues must be paid by September 1. After that date, unpaid members will be dropped from the mailing list. She also thanked Wes Cochran for keeping expenses down during his term of office.

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, was announced as the site of the 1991 Spring meeting. Cherry Thomas will handle local arrangements for the March 15-17 conference in "Bryantville".

Proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws which had been mailed to the membership by the Secretary were brought to a vote as follows:

Art. XIV (Articles of Incorporation): ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

Membership in the Chapter or participation in any activity of the Chapter shall not be denied to any individual, or abridged, on account of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or sexual orientation. Passed.

Under AALL Bylaws, each chapter must comply with AALL policies. The membership of AALL amended Article 9 of its Bylaws recently to prohibit discrimination on account of sexual orientation. To stay in compliance, our chapter was required to adopt a similar policy.

Article III. (Bylaws): NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS

Section 2. Method of Election

The Vice-President/President Elect shall be elected by mail ballot in May of each year. The Secretary shall be elected by mail ballot in May of each even numbered year. The Treasurer shall be elected by mail ballot in May of each odd-numbered year. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. The membership is to be notified by the Secretary of the outcome of the election by mail or at a meeting of the Chapter. Passed.

This change was implemented because staggering the election of the Secretary and the Treasurer creates more continuity on the Executive Committee. Treasurer Diana Osbaldiston has agreed to stay on to effect this change.

Article I. (Bylaws) MEMBERSHIP
Section 1. Student Members

Chair Pam Williams of the Articles/Bylaws committee pointed out that the language in the amendment to this article which was mailed to the membership was more restrictive than that of AALL. Therefore, the amendment before the chapter was further amended to reflect the language of AALL's student membership provision. After consideration by the chapter, the amended amendment was adopted and now reads as follows:

Any person officially enrolled at least half-time in a degree program related to law librarianship shall become a student member upon payment of annual dues provided that membership in this category is limited to five consecutive years. The Executive Committee is empowered to adopt procedures for verifying student status.

Section 2b (1).

Annual dues for student memberships shall be \$5.00.

The issue of insurance for the chapter has been raised. Wes Cochran reports that the possibility of SEAALL being included in the AALL insurance policy is being pursued by the Council of Chapter Presidents. Proposed rates are \$1.65 per member and \$300 per chapter if all participate. Wes has been empowered to commit the chapter to insurance coverage arranged by AALL.

Requests to sell our mailing list have come before the Executive Committee. The Committee has established a policy of not offering our mailing list for sale as long as it is maintained

through the generosity of a vendor. However, the Executive Committee is discussing the possibility of hiring a commercial data base entry company to maintain our membership list.

Randall Brown of Law Book Exchange currently maintains the list, prints the newsletter and prepares it for mailing with no cost to the chapter except postage in return for an ad in each issue. His firm also provides additional sets of address labels upon request. His generosity to the chapter and our cordial relationship should not be jeopardized for the small return from selling the list.

Ed Edmonds has brought the procedures manual, henceforth to be known as the Chapter Handbook, to "draft" stage. The handbook will include a section on chapter history back to the 1930's and traces our origins to the North Carolina chapter.

In the absence of Education Chair Jim Heller (father of newborn son, Seth) Rosalie Sanderson reported that the committee had planned the first institute ever held at a SEAALL meeting. The program presented by Kaycee Hale of the Fashion Design Institute, Los Angeles, followed the Saturday afternoon picnic at Rowan Oak and concluded at noon on Sunday.

Dr. Ellis Tucker, Local Arrangements Chair, was recuperating from surgery at the time of the chapter meeting. In his absence Herb Cihak thanked everyone at Ole Miss who helped with the conference and invited the chapter to "come back again."

Membership committee instituted what appears to be a successful mentor program at his meeting and Wes recognized those who agreed to be mentors.

Mike Petit, Newsletter Editor, advises that very few extra copies are printed each time so it is important to pay dues and be

counted.

Nominating Committee chair Mary Cross announced the following candidates for 1990-91 office:

Vice President/President Elect
Peggy Martin
Cherry Thomas

Secretary
Jean Holcomb
Alva T. Stone

Ballots will be mailed in May by the Secretary.

Tim Coggins, Program Chair asked that attendees fill out evaluation forms so the information may be used to assess value of programs and plan future meetings.

Publicity Chair Hazel Johnson and her committee are surveying the membership to see which library school each attended. An effort will be made to establish relations with library schools in through alumni.

Mary Johns announced her committee awarded ten scholarships of \$300 each this year. SEAALL still leads chapters in amount of scholarship money distributed.

Carol Billings, Chair of the Special Committee on Cooperative Efforts with Other Chapters has begun negotiations with SWALL to hold a joint meeting in 1993. Some of the sites proposed are: St. Louis, Memphis, Orlando, San Antonio.

Bruce Johnson announced that Larry Wenger had been chosen to receive the Special Service to the Chapter Award. Larry modestly, and briefly, accepted saying many others deserved it more than him.

Our corporation is in the process of obtaining tax exempt status and has elected March 31 to end our fiscal year. A tax return must be filed to maintain tax exempt status.

Mary Forman offered best wishes on behalf of the chapter to Hazel Johnson and Tim Coggins who

recently became engaged. The ultimate "network"!

The chapter business meeting in Minneapolis will be held Monday, June 18, 5:15-6:00 P.M. at a location to be announced. A reception will be held immediately following the meeting in the Presidential Suite of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. AALL President Dick Danner has graciously offered the use of his suite. (Dick will always remember that his incredible rise to fame began with his election to the Southeastern Presidency).

Wes thanked the following vendors for their generous support:

Carswell Company
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Exhibitors at the meeting were:

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He also thanked his wife, Laura, who sacrificed her "30 something" birthday so Wes could devote his time to this conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kern
Secretary



COMMITTEE NEWS

LUCILE ELLIOTT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

After careful review of the outstanding applicants, the Scholarship Committee has chosen ten individuals as this year's recipients of the Lucile Elliott Scholarships. Thanks to all the applicants and to SEAALL for making it possible to increase the number of awards from six to ten. Our congratulations to the following recipients:

Diana Osbaldiston
Head Catalog Librarian
University of South Carolina
Law Library
To Attend: SEAALL in Oxford

Marguerite Rey Florent
Catalog Librarian
Loyola University
To Attend: AALL in Minneapolis

Karen L. Stone
Assistant Librarian
Norfolk Law Library
To Attend: Library Science
Course

Dorothy C. Hill
Assistant Librarian for Public
Service
Stetson University
To Attend: SEAALL in Oxford

Nona K. Beisenherz
Circulation Librarian
Loyola University
To Attend: SEAALL in Oxford

Donna S. Bennett
Associate Director
Chase College of Law Library
Northern Kentucky University
To Attend: SEAALL in Oxford

Carla Downer Pritchett
Reference Librarian
Loyola University
To Attend: SEAALL in Oxford

Constance M. Matzen
Librarian
Smith, Anderson, Blount,
Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan
Raleigh, North Carolina
To Attend: AALL in Minneapolis

Sara B. Allen
Catalog Librarian
Kilpatrick & Cody
Atlanta, Georgia
To Attend: SEAALL in Oxford

Carol Avery Nicholson
Technical Services Librarian
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill
To Attend: AALL in Minneapolis

Mary Johns
Chair
Scholarship Committee

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1032 North A Street
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Cheryl Rovenelli

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Adams, McCullough & Beard to
Parker, Poe Adams & Bernstein

Lisa W. Williams
Chair
Publications Committee

**PUBLIC RELATIONS LIBRARY
SCHOOL SURVEY**

As you should have heard, one of the goals of the Publicity and Public Relations Committee this year is to establish contacts with the library schools in the region in hopes of building long-term relationships with the schools. We want to encourage library school students to consider law librarianship as a career. The Committee feels that using an alumnus in conjunction with a local contact would foster

stronger interest from the library school. Therefore, we would like to know your library school alma mater. Below you will find a form to complete with this information. This has become a very interesting statistical question, so please complete the form even if you did not graduate from a Southeastern library school.

Hazel Johnson
Chair
Publicity and
Public Relations Committee

SEAALL PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Library School Survey

Please complete the form below at your earliest convenience and return it to Hazel Johnson; SEAALL Public Relations; Long Aldridge & Norman; 285 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 1500; Atlanta Georgia 30303-1257.

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Affiliation _____

Library School _____

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Compiled by
Joseph Cross
University of South Carolina

NOTE: Please send news items about membership and law libraries to Joe at the following address:

Joseph Cross, BRIEFS Editor
Law School Library
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PATRICIA BABE left the University of Virginia Law Library in December and has been in a temporary position as a reference librarian at Georgetown's Edward Bennett Williams Law Library before starting another new job in May as Reference Librarian at Venable, Baetjer & Howard. Her new work address is: 1800 Mercantile Building, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201. Telephone: (301) 244-7492.

Returning to the chapter is STEVEN R. THORPE who is working as a staff attorney for the National Legal Services Project and as a part-time reference librarian at Howard University. Steve was at Mercer University before leaving for a judicial clerkship. He plans to re-enter the law library profession on a full-time basis.

FLORIDA

MARY F. CROSS of Stearns Weaver Miller spoke on Data Trek at the Periodicals/Serials Caucus of the Florida Library Association Annual Meeting in Daytona Beach on May 9, 1990.

The new Serials/Documents Librarian at Florida State University Law Library is JANICE ROSS. She holds the B.A. and M.S. degrees. She has prior experience as a library technical assistant. She is a new chapter member.

MICHAEL J. PETIT of the University of Miami Law Library spoke on INNOVACQ at the Periodicals/Serials Caucus of the Florida Library Associations Annual Meeting at Daytona Beach on May 9, 1990.

ILLINOIS

NINA WENDT, President of Research & Writing Ltd. is a new member. Her organization provides research and writing services to law firms nationwide. She holds a B.S. from Winthrop College, an M.L.S. from the University of South Carolina, and a J.D. from the University of Baltimore.

NORTH CAROLINA

A new member, HOPE HILTON, is the Law Librarian for Burroughs Wellcome Company in Research Triangle Park. She was formerly a library assistant for the Jackson-Madison County Library.

HARRIET METCALF, Librarian for Ward and Smith, P.A., in New Bern, has joined the chapter. She earned the B.A. degree from Smith College and the M.S. from Simmons College. Harriet has had several prior positions in libraries.

VIRGINIA

The Law Librarian of Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen is CAROL F. ALLEN, a new member of SEALL. She holds the B.A. from Wells College, the M.L.S. from Columbia University, and the J.D. from the University of Virginia. She formerly held a position at the Public Law Library of the City of Richmond.

BRIAN BAKER has left the Fairfax Law Library for a position at Catholic University Law Library. New Director of the Fairfax Law Library is JERILYN POLSON, formerly Assistant Librarian for Van Ness, Feldman & Curtis of Washington, D.C.

PLACEMENT

VIRGINIA

This year the SEALL Placement Committee is chaired by Phil Berwick, Director of the George Mason University Law Library. Should you wish to place a job ad in the Southeastern Law Librarian please contact Phil at: George Mason University Law Library, 3401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201, or call him at (703) 841-2648.

The Placement Committee also maintains an active file for applicants. If you wish to have your resume placed in the file just send it to Phil at the above address. If you are a prospective employer and wish to know if there are law librarians in your geographic area searching for positions call Phil so that he can send you any pertinent resumes.

GEORGIA

Computer Services - Media Specialist. Applicant should hold a Masters Degree in library science or media or a bachelors degree in computer services or media or a related field and significant experience in media and computers. Responsibilities: The individual in this position will provide library and law school media services, provide technical support for library computer services and assist in developing and implementing library computer services including training students in WordPerfect and other software programs. The individual will hire and supervise one or two student assistants in the areas of computer and media resources. Salary: \$22,000 with good benefits and vacation time. Available: July 1 or August 1, 1990. Send letter of application and resume to: Leah F. Chanin, Director, Mercer University Law Library, Macon, GA 31207. (912) 752-2665.

Law Reference Librarian. Regent University Law Library, Virginia Beach, VA. Requirements: M.L.S.; J.D. and/or law library experience preferred. Duties: reference, collection development, faculty liaison, share responsibility for Legal Research 1L. Some evening and Saturday hours. Professional development strongly encouraged. Faculty rank and nine-month contract. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Regent University is an equal opportunity evangelical Christian graduate institution. The law school has been ABA-accredited. Position available August 1990. Resume and references to: Barbara A. Baxter, Law Librarian, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA 23464.

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