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AALL MEMBERS TO CONSIDER REORGANIZATION AT LOS ANGELES

Pursuant to a Resolution adopted at the 1973 AALL Annual Meeting (Seattle), a Task Force was appointed by Past President Erwin Surrency to undertake a study of the various "special interest groups" within AALL; and to suggest ways in which the Association might reorganize to better serve the needs of these groups.

This Task Force, composed of Carol Bratton, Anita Head, Roger Jacobs, Myron Jacobstein (Chairman), Peyton Neal, and Mary Sanders, has just issued its Final Report after some twenty months of work. Comments were solicited from all Association members, and the work of the Task Force has had the interest of a great many AALL members.

The Final Report proposes that "Three Divisions" be created within AALL. These divisions would be known as (1) Academic Law Libraries; (2) County, Bar & Government Law Libraries; and (3) Private Law Libraries. Membership - probably determined by one's law library employment, would be in one Division automatically; and dues would entitle a member to vote and hold office in that Division. Attendance at, and participation in (without voting rights), the other two Divisions would also be open to all AALL members.

Each such Division would establish by-laws, elect officers, and provide a basic structure for the development of programs of particular interest to its constituency. It is also expected that each Division would take certain responsibilities for coordinating program events at national meetings.

In addition, the Report proposes the creation of a new framework for "Special Interest Sections." These sections, open to any AALL member as a matter of right, without the necessity of a Presidential Appointment, would operate under by-laws to be established by the Executive Board.

Under the "Special Interest Sections" concept, many of the Association's existing Committees - long overcrowded due to the dynamic increase in AALL membership over the last decade - would be reformed into "Sections," where any AALL member who wished to participate could do so.

Some Committees - with Association-wide interests, would continue to operate as in the past, with members appointed each year by the President. However, a significant number of new "Sections" is envisioned, in order to provide a forum for all AALL members having some common interest.

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The Task Force recognizes that any reorganization will bring a need for a reexamination of the finances of the Association. And that many AALL members are generally reluctant to change the Association, out of a fear that a new structure will eliminate the "ideal social climate" that has existed within AALL for many years.

There has been much debate on the prospect of reorganization. Some chapters have held "debates on the proposals. But the Los Angeles meeting will be the best opportunity to speak to the Report of the Task Force, which has recently been mailed to the membership. If you plan to be in Los Angeles, you may wish to read the Report fully. And the Task Force has requested that the Executive Board put the final decision to a vote of the entire AALL membership, probably by mail ballot, due to the importance of this matter. If you have not received your copy of the Task Force Final Report - write to AALL Headquarters.

SE CHAPTER HOLDS 3RD ANNUAL INSTITUTE

Atlanta, Georgia will again be the location for the third in a series of Continuing Law Library Education Institute Programs, sponsored by the Southeastern Chapter.

Edwin M. Schroeder (Florida State) and Richard H. Surles, Jr. (University Tennessee) are Co-Chairmen for the 1975 program, which will focus on Microforms. The meeting, which begins on Friday, May 23 at the Sheraton-Biltmore, will also include members of the regional chapter of the National Microforms Association.

Speakers include: Dr. Francis F. Spreitzer, presently head of the Micrographic & Reprography Department, University of Southern California; Paul A. Napier, former head of the Audio-Visual Department at George Washington University Library; and Carl M. Spaulding, a Systems Analyst & Program Officer at the Council of Library Resources.

Topics scheduled for discussion at the opening session on Thursday afternoon (May 22) include: "Microform Fundamentals: Terminology" and "Equipment Fundamentals: Cameras & Readers." Topics to be considered on Saturday include: "Micromedia Usage: Advantages of Microforms & Which Microforms to Use; Microform Collections: Purchasing, Processing & Administering; Limitations & Problems in Microforms: Film Quality, Readers & Printers; Standards of Micropublishing; and one of the newer applications for law libraries: Computer Output Microfilm (COM)."

A Friday afternoon Chapter meeting will be followed by a social hour, and program participants will then be free to enjoy the many delights of Atlanta.

The Southeastern Chapter initiated this series of Annual Institutes in April of 1973, with a program on "Cataloging & Classification of Legal Materials," directed by Peyton Neal (Washington & Lee) and followed in April, 1974 with a successful Institute on "Law Library Administration," co-directed by Betty Taylor (Univ. Florida) and Lamar Woodard (Stetson). Although primarily designed for law librarians in the eleven state area of the chapter, these programs have attracted law librarians from the Southwest, the Mid-West, Far West and Northeastern areas of the country. And speakers have included Carleton Kenyon (Library of Congress), Pat Piper (Univ. California, Davis), Dick Hutchins (Univ. of Iowa), and Lolly Gasaway (Univ. of Houston); as well as a number of our own chapter members.

NEW SE CHAPTER COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE LAW LIBRARIES HOLDS FIRST PROGRAM

Following the August, 1974 Chapter meeting, held at Hilton Head Island, (S.C.) in conjunction with the Law Teachers, President William Younger appointed Steve Margeton, Librarian of the Washington, D. C. firm, Steptoe & Johnson, to Chair the Chapter's first Committee on Private Law Libraries.

An increasing number of chapter members are now employed in law firm and corporate libraries, with Atlanta the focal point of this new membership. And because many of these members are unable to attend national Institutes and Annual Meetings - especially when these events are held at distant locations, and the chapter member may have been employed only for a short time - the Chapter thinks there is a special need to provide instruction for private law librarians.

There will be five units of instruction in the Mini-Institute, scheduled for May 22 (afternoon) and May 23 (morning). The topics which will be considered include: "Government Documents" (moderated by Thomas Gieringer of the Washington Service Bureau); "Legislative Histories - State" (led by Kay Todd, Librarian at the Atlanta firm of Kilpatrick, Cody, Rogers, McClatchey & Regenstein); "Legislative Histories - Federal" (Steve Margeton); "Space Planning for Private Law Libraries" (led by Ms. Linda Roach, of the Philadelphia firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius); and "Budgeting" (led by Anne Butler, of the Atlanta firm of Alston, Miller & Gaines).

Another Committee member, Anne Butler, offered a course at the Emory University Library School this past year on "Legal Bibliography & Law Librarianship." And the University has asked her to repeat the course again this fall. With the growing need for trained professional librarians in expanding law firms, this new Chapter Committee should undergo substantial expansion in the year ahead.

SE & SW CHAPTERS PLAN JOINT INSTITUTE IN 1976

Two of AALL's larger chapters - Southeast and Southwest, covering a nineteen state area, plan to hold a joint Institute in New Orleans, in late March or early April (1976).

The tentative topic is "NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAW" - providing some insight into the substantive aspects of recent enactments, as well as a special emphasis on "new bibliographic tools" and "primary sources for information" about these developments.

Topics now being discussed include: The New Copyright Law (scheduled for enactment in 1976, with regulation of library photocopying practices the main emphasis); New Federal Regulation of Employment Relations (including discrimination problems against women and older people); the Amendments to the Federal Freedom of Information Act (with an explanation of how law librarians can obtain information from the Federal Government - or advise patrons in this procedure); and Proposed Federal Regulations for Law Publishers (what the Federal Trade Commission Inquiry has accomplished).

Mark your calendars now for this meeting, and watch the SE Newsletter for the exact dates in our Summer Issue.

EDITORIAL

This first issue of the (New Series) Newsletter of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association, which appears after some delay, will be the regular communication medium not only between the more than 200 members in our eleven state chapter region, but also a means of telling other law librarians what is happening in law librarianship in our region and throughout the nation.

In addition to membership and placement news of our chapter area, we will begin a regular feature in our next issue highlighting individual law libraries in our region; providing interesting facts about history of the institutions, their collections and the special services they provide.

There will also be a story surveying Educational Programs of several Universities now offering combined studies in Law and Library Science.

There will also be a "Calendar" noting the dates and places of meetings and programs of interest to law librarians - not only in our region, but throughout the nation.

A "Bibliographic Checklist" will be started in the next issue, and the first three lists scheduled are: Judicial Reports of the States; Annotated & Unannotated Codes of the States; and A checklist of Major Looseleaf Reporting Services. This data will be a valuable addition to your other bibliographic tools.

A Membership Directory, hopefully including data about Law Libraries and their collections - as well as individual employee-members, will be issued as a special supplement to the Newsletter next spring. A growing number of "facsimile" transmission systems in some of our libraries will also be noted in this Directory, with full details about obtaining information by telephone-line transmission from participating law libraries; as well as regular photocopying practices and charges.

The editor welcomes your ideas, and will be calling on many chapter members to participate in this activity.

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PLACEMENT

Chapter Placement Chairman, Ed Schroeder (Florida State Univ.), reports that he has a number of resumes of candidates seeking positions, who would like to locate in the Southeast area.

However, there are only a few vacant positions known to the Chairman at the present time. They include:

HEAD LAW LIBRARIAN: Northern Kentucky State College, Salmon P. Chase College of Law. JD & MLS required; some experience at an ABA approved law school desired. Collection of over 90,000 volumes; contact: Ms. Beth Gwynn, Chairperson, Law Librarian Recruitment Committee.

HEAD LAW LIBRARIAN: University of South Carolina School of Law at Columbia. JD & MLS required & some administrative experience in an administrative position at an approved law school. Collection of over 115,000 volumes; contact: Professor Jon Schultz.

HEAD LAW LIBRARIAN: University of Miami at Coral Gables. JD & MLS required, plus some administrative experience. Collection of over 175,000 volumes, including foreign law materials; contact: Professor Richard H. Lee, Chairman, Search Committee.

MEETING CALENDAR

- May 8-10: Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries. Annual Meeting. Columbus, Ohio.
- May 15-17: American Society for Information Science. Midyear Meeting. Portland, Oregon.
- May 21: Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. Annual Meeting. Key Bridge Marriott Hotel.
- May 22-24: Southeastern Chapter: Mini-Institute for Private Law Librarians (May 22 & 23); Institute on Microform Materials (May 23 & 24); Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel.
- June 8-12: Special Libraries Association. Annual Conference. Palmer House, Chicago.
- June 21-25: American Association of Law Libraries. Annual Meeting. Century Plaza, Los Angeles.
- June 26-28: American Society for Information Science & ALA Law & Political Science SubSection. Seminar "On-Line Information Systems in Law & Political Science." San Rafael, California.
- June 29-July 5: American Library Association. Annual Conference, San Francisco.
- August 24-26: Southeastern Law Teachers & SE AALL. Summer Meeting; New Orleans, Louisiana.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our chapter has undergone rapid expansion in the past decade, under the able leadership of former Presidents Mary Polk Green (1966-68); Sarah Leverette (1968-70); Leah Chanin (1970-72); and Pearl Von Allmen (1972-74). We now have over 200 members, and we continue to grow at a steady pace.

Because of the corresponding growth of AALL on a national basis, the need for programs of Continuing Education for Law Librarianship has increased. The Annual AALL Rotating Institutes conclude their third series in Los Angeles, in June. And the AALL Education Committee has made some major recommendations to the Executive Board regarding future Institutes. We have not seen these proposals yet, but we expect them to emphasize the importance of the Chapter Institute concept.

In this regard, the Southeastern Chapter is fortunate to have a number of well qualified law librarians who have offered their services in directing broad programs for our members, and a significant number of other AALL members from outside our Chapter area.

We were also co-hosts, with the American Society for Information Science, for a Seminar on Law and Information Technology, in October (1974); and we continue to provide a program for our members each August, meeting jointly with the Southeastern Law Teachers.

We have also begun planning for our "joint" Institute Program, in late March or early April (1976), with the Southwestern Chapter. And at our May business meeting, we will determine if we want to issue a formal invitation to the AALL Executive Board to hold the 1980 AALL Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

All of this means that the Chapter will be calling on all of its members to assist in some part of our activities. Undoubtedly, new members will be appointed to existing Committees - and some new Committees will be created. Please let your President know of your willingness to serve.

I look forward to seeing you at the Los Angeles AALL meeting in June (there will be Southeastern Chapter functions, so consult the Program for times and rooms); and the summer meeting, with the Southeastern Law Teachers, in New Orleans on the 24th and 25th of August.

William C. Younger

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