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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear SEAALL Members,

As a chapter president, you are offered a forum to communicate with the members of your chapter. This can be either a benefit or a burden. When you can use the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of this profession of ours, and how the chapter makes your professional life just that much richer, the words flow easily. But then there are times like this, when you are besieged on all sides. By patrons wanting information, by staff members disgruntled by your inability to control the temperature in the workplace, and by administrators who just can't understand why you need more than a 1% increase in your budget for the next fiscal year. At times like these, your thoughts are in whirl, and it's hard to find a unifying theme for a column like this one.

So, I won't. Instead I present you with a mis-mash of information and thoughts on both the chapter and our profession. First and foremost I would like to congratulate Lisa Williams and the Nominating Committee for the excellent slate of officers they are presenting to the membership. As our past president Carol Nicholson remarked, this is going to be a

hard choice, but this is good! Kudos also to Jim Heller and the Program Committee. Jim recently posted the program for the joint SEAALL/SWALL meeting on law-lib and it looks wonderful. I am sure that we all will have an enjoyable and educational time in Austin. As I said in my last column, SEAALL is a great chapter because of our dedicated, knowledgeable members. They are people who are willing to go that extra mile to be of service to their colleagues.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

The year continues to rapidly roll over. When you receive this, Thanksgiving will be over and Christmas, Hanukkah and the winter solstice will be coming right up. I have a lot to be thankful for this year--a great job, a great place to live, terrific people in Tallahassee, SEAALL and AALL to work with. All in all, 1995 has been a vintage year for me and I hope for you, too. Let's all hope that 1996 is just as good or better! The joint SEAALL-SWAALL conference should be wonderful. We'll have a lot of information about it in the January 1996 issue.

And then there will be 1997 and SEAALL will be in Tallahassee. As an enthusiastic convert to the charms of our fair city, you can expect to hear about our canopy roads, restaurants, and parks until then!

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### SEAALL NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Winter	-	January 26, 1996
Spring	-	April 26, 1996
Summer -	July 26, 1996	
Fall	-	October 25, 1996

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
July 19, 1995 - September 30, 1995**

**OPENING BALANCE** **\$800.00**

**ADD INCOME**

Initial Transfer	\$11,502.51
Final Transfer	6,685.35
Late Registration for SEAALL meeting	156.84
Dues	1,520.00
Interest	111.09

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$19,975.79**

**\$20,775.79**

**DEDUCT EXPENSES**

Reimbursement to VALL for late registration	\$39.21
National Conference delegates' reimbursement	
Dan O'Hanlon	350.00
James A. Nelson	460.00
Checks	13.25
Newsletter Printing	362.25
Newsletter Mailing	124.69

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$1,349.40**

**CLOSING BALANCE**

**Cash at Bank** **\$19,426.39**

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Earl Boaz  
Treasurer

## **SEALL BRIEFS**

**Compiled by Carol A. Watson  
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The joint SEAALL/SWALL Annual Meeting will convene in Austin, Texas March 28-30, 1995. The Meeting's theme is "Beyond Boundaries: Law Libraries Linking to the World's Information." Program co-chairs are Rick Ducey, Director of Law Library and Associate Professor of Law, Taliaferro Savage Library, University of Tulsa School of Law, and Jim Heller, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, Marshall-Wythe Law Library, College of William and Mary. Kay Schlueter, Directory, Texas State Law Library, will serve as local arrangements chair.

Wes Cochran, Director, Texas Tech University School of Law Library will present a special pre-conference institute on Time Management beginning on the morning of the 28th. Registration for the SEALL/SWALL meeting will begin later that afternoon. The COSELL and SEALL boards will meet in late afternoon, as will the various COSELL Roundtables. The annual meeting itself will begin with an opening reception at 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening.

SEALL/SWALL will offer fifteen programs on Friday and Saturday, plus a plenary session and keynote address. The wide-range of programs cover historical development of American law, technology issues, international trade and business, and many other topics.

Kay Schlueter will mail materials about the complete program, as well as registration forms, in early January. We hope to keep registration in the neighborhood of \$100.00

## **ALABAMA**

Brenda K. Jones has joined the staff of the Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library at the Cumberland School of Law of Samford University in the position of Reference Librarian for Evening/Weekend Services. Brenda has a B.S. degree in Accounting from Mississippi State University, a J.D. degree from the University of Houston, and an M.L.I.S. degree from Louisiana State University. She practiced law for several years before deciding to pursue a career in law librarianship. She has been admitted to practice in Colorado, Louisiana, and Texas.

## **FLORIDA**

At Stetson University College of Law, a 59,000 sq. ft. Legal Information Center has been approved by the Board of Trustees. Construction will begin in January 1997 and the building will be ready for occupancy in the summer of 1998. The existing library will be remodeled for administrative offices and other purposes.

Roman Yoder, Assistant Librarian for Technical Services, Charles A. Dana Law Library, Stetson University College of Law, will retire on December 31, 1995. A national search for his replacement will be conducted.

The Stetson University College of Law is now networked and each staff member has Internet and e-mail on the desktop. This is BIG NEWS! Individuals at Stetson University College of Law can be reached at [ename]@hermes.law.stetson.edu. The individual's last name is the ename.

Mark G. Giangrande has joined the staff of St. Thomas University Law Library in Miami, as Director of Automation Services and Assistant Director of the Law Library. He is also director of automation services for the law school. Previous to this

he was at the University of Texas Law Library on a fellowship, working on an MLIS while on leave from the Law Library at Loyola University of Chicago, where he was computer/reference librarian for eight years. His J.D. is from Northwestern University. Mark writes the Law Library Hi-Tech column in the AALL Newsletter.

On June 9th, the South Florida Association of Libraries (SFALL) chapter of AALL installed officers for 1995/96. New officers are Beatrice Citron, Assistant Director/Head of Public Services at St. Thomas University Law Library in Miami, President; John McNeill, Circulation Librarian at St. Thomas University Law Library, Vice President/President Elect; and Brian Williams, a librarian at the University of Miami Law Library, Secretary. Clare Donnelly, Reference Librarian at the University of Miami, is Treasurer. Patric Kehoe, President Elect of AALL, was the guest speaker at the installation at the City Club of Miami.

### **GEORGIA**

The University of Georgia Law Library and Georgia State University Law Library are part of GALILEO, a statewide initiative to improve information access in college and university libraries in the state of Georgia. One of the components of GALILEO is a web homepage accessible to all academic libraries in the University System of Georgia. The web page provides access to more than fifty different databases from ABI Inform to MLA to Geobase to Social Science Index. The GALILEO homepage contains more than 400 full text periodicals. It also contains direct links to all the automated academic library catalogs in the University System of Georgia.

Dr. James M. Whitehead, Reference/Collection Management Librarian, University of Georgia Law Library, will retire on December 31, 1995.

### **NORTH CAROLINA**

The Duke University School of Law is pleased to announce the publication of its homepage on the World Wide Web.

Information regarding all departments of the law school including the law library and computing are available on the Web. To access: <http://www.law.duke.edu> Melissa Mills has joined the Duke Law Library staff as Library Assistant in cataloging.

Sandy Thomas, Serials Assistant, Duke Law Library and rising opera star made a recital debut in Carnegie Hall in September.

Dick Danner, Associate Dean for Library and Computing Services, Duke University School of Law, attended the annual meeting of the International Association of Law Libraries in Vienna, Austria.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Rebecca Frank, Director, Pinellas County Law Library--St. Petersburg Branch, 545 First Ave. N., Rm. 500, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

### **UPDATE ON SEAALL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ACTIVITIES**

Worried about budget cutbacks in Southeastern Chapter states that might affect library services and information dissemination and access? If so, the 1995-96 SEAALL Government Relations

Committee is anxious to work with you to monitor and respond to these and other actions affecting libraries. The Committee has one individual who is monitoring library and information dissemination and access issues for each of the states in the Southeastern Chapter. Your help is necessary, however. Please forward any information that you have to the persons listed below.

Alabama	Timothy L. Coggins 205-348-5927 tcoggins@ua1vm.ua.edu
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The Committee continues to work on two special projects. Kelly Browne of the University of Tennessee is heading a subgroup of the GRC to develop a SEAALL Government Relations Policy. The policy should be ready for the SEAALL Board's review at the March Board meeting. Sandra Dyer of the University of North Carolina is chairing a subgroup to write and produce a "lobbying" brochure, which will provide helpful hints about contacting state and local government officials. If you have any comments about either of these two special projects, please contact Kelly or Sandra or Tim Coggins (phone numbers and e-mail addresses are noted above).

Don't forget - call us, write us, e-mail us. Help the Committee deal with government information dissemination and access issues in your state.

Timothy L. Coggins, Chair  
Government Relations Committee

## BOOK DRIVE FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Recent hurricanes in the Virgin Islands have destroyed law offices and left law libraries in ruins. David Whittington, Esq., a shareholder with the South Carolina law firm of Sinkler & Boyd, P.A., is the ABA/Young Lawyer's Division District Rep for South Carolina and the U.S. Virgin Islands. He is coordinating a book drive to assist legal professionals in the Virgin Islands in rebuilding their law libraries. All types of

books are needed, from *Black's Law Dictionary* to reporters to treatises on all legal topics. If you have items that you would like to donate, please fax or email your list to Anne Jennings in the law library at Sinkler & Boyd's Charleston, SC, office. She will match up donors with recipients in the Virgin Islands, and will tell you how to proceed with the donation.

Fax: 800/216-3962

Email: [ljennings@reach.com](mailto:ljennings@reach.com)

Many thanks for sharing.

## CANDIDATES FOR SEAALL OFFICES

The following are selected bios for the SEAALL candidates. Complete bios will be included with the ballots, which will be mailed in January, 1997.

### SECRETARY

**Name:** Ann A. Atwater

**Seeking Office:** Secretary

**Employer:** Maguire, Voorhis & Wells, P.A.

**Education:** M.L.S., Syracuse University, 1985

**SEAALL Committee Involvement:** Publicity & Public Relations Comm., 1995-96; Program Comm., 1993-94

**SEAALL Presentations:** Speaker, SEAALL Annual Meeting 1991 -- Records Management of Special Collections.

**SEAALL Publications:** The Law Firm Librarian's Role in Continuing Education for Attorneys, *16 Southeastern L. Libr.*, Winter 1990, at 11.

### SECRETARY

**Name:** Connie Matzen

**Seeking Office:** Secretary

**Employer:** Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan, L.L.P.

**Education:** M.L.S., Univ. of California at Berkeley, 1974

**SEAALL Committee Involvement:** Scholarship Comm., 1995-96; Local Arrangements, Chair, 1994; Annual Meeting Membership Comm., Chair, 1991-92; Publicity and Public Relations Comm., 1990-91; Program Comm., 1987-88; Scholarship Comm., Chair, 1986-87

**SEAALL Presentations:** Speaker, SEAALL Annual Meeting, 1994. Making the Right Decision. (Flying Solo Pt.II: Advanced Topics Panel Member); Speaker, SEAALL Annual Meeting, 1992. Budget and Staff Cuts: A Consideration of the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.

**Other SEAALL Activities:** SEAALL Annual Meeting 1995 - Poster Session

### VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

**Name:** Alva T. Stone

**Employer:** Florida State University Law Library

**Education:** MLS, Florida State University, 1974; BA, Florida State University, 1973

**SEALL Committee Involvement:** Secretary, 1990-1992; Chair, Nominating Committee, 1993/94; Member, Program Committee, 1995/96 & 1989/90; Member, Scholarship Committee, 1988/89

# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES CALL FOR PAPERS

## PURPOSE

The AALL Call for Papers Committee seeks submission of papers for its annual competition. The objectives of the contest are threefold: 1) to promote scholarship among practicing law librarians in areas of interest to the profession; 2) to provide a creative outlet for law librarians and a forum for their scholarly activities; and 3) to recognize the scholarly efforts of established members, new members, and potential members of AALL.

The winners of the competition will be recognized during award ceremonies at the Closing Banquet of the annual meeting. Co-authors of winning papers will share the award. Winners are given the opportunity to present the paper at the annual meeting of the Association. The paper will be forwarded to the Editor of the *Law Library Journal* for publication consideration.

## ELIGIBILITY

**OPEN DIVISION:** Current AALL members who have been members for five or more years.

**NEW MEMBERS DIVISION:** Current AALL members who have been members of AALL for fewer than five years.

**STUDENT DIVISION:** Currently enrolled in library or a law school. Students need not be members of AALL.

No paper which has been published, or accepted for publication before April 15, 1996, in a journal other than *Law Library Journal*, will be eligible for consideration.

## SUBSTANTIVE REQUIREMENTS

Papers must be original works. Papers submitted for courses are acceptable provided they otherwise comply with the requirements of this contest. The papers may address any subject relevant to law librarianship. The papers may be scholarly or practical in substance and tone; the subject should be explored in depth with appropriate reference to sources and documentation of assertions. Submissions for the Student Division should also include a supporting letter from an instructor at the institution at which the student is enrolled (preferably the supervising faculty members for the paper).

Submissions will only be accepted in one division. To encourage wider participation, authors may win only twice in the same division (different years).

## FORM REQUIREMENTS

The papers must be double spaced with one and one-half (1 1/2) inch margins. Citation and style must conform to the requirements outlined in *Law Library Journal*, "Author's Guide."

Each Submission must be accompanied by triplicate copies of a cover letter describing the purpose of the paper and research methodologies, a short abstract, and a completed Application form. Papers, applications, cover letters, abstracts (and instructor's letters) must be submitted in triplicate to the name and address noted on the Application form.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

50% - Significance, originality, usefulness to law librarians, analysis, depth of discussion, and comprehensiveness of treatment.

30% - Organization, manner of presentation, writing and readability.

20% - Grammar, punctuation, citation form, satisfaction of submission requirements (i.e. triplicate copies of abstract, cover letter, supporting letter, paper, etc.)



**PROCEDURE**

To be eligible for an award, submitted papers, together with all required supporting documents, must be postmarked by April 15, 1996 and received by April 22, 1996. All decisions of the Committee regarding eligibility will be final.

Papers will be reviewed by the Call for Papers Committee: Peter Schanck, University of Kansas Law Library (Chair); Edward Benefiel, Phelps Dunbar; Katharine Ewing, CUNY Law School Library.

Winning papers will be selected by Tuesday, April 30, 1996. A maximum of three awards may be given in one division or a combination of divisions. PREFERENCE will be given to awarding one prize in each division.

**Application Form  
AALL Call for Papers**

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Open \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Student

Submit by postmark Monday, 15 April 1996 (papers must be received by Monday, April 22, 1996) with three copies of your paper, abstract, cover letter (and instructor's letter) to:

Peter C. Schanck  
University of Kansas School of Law Library, Green Hall, Lawrence, Kansas 66045

For further information about the Call for Papers Competition, call 913/864-9261.

Submission of papers constitutes a copyright license to the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) to publish and/or reprint the winning papers should AALL choose to do so. By submitting the paper, the entrants represent that they have the right to grant the license. By submitting the paper, the entrants certify that they are either currently a practising law librarian and an AALL member or pursuing a master of library science degree or equivalent at an ALA accredited library school or that they are pursuing a juris doctoral degree at an ABA accredited law school. The AALL reserves the right to confirm that the entrants are qualified to enter the competition.

President's column, continued from p. 1

As for our profession, are we misunderstood or what? US News announces to the world that librarians have only recently discovered the use of computers and technology. I guess I must have been hallucinating that 20 some years ago I recall using advanced (for that time) technology in the libraries I patronized and in which I worked. Is it just me, or do the rest of you feel that librarians, as a group, have always enthusiastically embraced technology. Aside from the "pencil necked geeks" (with apologies to all the Computer Service Librarians out there) we were the first group of people to become excited about the growth of computers and the allied technologies. The technical people raved about the ease of storage and retrieval of material, and how so much more could be stored in an ever smaller space. It was the librarians who grasped what this would mean for the people who needed to use this material.

And speaking of our profession being mis-understood, don't you think that sometimes we go out of our way to make ourselves look bad? I refer of course to two of the silliest threads in recent memory on law-lib: the Saturn commercial and KNOTTING. Saturn is a company that is known for the use of, if not exactly humor, then whimsy, in its commercials. To react to those commercials as many did, makes ALL librarians come off as humorless stuffed shirts. I agree that stereotypes are bad, and may even harm our credibility with the "powers-that-be." I just think we should save our ire for the implied stereotypes, like the U.S. News article and the Baker & McKenzie firings. Actions that imply that librarians are uneducated about and/or

unimportant to the delivery of information services in the modern world. Ones that attack our competence, not our personalities. As for the knitting thread, I can only offer to those knitters among us the wonderful come-back supplied by my 5 year old daughter under similar circumstances. I.e., I was chiding her for drawing at a time when she should have been paying strict attention to something being said - "Mom, I listen with my ears, not my fingers."

Looking over what I've written, I see, even if no one else does, a unifying thought behind my words. We can be our own best friends, or our own worst enemies. When we work together, as we do in SEAALL, there is no end to the wonderful, worthwhile things we accomplish. And by doing that, we can defeat those, both inside and outside our profession, who would discount our worth and abilities.

*Joyce*

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# FREE MONEY!

## AALL SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Type I: LIBRARY DEGREE FOR LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Awarded to a graduate of an accredited law school who is a degree candidate in an accredited library school. Preference is given to AALL members, but scholarships are not restricted to members. Preference in selection is given to persons with meaningful law library experience. Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

### **Type II: LIBRARY SCHOOL GRADUATES ATTENDING LAW SCHOOL**

Awarded to a library school graduate who is in the process of working toward a law degree in an accredited law school, who has no more than 36 semester (54 quarter) credit hours of study remaining before qualifying for the law degree, who has meaningful law library experience. Preference is given to members of AALL, but scholarships are not restricted to members. Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

### **Type III: LIBRARY DEGREE FOR NON-LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Awarded to a college graduate with meaningful law library experience who is a degree candidate in an accredited library school. Preference in selection is given to persons with meaningful law library experience. Preference is given to applicants working for degrees with emphasis on courses in law librarianship. Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

### **Type IV: SPECIAL COURSE IN LAW LIBRARIANSHIP**

Awarded to Librarians for a course related to law librarianship. Scholarship restricted to members of AALL. Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

### **THE GEORGE A. STRAIT MINORITY STIPEND**

\$3500 awarded to a member of a minority group who is a college graduate with meaningful library experience who is a degree candidate in either an accredited library or law school. Preference is given to applicants with previous experience or interest in law librarianship. Applicants must show evidence of financial need.

Application Forms are available after September 1, 1995; applications must be received by March 1, 1996 and awards are made shortly thereafter. Please write to the address below, indicating which type of scholarship application you would like, with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

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American Association of Law Libraries  
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Chicago, IL 60604

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