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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I began writing this column, I suddenly realized that this will be my last "Message from the President." It seems to me, at least, that my presidency is over almost as quickly as it began. You may recall that last year, SEAALL amended its articles and bylaws to alter the date that newly elected officers are installed in office. This year, Jim Heller will assume the presidency of SEAALL and a new secretary will be installed at the SEAALL business meeting in Austin. The reason for this change is twofold. First, by changing officers before the AALL Annual Meeting, the proper people are notified of the various events that are held for chapter officers during that meeting. As an example, AALL holds an excellent leadership training seminar for chapter presidents every year. Since Jim will be taking office in March, AALL will send him, instead of me, all of the information about this meeting. The second reason is that it seemed to make sense to the Executive Board that SEAALL officers be installed at a SEAALL meeting.

Because of this new time table, two things should have already happened. You should have already received your SEAALL ballots. If you have not done so yet, I urge you to fill out your ballot and return it to Rhea. I think the nominating committee did an outstanding job, and now it is our turn to

participate in the process. You will also find in this issue a committee volunteer form. In the past, this form was mailed with the dues notice. Please fill this out and send it in to Jim Heller. Filling all of the SEAALL committees is a daunting task (I speak from experience!) and it is much, much easier if you have plenty of volunteers. Unlike AALL, I can just about guarantee that if you volunteer for a SEAALL committee you will be placed. Maybe not on your committee of first choice, but definitely there will be a place for you.

Finally, I hope to see many of you at the joint SEAALL/SWALL meeting in Austin. Or, as the SWALL people insist on calling it, the joint SWALL/SEAALL meeting. The joint program committee did an outstanding job, presenting us with a conference that has something for everyone.

Joyce

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EDITOR'S NOTE

I'm all set to visit Austin at the end of March--I can hardly wait! Information about the program is in the center of this issue. Check out the Austin websites listed on p.8. There are things to do, places to go, restaurants and clubs, and other interesting and/or useful information.

See you in Austin!

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 October 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995

OPENING BALANCE		\$19,426.39
ADD INCOME		
Dues Interest	\$ 1,250.00 189.02	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,439.02	
		\$20,865.41
DEDUCT EXPENSES		
Dues reminder notice mailing S.E.A.A.L.L. scholarship mailing Dues reimbursement - double payment Newsletter Printing - Vol. 21, no. 1 Newsletter Mailing - Vol. 21, no. 1	\$ 186.80 481.95 100.00 306.74 134.85	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,210.34	
CLOSING BALANCE Cash at Bank		\$19,655.07

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Earl Boaz Treasurer

TBALINK:

The Tennessee Bar Association's Link to the 21st Century

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TBALink is the story of a half a dozen determined, energetic young lawyers who, with a "you never know until you ask" attitude and their bar association president's strong support, created a valuable professional service unique on the Internet. In June 1994 the Tennessee Bar Association (TBA) established a new Law Office Technology & Management Section. By August 1995 the Section, with the help of the University of Tennessee College of Law, the Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts, the Tennessee Supreme Court Clerk, and a generous, enthusiastic (as in money cannot buy this kind of enthusiasm), computer consultant, had created a Web site with information about the TBA, links to other law-related sites, and, what makes it unique among the eight (as of this writing) bar association web pages, Tennessee appellate court opinions.

As soon as the Law Office Technology & Management Section was formed its members, Stuart James, the chair and a Chattanooga attorney, Jim Moore, a Knoxville attorney, Robin Atwood, TBA Program Director, Paul Billings, a Memphis attorney, Bill Ramsey, a Nashville attorney, and Lucian Pera, a Memphis attorney, began to brainstorm about an Internet presence for the TBA. At first they considered purchasing space on Lexis Counsel Connect or America On Line, or establishing a bulletin board. But then Lee Riggs, a Knoxville computer consultant (who is also Jim Moore's brother-in-law) introduced Moore to the World Wide Web, and the rest, as they say, is history. Moore, a University of Tennessee undergraduate and law school alum, discovered that the University of Tennessee Computing Center had a program that helped nonprofit and educational entities establish themselves on the Internet. The Computing Center suggested that the law school might be interested in the project. It was. College of Law Dean Richard Wirtz, Library Director Bill Beintema, and Computer and Network Services Manager Bill Hodges helped the project gain approval all the way up to the University system's Senior Vice President. The College of Law was committed to providing the TBA with Internet access free of charge. The Law Office Technology & Management Section submitted a budget to the TBA Board of Governors, which, with TBA President Howard Vogel's enthusiastic approval, funded the proposal.

Meanwhile, Moore was busy drumming up content for the web site. He visited the Supreme Court clerk's office in Knoxville and learned that Charles Farrell, Court Administrator, had installed a wide-area network a few months before and had even experimented with an Administrative Office of the Courts web site (http://www.tsc.state.tn.us/)! Moore and Stuart James met with Farrell and Cecil Crowson, the Tennessee Supreme Court Clerk, and with their recommendation the

Tennessee Supreme Court agreed to supply what would become TBALink with Tennessee Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Criminal Court of Appeals opinions as soon as they were handed down, free of charge. Lee Riggs, TBALink's computer consultant, puts the opinions on the web. Riggs expects to have the decisions in word-searchable form by March or April.

TBALink, which hosted about 1000 users in December (the numbers grow 15-20% a month) now has an agreement with the Tennessee attorney general's office (thanks to George Dean, a Nashville attorney, who was also responsible for convincing the TBA Litigation section to allow TBALink to post the Tennessee Rules of Evidence) and the Board of Professional Responsibility (thanks to Lance Bracy, chief disciplinary counsel of the Board) to post their opinions in word-searchable form. They expect to post the Tennessee Bar Journal in word-searchable form in the next few months, and plans are in the works to obtain the Tennessee Code. Lucian Pera, author of the TBA Ethics Handbook, is working to get it on line. Bill Ramsey is working with the state to get information from the legislature and Secretary of State on line. TBALink and the College of Law are also working together to develop "Placement Link," which will provide law students and TBA members with information about prospective employers and employees.

Anyone with a web browser can reach TBALink's home page at http://www.tba.org and check on the latest TBA CLE offerings, the opinion abstract archives, and TBA members' web pages. For \$25 a year TBA members (\$75 for non-members; student TBA members pay nothing) have access to a number of valuable "links," including "TBA Member Link," which allows subscribers to search the TBA directory, "Forum Link," which enables users to join in on e-mail discussions with other TBA members on many areas of practice, and "Judicial Link," which will permit subscribers to word-search Tennessee appellate court opinion abstracts. TBALink subscribers can then access the TBALink server to retrieve a copy of the entire opinion in WordPerfect 6.0 form.

TBALink members may also access the opinions by "Opinion Flash," "Opinions by Checkbox," or "Opinions by Keyword," which are, for a limited time, free to anyone. Opinion Flash provides the names of the parties, counsel of record, and the first paragraph of every opinion by e-mail. Opinions by Checkbox allows a user to simply check the opinions he or she wishes to receive on each day's Opinion Flash and reply by e-mail. The full text of the requested opinion is delivered by e-mail within 15 minutes. Opinions by Keyword allows users to request that TBALink compare all new opinions with a list of chosen keywords. Each night the full text of any new opinion that matches the keywords is sent to the user's e-mail address automatically. All you need to access Tennessee appellate decisions via Opinion Flash, Opinions by Checkbox, or Opinions by Keyword is an e-mail account. To subscribe send a message to opinion-flash@tba.org. In the subject line type "subscribe." Leave the body of the message blank.

TBALink is also offering, for a limited time, all TBA members a free 100K (large enough for a 1 page resume and picture) World Wide Web Page. TBALink offers a more complex home page (up to 1 MB of disk space on the TBALink server) for \$250 a year. For TBA members needing web page creation assistance, TBALink can create the page for a one-time setup fee of \$75.00 per hour. To Join TBALink point your WWW browser to http://www.tba.org/join.html/ and complete the application, or call the TBA at 1-800-899-6993.

JOINT SEAALL/SWALL ANNUAL MEETING AT AUSTIN, TEXAS ON MARCH 28-30, 1996

Make plans to enjoy Spring in Central Texas at the joint SWALL-SEAALL Annual Meeting. Program chairs, Rick Ducey and Jim Heller, have planned a varied program around the theme: "Beyond Boundaries: Law Libraries Linking the World's Information."

The meeting will officially kick-off with a reception on Thursday afternoon. Members are also encouraged to attend Wes Cochran's "Time Management Institute" on Thursday, beginning at 8:00 a.m. After a full schedule of meetings on Friday, conference attendees will choose from a variety of activities on Friday night that showcase some of the food and entertainment options that make Austin a popular spot with visitors.

The joint SEAALL-SWALL Annual meeting will convene in Austin, Texas, March 28-30, 1996. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Registration information was mailed to SEAALL and SWALL members during January. If you are interested in attending and have not received the materials by February 1st, contact local arrangements chair:

Kay Schlueter, Director, Texas State Law Library (512) 963-1722 or ulcg001@access.texas.gov

Submitted by Beatrice Citron, SEAALL Liaison for Local Arrangements

A Texas Welcome

1995 Visitors Guide

published in Austin, Texas: Live Music Capital of the World

Any first time visitor to Austin expecting the dusty, flat brown prairie of Texas lore is in for a surprise. It is a graceful city of wooded hills, tall trees and period architecture amid a bustling, modern metropolis. The 32,000-square mile Texas Hill Country begins on Austin's western rim. By many measuring sticks, Austin is one of America's most lively business, cultural and intellectual hubs. In the last decade, its entreprenurial and high-tech economic vigor, the musicians who launch major music careers here, and its ecological policies have brought widespread recognition to the city.

There is much to see, to do, and to explore in Austin and its environs.

A temperate climate encourages al fresco music and theater programs, shopping markets, festivals, bazaars and patio dining during Austin's milder months. Thirty miles of urban hike-and-bike trails, 172 city parks, 18 golf courses, nine wilderness areas and more than 11,000 acres of park land offer quiet refuge in a city of half a million. Texas' fourth largest natural spring, Barton Springs, is three miles from Austin's downtown business district.

As the capital city of Texas and home of a major U.S. research university, as well as four other colleges and universities, Austin's political and intellectual stature attracts millions of visitors each year to the LBJ Presidential Library, the University of Texas's permanent collection and the Texas State Capitol.

A magnet for creative souls, Austin has, through the years, given rise to a live music culture where many popular rock-'n-roll, blues, jazz and country and western singers like Willie Nelson got their start. The city's 100-plus music clubs showcase local, national and international talent nightly. A traditional and avant garde visual and performing arts community bring acclaimed legends...

(Editor's note: We could go on. But why? Let's all go to Austin in the Spring and see for ourselves.)

Joint SEAALL/SWALL Program

Pre-Conference Time Management Institute (presented by Wes Cochran) (Special registration required). Thursday, March 28, 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

Registration for Annual Meeting
Tours of Austin Libraries
COSELL Board Meeting
SEAALL Executive Board Meeting
SWALL Executive Board Meeting
SEAALL and SWALL Committee Meetings
COSELL Computer Services Roundtable
COSELL Public Services Roundtable
COSELL Technical Services Roundtable
Opening Reception

Friday, March 29

7:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Registration		
7:30 - 9:30 a.m.	SEAALL and SWALL Breakfasts and Business Meetings		
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Plenary Session		
10:45 - noon	Concurrent Programs - A		
	A-1. Colonial and Spanish Influence on the Development of Early American Law		
·	A-2. Selling Space in Cyberspace: Justifying and Planning for Space in the 21st Century		
	A-3. Fostering Connections with Other Organizations		
Noon - 1:45 p.m.	Lunch and Keynote Address		
2:00 - 3:15	Concurrent Programs - B		
	B-1. NAFTA and the Environmental Side Accord: The Sources of Law		
	B-2. Collection Development in the Information Age		
	B-3. Designing a Home Page on the Web: Helping to Market the Library		

Friday, March 29, continued

3:45 - 5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Programs - C

C-1. Mexican and Latin American Legal Resources: A Blueprint for the Researcher

C-2. CD-ROM Networking: If I Knew Then What I Know Now

C-3. Security and Privacy in Cyberspace

5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

SEAALL and SWALL Committee Meetings

6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Experience Austin (on your own)

Saturday, March 30

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Registration

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Concurrent Programs - D

D-1. Who Owns the Land? Property Rights, Environmental Concerns, and Governmental Involvement

D-2. Business Information: A Blueprint for the Researcher

D-3. Presidential Libraries

10:45 - noon

Concurrent Programs - E

E-1. Native American Influences on American Law

E-2. New Paradigms in Information Service and Delivery; Serving Users at Remote Locations

E-3. Technical Services Workstations for the 21st Century

Austin City WebSites

http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/

The City of Austin's official site. Look at "Around and About Austin."

http://www.tech.net/

Tech.Net's Austin Information Center has entertainment and dining information, including reviews of selected restaurants. Did you know that Austin has the world's largest urban bat colony? Go down to the Congress Avenue Bridge and see 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats fly off for dinner at sunset. For more information on the bats, look at: http://atlantis.austin.apple.com/people.pages/cmccabe/congress.html

http://www.awpi.com/AustinAxis/index.html

Austin Axis, by Austin Web Publishing, Inc., has links to many Austin entertainment venues. Death and the Maiden will be at the Live Oak Theatre while we're in town. Check out the theatre at www.io.com/~jamshid/LiveOak.html.

http://www.law.utexas.edu/library/library.html

Visit Tarlton Law Library, at the University of Texas at Austin, in Austin and in cyberspace.

http://www.tristero.com/usa/tx/austin/

A site with excellent links: Check out *The Austin Chronicle* and a website called *The Home of Everything that's Cool in Austin, Texas.*

COSELL CORNER

by Deborah Mayo Jefferies

The COSELL Board of Directors met during the AALS annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, on January 5, 1996. The following items were discussed and will be presented for your approval at the annual meeting in Austin, Texas.

GUIDELINES FOR THE EVALUATION OF SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING PROPOSALS

The funding of special projects will be based on the following criteria:

- 1. The general benefits derived by COSELL libraries in particular and by law libraries in general by the particular venture.
- 2. The number of institutions involved in the project, including geographical location and types of law libraries.
- 3. The time frame of the project, including completion date, if any.

Examples of projects include WEB pages of various sorts, librarian exchange programs, cooperative meetings, a pathfinder and library guide clearinghouse.

All members will receive a copy of these guidelines and detailed instructions on how to apply for funding prior to the annual meeting.

COSELL MISSION STATEMENT AND STRATEGIC PLAN

The following mission statement and goals will be presented at the annual meeting for your approval.

MISSION

To promote cooperative endeavors among the law school libraries of the Southeastern United States in order to advance the educational mission of its institutions.

GOALS

- 1. Assist members to develop regional law library resources.
- 2. Facilitate networking and exchange of ideas among members.
- 3. Maintain clearinghouse and distribution center for library documents and publications.



PLACEMENT NOTEBOOKS AVAILABLE IN AUSTIN

Are you an employer with a vacancy OR an individual seeking employment???

Represent your vacancy or yourself in the SEAALL Placement Notebook!

Send your position announcement or your resume to:

Nancy Deel Georgia State University College of Law Library P.O. Box 4008 Atlanta, GA 30302-4008

FAX: 404-651-1112 E-mail: lawnad@gsu.edu

The SEAALL Placement Committee will make this information available to all those attending the joint SWALL/SEAALL Annual Meeting in Austin, TX.

SEALL BRIEFS

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FLORIDA

Alva T. Stone, Head of Cataloging,
Florida State University Law Library, has been
named to the Editorial Board of the journal
Cataloging & Classification Quarterly. During
Spring 1996, she is also an adjunct professor for
the "Bibliographic Organization" course at the
FSU School of Library and Information Studies.

GEORGIA

Rhea A-L Ballard, Public Services
Librarian, Georgia State University College of
Law Library, co-authored Profiling Minority
Law Librarians: A Report on the 1992-93
Survey, 87 LLJ 247 (1995) with Dwight King,
Head of Research Services, Notre Dame Law
School Library; Helena Lai, Reference/
International Law Librarian, City University of
New York School of Law Library; and Grace
M. Milles, Reference Librarian, University of
California, Berkeley, School of Law Library.

The University of Georgia Law Library recently networked its CD-ROMs using the Logicraft system. The following CD-ROMs are now networked: West Georgia Cases and Statutes, West Georgia Digest, West Bankruptcy Materials, West U.S.C.A., Autographics Government Documents Index, Information Access Legaltrac and Michie Georgia Law on Disc.

KENTUCKY

Sue Burch, formerly Circulation/
Reference Librarian, is now the Public Services
Librarian at the University of Kentucky Law
Library.

LOUISIANA

Ed Edmonds, Library Director, Loyola University, moderated a program entitled "Management of Law School Automation and the Impact on Libraries," presented at the AALS

Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, Friday, Jan. 5, 1996. SEAALL members were wellrepresented among the facilitators, who included William J. Beintema (Tennessee), Phil Berwick (George Mason), Albert Brecht (University of Southern California), Nancy Carol Carter (University of San Diego), C. Taylor Fitchett (University of Cincinnati), Trotter Hardy (William & Mary), Steve Hinckley (University of Richmond), Roger Jacobs (Notre Dame), Robin Mills (Emory), Bob Oakley (Georgetown), and Mickie A. Voges (Chicago-Kent). The facilitators led roundtable discussions on issues regarding the impact on libraries of law school automation activities. Participants could speak with various directors and educators at the revolving sessions during this presentation.

TENNESSEE

Steven R. Thorpe, Assistant
Professor/Head of Public Services, University of
Tennessee College of Law Library has written
an article titled Uncovering Legislative History
Sources in Tennessee, vol. 31, No. 3,
TENNESSEE BAR JOURNAL (May/June 1995
issue). Many attorneys have commented that the
article is very helpful. In fact, many law firms
are making it mandatory reading for all new law
clerks.

VIRGINIA

Sarah K. Wiant, Law Library Director, Washington and Lee University, spoke on "Copyright and the Electronic Media," at an October workshop of the New York/New Jersey Medical Library Association. She will address the same subject at Computers in Libraries '96. In November Professor Wiant spoke before the Urban Libraries Council, in New York, on the topic, "Common Ground: Public Libraries, Publishers, and Publishing."

AALL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The AALL Nominations Committee has begun the process of identifying possible candidates for the 1997 AALL election. Candidates are needed for the office of Vice-President/President Elect and two Executive Board members.

The Committee to the best of its ability must present a slate of candidates that reflects the diversity of AALL's membership. Candidates must along with currently elected officers maintain a balance as to library type, geography, gender, and minority representation.

Each AALL member is encouraged to submit names to be considered for potential candidacy. Please do so by writing any member of the Nominations Committee or AALL Headquarters by April 15, 1996.

Members of the 1996 Nominations Committee are:

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catalog Librarian University of Alabama School of Law

The University of Alabama School of Law is seeking a Catalog Librarian to catalog and classify library materials in order to provide bibliographic access to the library collection. The position requires an ALA-accredited M.L.S.; knowledge of Library of Congress classification, AACR2, MARC and OCLC; one year experience, preferably with an integrated library system.

SALARY: The minimum salary is \$23,757 with substantial benefits.

TO APPLY: Send resume, including social security number and the names and addresses of three references, no later than March 15, 1996, to Timothy L. Coggins, Director & Associate Professor of Law, Box 870383, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0383. Inquiries may be directed to Timothy L. Coggins at 205-348-5927 or tcoggins@ualvm.ua.edu.

The University of Alabama is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Women, minorities, veterans and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Requests for reasonable accommodation during the application and/or interview process should be made to J. Noah Funderburg, Box 870383, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0382, 205-348-4508.

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