FROM THE PRESIDENT

Before getting on to the "business" part of this letter, a big thanks for all those who helped make the joint SEAALL/SWALL meeting in Austin a success. Program Co-chair Rick Ducey, Local Arrangements co-chairs Kay Schlueter and Sally Harlow and the other members of the local arrangements committee, and, of course, the program coordinators, moderators, and speakers put together a terrific meeting that attracted nearly 300 registrants! Shall we do this again in 2001 in SEAALL territory?

Now onto the business. When the SEAALL Executive Board met in Austin we considered, among other matters, the state and future of our committees. Although some committees are very active, others are not. The Board discussed whether we really need all the committees we now have, and how we could invigorate those we do need. After considerable discussion, the Board made several changes to the SEAALL committee structure.

We are obligated by our bylaws to have only seven standing committees: Articles and Bylaws; Membership; Newsletter; Nominating; Placement; Program; and Scholarship. Over the years we added the Internet Coordinator, the Education Committee, the Government Relations Committee, and the Publicity and Public Relations Committee. With the exception of the Government Relations Committee, the Executive Board decided to abolish -- at least for the present time -- the remaining committees as independent entities. The charges of these committees were either re-assigned to one of the mandated committees, or the committees were consolidated. (The Service to SEAALL Committee is a special committee that is not affected by this restructuring). The changes are as follows:

1. The Internet Coordinator committee has been eliminated. Instead, we hope to include in The Southeastern Law Librarian a regular column dealing with Internet developments and other technology issues.

2. The Publicity and Public Relations Committee has been abolished, and its duties have become the responsibility of the Newsletter Committee. The Newsletter Committee, which already gathers and disseminates information regarding Chapter activities, is positioned well to promote SEAALL and its members.

3. The Education Committee and Publications Committees will merge into one committee called "Education and Publications." The Executive Board had earlier discussed eliminating the Education Committee (see the article on this subject in the Fall, 1995 Southeastern Law Librarian), and some discussion also was generated from a message posted on seaall-l in March, prior to the Annual Meeting in Austin.

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EDITOR'S NOTE
Another SEAALL annual meeting has come and gone. Austin, for those of you unable to attend, was lovely in the spring and no one I saw seemed even a day older!
The SEAALL local arrangements committee is already making terrific plans for next year's meeting in Tallahassee. I'm not going to say whether Tallahassee is my favorite place, having lived in eight other great places, but I will say it ranks right up there with the very best places to hang out and you ought to come visit us!

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Respectfully submitted,

Richard Earl Boaz
Treasurer
Guide to Indianapolis

by Patty Wellinger
University of Denver Law Library

Come to Indianapolis for the AALL Annual Meeting on July 20-25, 1996! This article will highlight some of the fun things to do while you are in the Hoosier state for the convention. Yes, there are some FUN activities available, despite the heat of July in Indiana.

Racing enthusiasts should plan a visit to the Hall of Fame Museum at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The museum displays racing memorabilia as well as modern and vintage automobiles.

Interested in learning more about famous Indiana residents? Visit the home of poet James Whitcomb Riley which was built in 1872. Or stop in at the Benjamin Harrison Home celebrating the life of America’s 23rd President of the United States.

The Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art contains paintings, drawings and sculpture beginning with the early 19th century and includes works by O’Keefe, Remington and Russell. The Indianapolis Museum of Art provides a wide range of permanent and rotating displays.

Stop by White River State Park for sports and recreation or to visit the 64 acre cageless Indianapolis Zoo. The zoo contains one of the world’s largest enclosed whale and dolphin pavilions.

Six miles north of Indianapolis in Noblesville is Conner Prairie, a living history museum which recreates the lives of the original Indiana settlers. Costumed interpreters bring the past to life as you explore the area.

About an hour’s drive south of the capital is the Bloomington / Nashville area. Bloomington is the home of Indiana University (and my favorite basketball team, the Indiana HOOSIERS). On the IU campus is the Lilly Library which contains rare books and manuscripts, including a copy of the 1453 Gutenberg bible.

While you are in the area, visit the Oliver Winery. Tours are available on Saturdays, or stop by the shop for a free sample. Brown County State Park is located in nearby Nashville, where arts and crafts shops flourish. The John Dillinger Museum provides some local color regarding the notorious outlaw.

For further details, check out a local tourism book and wander Indiana! (The author was an Indiana resident for 25 years).

It may seem hard to believe, but the AALL Annual Meeting in Indianapolis is only a few short months away. Preparations have been ongoing for a long time, but much still needs to be done to make this meeting a successful one. Volunteers are always needed to help with registration, the daily newspaper, and the Internet room, but these are by no means the only areas in which you can lend your time and talents. Assistance is also needed with AALL activities, the opening reception, the closing banquet, and other functions. If there is a specific activity that you would like to be involved with, please let me know. Thanks in advance for your help, and we will be looking forward to seeing you in Indianapolis this July!

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Editor’s note: I would like to thank Carol Watson for the wonderful job she has done as SEAALL Briefs editor for the last several years. It has been a great pleasure cutting and pasting from an e-mail message into the newsletter! Carol will be working for SEAALL in other ways and the work of preparing SEAALL Briefs will now fall on Susan L. Trask, Reference Librarian, College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe Law Library, South Henry Street, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795. Phone: 804-221-6351. Fax: 804-221-3051. Internet: slstras@mail.wm.edu.

Sue prefers to receive submissions for SEAALL Briefs via e-mail or on diskette, but will accept letters and faxes. Please check the deadline dates on page 2 of the newsletter and have your material to Sue at least a week before the deadline (that’s her deadline to me!). MMM

KENTUCKY
Sue Burch is Assistant Director/Administrative Librarian at the University of Kentucky Law Library and not Head of Public Services as reported in the last newsletter. We regret the error.

NORTH CAROLINA
Martha E. Thomas, formerly a Reference Librarian at the Wake Forest University Professional Center Library, has accepted the position of Law Librarian at Petree, Stockton, law firm, 1001 W. 4th Street; Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2400; 910-607-7300; mthomas@petree.com.

 TENNESSEE
Sandra Braber-Grove has accepted the position of Computer Services Librarian in the Law Library. She holds a B.A. from Loyola University of Chicago, an M.L.I.S. from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and J.D. from Drake University Law School. Most recently, Sandra was Computer Media Services and Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor at Northern Illinois University College of Law.

Reports of Scholarship Recipients:
SEAALL-SWALL Meeting

I am a first-time SEAALL meeting participant. My impressions are many but I would like to share a few with you. Being a SEAALL scholarship recipient enabled me to attend this meeting. I gained a lot of enthusiasm and respect for law librarianship due to the high quality of programs and people involved in this profession.

I migrated from school libraries to a junior college library and then to a law school library nearly four years ago. I received my M.L.S. in 1976. ERIC was the newest technology then and computers weren’t used until my junior college time. Technology hit me hard at the law library. As soon as I mastered one technology it changed! All of the meetings I attended, and especially the Plenary Session, were encouraging to me. I realized all of the librarians there face the same challenges I do, to keep on learning and re-tooling my skills, and never to get too comfortable in my job because it is going to change.

Thank you SEAALL Scholarship Committee and SEAALL members for giving me the opportunity to attend the Austin SWALL-SEAALL meetings!

“Times, they are a-changing” was evident during the Plenary Session Friday morning, March 29th, at the SWALL-SEAALL joint meeting in Austin, Texas. Dr. Yvonne Chandler’s informative speech addressing changing library schools’ curriculum was challenging to seasoned librarians. We were reminded that effective law librarians must commit to life-long and on-going learning. Continuing education seminars, workshops,
classes, professional meetings, reading and networking will keep us informed in a rapidly changing technological environment.

The ALA Standards for Law Librarians, as well as some independent surveys, listed essential competencies for law librarians. Of the ten skills listed by ALA, only four were traditional library skills. The competencies were divided into general, technical, and subjective categories. According to Dr. Chandler, librarians’ roles have expanded from information custodians to information adapters and communicators.

The Time Management Institute, led by Wes Cochran, provided helpful and practical suggestions for over-worked librarians. The exercises and handouts emphasized the need to plan and organize. The “red-dot in the corner” system to track the number of times a sheet of paper (order, project, etc.) is handled is particularly helpful.

Designing a Web Page, led by Phil Allred and Monica Ortale, was a timely session since most libraries have, or will soon have, web pages. Collection Development in the Information Age, CD-ROM Networking, and the Technical Services Workstation for the 21st Century provided useful, hands-on information librarians can easily adapt to our own situation and help bridge the technological changes we all face.

Joyce Ziegler, Acquisitions/GovDoc Librarian, Mississippi College School of Law Library

Last summer’s AALL conference was the first time that I had the opportunity to attend regional and SIS meetings. It was there that I discovered that each group has its own distinct personality and, of the ones I attended, I enjoyed the SEAALL meeting the most. Thus I was particularly pleased to find out that I had been awarded a grant by SEAALL and would be able to attend this year’s annual meeting in Austin.

The first session that I attended was Wesley Cochran’s Time Management program. The morning session provided a number of strategies for better prioritizing assignments and for using time more efficiently. One statement that really hit home was that most people spend too much time on things that are urgent but not important rather than non-urgent but important tasks such as research and long-term planning. While the afternoon session did not have much relevance for childless single persons like myself, the morning did make the overall program well worth its registration fee. Now, if I can just find the time to start saving time.

I certainly hope that I can use my time more efficiently because two of the programs have provided me with the inspiration and information to add some new projects to my list. The program “Designing a Web Page” came at just the right time. This is the semester that I have been bitten by the Internet bug, and I am eager to set up my own homepage. Our computer services is located on main campus, a twenty minute drive away, so there is not much opportunity to seek advice face to face. The program provided answers to many basic questions, and the handouts provided will be extremely useful. The lecture was at just the right level; detailed enough to educate and motivate, yet not so complex as to leave one feeling overwhelmed. I’m not sure which handout was more useful, the list of html commands or the copy of the computer screens from the program. I want to encourage all presenters to distribute copies of their computer screens. Not only does it allow the audience to listen fully without trying to take extensive notes, but the copies are wonderful to show to colleagues who had to attend other programs or who could not attend at all, but who have admonished us to fill them in on all they missed. Thanks to Mr. Allred’s forethought, I was able to do this with ease.

Due to a last minute schedule change I did not have to rely on another’s observations to find out about the “Collection Development in the Information Age” program. On this I count myself very lucky and thankful for other’s
Resolution of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries

The Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL) resolves to make known its appreciation and thanks to the Southwestern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SWALL) Local Arrangements Committee and its Co-Chairs, Kay Schlueter and Sally Harlow, for planning and implementing the outstanding meeting arrangements for the joint meeting of SWALL and SEAALL at Austin, Texas, March 27-30, 1996.

The Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries also resolves to make known its appreciation and thanks to the joint SWALL-SEAALL Program Committee and its Co-Chairs, Richard Ducey of SWALL and James Heller of SEAALL for planning and implementing an outstanding institute and program at the joint meeting of SWALL and SEAALL at Austin, Texas, March 27-30, 1996.

Submitted by Bea Citron and unanimously resolved by SEAALL membership on March 29, 1996.

Recalling Ann Atwater
by Mary Smith Forman

Our friend and colleague, Ann Atwater, passed away on February 28, 1996. After collapsing at work three and a half weeks earlier, Ann slipped into a coma and, after three and a half long weeks, her husband and children made the difficult choice to remove her from life support and let her go. After a private family service on February 29, the family took Ann to Greensboro, North Carolina, where she wanted to be laid to rest near her family. Ann is survived by her 98 year old mother, who is in a nursing home in Greensboro, her husband of 42 years, Gerald K. Atwater, Jr. (better known as Jerry), sons Scott, Douglas, John, three daughters-in-law, and, I believe, four grandchildren.

Ann was the Director of Library Services with the law firm of Maguire, Voorhis & Wells P.A. in Orlando, Florida. She had been the library director for almost 9 years.

Many of you knew Ann. For those of you who didn’t know her personally, you may remember seeing her at SEAALL meetings or at AALL and SEAALL receptions. She was short and petite — with a sort of pixie look about
her. Her eyes were always dancing - as if she were up to some mischief. And she always had a smile on her face. But Ann was probably known for always having her best friend and husband, Jerry, along for company. Now I know that some of our spouses come along occasionally. My husband, Mike, considers many of you all to be his very good friends when he shows up to events every few years. But Ann ALWAYS brought Jerry and he loved being a part of our crowd. But of course -- who couldn’t love law librarians?! I spoke to Jerry last Sunday and he told me that he and Ann were really looking forward to their trip to Austin and to give everyone his best.

Ann was born in Louisville, Kentucky. She spent her childhood in Greensboro, North Carolina and Norfolk, Virginia. After Ann and Jerry graduated from the College of William and Mary, Ann with a B.A. in English, they married and moved to upstate New York. Ann spent the next three decades raising their three sons and supporting Jerry in his banking career. After all the children were grown, Ann, looking for something to do that was "worthwhile," began working in the library at Syracuse University and started working on her M.L.S. She graduated in 1985 and later that year she and Jerry moved to Daytona Beach, Florida -- to get out of the cold weather! Ann worked briefly at the DuPont-Ball library at Stetson University in Deland, Florida, my alma mater and hometown. I think that may be part of the reason that Ann, Jerry, and I felt such a kinship. They knew many of the same people that I had known all my life and continue to see when I return -- folks from the Stetson community, from town, and at least one or two of my cousins. Deland is a pretty small town.

Ann responded to an ad in the Orlando Sentinel for a law librarian with a law firm. Not quite sure what she might be getting herself into, she responded to the ad. At her interview, one of the older, shall we say, gentlemen, said something like, "Well, don’t you look nice today? All dressed up in a suit." Ann smiled, with not only a twinkle, but also a little fire in her eyes, and replied, "Well, you look nice today, too!" Ann refused to be patronized. Well, suffice to say, Ann was offered the position, undoubtedly because of her ability to hold her own with the attorneys who interviewed her! Still not sure of what law firms were all about, she took a leave of absence from Stetson to try out the law firm life. It obviously suited her well -- Ann's first full time job as a librarian lasted 8 years and 10 months, until her death.

Ann worked very hard at her job and was always very proud to be a law librarian. She joined AALL and SEAALL immediately and volunteered within those organizations. Ann served on the AALL Awards Committee from 1993-95, the PLL Education Committee from 1994-1996, the SEAALL Program Committee from 1993-94, the SEAALL Publicity & Public Relations Committee from 1995-96, and was most recently a candidate for Secretary of SEAALL. She spoke at the 1991 SEAALL meeting on Records Management of Special Collections and was a speaker on How to use a law library at the 1989 Florida Shorthand Reporters Association annual meeting. But nearest and dearest to Ann’s heart were two other professional accomplishments. She was a primary initiator and participant in a state-wide conference, The Quest for Quality Legal Research Skills in Florida, which was held at the University of Florida College of Law in 1990. Betty Taylor and her staff organized the conference. I was fortunate to be one of the participants, as were many other practising attorneys and academics and private law librarians from around Florida. Why was Ann so interested in this conference? Because she was concerned about and cared so much about the new attorneys and summer associates at Maguire Voehis & Wells and their legal research skills or lack thereof. Another of Ann's proudest accomplishments was as a founding member of the Central Florida Library Consortium. Anyone who has worked to form a library consortium knows the amount of politics involved in this undertaking. The big players didn’t even want to include special libraries, much less law firm libraries (you mean law firms have libraries?), in the consortium. Ann was tenacious and worked tirelessly for the consortium. And she prevailed. Not only were law firm libraries included in the consortium, but Ann was elected to the first board of directors from 1990-94. And all of this came from a person who began her career outside the home in 1985!! What an accomplishment and what an inspiration Ann is to all of us!

On a personal level, the Orlando law librarians consisted of four members for many years: Ann, Kathy Heberer, Russell Gebet, and myself. Then the Orlando law firm library world grew by leaps and bounds when Holland & Knight added a law librarian to their Orlando staff. Kathy moved to H&K and Linda Fowlie moved from Steptoe & Johnson in Washington, D.C. to join our little world. We met at least monthly -- talking a lot of shop, comparing horror stories, making each other feel better, talking technology, wringing our hands over personnel issues, commiserating about records management, etc. But we also talked family. We knew about each other’s children, parents, trips, weddings, you name it. We got together at Christmas time and exchanged gifts. They even
all helped me to host a reception for the academic law librarians when AALS met in Orlando in 1994. Ann and Jerry drove over 50 miles, one way, to attend that reception and help out. What a wonderful group of colleagues and friends. Something that can never be replicated and something that I would never try to duplicate.

Those of us who knew Ann well will miss her terribly. Those of you who knew Ann through meetings or telephone calls will miss her, too. Those of you who never got to know or meet her have missed out on a treat. Ann was full of enthusiasm and great ideas. She was full of frustration at the way her law firm sometimes treated her and that they didn't seem to understand that she, too, was a professional, even though she didn't have a J.D. after her name. She was deeply committed, however, to both her law firm and her profession. She cared about doing the "right" thing. Ann had an extremely high service ethic. She cared about her patrons and her colleagues. She had about the greatest sense of humor around -- saw the bright side of every situation -- and tried to make us see it, too. Ann Atwater cared deeply about the profession of law librarianship and displayed the highest level of professionalism.

I am proud to have been Ann's friend and colleague. The Monday night before Ann passed away, I dreamed that she woke up and wanted to go back to work immediately. Fearing that my dream meant that Ann's condition had changed for the worse, I waited two days to call Jerry. It was on that Thursday morning that he confirmed that Ann had died the night before, on my father's 76th birthday. I believe that Ann came to say goodbye to me in that dream. There is no doubt in my mind that Ann was issued her wings immediately and is going about her business, barking orders (as all moms and law firm librarians do) with a twinkle in her eye. And I am sure that Ann is looking out for all of us and is with us now. We miss you, Ann. God bless you.

President's column, continued

The Education Committee was created five or six years ago to plan institutes for the Annual Meeting. (At one time the Board hoped that the Education committee could develop regional programming, but this hasn't happened for a variety of legitimate reasons). Recently, however, the Program Committee (under the direction of the SEAALL Vice President-President Elect) took over the responsibility for the institute. The Program Committee will continue to plan and oversee the institute.

The new restructured Education and Publications Committee, chaired by Hazel Johnson, has been charged to think creatively about programs and/or publications (such as bibliographic guides, pathfinders, and research guides) that will benefit our members. (The membership directory, which had been the responsibility of the Publications Committee, has been transferred to the Membership Committee.)

4. The Executive Board further decided to standardize the composition of the Articles and Bylaws Committee to ensure consistency of changes proposed for and made to our governing documents. The Immediate Past President (who will serve as chair), the President and the Vice-President/President-Elect will serve on this committee.

So, that's the news. I want to thank everyone who served on a SEAALL committee in 1995-96 for their contributions. I look forward to working with the new 1996-97 committees and with the membership at large.

P.S. For those going to Indianapolis, the SEAALL business meeting begins at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 22; the reception follows at 6:00 p.m.

Jim Hellier
SEAALL President

SEAALL Recipient of the AALL Registration Grant

Congratulations to Blanche Rayford, the SEAALL member who has been awarded the AALL Registration Grant to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. Blanche is the Librarian at Ward and Smith in Greenville, North Carolina.
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Internet Access Survey

The Executive Board thought it would be a good idea to have a survey of the membership to find out just how many of us actually do have internet access. We decided on a (a la Peter Beck) "fax back" survey. Please fax your answers to the following questions to:

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1. Do you have internet access? Yes _____ No _____

2. Is this access from home or from work? (check all applicable answers)

   Home _____  Work _____  Other (specify) ____________________________

3. Do you have to pay for your access?  Yes _____ No _____

4. Is your access limited to e-mail?  Yes _____ No _____

5. Do you have access to a web-browser?  Yes _____ No _____

6. Are you subscribed to seaall-l?  Yes _____ No _____

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