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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Having just returned from the AALL Annual Meeting in Indianapolis it made sense -- at least to me -- to write about that event. As we SEAALLer's know, many of our members are very involved in AALL. Carol Billings, Carol Nicholson, Ann Puckett, and Pat Strougal served on the 1995-96 AALL Executive Board. (Now that D.C. folks can join our illustrious chapter, Pat Kehoe could have been included in this list too. C'mon, Pat, pay your dues). Numerous SEAALL members chair AALL committees or SIS's. And about twenty SEAALL members coordinated, moderated, or spoke at the sixty or so programs offered in Indianapolis.

As usual, SEAALL was very well represented in Indianapolis. More than sixty members attended the SEAALL Business Meeting on Monday afternoon. (And somewhat more than that attended the SEAALL reception that followed, enjoying the fine food arranged by Joyce Janto). Fourteen of us put our Swedish meatballs aside to participate in the West Decathlon. In true SEAALL fashion, we exhibited stellar character and true Olympic spirit. We competed fiercely and with vigor, but alas, that wasn't enough. The Midwest chapter received the gold, the Ohio Regional Chapter the silver, and Chicago-land the bronze. Home court advantage, clearly!

I know we all will return to our respective libraries (or corporations) inspired by what we learned at the educational programs. But the AALL Annual Meeting, like all such

conferences, is much more than programs. We shmooze with our friends and colleagues, swap tales, get new ideas, and realize -- once again, because we sometimes forget this not long after we return home -- of our common interests and concerns regardless of the type of library in which we work.

Although those of us who went to Indianapolis need to jump back into our daily routine, it's not too early to think about forthcoming SEAALL meetings. We're in Tallahassee, Florida, April 17-19, 1997. Then  
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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Classes started this Monday. The 1Ls are having library tours and computer lab training. The telephone seems to ring non-stop and the faculty suddenly need things *immediately*. It's the same old, same old, but I like the energy surges that kick in to help me through the days.

This morning we decided that the newest variant of Parkinson's law is that computer-related problems increase to fill the time of any staff person who has any computer expertise whatsoever. Books may cause problems (missing pages, missing books, loose-leaf inserts that never arrive), but they don't eat up one's time in quite the same way. On the other hand, I really couldn't have done 10% of my work this week without one.

Have a great fall!

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### SEAALL NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Summer -	July 26, 1996
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## ***From Yawns to Raves: Documenting Your Staff's Value as Information Specialists***

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Director of Library Services

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Mitchell & Jernigan, L.L.P.

Nearly each month I distribute a newsletter to the attorneys and paralegals in the firm. Some people look forward to each issue as a way to keep informed about new articles, library acquisitions, and database developments; but for the most part the issues have been received with little comment. Then, in response to the November 1995 issue, rave remarks flowed into the library: "Fascinating!" "This is great." "I never knew you could do this for us!" What was different about that issue? The first page. It formerly had announcements, but now it presented a "Reference Review" column in a question and answer format. Under the heading "Variety Is The Spice Of Life And The Library Staff Loves It!," questions were phrased in a general manner, without reference to specific attorneys or clients. Each question was followed by a detailed description of where the answer had been found. Sometimes the answer was provided. The purpose was to show off the ingenuity and skills needed to provide answers, as well as the actual research process. People commented for days afterwards. They were intrigued, surprised, and even a little sympathetic about the type and variety of requests answered during the previous month. Naturally, every newsletter issue since has featured reference questions or research tips on the front page.

Questions are chosen for their educational value. Sometimes a theme helps to highlight special skills. One month interlibrary loan and document retrieval requests were grouped under the theme "We Get By With a Little Help From Our Friends." Another month information obtained from online resources was highlighted: in-house databases, internet list serves, and commercial databases were mentioned in the answers. The theme "During two days the library staff handled these varied requests" showcased what some typical days were like. Research skills were featured under the theme "Another way to spell librarian is d-e-t-e-c-t-i-v-e." Examples listed under the topic "Obtaining Information Cheaply, Quickly, and/or Accurately" illustrated the costs in time and money associated with answering reference questions. February's "Most Unusual Question" caught everyone's imagination: What is an appropriate gift to give to a retiring Japanese business executive? You, too, can get rave reviews and increase your users' awareness of what you do. If you do not prepare a library newsletter, post questions in the institution newsletter or distribute a monthly memo that features reference or research. The goal is to let others know what your skills are and how you use them to help further your institution's mission.

It is exciting to have someone approach you with a smile and the comment "I have a question sure to be listed in the newsletter."

## SEAALL BRIEFS

### ALABAMA

**William Anderson** has accepted a position as Assistant Law Librarian at the University of Alabama School of Law Library. A 1992 graduate of Bowdoin College, he received his M.L.I.S. from the University of Texas in 1995. He has worked most recently in the Cataloging Department of the Perry Castaneda Library of the University of Texas.

### FLORIDA

**Beatrice S. Citron**, has been appointed Associate Librarian/ Head of Public Services at St. Thomas University Law Library, Miami, Florida. Her previous position was Assistant Librarian/ Head of Public Services at St. Thomas.

**Billie Jo Kaufman**, who has been the Acting Director, was named Director of the Law Library, Shepard Broad Law Center, Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale.

**Sonia Luna-Lamas** has joined the staff of St. Thomas University Law Library as Catalog Librarian. Sonia replaces Maria Menedez who retired last October. Sonia was formerly with the University of Miami Law Library where she held the position of Serials Librarian.

**Sue Martin** (formerly Sue Reed), formerly an Educational Specialist with LEXIS/NEXIS, has become a Reference Librarian at Florida State University College of Law Library.

**Paula Tejada**, Assistant Director/Head of Technical Services at St. Thomas University Law Library in Miami, has been installed as President of the Dade County Library Association (DCLA) for a two year term (1996-98). Paula has been

appointed by DCLA board to be the conference coordinator for the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) conference to be held in Miami in 1998. She was recently elected to the OBS-SIS Executive Board for a 2 year term.

### NEW OFFICERS FOR SFALL

On June 7th, **John McNeill**, Circulation Librarian at St. Thomas University Law Library in Miami, was installed as President of the South Florida Library Association (SFALL) chapter of AALL for 1995/96. **Claire Donnelly Memiela**, Reference Librarian at the University of Miami Law Library, was installed as Vice President/ President Elect of SFALL. **Sally Haff**, Librarian at the Miami office of Gunster, Yoakley, Valdes-Fauli & Stuart, is the new Treasurer. **Ann Puckett**, Executive Board Member (AALL) was the guest speaker at the installation at the City Club of Miami.

### GEORGIA

**Anne Burnett** has joined the staff of the University of Georgia Law Library as Foreign and International Law Librarian. Anne was formerly a Reference Librarian at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Law Library. Anne obtained her J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law and her M.L.S. at the University of Texas at Austin. Anne is the former editor-in-chief of the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law.

On July 1, **Robert Linz** started as the new Computer Services/Reference Librarian at Mercer University Law Library. He received his M.L.S. from Florida State University and his J.D. from the University of Florida.

## **LOUISIANA**

**Christine Corcos** is the new Director of the Library and Associate Professor of Law at Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center Library, Baton Rouge. She had been Associate Director, Case Western Reserve University Law School Library, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Catherine Lemann**, Reference Librarian, Law Library of Louisiana, New Orleans, had two articles published: "Technology Raises New Issues in Legal Information," in *Briefly Speaking* (December 1995 New Orleans Bar Association) and "Purchasing and Maintaining the Paperless Law Library," in *Louisiana Bar Journal* (December 1995).

## **MISSISSIPPI**

The last few months have been very busy at the James O. Eastland Law Library at the University of Mississippi School of Law. This spring approximately 3 years of the Northern District of Mississippi Federal District Court opinions were loaded on their web site. They believe this web site was the first to post federal district court opinions. About the same time, the Mississippi Supreme Court in cooperation with the state bar loaded both the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals opinions. All are accessible at [http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/law\\_library\\_school/libndex.html](http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/law_library_school/libndex.html). Follow the links through Legal Resources to Mississippi. At the end of February, **Christopher Noe** joined the library as the new Assistant Director/Public Services Librarian. Many of you may know Christopher through his postings on law-lib and teknoids. Previously, he had worked at the University of Idaho.

**Sandra Cox McCarty**, Computer Services/Reference Librarian, has taken a one year leave of absence to serve as Acting Associate Dean while a search for a new associate Dean is underway. Meanwhile, she has also started work on her M.L.S. degree at Mississippi Southern.

The library's search for an Acting Computer Services Librarian for the year has almost been completed. In addition, a new serials clerk, **Deborah Lemmons**, soon joins the staff. In the circulation department, **Jennifer May** has been promoted from library clerk to senior library assistant/circulation manager and our other circulation position has been upgraded to senior library clerk.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

**Kenneth Hirsh**, Manager of Computing Services at Duke University School of Law, participated as a panelist in the program "Unix vs. Windows NT vs. Netware: Which Network Operating System is Best for Your Law School?" held at the Sixth Conference for Law School Computing. The annual conference is sponsored by the Center for Automated Legal Instruction and was held at the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

**Janet Sinder**, Head of Information Services, Duke University School of Law Library, Durham, is spending the summer at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, working on a paper about the sources for researching Irish legal history. While there, she gave a presentation to the Trinity College Law Faculty on "The Use of Computers in Legal Education."

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Robert Vreeland** will begin as a Reference Librarian at the University of

South Carolina. He received his J.D. and his M.S.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This year, with Bert Dempsey, he was a recipient of the AALL/Little, Brown and Company Research Grant to create a law-related search engine for the Internet.

### **TENNESSEE**

**Peter Garland**, Reference Librarian, will retire in August. Peter began his career at Vanderbilt in 1966. He has worked both in technical and public services. During the early part of his career, Peter was Catalog Librarian, then Technical Processing Librarian. In 1986, he transferred to public services as Reference Librarian. He also taught Legal Research to first year students since 1975. Peter holds an A.B. from University of the South (1955), a LL.B. from Emory University (1959) and a M.L.S. from Peabody College (1966).

**Mary Langford**, Circulation Librarian, has resigned and will begin her new "life" as a first year law student this fall at Vanderbilt University.

Congratulations to both Peter and Mary.

### **VIRGINIA**

**Femi A. Cadmus** has been named Head of Circulation Services at the George Mason University School of Law Library, Arlington. She was formerly Circulation/Reference Librarian there.

Beginning September 1, **Steve Hinckley** assumes his new position as George Mason University's Associate Dean for Research and Technology. He leaves the University of Richmond after serving six years as Director there.

**Charles Oates**, formerly Acting Director of the Law Library at Regent University, was recently promoted to Director and Associate Professor of Law.

**Cynthia Smith**, formerly Reference Librarian at Ross Dixon and Masback, Washington, D.C., is now the Reference Librarian at McGuire Woods Battle and Booth, Richmond.

**Allen Story**, formerly Library Director, Steptoe and Johnson, Washington, D.C., was appointed as the Librarian for the U.S. Courts Library in Alexandria. Serving the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, this library is the newest satellite of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

### **SWALL/SEAALL AUDIO TAPES**

Audio tapes of the programs offered at the March 1996 SWALL-SEAALL are available for purchase. Single tapes are \$9.00, with price breaks offered when ordering a six, ten, or complete tape set. To receive an order form for the tapes, please send you fax number or snail mail address to:

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The following programs are offered in this tape series:

(1) Institute: Improving Effectiveness with Time Management, Stress Reduction and Creativity

(2) The Future of Education for Law Librarianship

(3) The Hispanic Influence on Texas Law: Less than Meets the Eye

(4) 2001: A Space Odyssey-Justifying Space in the 21st Century

(5) Fostering Connections with other Organizations

(6) NAFTA and the Environmental Side Accord: The Sources of Law

- (7) Collection Development in the Information Age
- (8) Designing a Web Page: Helping to Market the Library
- (9) Mexican and Latin American Legal Sources: a Blueprint for the Researcher
- (10) CD-ROM Networking: If I Knew Then What I Know Now
- (11) Security and Privacy in Cyberspace
- (12) Who Owns the Land? Property Rights, Environmental Concerns, and Governmental Involvement
- (13) Business Information: A Blueprint for the Researcher
- (14) Presidential Libraries
- (15) Wampum Belts, Battlefield Skeletons, and Ethnographer's Field Notes: The Controversy over Ownership, Storage, and Access under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (1990)
- (16) New Paradigms in Information Service and Delivery: Serving Users at Remote Locations
- (17) Technical Services Workstations for the 21st Century

## **SEAALL Business Meeting Minutes**

**July 22, 1996 -- Indianapolis**

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 P.M. by President Jim Heller.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

A motion to dispense with the reading of the March 29, 1996 Business Meeting Minutes was seconded and passed. Those minutes will be published in the next issue of the Southeastern Law Librarian.

### **Old Business**

**Austin Meeting** Jim Heller announced that the chapter made an approximately \$4,400 profit on the meeting.

**Chapter Handbook Revision** Hazel Johnson reported that a draft of the complete handbook has been prepared. Proposed revisions of appropriate chapters will be sent to all past and present committee chairs and the Board for review and comment. All revisions are due back to her by Sept. 1.

### **Restructuring SEAALL Committees**

Jim Heller reported that three committees have been restructured: the Newsletter and Public Relations Committee is a merger of the two old committees; the Education and Publication Committee is also a merger of two old committees; and the Articles and Bylaws Committee members are now the President, Vice-President, President-Elect, and Immediate Past President.

### **SEAALL Annual Meeting Sites**

Jim Heller announced the next three annual meeting locations: Tallahassee, 1997, Alva Stone, Local Arrangements Chair; New Orleans, 1998, Cathy Lemann, Local Arrangements Chair; and Knoxville, 1999, with Bill Beintema acting as local arrangements coordinator at this time.

He then described the process for nominating a site for the year 2000 meeting. The secretary will publish a nomination form in the Southeastern Law Librarian. He asked everyone to review the process, talk to their colleagues, and submit a form to the Board. He also mentioned that we have not been to Puerto Rico.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Local Arrangements-Tallahassee**

**Meeting** Alva Stone reported that the meeting will be April 17-April 19, with optional excursions Sat. afternoon. Registration will be \$140. Watch the upcoming issues of the Southeastern Law Librarian for more details. She thanked her committee for all of their hard work.

**Education** Donna Bausch said that the Education Committee is hard at work on the program for the 1997 meeting.

**Membership** Sue Burch read the list of proposed projects that the committee is considering this year.

**Nominating** Carol Billings reminded everyone that elections are earlier, and solicited suggestions for nominees for Vice-President, President-Elect and Treasurer. Nominations are due by Nov. 1.

**Placement** Trina Robinson's committee has revised its charge, and will split up their monitoring of the list servs.

**Scholarship** SEAALL gave six scholarships for people to attend the Austin meeting. Jim Heller recognized Blanch Raeford of New Bern, NC, who received one of the AALL scholarships for full registration to attend this meeting.

**Articles and Bylaws** Joyce Manna Janto will prepare a history of amendments to the bylaws, to be published with them.

**Newsletter** The next newsletter deadline is August 10th.

**Government Relations** Tim Coggins announced that the new lobbying brochure will be printed in the newsletter, and that the Board adopted the Government Relations Policy on July 21. The policy will also be printed in the newsletter. A list of additional projects has been submitted to the Board.

**Service to SEAALL** Tim Coggins announced that this year's award goes to Pam Williams, who was unable to attend this meeting. Her presentation will be made at the Tallahassee meeting. Nominees for the 1997 award are being solicited.

## **New Business**

**Amendments to Articles of Incorporation** Jim Heller announced proposed changes to Articles of

Incorporation, Article VIII: 1. Add the Government Relations Committee and the Service to SEAALL Committee to the list of standing committees, at the end. 2. Revise the list of standing committees to reflect the committee changes implemented with the 1996-1997 year as follows: Merge the Newsletter and Public Relations Committees, renaming the committee Newsletter and Public Relations; Merge the Education and Public Relations Committees, renaming the committee Education and Publications.

[In spite of the fact that a motion was made and seconded to accept these changes, and an election held, the changes are not accepted because proper procedure for informing the membership about the proposed amendments was not followed. The proposed changes will be distributed in an upcoming mailing, with voting to take place at the Tallahassee Business Meeting.]

**SEAALL Logo** Hazel Johnson announced the details for the New SEAALL Logo Contest. The prize will be full registration to the Tallahassee meeting. Entries are due by Oct. 1 and need to be computer-based. Entries may be made by support staff at member institutions.

**Robert's Rule of Order** Joyce Janto will bring forth a bylaw eliminating Robert's Rules of Order and adopting Sturgis.

**West Decathlon Team** Jim Heller announced that the theme of the West party this year is a Decathlon. Prizes are contributions to the top three chapter teams' scholarship funds. He closed the meeting by calling up each member of the Decathlon Team amid great cheers from the audience.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Matzen  
Secretary



# LIBRARIANS AS ADVOCATES

Gail F. Zwirner

Senior Reference Librarian, Hunton & Williams, Richmond, Virginia

The SEAALL/SWALL meeting provided the first opportunity for me to speak on a panel at a library association annual meeting. Despite some first-time jitters, my comfort level rose when I spoke about my career passion, information access and our responsibility as advocates.

In the last few years, Virginia and Georgia law librarians have been successful in several bridge-building areas among other library groups, organizations, and the legislature. The session entitled "Fostering Connections with Other Organizations" gave a few of us the opportunity to share the stories of our successes.

Terry Long, the Assistant Librarian at the Virginia State Law Library, saw a need to cooperate with the Virginia Library Association (VLA) to teach legal research to non-law librarians. She coordinated several sessions with VLA to help the generalists understand the core legal collection and research skills.

Bob Murphy, the library director at Woods, Rogers & Hazelgrove in Roanoke, believes that even after three years of law school, his best legal research instruction came from his legal literature class in library school, taught by a *law librarian*. He moved that theory into action by working with the Joint Committee on Continuing Legal Education of the Virginia Law Foundation to produce a second edition of *A Guide to Legal Research in Virginia*, written by VALL members. He also coordinated a program on legal research and research ethics, where VALL members served as the instructors, and the *Guide* was the course handbook. This project had a dual benefit. Not only were law librarians promoted before the bar association, but also VALL's treasury benefitted by receiving a cut of the total registration fees.

Kathy Crosslin, formerly with Kilpatrick and Cody and now with Lexis/Nexis in Atlanta, spoke about building the bridge between firm and academic institutions to create a legal research course for summer and new associates at law firms. Coordinating the program with both types of institutions helped ease the transition from the law school to the firm environment, where lawyers may face limitations to using online services. Kathy said that no matter how well organized a program is, there is a skill to making sure that attendance is impressive. Sometimes the best way to guarantee the numbers is by planning these courses with lunch. Many times new associates land at the firm running, and are pressed with projects which take priority over departmental training. Food is always a good draw.

I spoke about one research dilemma in Virginia, which was the lack of an administrative code. I directed my energy to my chapter level, where VALL created an ad hoc committee to work with the Virginia Code Commission to create a long overdue code. Virginia law librarians formed valuable alliances, not only with state commissions, but also with bar association representatives, who shared the same research frustrations, and knew that all this project needed was a strong, direct, organized push. A few years later, Virginia finally has an official publication.

Librarians should be advocates, particularly when it comes to reasonable access to information. After all, our clients or patrons deserve the best service, which means being able to obtain information required to complete a research project in a timely fashion and at a reasonable rate. We have a responsibility to work with any entity -- a commission, a vendor, another association, or a general assembly -- to see that the tools we need to do our jobs effectively are readily available.

Library association meetings are always valuable for networking. I usually come away with a research tip, a new skill, or a new contact. One librarian approached me after the session and said, "when I interviewed for my job in Mississippi after moving from Pennsylvania, I never thought I would have to ask if Mississippi had an administrative code." Hopefully she left the meeting with some inspiration that yes, it is possible!

**President's Message, continued from p.1**

we're on to New Orleans in 1998, and Knoxville in 1999. You will find within this issue a form where you may propose your hometown as host for the 2000 SEAALL Annual Meeting. And, looking even further ahead, at Indianapolis our SWALL colleagues voted in a straw poll in favor of a joint meeting with our chapter in 2001. I think they'd prefer SEAALL turf, but we have lots of time to figure that one out.

For those of you who couldn't attend the SEAALL general business meeting in Indianapolis, here are some highlights:

- We're having a contest to design a new SEAALL logo. Win a free registration to the Tallahassee meeting! See the details elsewhere in this issue.
- We made about \$4,400 from the joint meeting with SWALL.
- Several committees will work on exciting projects over the next 2-3 years.
- Hazel Johnson is working furiously on completing a totally revised SEAALL Handbook.
- The Executive Board approved the Government Relations Committee's "Policy" statement, as well as a GRC lobbying brochure. Thanks to Tim Coggins and his committee for their hard work.
- The Government Relations and Service to SEAALL committees were made permanent, standing committees. Our newsletter and PR activities are now formally merged into the new Newsletter and Public Relations Committee, and the Education and Publications Committee was approved.

By the time you read this the law clerks will have returned to school, our halls will be filled with students, and court will be in session. Summer's over. Let the real games begin.

Jim Heller  
SEAALL President

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***PAY YOUR DUES NOW!!***

***Please note that this will be the last issue of Southeastern Law Librarian you will receive unless you renew your membership!***

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**SEAALL ANNUAL MEETING  
LOCATIONS**

Even though SEAALL has three great meeting locations lined up, the Board is already wondering where we will be meeting in the year 2000. Do you know of a wonderful place in your area? Talk to your colleagues, fill out this form, and let the Board know about your proposal. To help you get started, here are the sites for the 1990's:

- 1990 Oxford, MS
- 1991 Tuscaloosa, AL
- 1992 Callaway Gardens, GA
- 1993 Charleston, WV
- 1994 Asheville, NC
- 1995 Richmond, VA
- 1996 Austin, TX
- 1997 Tallahassee, FL
- 1998 New Orleans, LA
- 1999 Knoxville, TN

# SEAALL ANNUAL MEETING, 2000, SITE NOMINATION FORM

In order for the SEAALL Board and committees to be able to plan adequately the local arrangements for annual meetings, nominations for sites are requested several years in advance. The nomination must be made by a group willing to act as the local arrangements committee, should the nomination be accepted. A representative of this group should fill out the following form and forward it to the Secretary for submission to the Board.

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List the names, addresses, and phone numbers of those putting forth this proposal:

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Site being Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain why this would be a great place for SEAALL to meet: \_\_\_\_\_

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Proposed Dates (List 1st, 2d, 3rd choices, keeping in mind any conflicts with Easter, Passover, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of people who support this proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send this form to  
Connie Matzen, SEAALL Secretary, Smith, Anderson, P.O.Box 2611, Raleigh, NC  
27602-2611

## SEAALL Business Meeting March 29, 1996 -- Austin, Texas

The meeting was called to order by President, Joyce Manna Janto at 8:15 a.m.

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT** Jim Heller reported that the President will direct the Vice-President/President to prepare the 1996-97 budget.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** The minutes of the Richmond Business meeting were approved. Rhea Ballard-Thrower then announced the new members of the SEAALL Board -- Vice-President/President-Elect, Donna Bausch and Secretary, Connie Matzen. The members then gave their approval for the destruction the election ballots.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Richard Boaz reported that the 1996-97 budget will be constructed and included with the annual report. The SEAALL agent will file the paperwork in Florida. Currently, there is \$14,181.83 in the SEAALL account.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE** Tim Coggins reported that an official draft of the lobbying brochure will be produced and given to the Board for approval. The brochure will be posted on *SEAALL-L*, *LAW-LIB*, given to Bob Oakley, and printed in the *Southeastern Law Librarian*. It will also be sent to state libraries, who can then distribute them to the public.

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE** Mary McCormick thanked everyone for another great year of the *Southeastern Law Librarian*.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE** President Janto thanked the members of the Nominations Committee and every member who agreed to run for an office.

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE** President Janto reported that a new membership directory will be printed in the June newsletter.



**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** Terry Long thanked the members of her committee and reported that \$4500 was awarded this year. Members who received scholarships and were in attendance at the meeting, were asked to stand. Terry also mentioned that applications for the *AALL Registration Grant* are due on April 1, 1996.

**PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE** Members were told to contact Denise Gibson (St. Thomas University) if they are interested in participating at the poster session in Indianapolis.

Joyce mentioned that more members need to sign-up for SEAALL-L.

**SERVICE TO SEAALL AWARD** The announcement of the *Service to SEAALL Award* was postponed until the Indianapolis meeting.

### *New Business*

**SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF ANN ATWATER** President Janto reported that SEAALL donated \$250 to AALL scholarships in memory of Ann Atwater. Mary Forman then did a moving tribute in honor of Ann.



### RESTRUCTURE OF SEAALL

President Janto reported that it has been suggested at the Board meeting that the Publicity and Public Relations Committees be merged. Both would become a part of the Newsletter Committee. Also, the membership of the Articles and By-laws Committee would be changed. That Committee would include -- the Immediate Past President, President, and the Vice-President/President-elect. President Janto asked the members that comments about the changes be forwarded to Vice-President/President-Elect, Jim Heller. A final decision will be made at the Indianapolis meeting.

### AALL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Janto reported that the Board will suggest the names of various SEAALL members as possible AALL candidates. President Janto then requested that the members send their own suggestions to AALL.

**WEST OLYMPICS** President Janto requested volunteers to be a part of the SEAALL Olympic team. During the WEST party in Indianapolis, WEST will be hosting an Olympic-like library competition. SEAALL agreed to have a team. Vice-President/President-Elect, Jim Heller, will be the Captain.



### SEAALL TABLE IN INDIANAPOLIS

President Janto requested volunteers to staff the SEAALL table at the Indianapolis meeting.

**1997 AND 1998 ANNUAL MEETINGS** Alva Stone, Local Arrangements Chair, invited the members to the 1997 meeting, which will be held in Tallahassee. The meeting will be held on April 16-20, 1997 at the Radisson Hotel. The 1998 meeting will be held in New Orleans. The membership also agreed that the 1999 meeting will be held in Knoxville.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS** The new President, Vice-President/ President-Elect and Secretary were installed. President, Jim Heller, then thanked the outgoing Board members for their hard work.

**FORMAL SELECTION OF ANNUAL MEETING LOCATIONS** President, Jim Heller reported that there will be a more formal procedure for the selection of Annual Meeting locations. In the Fall and Winter issues of the *Southeastern Law Librarian* and on *SEAALL-L*, the Secretary will request proposals for possible meeting sites.

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION** Bea Citron offered a *Resolution of Appreciation* for the Local Arrangements and Program Committees for the SEAALL and SWALL chapters. The *Resolution* was unanimously approved by the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.



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## SEAALL DISCUSSION LIST

Just a reminder...

The address to subscribe is  
*maiser@uofrlaw.urich.edu*

The command is:  
*subscribe seaall-l firstname lastname*

To send a message to seaall-l the address is:  
*seaall-l@uofrlaw.urich.edu*

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## LOBBYING BROCHURE

The Government Relations Committee of the Southeastern Chapter is pleased to present a "lobbying" brochure. The brochure is designed to give useful suggestions and to be a concise source of information on lobbying. The brochure [inserted following page 21 of the Newsletter] should be detached from the Newsletter and folded twice so that "Participate" is on the cover.

Contact either Sandra Dyer at (919) 962-1207 (e-mail [sandra\\_dyer@unc.edu](mailto:sandra_dyer@unc.edu)) or Timothy L. Coggins at (205) 348-5927 (e-mail [tcoggins@law.ua.edu](mailto:tcoggins@law.ua.edu)) for additional copies of the brochure.

## SEAALL/SWALL Institute and Meeting Report

--by Sue T. Lee

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit,  
Library

With the help of the Lucile Elliott Scholarship I was able to attend the joint SEAALL/SWALL Institute and Meeting. It was nice to return to my native state and to be in the beautiful city of Austin, especially at this time of year when the wild flowers are in bloom.

The three concurrent programs at each time slot made it difficult to choose which program to attend as all of the programs to attend as all of the programs and presenters were good. If I had to choose the three programs that made the greatest impression on me or were the most useful to me, they would be the Institute and the programs on the future of library education and on collection development.

The Institute, Improving Effectiveness Through Time Management, Stress Reduction and Creativity, was excellent. the presentation was well-organized and very practical, dealing with both one's professional and personal life with suggestions on how to balance the two. In addition to lecture there were graphic exercises and audience participation to illustrate the principles presented. I would recommend this seminar to all who have the opportunity to take it. Wes has literally written the book on this subject.

The two programs, *The Future of Education for Law Librarianship* and *Collection Development in the Information Age*, complemented one another. It was pointed out that in the present rapidly changing world of legal publishing and technology that within six months of graduation from library school that your course work is outdated. One must be dedicated to a career of lifelong learning. the collection development program talked about how to acquire and integrate legal materials into your collection in terms of the rapid changes in technology and publishing while trying to predict the future of CD-ROM, print, World Wide Web, etc. The comment was made that this is "the best of times and the worst of times."

Although the programs were good, the best part of the SEAALL meeting is the networking. the groups were relatively small and informal and participants were able to get to know one another. At every opportunity for socializing the noise level was tremendous as people renewed old acquaintances, made new friends, shared their problems, and told others how they run their "shop." In my opinion, these meetings provide a "jump start" to your sagging professional battery.

## **TALLAHASSEE: A UNIQUE PART OF FLORIDA**

We at the Florida State University Law Library hope that many of you will take the opportunity to visit Tallahassee for SEAALL in April 1997. Here's some background about our community.

Visitors who are only familiar with the most heavily populated and visited parts of the Florida - land of ocean beaches, palm trees, and mouse ears - are usually surprised by Tallahassee. Located thirty miles south of the Georgia border and five hundred miles north of Miami, Tallahassee seems light-years away from the Florida of tropical sunshine and tourists. How did the capital of the state come to be located so far from most of its population?

The answer, of course, lies in the recency of Florida's development. In 1821, when Spain transferred Florida to the United States, Florida had a European-descended population of 4,300. In 1823, when territorial commissioners were choosing a capital, most of that population was clustered around two major port areas: St. Augustine (founded in 1565) and Pensacola (founded in 1698). Tallahassee was chosen as a "compromise" location, halfway between the two, equally convenient to both. No one imagined that the major population growth would take place hundreds of miles east and south of Tallahassee, as railroads, highways and air conditioners tamed the wilderness and swampland of the peninsula.

The commissioners were impressed with the beauty of Tallahassee's lakes and gentle hills. Today Tallahassee is an attractive small city of approximately 200,000 people, many of whom are working to maintain Tallahassee's natural beauty. On the north side of town, the Appalachian foothills form the lushly-wooded "red hills" country that supports Tallahassee's trademark canopy roads, where spreading live oaks and other trees turn country roads into green tunnels. South of town, pine forests cover the sandy coastal plain that stretches thirty miles south to the Gulf of Mexico, and Wakulla Springs, one of the deepest freshwater springs in the world, bubbles up from limestone caverns.

The forests are so close that we sometimes have unexpected visitors. Last week's local news story involved a young black bear who decided to see the city. He worked his way through residential areas over several days, spending daytime up in trees away from noisy children and dogs. When he had almost reached the Capitol building, wildlife officers tranquilized him and released him in the Apalachicola National Forest south of Tallahassee.

As well as preserving the natural environment, Tallahassee has also preserved some of its historic buildings. One of the most notable is the Old Capitol, where our opening reception will be held. The restored 1845 building backs up to the "new" Capitol, a 22-story structure completed in 1978, only three blocks from the FSU College of Law. The College of Law, though only thirty years old, has participated in local preservation efforts. Four buildings on the east side of the College, used for offices, are nineteenth-century homes which were donated to the College in the 1980's, moved to the site and renovated.

Created to be the state capital, Tallahassee is very much a "government" town. It is also the home of two of the oldest public universities in Florida: Florida State University (originally Florida State College for Women) founded in 1857 and Florida A & M University, founded in 1887. The universities provide much of the excitement in Tallahassee. In addition to its well-known sports teams, FSU has excellent music and theatre schools and even has its own circus.

We hope that you will visit Tallahassee next spring and experience "the other Florida."

## *PAM WILLIAMS* - SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

Pamela D. Williams, Assistant Director for Public Services at the University of Florida Legal Information Center and a past president of SEAALL, is the recipient of the 1996 Service to the Chapter Award. Breaking with past tradition, the award will be presented to Pam at the 1997 SEAALL Annual Meeting in Tallahassee since Pam was not able to attend either the 1996 Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas or the AALL Annual Meeting in Indianapolis.\* The Service to the Chapter Award is awarded to a Chapter member for at least five years who has given special and sustained service to the Chapter.

Pam's service to the chapter is varied and extensive. In 1994-95 she served as a member of the Publications Committee and a member of the Executive Board as the past president. Her term as SEAALL President was during 1993-94; she was the Vice-President/President-Elect during 1992-93 and the chair of the Program Committee. Pam's other leadership positions with the Chapter include terms as the chair of the Articles & Bylaws committee and as a member of the Membership Committee, the Nominations Committee, and the Scholarship Committee. Pam has maintained for many years the membership database and has compiled and published the SEAALL Membership Directory.

Please join the Committee on Service to the Chapter in congratulating Pam for an award that is well-deserved. Join us for the presentation to Pam (and a presentation to the 1997 recipient) at the 1997 SEAALL Annual Meeting in Florida

(\*Note: This article will not be a surprise to Pam since she already knows that she is the award recipient).

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### *Preparing for the 1997....*

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#### **SEAALL SERVICE TO THE CHAPTER AWARD**

Which Southeastern chapter member do you believe has performed outstanding service to the chapter? Which member do you believe should be recognized by his or her colleagues by receiving the SEAALL Service to the Chapter Award?

The SEAALL Service to the Chapter Award honors those individuals who have provided sustained service to the Southeastern Chapter. Created in 1988 by then-President Hazel L. Johnson, the award is presented each year at the SEAALL Annual Meeting. Past recipients of the award are Ed Edmonds, Larry Wenger, Carol Billings, Hazel Johnson, Mary Forman, Betty Kern, Timothy Coggins and, most recently, Pamela Williams. Whose name would you like to see added to this list of distinguished SEAALL members?

The 1996-97 selection committee, Pamela Williams (University of Florida), Joyce Manna Janto (University of Richmond) and Timothy L. Coggins, Chair (University of Alabama), seeks your assistance to identify candidates for the award. The criteria for nomination follow:

1. The candidate must have given special service to the Chapter.
2. the candidate must have a sustained record of service.
3. The candidate must have been a member of the chapter for at least five years.

Current and immediate past officers of the Chapter are not eligible.

Think about members of the Chapter who should be considered for this service award and forward their names with supporting information to any member of the selection committee.

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# IN THE SPIRIT OF COLLEGIALITY

The Southeastern Chapter has come to be known as a cradle of leadership within our profession. From William Roalfe, Lucile Elliott, and Mary Oliver to Nancy Johnson, Carol Nicholson, and Pat Strougal on the current AALL Executive Board, SEAALL members have been recognized for the outstanding contributions at both the chapter and national levels. What did it take for those who attained leadership positions to get there? Hard work, initiative, and "paying their dues" unquestionably were key factors. But another essential reason was that their colleagues and friends within the chapter or association appreciated their talent and commitment and took the trouble to put their names forward to nominating committees. Those who are regular proposers of nominees will tell you that there is nothing more satisfying than singing the praises of someone whom you admire. If you've been especially impressed by a colleague's program presentation or performance on a committee, why not give your chapter the benefit of having that person as a possible officer?

This year, because our bylaws now specify that our new officers take over at the spring meeting, our entire election process must occur earlier. Therefore, the SEAALL Nominations committee needs your suggestions no later than October 15. You can use the form below, or if you prefer to write a letter or send an e-mail to any of the committee members listed here, that's fine too.

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## SUGGESTIONS FOR SEAALL OFFICERS

Both officers will serve for 2 years beginning April 1997. The vice-president/president-elect will succeed to the presidency. For each, (using separate sheets), please give institution, telephone number, accomplishments, offices and responsibilities held, and reasons why the member would make a good SEAALL officer:

For vice president/president elect:

For treasurer:

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Send to any member of the SEAALL Nominations Committee:

Carol Billings, Chair. Law Library of Louisiana, 100 Supreme Court Building, 301 Loyola Ave., New Orleans, LA 70112. Phone (504) 568-5706; Fax (504) 568-5069; e-mail: cbilli@nomvs.lsumc.edu

Billie Joe Kaufman. Nova Southeastern University Law Library, 3305 College Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314. Phone: (305) 452-6211; Fax: (305) 452-6233

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Linda Will. Greenberg Traurig Hoffman Lipoff Rosen & Quentel, 1221 Brickell Ave., Miami, FL 33131. Phone: (305) 579-0834; Fax: (305) 579-0717

## **1996/97 Lucile Elliott Scholarship**

A total of \$3,000 will be available this year in the Lucile Elliott Scholarship program. The amount of each individual award granted will be based on need and the actual cost of the activity for which the applicant is seeking assistance.

The application form is available in this issue of the newsletter. You may include additional information on a separate sheet if you feel it is relevant to your application. Below are the "Lucile Elliott Scholarship Guidelines." These guidelines are the criteria the Committee will use in evaluating your application.

Award recipients will be asked to report on how their scholarship money was used. They may be asked to write a brief article for the Chapter newsletter describing their experience.

### **1996/97 SEAALL Scholarship Committee**

Reba A. Best, Chair  
Georgia Chadwick  
Pam Deemer  
Sallie Howard  
Carol Avery Nicholson

### **LUCILE ELLIOT SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

The Lucile Elliott Scholarship fund was established to provide financial aid for any purpose reasonably designed to improve one's career in law librarianship. Part of the purpose of these awards is to encourage recipients to remain in the profession.

Applicants must be a paid member of the Southeastern Chapter of AALL at the time the application is completed. Scholarship Committee members are ineligible to receive scholarships during their tenure on the Committee. Applicants who have received a Lucile Elliott Scholarship within the previous three years are ineligible to receive a scholarship. Five points will be deducted for each SEAALL scholarship received by an applicant.

In selecting the scholarship recipients, the Committee will consider the following factors:

1. Length of membership in SEAALL - The Chapter wishes to encourage the participation of its newer members (3 years or less). Therefore, when the applicant pool permits, scholarships will be awarded on a 70:30 newer members to continuing members ratio.
2. Participation and service to the library profession - This is demonstrated by participation in committees, sections, programs, projects, etc. of professional associations.
3. Intended use of scholarship - Scholarships may be used to provide financial aid for any purpose reasonably designed to improve one's career in law librarianship. Preference shall be given for attending any activity sponsored by the Southeastern Chapter.
4. Lack of financial assistance from employer.
5. Letters of recommendation.

(Adopted 1994)

1996/97

**SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES, INC.  
Lucile Elliott Scholarship Application Form**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you a member of the Southeastern Chapter (SEAALL)? \_\_\_\_\_  
When did you join? \_\_\_\_\_
4. For what purpose do you wish to use this scholarship? Please be as specific as possible, indicating the type of activity (SEAALL), AALL or other meeting or institute, course work or other activity and where and when it will take place. (See scholarship guidelines for a statement of the purposes for which scholarships are granted).  
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5. Please estimate the cost of registration/tuition \_\_\_\_\_; travel \_\_\_\_\_; housing \_\_\_\_\_;  
food \_\_\_\_\_; other \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Please state your employer's policy regarding reimbursement for professional activities. Please specify the extent to which your participation in the activity described above will depend on receipt of a SEAALL scholarship.  
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7. How much financial support do you anticipate receiving from your employer for this activity?  
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8. Have you previously applied for a Lucile Elliott Scholarship? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_. If the answer is yes, please give dates and indicate whether or not you received a scholarship.  
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9. Please describe how this scholarship would help you in your career as a law librarian.

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10. By enclosing a resume or on a separate sheet, please provide:
- a) Present place of employment, job title and starting date.
  - b) Last two positions, employer and length of service.
  - c) Educational background (schools attended, dates, and degrees).
  - d) Description of your participation in and service to the profession (for example, service as an officer or committee member in a professional library organization; active participation in workshops, seminars or other educational programs).

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUALS (WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE SEAALL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE) MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.** One letter must be from another member of the Southeastern Chapter, and one letter must be from your supervisor, if applicable. If not applicable, then one letter should be from a major client. The letters should comment on your record of and/or potential for service to the profession, and should describe how receipt of a SEAALL scholarship would improve your career in law librarianship.

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:**

If the correct answers to any of the above questions change materially after submission of this application, I will immediately notify the Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

If I receive a SEAALL scholarship and for any reason I cannot participate in the activity listed in question #4, I shall immediately return the money to the SEAALL Treasurer, who will notify the Scholarship Committee.

In the event funds are received for the same activity from AALL or an AALL-affiliated source, I will accept only one such grant.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail six copies of the completed application and letters of recommendation by **5:00 P.M. on NOVEMBER 15, 1996 TO:**

Reba A. Best, Head of Cataloging  
 University of Tennessee College of Law Library  
 1505 West Cumberland Ave.  
 Knoxville, TN 37996-1800

## Electronic Addresses

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### Web sites and e-mail address directories

Senate  
(includes a directory of e-mail addresses)  
<http://www.senate.gov>

House of Representatives  
(includes a directory of e-mail addresses)  
<http://www.house.gov>

The President's Cabinet  
[http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Cabinet/html/cabinet\\_links.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Cabinet/html/cabinet_links.html)

Independent Federal Agencies and Commissions  
[http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Independent\\_Agencies/html/independent\\_links.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Independent_Agencies/html/independent_links.html)

Federal Judicial Center  
<http://www.fjc.gov/>

Library of Congress  
Thomas (Legislative information on the Internet)  
<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Four11  
(free internet white page directory)  
<http://www.four11.com/>

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## Correct address, Salutation and Closing

### President

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr./Ms. President:  
Very respectfully yours,

### Vice-President

The Vice-President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr./Ms. Vice-President:  
Sincerely yours,

### Senator

The Honorable John/Jane Doe  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Doe:  
Sincerely yours,

### Representative

The Honorable John/Jane Doe  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr./Ms. Doe:  
Sincerely yours,

### Cabinet Member

The Honorable John/Jane Doe  
The Secretary of

Dear Mr./Madame Secretary:  
Sincerely yours,

# PARTICIPATE:

## BE A PART OF THE PROCESS

As the nation and librarianship enter the "Information Age" access to information in all formats by all citizens remains crucial. Librarians must help to preserve this access through the active exchange of information and ideas with our elected and appointed representatives. If we do not participate in the process and communicate our needs, we risk losing access to valuable information resources.

Freedom of expression and the "right to know" do not perpetuate themselves on the basis of history alone. They are protected only as long as citizens are willing to focus energy and concerns on information access issues.

The involvement of librarians and citizens in information legislation, through elected representation, safeguards intellectual freedom now and preserves this freedom for citizens who follow us.

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The Southeastern Chapter of  
the American Association of Law Libraries

## Information is power; knowledge is power

Americans and librarians must work with elected officials to help ensure the free flow of library materials and access to information in all formats. If we are not part of the solution, we are part of the problem. All citizens have a choice; we can work with our legislators to promote and protect information access and intellectual freedom, or we can be silent on critical issues. If we choose not to act, we will lose.

### Let's choose to act!

Write a letter. Pay a visit. Make phone call. Send a message. Voice/vote your concerns on information issues.

#### Letters

A letter is one of the most effective means to convey your opinions and beliefs to elected representatives. Letters do not necessarily have to follow a particular style; they can be formal or informal, typewritten or legibly handwritten. Form letters are also acceptable. An effective letter states the issue, provides good examples to support your point of view, and most of all, is free of unnecessary verbiage and emotional outpouring. Whenever appropriate, such as when writing on behalf of an institution, use letterhead paper, otherwise use a good quality writing paper. Faxing your letter can ensure receipt in a timely manner.

#### Personal Visits

Personal visits are a very powerful means of voicing your opinions. Be sure to make an appointment in advance of your visit. Make sure that you are well-informed about the issues. If your representative is not available, you should discuss your concerns with a member of his/her staff. Staff are quite knowledgeable, and they will brief the representative of their contacts with constituents. Be sure to leave your card and any written information you have prepared. Follow up your personal contact with a thank you letter.



#### Suggestions for Effective Communication

- Use the proper form of salutation and closing.
- Include your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.
- Be brief and to the point.
- Know the issues.
- Support your opinion with examples and reasons.
- Be informative and specific.
- Be courteous and reasonable.
- Do not be rude or threatening.

Be assured that each communication will be logged by staff. The sentiments expressed will provide information to enable your representative to interpret the opinions of his/her constituents and may determine his/her approach on a given piece of legislation.

You may communicate your opinions to a committee member if your representative is not on the committee. Although it may be frowned upon to contact a representative other than your own, at times it may be necessary to do so. In both cases, send a copy with a note to your representative.

Courtesy should be observed, as should common sense when expressing your concerns and opinions.

#### Telephone Calls

A telephone call to your representative's office is an effective means of expressing your views, even if your representative is not available. Staff log the nature of the calls that are received, and they are interested in hearing your viewpoint on current issues. Time your call so that it will have the most impact.

#### E-mail

One of the most popular means of communication today is electronic mail or "e-mail." If your representative has e-mail, it may be convenient to send a message in support of or in opposition to proposed legislation. There are many resources available to find out if a legislator has an e-mail address. Do not use all capital letters when communicating via e-mail because it is perceived as the equivalent of shouting. Remember to review carefully your entire message before sending it.

#### World Wide Web

The World Wide Web or "Web" is that portion of the Internet that has the ability to link information resources and to combine text, images and sound. By using a browser you can explore resources at Web sites that contain a wealth of information from U.S. Supreme Court decisions to federal and state legislation. You may access the Web through an internet services provider.

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**Southeastern Chapter  
of American Association of Law Libraries, Inc.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
January 1, 1995 - March 31, 1996**

OPENING BALANCE		\$14,337.07
ADD INCOME		
Dues	\$ 6,120.00	
Treasury discrepancy correction	20.60	
Interest	\$119.63	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,259.63</b>	
		<b>\$20,596.70</b>
DEDUCT EXPENSES		
Service to SEAALL plaque/engraving	53.12	
Gift for outgoing president	25.00	
Dues notice printing	51.03	
Dues notice mailing	345.96	
Newsletter Printing - Vol. 21, no. 3	\$1,576.68	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,051.79</b>	
CLOSING BALANCE		
Cash at Bank		\$18,544.91

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Earl Boaz  
Treasurer

# A SEAALL Big Event!!!

SEAALL needs a new logo to be used on SEAALL publications, brochures, etc. To take advantage of the creativity of SEAALL members, the Executive Board is sponsoring a contest to design the new logo. First prize will be free registration for the Tallahassee annual meeting.

The contest is open to SEAALL members and employees of SEAALL member institutions. Entries must be computer generated in a format that is easy to import (\*.bmp, \*.cgm, \*.pct, \*.pcx, \*.pic, \*.tif, \*.wmf, etc.) Multiple entries are welcome.

A print and disk copy should be submitted to Hazel Johnson, Law Library Services Consultant, 4709 Lakeview Estates Drive, Northport, AL, 35476 by October 1, 1996. A subcommittee of the Education/Publications Committee and the Newsletter/Public Relations Committee will choose a group of finalists. The SEAALL Executive Board will select the winner. The winning entry will be announced on seaall-l and in the Southeastern Law Librarian. The winning entry will become the property of the Southeastern Chapter.

Members of the SEAALL Executive Board and the subcommittee choosing the finalists are welcome to submit designs, but are ineligible to win the prize.

Questions about the contest should be directed to Hazel Johnson, 205-339-7514 or via email at [hjohnson@tusc.net](mailto:hjohnson@tusc.net).

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