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## *Greetings from the President*

Minneapolis proved to be an ideal setting for AALL's 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Conference—2001: New Realities, New Roles. As AALL President **Bob Oakley** stated, "This year's theme was chosen as a way to describe and illustrate the many changes we're experiencing in our profession, our jobs, our expectations, and our perceptions." One change has not occurred—members of SEAALL continue to lead our profession in the publications and service that they render. The AALL Spectrum Article of the Year Award was presented to **Ann Walsh Long**, Reference & Electronic Services Librarian from West Virginia University College of Law Library. **Steven J. Melamut**, Reference/Electronic Services Librarian from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law Library, received the Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award. Our SEAALL Immediate Past President **Cathy Lemann**, Associate Director of the Law Library of Louisiana, was the recipient of the State, Court & County Law Libraries Special Interest Section O. James Werner Award for Distinctive Service to Persons with Disabilities, and the 2001 Spirit of Law Librarianship Award. SEAALL stands for service!

The July 2001 issue of AALL's *Spectrum* demonstrates further evidence that members of SEAALL contribute service to our profession by writing noteworthy and practical publications. **Roy Balleste** of Nova Southeastern University, in Ft. Lauderdale, wrote an informative article entitled, "Could You Translate This Site for Me? Rating the Usefulness of Translation Software Programs for Law Library Web sites." "Working Behind the Scenes to Affect Legislation: A Case Study with UCITA, or UCITA: the Real Lesson," is a timely message penned by **Gail Warren**, the state law librarian at the Virginia State Law Library in Richmond. **Martha Thomas**, law librarian at Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem, N.C., focused on a marketing theme in her informative publication, "2001 SEAALL Annual Meeting Presents Food for PR Thought." SEAALL stands for service!

There are few law librarians in this country who are not familiar with the tremendous service given to the American Association of Law Libraries by our Southeastern Chapter. Time and again our members have been tapped to lead national committees and serve AALL at the highest levels. Once again a distinguished member of SEAALL has been called to serve. **Carol Avery Nicholson**, Assistant Director for Bibliographic and Collection Resources at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law Library, and the 1994-1995 President of SEAALL, is the current Vice President/President Elect of AALL. We look forward to Carol's inspired leadership. SEAALL stands for service!

I would encourage all SEAALL members to attend our 2002 Annual Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, April 11-13th. Then plan to stay and participate for a few hours on Saturday afternoon in a community service project. SEAALL does stand for service!

*Herb Cihak*

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### Editor's Note —

*This is our first newsletter and as you may notice, not much has changed. Much of this is due to the excellent work of Sue Burch, the past editor (who also remains in the roll as official photographer). Sue has handed over a well received publication in great shape. This is not to say things will not change over time, but as for now we're feeling things out and seeing how things work. I hope I speak for the Committee in saying we're pretty excited about continuing Sue's work and also adding our own flair. We look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions and hope you'll contact one of us with your concerns.*

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Winter	January 30, 2002
Spring	April 30, 2002
Summer	July 31, 2001
Fall	October 30, 2001

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## Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries

### Financial Statement June 2001

<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$66,702.18</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Membership Fee	10,370.00
	Exhibit SEAALL/SWALL	1,004.00
	Newsletter Ad	100.00
	SEAALL/SWALL Registration	970.00
	Sponsorship- SEAALL/SWALL	625.00
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$13,069.00</b>
	<b>Working Balance</b>	<b>\$79,771.18</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	AALL 2001 Meeting/Reception	1,602.25
	Airfare-SEAALL/SWALL	650.00
	Bank Service Charges	2.75
	Catering SEAALL/SWALL Meeting	4,895.25
	Friends of Gwinnett County Public Library	100.00
	Logo Design	50.00
	Newsletter	675.43
	Postage and Delivery	36.94
	Trivia Decorations	350.00
	Refund	275.00
	Badges & Labels	60.09
	Hotel/Meals SEAALL/SWALL	789.50
	SWALL Speakers	488.56
	Wine/Candy SEAALL/SWALL	159.95
	SEAALL Award for Bill Beintema	90.52
	SEAALL/SWALL 2001 Meeting	18,839.61
	SEAALL/SWALL Buses	209.00
	The Answer is Production	250.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$29,524.85</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$50,246.33</b>
	Interest Income	\$19.65
	Bank of America CD	\$3,146.90
	Fidelity Investment	\$5,164.89

## SEAALL BUSINEESS MEETING AT AALL 2001

— Report from the Scholarship Committee-  
Maureen A. Eggert, Chair

The first announcement from the Committee was good news. Jim Heller, former SEAALL and AALL President, will be presenting a program, "Applying Copyright Law in Libraries," in St. Petersburg, Florida on Monday, September 10. In return for the help that SEAALL has provided in publicizing the program, our chapter has been given one free registration. Current SEAALL President, Herb Cihak, turned the selection process over to the Scholarship Committee. The Committee will be using standards similar to those used to evaluate scholarship candidates in order to determine the recipient of the free registration. By the time this article is published, announcements about the free registration will have been made and the lucky winner will have been selected.

Following the registration announcement, a member suggested that first time SEAALL officers should have a better opportunity to apply for scholarship money than is currently available. Many officers need financial assistance in order to attend the regional and national meetings. Under the Committee's current schedule, it is necessary to apply for the scholarship before the election results are determined. Additionally, preference is given to newer SEAALL members and, as officers are likely to have been with SEAALL for a while, they are less likely to receive a scholarship. Some options for addressing this issue include changing the time for awarding all the scholarships, awarding the scholarships twice a year, or allocating separate funds specifically for new officers. The Committee will work on drafts of these proposed changes and plans to introduce them at the SEAALL meeting in Fort Lauderdale.

Finally, the Committee is seeking testimonials, anecdotes, stories, essays, and articles from past scholarship recipients. During the committee report I strongly encouraged (some say threatened) former scholarship recipients to share what they did with the money. Just a paragraph or two is fine, and it does not have to have been a life-changing event. If you used the money to go to AALL in Seattle and had the best cup of coffee in your life – let us know. If you used the money help pay tuition and attained a library or law degree – share! If you used the money to attend SEAALL meeting in New Orleans and spent evenings engaging in drinking and debauchery - LET US KNOW & include names and details! And remember, as Scholarship Chair I have access to the records of past scholarship recipients, so if you have received a SEAALL scholarship, I will find you! (OK, so maybe I did threaten – just a little.)

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### SEAALL Briefs

Compiled by Connie Matzen

#### ALABAMA

New members from Alabama include **Jeff Simpson** of Montgomery and **Amanda Collins** of Mobile.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

##### Howard University Law Library

The Library is pleased to announce the hiring of two new librarians. **M. Elizabeth Hill** is the new Assistant Director for Technical Services. Elizabeth was formerly the Lead Librarian for the Army Material Command, Technical Library. **Eileen Santos** is the library's new Catalog Librarian. Eileen was formerly the Legal Administrator and Information Manager for the J.C. Penney Company. **Shawn Parker** is a new member of SEAALL.

#### FLORIDA

##### Florida Coastal School of Law

**Patrick Reakes** has left to take charge of the library for the journalism & communications program at the University of Florida.

##### Nova Southeastern University

The Law Library's newest member of SEAALL is **Roy Balleste**.

#### GEORGIA

##### Emory University

**Veronica Carlson** is a new member of SEAALL.

##### Georgia State University College of Law

In June, **Kristina L. Niedringhaus** joined the staff of the Library as Associate Librarian. Kris received her B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis, J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and M.L.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She came to Georgia State

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from the University of Toledo College of Law Library where she was the Senior Electronic Services Librarian.

### Mercer Law School

**Darcy Jones** is the Director of Information Technology at Furman Smith Law Library in Macon, Georgia. Jones previously was the Automated Systems/Technical Services Librarian at the University of Missouri-Columbia Law Library.

**Denise Marie Gibson**, Assistant Law Librarian for Research Services, is a new member of SEAALL.

### KENTUCKY

New SEAALL members from Kentucky include **Heather C. Watson** with the Lexington firm of Sites & Harbison and Kurt Metzmeier, with the University of Louisville Law Library.

### LOUISIANA

#### Law Library of Louisiana

**Catherine Lemann**, Associate Director of the Law Library of Louisiana, is the 2001 recipient of the *O. James Werner Award for Distinctive Service to Persons with Disabilities*, presented by the State, Court & County Law Libraries SIS of the American Association of Law Libraries. The May 2001 announcement read, "Currently Chairman of the Board of AIDSLaw of Louisiana, Catherine's support of the information needs of the organization's clients, its staff and volunteers, and the distinguished leadership she has contributed to the organization, epitomizes the qualities the *Werner Award* seeks to recognize."

### NORTH CAROLINA

New SEAALL members from law firms are **Vicki Spillane** with Ward and Smith in New Bern and **Jennifer Carroll** in Poyner & Spruill's Charlotte office. **Sally Irvin** of Wake Forest University has also joined SEAALL.

#### Duke University

**Katherine Topulos**, Foreign and International Law Librarian, has contributed to the article, "Perspectives on Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research", in volume 19 of *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*. Katherine's section is entitled, "How to Get Started Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research"

**Mike Hannon**, Reference Librarian, will have a published article in the forthcoming issue of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) *Journal of Appellate Practice and Procedure*. Mike's article is about unpublished court opinions.

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**Valerie Weis** will join the staff as a Reference Librarian in September, after completing her MLS at the University of Illinois. Valerie received her JD from Vanderbilt University School of Law.

### University of North Carolina

In January **Scott Childs** became the Assistant Director for research and User Services. **Ed Beltz** has recently joined SEAALL.

### TENNESSEE

Vanderbilt University Law School's Assistant Director of Information Technology, **Deb Morley**, has joined SEAALL.

## SEAALL 2002 ANNUAL PROGRAM

So you think that Ft. Lauderdale in the Spring time is only for fun and sun and college students. The 2002 SEAALL Program Committee has got an update to the annual Ft. Lauderdale experience -- a line up of exciting programs that will guarantee you fun and make you want to stay inside out of the sun.

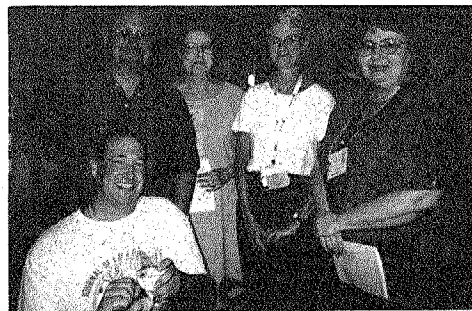
First up, there will be a Thursday institute dealing with the invisible web. We'll hear exciting news about how to find all that information that our clients and we really want, rather than some of the less useful information that a typical Internet search might bring back. But the fun doesn't stop there. Next up are the Friday and Saturday programs. Do you need to know more about technical services, regardless of the size of your operations? There'll be programs featuring various issues associated with technical services from migrating to that new integrated library system to how technical services functions in a small law library. While our technical services colleagues are having their fun, others of us will enjoy programs dealing with the unauthorized practice of law, immigration law, teaching legal research, dealing with student workers, and more, and more, and more. You won't want to miss this Ft. Lauderdale experience - guaranteed fun and learning.

Be there -- the SEAALL Annual Meeting, April 11-13, 2002.



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### ***SEALL at AALL***



### **SEAALL Nominating Committee Needs Your Input and Ideas**

The committee seeks input from the membership regarding possible nominees for the offices of Vice-President/President-Elect (President in 2003); Secretary (2 year term beginning April 2002) and Executive Board member at large (2 year term beginning April 2002).

Please submit names of SEAALL colleagues you would like to see in leadership positions in SEAALL to any member of the committee listed below. We will solicit input from the membership via the newsletter, as well, and we hope to hear from many of you ? early and often.

All you need to do is suggest names as many as come to mind. And we'll take care of contacting potential candidates without even disclosing that you submitted the suggestion! Let us know who you think would do SEAALL proud as our future leaders.

Please call or email any of us by September 15th, in order that we can develop a slate of candidates that will serve SEAALL well.

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Thanks for your input, in advance!

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### **SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES**

#### **MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING Minneapolis, Minnesota, Monday, July 16, 2001**

President Herb Cihak called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

##### **Secretary, Georgiana G. Wellford:**

Georgiana informed the members that the minutes were available for review. The minutes of the SEAALL Annual Business Meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 20, 2001, were approved as printed.

##### **Treasurer, Deborah M. Jefferies**

The opening balance reported was \$66,702.18, and the closing balance reported was \$50,246.33. The report was approved as printed.

#### **REPORT ON THE 2001 ANNUAL MEETING (ATLANTA, GEORGIA)**

SEAALL has not settled with SWALL regarding the annual meeting profits.

#### **REPORT OF THE 2002 ANNUAL MEETING (FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA) CHAIR:**

Billie Jo Kaufman reported that the annual meeting will take place April 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree Hotel. The opening reception will take place on a yacht.

#### **REPORT OF THE 2003 ANNUAL MEETING (LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY) CHAIR:**

Sue Burch reported that the 2003 S.E.A.A.L.L. Annual Meeting will take place in Lexington, Kentucky on April 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Hyatt Regency. They are investigating the possibility of having a horse farm tour as well as visiting Keenland.

#### **2004 AND 2005 ANNUAL MEETINGS:**

It was announced that the 2004 Annual Meeting will take place in Richmond, Virginia, on March 24 - 27th. The 2005 Annual Meeting will take place in Montgomery, Alabama. No dates have been set yet for the 2005 annual meeting.

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*Minutes of the Business Meeting continued—*

### **SAN JUAN, PUERTO, RICO POSSIBLE A.A.L.L. ANNUAL MEETING SITE**

The S.E.A.L.L. Executive Committee has encouraged Pedro A. Padilla, Executive Board Member-at-Large, to submit San Juan, Puerto Rico as future A.A.L.L. Annual Meeting Site.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Program - Tim Coggins reported for Terry Long that the committee is finalizing programs for the 2002 Annual Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale. They are planning on fifteen programs and a possible pre-meeting institute on the invisible web.

Government Relations- Lynn Murray reported that the committee monitored U.C.I.T.A in the several states.

Membership - Iris Lee reported that the Membership Committee continues to promote S.E.A.A.L.L. membership especially to law firm librarians. They continue to work on the Lifetime Membership category.

Newsletter - Michael Klepper from the University of Virginia will take over the Newsletter after the Minneapolis meeting with Volume 26, Number 3.

Nominations - Donna Bausch announced that this committee is soliciting nominations for the 2002 slate.

Scholarship - Maureen Eggert reported that a free registration will be awarded to a S.E.A.A.L.L. member to attend the "Applying Copyright Law in Libraries" program at Stetson University, on September 10, 2001. She will need to submit the name to A.A.L.L. by August 20th. This registration scholarship will be based on need. Another free registration will be given as a drawing at the program. (The winner's registration fee will be returned to the winner.) Another scholarship issue pertains to officers of S.E.A.A.L.L. Some officers have not been able to come to meetings due to lack of funds. This committee will look into giving officers some sort of scholarship money based on need to attend annual meetings in the future. Any S.E.A.A.L.L. member who has an opinion on this issue, please contact Maureen.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jeanne Ullian thanked S.E.A.A.L.L. for her scholarship to attend the A.A.L.L. Annual Meeting. Herb Cihak announced that Cathy Lemann was receiving the 2001 Spirit of Law Librarianship Award in a nearby meeting room and encouraged all to attend the ceremony for Cathy.

Herb Cihak adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Georgiana G. Wellford, Secretary

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### **Tribute: Miss Sarah Leverette**

Recently Miss Sarah Leverette was honored by the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association. She received the Jean Galloway Bissell award for 2001, the highest award given by the Association, for her personal, intellectual and professional example. The citation went on to state that Miss Leverette had served as a legal consultant for the SC Industrial Commission, now the SC Workers Compensation Commission, for many years before retiring, and at 81 still works part time for a local realtor and serves on the state board of the League of Women Voters. What the citation did not tell, and what interests us in SEAALL, is the fact that she had another career before that. She was the Law Librarian at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Sarah Leverette was born in Iva, South Carolina. She graduated from USC School of Law and was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1943, when it was practically unheard of for a woman to enter a courtroom," as she says. She was the only woman in a class of seven. She worked a few years in a law firm and in the SC Dept. of Labor, then enrolled in postgraduate courses at Columbia University.

In 1947 she was appointed to the faculty of USC School of Law, where, in addition to being the Librarian, she taught Workers Compensation and Legal Bibliography. She was a full member of the Law School faculty with voting privileges. She remembers that the library served its purpose well, as it had state and US codes, reports, sets of the National Reporter System, Shepards, treatises and law reviews. She took charge of collection development and in the course of her tenure the newer forms for bibliographic storage, such as microforms, came into existence. So did the beginnings of the Library of Congress classification for legal materials, and she commented that it was quite a challenge to begin reclassification.

Sarah joined the Carolinas Chapter of AALL. She credits her contacts with Frances Hall, Mary Oliver and Lucile Elliott as being of great importance to her ability to direct the library and make a success of it. She stressed how very helpful the chapter members were to her, especially as she was the only academic law librarian in the state and felt a sense of isolation. She was President of the Carolinas Chapter 1949-1950. When the Southeastern Chapter was formed Sarah served as its first Secretary/Treasurer from 1954-1956. She recalls that in those days there were fewer than 100 members. She served as President of SEAALL from 1966-1968.

Additionally, in 1967-1969 Sarah was a member of the Committee to Study the (SC) Constitution of 1895, and she was chair of the SC Industrial Commission in 1976-1977. Sarah Leverette was Law Librarian at USC for 25 years, which turned out to be just one phase of her long career in the law. Her comment to me about being a law librarian in SEAALL was how much over the years she appreciated the cooperation among the members, sharing information and ideas. She said, "That was an education for me."

*Diana Osbaldiston*

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### New Realities, New Roles

From corn dogs at the Peavey Plaza party to the "What did he say?" plenary by Dr. Arthur Harkins, the 94th Annual Meeting and Conference of AALL in Minneapolis will always remain a memorable introduction to the world of law libraries and law librarianship. Thanks to a generous grant from you, my fellow SEALL members, my week at the July 2001 conference began with a top-notch course and literally "fell to a conclusion" during the final Wednesday afternoon educational session.

My life in law libraries extends less than two years and my life since receiving my MSIS less than one. From the limited perspective of the 28-attorney law firm for which I work, this conference was the perfect jump-start to a broader view of law libraries and law librarianship, to the opportunities that, if implemented, could benefit me, my firm, and my profession.

The week started with a return to the classroom for a two-day course entitled, "Law for the Non-JD," team-taught by five JD/MLS law librarians (who had obviously absorbed the literature on adult learners) to class of 28 receptive and participative students. The substantive law courses typically taught in the first year of law school were each distilled into hour-long segments jam-packed with basic concepts and terminology. An excellent course outline, along with skilled teaching, enabled us to stretch the first day through a working dinner without diminishing the educational value. A lovely "keepsake" of the class was a 600-page text (Introduction to the Law and Legal System of the United States by William Burnham), which we referred to in class, but obviously did not have time to read and absorb. Based on the two chapters I have had time to read as of this writing I would say it is an informative and readable text that should fill in the framework established in the all too brief class. It should be obvious that I highly recommend this course. Do not be put off by the AALL price tag; it is worth the fee.

It seemed rather useless to attend any of the cataloging presentations; my library is not cataloged and will skip MARC and go directly to XML or whatever else is out there when I finally get it organized and documented. Therefore I focused my attention on sessions dealing with portals and intranets, all of which lived up to my expectation of being beyond anything I had ever dreamed of. However, every session provided some worthwhile goal, tactic, or practical application that I will find helpful. And who knows—maybe someday I will have a staff of nineteen (working quarter to full-time) as Nina Platt does at Faegre & Benson for this project rather than four hours a week of my time as a solo. I was pleased to hear all the speakers stress the importance of the planning process and of management support as the keys to having a successful intranet rather than just a technologically wonderful (and expensive) intranet.

Knowledge management was a buzzword that finally took on some meaning in the Tuesday afternoon session entitled "Cutting-Edge KM: Law Firm and Librarian Experiences on the Edge." Most speakers I have heard on KM start in the middle, usually focusing on a project that I can never quite put into a context. In this session one of the speakers defined the progression of systems as Data Systems (word processors and imaging), Information Systems (databases and search engines), Knowledge Systems (browsers and people), and finally Expert Systems (portals). I had always thought the inclusion of people was intrinsic to

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Knowledge Management and this session at least reinforced my definition.

One of the best things about attending a conference is the people. I love talking to those sitting next to me after a particularly lofty presentation to find out how things are really done. Not everyone is wireless or going wireless. I saw only one PDA in use by an attendee. Roberta Shaffer, one of the final presenters, rebelled against PowerPoint and used hand-written transparencies. Perhaps the greatest technological advance was the rediscovery of the wheel—wonderful rolling cases from West that relieved us of the weight of all those exhibitor hand-outs and made sorting out the night before leaving an unnecessary task.

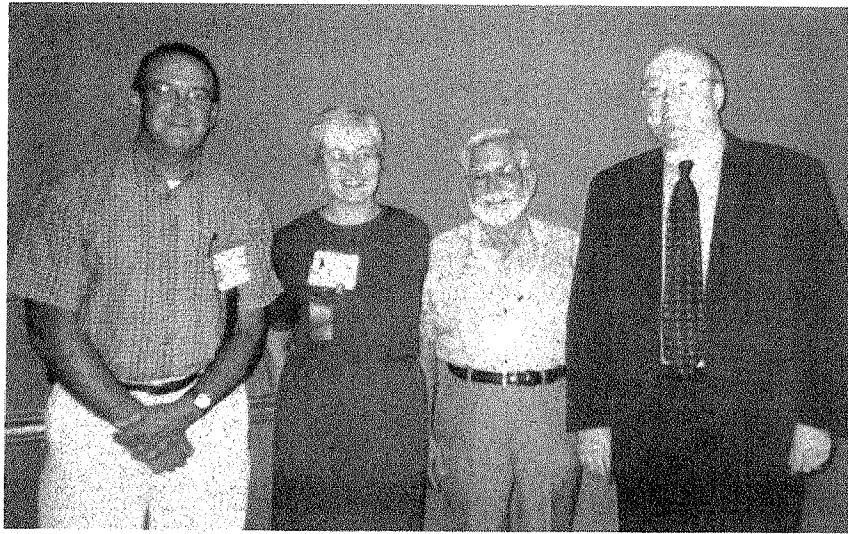
While there was little time to pay attention to the outside world, USA Today was delivered to my room every weekday morning. News of the fall and subsequent death of Katharine Graham was somewhere in my subconscious when at the close of the very last educational program, and after a most rousing speech by Robert (Bob) Berring of UC Berkeley on the "joy of it all," we witnessed him tumble from the podium. The silence was ghastly and the relief great when he rose, brushed himself off, and headed off to his next meeting.

I am still sorting papers, utilizing a few free passwords, and trying to figure out my niche in the law library world. This was the right conference, at the right time, for the right person. Thanks.

*Jeanne Allian*

### **SEALL at AALL**





Cathy Lemann receives her "Spirit of  
Law Librarianship" Award

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