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Presidential Ponderings

I am really excited about serving as your SEAALL president this year. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. We got off to a good start with the Annual Meeting which was held in Williamsburg, VA April 22-24. I'd like to thank Jim Heller and the Local Arrangements Committee for the wonderful accommodations, great receptions, tours and the beautiful weather we experienced. I'm sure he put in a good word with Mother Nature to make sure this would happen. Thanks to sponsorship from several of our vendors, Jim was also able to make this meeting very affordable to attend, which was greatly appreciated in this difficult economy. 199 people attended this year's conference. Colonial Williamsburg was a great setting for our meeting which was co-sponsored by the Virginia Association of Law Libraries (VALL).

I would also like to thank the members of this year's Program Committee, without whom we couldn't have had the wonderful mix of programs that were presented at this meeting. This year's Institute: "The 21st Century Law Library: Issues and Answers" was very timely in that it dealt with issues on everyone's mind. It began with a scan of the current environment in which we are functioning, change management issues in the various types of libraries and our reaction to the changes being implemented.

Our keynote speakers this year were outstanding. Randall Kennedy, Michael R. Klein Professor of Law at Harvard University spoke about the parallels of the Supreme Court case *Loving v. Virginia*, in which the ban on interracial marriage was declared unconstitutional, with the struggles to legalize same-sex marriage. Professor Kennedy gave a riveting talk, which left

the audience wanting more at the end of his presentation.

Davison Douglas, Dean and Arthur B Hanson Professor of Law at the College of William & Mary Law School gave us food for thought about what's on the horizon for legal education, including reactions to the Carnegie Foundation Report "Educating Lawyers: Preparation for the Profession of Law."

This year, Community Service Committee, chaired by Sally Irvin, chose Avalon – A Center for Women and Children, as our charity for the SEAALL Conference. Avalon is committed to intervening in and reducing the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault. In order to achieve this mission, Avalon offers shelter, advocacy, education and support to survivors and fosters awareness and prevention by educating the community. They asked for monetary donations to purchase needed household items to support their mission. In addition to donations given by individual SEAALL members, the membership approved at the SEAALL Business Meeting, an annual donation from SEAALL as a whole to the charity chosen each year by the Community Service Committee. SEAALL made its first donation of \$500 to this year's charity, Avalon.

I would like to commend James Donovan, chair of the Education and Publications Committee, and his committee members for having five of the twelve programs they submitted to the AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee accepted for this year's AALL Annual Meeting in Denver. We SEALL members are a gifted and talented group! I'm looking forward to attending

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these programs. I hope many of you will be able to join me in Denver as well.

I will be soliciting volunteers very soon to perform the work of SEAALL. We could not put on the wonderful Annual Meetings and other SEAALL activities without the help of volunteers like you. Please answer the call. Our success as an organization depends on it.

SEAALL Briefs

If you have information to share in the SEAALL Briefs section please contact Karin Den Bleyker, dbleyker@mc.edu.

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SEAALL 2011 in Columbia

Ok, so maybe we're not known for being quite as hip as Athens or as historic as Williamsburg, but you will be surprised by all that the 2011 SEAALL Annual meeting host city has to offer. Centrally-located and easily-accessible, Columbia, SC, will amaze you with its wealth of attractions, while boasting far more affordable prices than other tourist destinations.

We are excited to announce that the new Hilton in the Vista will be the conference hotel. Located in the heart of our dining/entertainment district and across the street from the Convention Center, it has the dual advantages of being both a beautiful hotel and in a prime location. Galleries, bistros, fine and casual dining, as well as a wide array of nightlife are all within walking distance.



The hotel is also a short walk from the State Capital, whose historic grounds host much of interest to history buffs (you can still see where Sherman's cannonballs struck the statehouse facade); the State Museum, which was voted one of the three top museums by readers of *Southern Living* magazine (along with the High Museum in Atlanta and the Smithsonian Institution); the elaborate parks and pathways of the Riverwalk, with its winding trails providing picturesque views of the Congaree, Broad and Saluda Rivers; the Columbia Museum of Art, where you might catch a glimpse of a Botticelli or a Monet; as well as many historic homes and buildings, including several on the campus of one of the South's oldest institutions of higher learning, the University of South Carolina. And don't miss the chance to check out the innovative architecture of the downtown-branch of the Richland County Public Library, an award-winning 4-story facility that attracts visitors from around the country to view its unique design (and featuring the only licensed mural of Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*).

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Columbia Local
Arrangements
Committee

Melanie DuBard

Nelson Mullins Riley &
Scarborough

A bit further out you can investigate one of the best zoos and botanical gardens in the country, Riverbanks Zoo, named one the top 10 zoos in the nation. Or take a canoe tour through one the largest old-growth forest on the continent, the Congaree National Park. Or just meander through our many antique shops, where savvy shoppers can pick up rare finds at great prices.

For a complete list of attractions, check out the Columbia Visitors Bureau website at <http://www.columbiacvb.com/attractions/>.

April couldn't be a better time to visit our city - we have several world-class festivals that occur that month: A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen, our annual story-telling festival that attracts some of the biggest names in story-telling; Indie Grits Film Festival, a five-day celebration of local & regional independent film; and Artista Vista/State Museums' Congaree Art Festival, which combines one of the largest showing of South Carolina artists work with a premier gallery crawl.

While in the area, be sure to take a few extra days and make a short trip (apx. 2 hr. drive) to historic Charleston or lively Myrtle Beach, or any of the other amazing beaches on South Carolina's coast. You'll discover why our coast is one the most popular vacation spots on the east coast.

We look forward to seeing you in 2011!



(All photos courtesy Columbia Visitors Bureau)

SEAALL Calendar of Events

April/May

All appropriate records are conveyed to new officers and committee chairs within one month of leaving office but no later than May 15.

May

Southeastern Law Librarian delivered.

Life membership nominations due by May 15.

July

Southeastern Law Librarian deadline [July 31].

Chapter membership year begins

Annual chapter business meeting held during AALL annual convention.

Executive Committee meets prior to Chapter Business Meeting.

Quarterly financial report prepared by Treasurer.

Lucille Elliott Scholarships funding established by Executive Committee by July 31.

August

Southeastern Law Librarian delivered.

Members who have not paid dues removed from membership roster.

September

Budget for annual chapter meeting and educational institute prepared by Local Arrangements Committee and Program Committee.

Placement Committee Report

The Placement Committee recognized the importance of the need to have a chair of the committee and jobs continued to be posted on the SEAALL Jobs site, through Robb Farmer (former Chair) or member Christine Sellers. Fifteen jobs and three resumes were available for review. Several informal interviews took place nearby, and introductory conversations were held off and on throughout most of the conference. As of April 19, 2010 34 jobs were posted and a request was made by Jack Bissett to remove those over a year old or filled. Additionally, a few new positions have been added. It was noted that automatic removal of postings, as may have been done in the past, could be useful, to help keep the site current.

Placement Committee Members are:

Denise Gibson (2010), Michelle Cosby (2010), Trina Holloway (2010), Jack Bissett (2011), Christine Sellers (2011)

The committee especially sends thanks to the Committee members; to Ryan Valentin, for cooperation and assistance in posting and maintaining job listings; and to Robb Farmer, former chair.

The Committee asks for feedback on the following: is the Placement operation effective? How could it be more helpful? Would a resume clearinghouse be useful?

May - Aug. Events

For a complete annual listing see:

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/calendar.htm>

Get Involved: An Editors Note

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In my early years of law librarianship I will admit that I was not the most outgoing and active member of SEAALL or AALL and while I have been lucky to be able to attend several of the conferences in this time I do not think I really received what I could have out of them. This gets me to my point of what I have learned, GET INVOLVED.

Involvement can take many different forms ranging from joining a committee (this is my first) to just hanging out with other librarians beyond the 4 walls of the conference. I feel that going to dinner with colleagues and even being part of the group evacuated in Williamsburg because of the Jim Heller band's hot playing is very beneficial to our growth as law librarians both professionally and personally.

I also want to thank the holdover members of the Newsletter Committee (Ismael Gullon, Renee Weatherholt and Charlene Cain) for helping me get this first edition of my tenure off the ground, they did great work in trying to gather resources. I also want to thank Elizabeth Farrell and Carolyn Santanella for helping make this a smooth transition.

Finally, I want to thank my colleague Karin Den Bleyker, a long-time SEAALL member, for both helping mentor me in the library and being a faithful proofreader and advisor for both this Newsletter and several of my other projects.

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Newsletter Deadlines are:
Spring May 15, 2010
Summer July 31, 2010
Fall November 30, 2010
Winter January 31, 2011

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Membership Committee Report

This year (as of early April) the Membership Committee welcomed 55 new members!

Dee Wood has asked that everyone please check their entry to make sure it is correct. The Chapter brochure is being updated to reflect the new officers, payment address, and to alert new members of future meetings.

We will have a table for the meeting in Denver. Please sign up to help “man” the table. An email was recently sent out for times/dates sign-up. Stop by the Activities Area to see the SEAALL photo album and fun give-a-ways, and feel free to take membership brochures for anyone you know who might be interested in joining. The more members, the more we can accomplish!

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank! Dee Wood, my co-worker and SEAALL Treasurer, for valiantly cleaning up the SEAALL Membership list. It will make it so much easier for all of us in the future.

Membership Committee Members are:

Karen Nuckolls, Chair; Reba Best, Maureen Cahill, Edward T. Hart, Billie Jo Kaufmann, Cathy Wagar

Scholarship Committee Report

Over the course of the year, the SEAALL Scholarship Committee provided the following grants and scholarships to SEAALL members: Library School scholarship, the Lucile Elliott scholarship, the AALL Annual Meeting and CONELL Meeting grants and the privately funded Katherine Mattox Scholarship. In all, the SEAALL Scholarship Committee had the honor of awarding \$13,000 during the year. I want to thank everyone who took the time to apply for a scholarship this year and the members of the committee for all of their work this year.

The 2009-2010 grants and scholarship recipients are:

Library School scholarships

Gregory Stoner, Lisa Watson and Nyahaley Labor

Lucile Elliot scholarships

Amy Osborne, Jillian Williams, Linda Tesar, Maureen Eggert and Justine Roach

Katherine Mattox Scholarships

Mary Susan Lucas, Trina Holloway and James Donovan

Recipient of the CONELL Grant - Louis Rosen

Recipient of the AALL Grant - Anne Burnett

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Education Committee Report

This year's Education and Publications Committee continued the tradition of sending excellent program proposals to the AALL Annual Meeting Planning Committee. Thirteen proposals were submitted with SEAALL listed as chapter sponsor, five of which were accepted. This may be a record! SEAALL members going to Denver should make special effort to attend these programs, and show their support for fellow SEAALL members:

B6: Library Videos: Getting Blockbuster Quality on the Indie Budget (Proposed by: Jennifer Behrens, Duke University). Sunday, July 11, 2010; 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM; CCC-Room 605-607

E1: Using Pecha Kucha to Enhance Your Presentations (Proposed by: Carol Watson, UGA). Monday, July 12, 2010; 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM; CCC-Room 102-106

H5: The Phoenix Factor: Rising from the Ashes of Aggravation to Create Opportunity (Proposed by: Rebekah Maxwell, USC). Tuesday, July 13, 2010; 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM; CCC-Room 601-603

J6: Tax Research 101 (Proposed by: Erica Beck, Thomson Reuters). Tuesday, July 13, 2010; 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM; CCC-Room 605-607

K4: Facilitation: The Secret to Successful Meetings (Proposed by: Carol Watson, UGA). Tuesday, July 13, 2010; 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM; CCC-Room 205-207

The Committee has a second charge, to develop publications for the benefit of the Chapter's members. This year, we sought to update the research guides and pathfinders link on the SEAALL homepage. Look for this link to appear soon! If you think of any publications (print or electronic) you believe it would be useful for the Committee to undertake in the future, please share your ideas with a committee member!

Scholarship Committee Report

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Members of the 2009-2010 SEAALL Scholarship Committee

Chair-Kathleen (Katie) Brown

Lorelle Anderson (2010)

Masako Patrum (2010)

Sally Irvin (2011)

Carol Avery Nicholson (2011)

Colleen Manning (2011)

Ronald Wheeler (2011)

SEAALL Financial Report

July 18, 2009 - April 21, 2010

OPENING WORKING BALANCE		\$68,212.85
INCOME		
MEMBERSHIP DUES	7,810.00	
SEAALL 2010 ANNUAL MEETING	40,713.00	
TOTAL INCOME	48,523.00	
TOTAL WORKING BALANCE		116,735.85
EXPENSES		
SEAALL 2009 MEETING		1,263.46
Reimbursements	1,263.46	
SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS		13,000.00
AALL Scholarship	540.00	
CONNELL Grant	410.00	
Lucile Elliott	3,050.00	
Mattox Scholarship	3,000.00	
Student Scholarship	6,000.00	
SEAALL 2010 ANNUAL MEETING		2,500.00
Honoraria	2,500.00	
SEAALL 2010 ELECTION		362.40
Online Election Fee	362.40	
TOTAL EXPENSES		17,125.86
CLOSING WORKING BALANCE		99,609.99
INVESTMENTS AS OF APRIL 21, 2010		
American Founders Bank, Inc. CD	3,925.00	10,312.76
Fidelity	6,387.76	
TOTAL ASSETS		109,922.75

Minutes of the SEAALL Executive Board

Annual Meeting in Williamsburg, VA - April 22, 2010

Present were Maureen Eggert, Karen Douglas, Amy Osborne, Fran Norton, Sally Irvin, Rebekah Maxwell, and Dee Wood.

1. The Board discussed funding for scholarships for the current year and for the future. Maureen will contact the donor of the Maddox Scholarship to facilitate this year's donation.
2. Dee reported that she had closed out the Bank of America CD. She suggested that the Board consider the utility of having a CD, as it costs more to transfer it from bank to bank every two years (when the treasurer changes) than it earns in interest. After discussion, Amy moved that the Board keep the CD funds in a checking account for the present and reconsider investment options when the market improves. The motion was seconded and passed.
3. The Board discussed participation by the organization at large in the support of the annual designated charity. The Board was in favor of organizational support of the designated charity. Sally moved that the Board bring the following proposal to the membership at the business meeting: Each year the Board will examine the SEAALL finances and make a recommendation for a donation amount based on our solvency for that year. The motion was seconded and passed.
4. The Board discussed location planning for future meetings beyond 2011. Amy planned to double-check before the business meeting, but recalled that she'd had interest expressed by Stetson and by Puerto Rico. Sally expressed concern that the current economic climate might prevent members from attending a meeting in Puerto Rico, and the Board discussed the potential obligation of the organization to keep meetings affordable. Maureen moved that the Board present the issue to the membership at the business meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.
5. Dee reported that she has re-created the membership directory, independently of the database that Ken Hirsh maintained on a SEAALL-funded computer at Duke. The Board discussed the disposition of that computer and Karen moved that the computer be located and donated to a worthy charity. The motion was seconded and passed.
6. Maureen noted that the installation of new officers, while officially slated to take place at the end of the meeting, would be carried out during the business meeting because there was no scheduled venue available at the end of the meeting.

Addendum to minutes:

- A1. Dee needs to upgrade the Quickbooks database product, as the current version of Quickbooks will no longer be supported. The Board approved the upgrade and the necessary expenditure.
- A2. An ad hoc committee consisting of Amy and Maureen (and anyone else who wants to help) will review the handbook and update the language to reflect current operational practices.

AALL News & Announcements



AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: Create Comprehensive Online Tutorials the Easy Way.

Steve Mirsky, library specialist at the Connecticut State Library, provides an overview of the basic steps involved in choosing an online tutorial product (whatever it may be) and producing a tutorial from start to finish. To create a tutorial on the legislative process, Mirsky first looked for a stand-alone package that would be inexpensive, easy to use and maintain, and interactive in order to provide just-in-time learning tools for his website. This June 2008 webinar is Mirsky's clear and concise introduction to producing online tutorials.

Find this and more than 60 other free continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members on AALL2go!

AALL News and Announcements

1. Get a Free Year of AALL Membership with Nonmember Annual Meeting Registration
2. June AALL Webinar: Thinking about the Future with Stephen Abram
3. Renew Your AALL Membership by May 31 for a Chance to Win a Free AALL Webinar