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# Southeastern Law Librarian

## Vote in the 2021 SEAALL Election

Greetings SEAALL members,

To say that the past year has been unprecedented would be an understatement. Many of our members have experienced personal and professional hardships that we probably could never have imagined prior to this day. We have all been reevaluating our values and reassessing our commitments to family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors. I cannot say that we will ever return to “normal,” but the resounding directive of now that I received is that while change is inevitable, transformation is possible. In this time, we have a unique opportunity to rebuild in more inclusive and deliberative ways. Relying on the way we’ve always operated is simply inadequate. Now is our chance to remake our organization in a manner that serves the members.

As such, SEAALL has continued to develop necessary programming and resources for members. Next month our organization will gather together

at our Annual Meeting, in the virtual space, to further move forward our goals developing professionals poised to support the work of our



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profession. Given the circumstances, the Nominations Committee worried that we would struggle to identify nominees for the election slate. Our fears were unfounded as we received the nominations of many talented individuals who were willing to serve. As a committee, we thank all the nominees for their willingness to run for the SEAALL Executive Board. The com-

mittee evaluated all the nominees and prepared a slate from a field of very talented nominated candidates. The current SEAALL Executive Board approved the slate as presented.

The committee is delighted to announce the following slate for the upcoming SEAALL Election.

**The Election will take place from Feb. 15-26, 2021.**

- VP/President-Elect  
Charles (C.J.) Pipins
- Treasurer  
Eve Ross
- Member-at-Large  
Carol Collins  
Heather Simmons

Our organization thrives only when members are actively engaged. The Nominations Committee encourages everyone to pursue Board office in the future through self-nomination or by nominating colleagues. SEAALL members must continue promoting law librarianship and developing and increasing the usefulness of law libraries in our region. Respectfully submitted,  
*Zanada Joyner, Chair*  
*Rob Beharriell*  
*Joyce Manna Janto*  
*Kris Niedringhaus*

## VP / President—Elect Candidate : Charles (C.J.) Pipins

### Charge

- Serves as Chair of the Program Committee for the annual chapter meeting.
- Assists the President in conducting the affairs of the chapter.
- Prepares for term of office as President.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Serves as Chair of the Program Committee.
- Assumes all duties and obligations of the President in the absence or withdrawal of the President.
- Serves as a member of the Articles and Bylaws Committee.
- Solicits and appoints committee chairs and members.
- Attends the Council of Chapter Presidents meeting and any associated training offered by AALL either virtually or at the AALL annual meeting.
- Presents outgoing President with a gift of appreciation from Executive Board during the chapter business meeting at the annual chapter meeting.



**Associate Director for  
Public Services  
University of Baltimore  
Law Library**

I wish to express my deep gratitude to SEAALL for considering me for VP/President-Elect. I am humbled and thrilled about the opportunity to serve SEAALL. I have been a member of SEAALL since 2010. SEAALL is indeed the most vibrant and engaging professional group of which I have ever had the pleasure to be a part. I can point to several specific SEAALL events

that have helped to shape some of the major aspects of my professional life, only two of which I will bore you with right now. The first that always comes to mind, was watching Nikki Perry exclaim "I LOVE LEGAL RESEARCH!" at the beginning of my first SEAALL Institute in Columbia, SC and thinking, to myself, "ME TOO! I must be in the right place." Several years later I was inspired by several SEAALL colleagues at another SEAALL Institute to create and teach a new class at my law school on law practice technology. Needless to say, I got excellent advice as well. SEAALL networking and I educational events have consistently helped me to stretch and grow professionally. With so many smart and fascinating law librarians from across the region, it's unavoidable. I have been active on SEAALL Committees, including chairing the Scholarship Committee and serving on the Executive Board as the SEAALL Member-At-Large. I would be delighted to serve SEAALL again, this time as the VP/President-Elect.

## Treasurer: Eve Ross

### Charge

- *Maintains the accounts and ledger of the chapter.*
- *Collects membership dues.*
- *If required, prepares the chapter's tax return.*

### Duties and Responsibilities

- *Income and Receipts - Maintains records for the receipt of:*
  - *Membership dues.*
  - *Donations - Donations are usually associated with vendor contributions that underwrite chapter events.*
  - *Registration Fees.*
  - *Disbursements and Checks - The Treasurer maintains records for the disbursement of:*
    - *Expenses incurred in the execution of chapter events such as the Annual chapter meeting, Educational Institute, AALL chapter business meeting and reception.*
    - *Prizes and gifts.*
    - *Officer or Committee expenses authorized by chapter policies.*



**Reference Librarian**  
*University of South Carolina School of Law*

I am grateful for the opportunity to run for SEAALL treasurer. Funding is foundational to how we make any initiative a reality. I believe the treasurer's role is primarily (1) to maintain accurate records, keeping the executive board and membership informed of income and expenses, and (2) to keep the machine running by processing dues, sponsorships, reimburse-

ments, tax returns, and other paperwork timely. I see this as a supporting role. My goal will be to do the work of recording, processing, and reporting as quickly, accurately, and seamlessly as possible, in order to free up SEAALL members and leaders to pursue their goals, including SEAALL's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives that I am pleased to support. I have been a member of SEAALL since 2016. I currently serve on SEAALL's Newsletter & Public Relations committee (term ending 2021) and as co-chair of the Local Arrangements committee for Columbia, SC (was 2021; now rescheduled for 2024



## Member- at- Large

### Charge

• Serves as a voting member of the Executive Board and represents the general membership on issues of interest or concern, particularly those

*that arise outside of the standing committee structure.*

### Responsibilities

• Handle all arrangements for the chapter business meeting and reception traditionally

*held during the AALL annual meeting. Coordinates any Chapter VIP.*

• Other duties as assigned by the President.

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## Carol Collins



**Head of Technical Services**

*University of Tennessee*

I would be honored if the Nominating Committee would consider adding my name to the slate of candidates for the SEAALL Member-at-Large, 2021-2022.

Thanks to SEAALL affiliation, I have grown professionally and gained priceless benefits through discussions, workshops, best practices, and individual contacts. The role of the law librarian is continually evolving and filled with opportunities and challenges. These attributes underscore SEAALL membership, where colleagues find vital support and inspiration on moving forward. I wish to assist members by representing them on topics of interest and concern that typically arise outside the committee structure. My particular desire is to promote equality, diversity, and inclusion among members and within the profession. The Member-At-Large is in a prime position to bring member ideas on these topics and others to the SEAALL Executive Board. If nominated, I will serve to the best of my ability.



## Heather J. E. Simmons



**Associate Director for In-  
struction and Access Ser-  
vices**

*University of Georgia  
School of Law*

It has been a while since I have been involved in AALL Chapter leadership, but I look forward to serving SEAALL, whether as a Member-at-Large or in some other capacity. SEAALL has a great reputation as a friendly and welcoming organization, which I have found to be true since moving to Athens in 2019 to take up the position of Associate Director for Instruction and Access Services at the University of Georgia School of Law's Alexander Campbell King Law Library. I have been impressed with the agility of the Chapter to adapt to current conditions by putting on a successful virtual annual meeting. While I was disappointed not to meet members in person, or to wear my new seersucker dress, I look forward to doing so at events in the future. My previous experience with a variety of elected and appointed positions in AALL has given me a good understanding of association dynamics and how to work with people to advance the work. My recent work as Chair of the Law Librarianship as a Career Guidance Review Special Committee has given me a new appreciation for the importance of diversity and inclusion in the profession of law librarianship. I hope to repay my warm welcome to this part of the country with service to SEAALL. Thank you for considering me for this position. I have faith in the democratic process, so please be sure to vote!



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