

## **Southeastern Association of Law Libraries 2009-2010 Annual Report**

The SEAALL officers for 2009-2010 were Maureen A. Eggert, president; Karen B. Douglas, vice president/president-elect; Sally Wambold, secretary; Dee Wood, treasurer; and Linda Sobey and Sarah Mauldin, members-at-large. Newly elected officers for 2010-2011 are Carol Watson, vice president/president-elect; Sally Irvin, secretary; and Francis X. Norton, who will replace Linda Sobey as member-at-large.

SEAALL held a joint annual meeting with the Virginia Association of Law Libraries (VALL) April 22-24, 2010, in Williamsburg, VA. The theme of the meeting, "After the Digital Revolution: Law Libraries in a World Turned Upside Down," seemed an appropriate choice because the meeting was being held in an area which was instrumental in an earlier revolution. There were many programs that reflected the vast changes that have been occurring recently in the law library world. Technological advances in library service, such as virtual reference, RFID, digitization of material, and the Google Books project were among areas covered in educational programs.

This year's Institute, "The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Law Library: Issues and Answers," helped attendees to form a strategy to deal with the issues facing today's law libraries, such as: changes in technology and the economy, and the impending retirement of many library employees, and provided solutions for coping in these tumultuous times. Featured keynote speakers were: Harvard professor Randall Kennedy, who spoke on a comparison between past struggles to legalize interracial marriage and today's struggles to legalize same-sex marriage, and Davison Douglas, dean of the College of William & Mary Law School, who spoke on the changing nature of legal education. We were also joined by AALL Secretary Ruth Hill, who spoke at the opening luncheon.

Our standing committees accomplished quite a bit this year. The Education and Publications Committee had five SEAALL-sponsored programs accepted for this year's AALL Annual Meeting in Denver. The Scholarship Committee awarded \$13,000 in funding support to SEAALL members. This year's Service to SEAALL award was presented to Sally Wambold. At this year's business meeting in Williamsburg, it was decided that SEAALL as a chapter would make a donation each year to the charitable organization in the Annual Meeting host city selected by the Community Service Committee. This year the first donation was made to the Avalon Center for Women and Children.

This year a major revision of the SEAALL Handbook, which was discussed during the past year, will be completed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen B. Douglas  
President 2010-2011