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Chapters

Council of Chapter Presidents

¶1 As is traditional, the council's activities for the year began with a variety of training sessions at the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle. These included roundtables on professional development, government relations, meeting management, financial management, membership development, and public relations. These were in addition to a half-day general training session and business meeting.

¶2 The council discussion list is a vital means of contact throughout the year. Chapter presidents, vice presidents, and past presidents all participate. It helps to smooth communication with headquarters and with other AALL entities. It is also a forum for discussions on the different approaches chapters take to similar problems. Topics this year included grants and scholarships, outlets for publication by members, chapter contributions to the George A. Strait Scholarship Fund, dues refunds, retired members, and advertising in newsletters.

¶3 The *Chapter Council Bulletin* was discontinued by AALL due to lack of funding. To fill part of the gap left by the loss of this publication, the *Chapter Council Chat* was begun. It is a monthly electronic newsletter sent to all the members of the chapter discussion list. It is based on the format used in AALL's *From the Desk of . . .* e-mail announcements.

¶4 The council normally has an exhibit at both the Annual Meeting and CONELL. The primary purpose of this exhibit is to show the range of chapters and their geographic boundaries to potential members. Three professionally made maps showing chapter boundaries within the United States were created for use in Boston this year and in the future.

¶5 In the past the Chapter Professional Development Roundtable and the Chapter Professional Development Award were both handled by the AALL Professional Development Committee. This year, the responsibility for both fell to the Career Development Task Force. Since a successor to the task force is not yet organized, these two programs must be handled by different entities in the future. The AALL president-elect, the chair, and the chair-elect agreed that the award will be given by the AALL Awards Committee. The council will form its own committee to assume responsibility for future education roundtables.

¶6 There were three candidates in the spring election for a new chair; two votes resulted in a tie. Since there are no tie-breaking provisions in the bylaws,

the election was decided by having the final two candidates pick numbers. The incoming chair is Diana Jaque.

Susan Goldner, Chair
2003–04

Arizona Association of Law Libraries

¶1 During 2003–04, AzALL was led by President Beth Schneider, Vice President/President-Elect Beth Difelice, Secretary Markita Martinez, Treasurer Marcy McCahan, Past President Corrine Guthrie, and Members-at-Large Kris Proskus and Suzanne Quinton.

¶2 In an effort to improve attendance, a variety of meeting formats were instituted, including a breakfast meeting, brown-bag lunches both with and without speakers, and an evening holiday party. One of the year's most popular speakers was Arizona State University law professor Gary Lowenthal, who spoke on the year he spent working in the Maricopa County Attorney's office. In January, AzALL met in Tucson. Library science students from the University of Arizona were invited, and the program was designed to introduce them to law librarianship. The program was very well received and will hopefully become an annual event. Executive Board member Kathy Carlson represented AALL at the annual banquet in May. The keynote speaker was Toni Garvey, *Library Journal's* 2004 Librarian of the Year.

¶3 The basic legal research institute was offered in a new format. Three topics were covered in half-day sessions in March, April, and May. Attendees could register for one or more sessions, with those registering for all three receiving a tuition discount. The evaluations indicated that attendees liked the more in-depth format.

¶4 Other activities during the year included reviewing the association's bylaws, providing grants for AzALL members to attend the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries and AALL annual meetings, developing a display for the Arizona State Bar Association meeting and the activities area at AALL in Boston, sponsoring a VIP at the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting for the first time, and revitalizing the AzALL Web site which had been dormant for several months. After several years, AzALL also once again has association letterhead.

¶5 Officers for the 2004–05 year include: Beth DiFelice, President; March McCahan, Vice President/President-Elect; Markita Martinez, Secretary; Jennifer Murray, Treasurer; Beth Schneider, Past President; and Kris Proskus and Theresa Greco, Executive Board Members.

Beth Schneider, President
2003–04

Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York

¶1 The Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York (ALLUNY) was founded June 11, 1954, and its 120 members are celebrating ALLUNY's fiftieth

year of service to the law librarians of upstate New York this year. A brief history of the chapter is provided on the ALLUNY Web site.

¶2 It has been a busy and productive year for the association, starting with the forty-ninth annual meeting, “The Craft of Law Librarianship,” held on October 1–2, 2003, in Fayetteville, New York. The meeting featured programs on the USA PATRIOT Act, wireless technologies, and a visit from AALL President-Elect Victoria Trotta. ALLUNY concluded the business meeting portion of the program by donating \$250 to the George Strait Minority Scholarship Fund. The fiftieth annual meeting will be held September 30–October 1, 2004, in Albany, New York. We invite all of our friends in the law library community to join us in celebrating this milestone.

¶3 In addition to the Annual Meeting, ALLUNY holds a one-day educational program each spring. In 2004, the Spring Institute was held at Cornell University on May 21 and the topic was identity theft.

¶4 ALLUNY’s anniversary year has brought with it many opportunities for reflection, growth, and change. For instance, this year we began distributing our newsletter in electronic format via e-mail and the chapter’s Web site. Although a few life members of ALLUNY still receive print copies, the switch to electronic delivery has been a great savings in time and effort. Another significant project was initiating the first major revamp of the Web site since it was created in 1998. Nancy Babb, our new webmaster, has done a wonderful job of updating our Web presence. On another front, the president and other members traveled to Syracuse University and the University of Buffalo to speak to MLS students regarding careers in law librarianship and the value of ALLUNY and AALL memberships. And lastly, we have undertaken a massive inventory and reorganization of the association’s archives, with the intent of creating a digital copy of the archives and making them available to our members in an accessible format. The paper archives will be retained, but we will also have a searchable, usable version for all those interested in the history of the organization.

Stephen Weiter, President
2003–04

Atlanta Law Libraries Association

¶1 ALLA officers for the 2003–04 year were Tricia Bond, President; Kreig Kitts, Vice President/President-Elect; Deborah Putnah, Secretary; Dionne Lyne-Rowan, Treasurer; and Beth Adelman and Joey Klein, Members-at-Large.

¶2 Educational programs of note included a very well-attended meeting with Susan Klopper discussing accounting materials and standards in October 2003; and Nola Vanhoy, Cindy Adams, and Jim Tharpe covering “Cost Recovery, Cost Avoidance, and Understanding Who Uses What Inside Your Firm” in April 2004. The latter was subsequently presented at the Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting.

Kreig Kitts, Vice President/President-Elect
2003–04

Chicago Association of Law Libraries

¶1 CALL began its year with a half-day leadership training program attended by twenty-eight committee chairs and board members. Brainstorming sessions resulted in potential topics and speakers for the 2003–04 business meetings, ways for CALL committees to enhance communication, and ways to attract new committee members and new CALL members. We enhanced committee communications by creating a discussion forum populated by board members and committee chairs only.

¶2 CALL conducted five business meetings during the year. Susan Fox, executive director of AALL, spoke during the September meeting and networked with members. The November meeting speaker was Judith Krug, director of American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom. Alice Calabrese, director of Multitype Library System, spoke during the January meeting, conducted jointly with the Chicago chapter of the Special Libraries Association. The March meeting speaker was John Unsworth, dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Discussion of the proposed bylaws revisions was the main topic of this meeting. The May speaker was Merle Slyhoff, AALL Executive Board member. We also presented the following awards during the meeting: the Agnes & Harvey T. Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship to Judith A. Gaskell, and the Outstanding In-House Publication Award to Loyola University School of Law Library for its mouse pad with “Legal Resources Quick Guide.”

¶3 CALL committees were active in 2003–04. The Bylaws Committee revised the CALL bylaws to accord with the AALL and other chapter bylaws, and provided for electronic balloting when the board decides to implement the procedure. Continuing Education presented a joint session with SLA, “Tech Storm: Technology Brainstorm and Environmental Scan.” It also cosponsored “Basic Legal Research: A CALL Seminar Introducing the Basics of Legal Research.” The Internet Committee added a members-only section to the CALL Web site.

¶4 The CALL Board for 2004–05 consists of Jean Wenger, President; Naomi Goodman, Vice President/President-Elect; Denise Glynn, Secretary; JoAnn Hounshell, Treasurer; and Julia Wentz and Jamie Stewart, Directors.

Betty Roeske, President
2003–04

Colorado Association of Law Libraries

¶1 In 2003–04, CoALL again emphasized education by providing educational programs for its members and guests as well as hosting social events, usually combining the two.

¶2 In November, a panel of three CoALL members discussed “Marketing Your Library,” giving hints on how to effectively promote your library to your organization and the clientele you are serving. The University of Denver law library staff

hosted the annual holiday party at their new facility in December. A catered buffet and live music combined for a festive atmosphere in which CoALL members could look back over the past year and forward to the next.

¶3 A program on the “USA PATRIOT Act and Homeland Security” featured the U.S. Attorney for Colorado speaking about separating myth from reality post-9/11, a U.S. marshal discussing the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and a representative from Thomson/West providing an overview of resources concerning security and terrorism available from West.

¶4 CoALL provided marketing and public relations assistance for the Colleague Connection in April, an annual gathering of several Colorado library organizations that met for dinner, networking, and a talk by Mary Ellen Bates titled “Buggy Whips or Transportation Enhancement Tools: Exploring the Changing Role of Librarians and Researchers.”

¶5 Several CoALL members donated their time and expertise to help summer interns and other law students learn to “Bridge the Research and Analysis Gap” during the third annual BRAG program in June. This is CoALL’s prime revenue producer, and this year, thanks to donations from LexisNexis and Thomson/West that covered food and goodie bags, we were able to bank the profits from forty-two paid attendees with ten participants coming courtesy of scholarships.

¶6 The CoALL board decided to rearrange some of its committees. A new Budget Committee will be formed in 2004–05, Government Relations has been disbanded, Long-Range Planning has been moved to an ad hoc basis, Public Relations and Marketing have merged, as have Brown Bag and Programming.

¶7 Monica Martens, our Public Relations chair, submitted three articles to *AALL Spectrum*, all with an educational programming theme. She also submitted CoALL’s “Legal Research Corner,” a column published quarterly in the *Colorado Lawyer*, for consideration in the Excellence in Marketing Award competition. The “Legal Research Corner” has garnered positive response this year for its discussions of federal legislative histories and online background searching. The *CoALL Scuttle*, the chapter’s online newsletter, also continues to be well received. It is published quarterly and is e-mailed to members and posted to the chapter Web site.

¶8 Finally, CoALL’s bank accounts are at about the same level as they were last year. This year we did not charge for our programs, other than BRAG, but next year we intend to try to generate at least some revenue to help fund our programs, scholarships, and travel grants. This year we were able to donate \$500 to the George Strait Minority Scholarship and would like to be able to participate in giving to other worthy causes in the future.

¶9 The officers for 2004–05 were installed at the June annual business meeting: Dan Cordova, President; Joanne Dugan, Vice President/President-Elect; Goldie Burton, Treasurer; Andrea Hamilton, Secretary; Margi Heinen and Caryl Shipley, Members-at-Large; and Martha Campbell, Immediate Past-President.

Martha Campbell, President
2003–04

Houston Area Law Libraries

¶1 HALL conducted several interesting seminars and conferences in 2003–04. In September 2003, six speakers spoke on a variety of current legal topics at the fall seminar: copyright and fair use, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, HIPAA, privacy, tort reform, and Enron/corporate issues. Thirty-six people attended the seminar which is the major fund-raiser for HALL's scholarship fund. In March 2004, HALL participated in a joint meeting with the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries. It consisted of two days of exciting and informative sessions. In addition to the conference, a tour of the Fred Parks Law Library at South Texas College of Law was offered. About eighty-five people attended.

¶2 A variety of continuing education topics were covered in HALL's monthly meetings during the past year. These included "Overall Health in Body, Mind, and Spirit"; the University of Houston's actions following the complete destruction of its law library during tropical storm Allison; cameras in the courtroom; and legislative history. On February 11, 2004, AALL Executive Board member James Duggan visited the chapter and spoke about Association activities and issues.

¶3 In May 2004, HALL made the first payment toward its \$5000 pledge to the George Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment Fund. Riva Laughlin was named as volunteer of the year. Finally, new board members elected for 2004–05 are Trisha Fabugais, President; Kim Serna, Vice President/President-Elect; Caren Luckie, Treasurer; Mary Ann Wacker, Secretary; Maggie Crowley-Brown (2004–05) and Tracy Timmons (2004–06), Members-at-Large; Bethany Bletsch, Immediate Past President.

Bethany Bletsch, President
2003–04

Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin

¶1 LLAW enjoyed another year of excellent programs and interesting projects in 2003–04. We are especially honored to be receiving the AALL/West Excellence in Marketing Award for our campaign to publish member-written articles in legal publications. The project is described in "Write and Reach Out," an article in the March 2004 issue of *AALL Spectrum*.

¶2 The Program Committee, cochaired by Diane Medcalf and Vice President Ted Potter, hit things off to a fun start this year with a meeting at Miller Park. Milwaukee Brewers President and CEO Ulice Payne shared some interesting insights on marketing. At our second membership meeting, we learned some great techniques for avoiding and managing conflict in the workplace.

¶3 The February membership meeting featured a program titled "Trends in Technology" that offered tips for incorporating technology tools into law libraries. In April, we went *Hollywood* at a program jointly sponsored with the South Central Library System and the Wisconsin Chapter of the Special Libraries Association at which Ann Seidl treated us to some highlights from her documen-

tary-in-progress on images of librarians in film. At our final membership meeting in May, we geared up for the AALL Annual Meeting by playing “Let’s Make a Deal” for Boston-themed prizes.

¶4 Other LLAW committees were also active this year. The Government Relations Committee, chaired by Tony Chan, continued to monitor important state and federal legislation. The Grants Committee, chaired by Amy Thornton, awarded AALL Annual Meeting grants to four LLAW members: Sara Paul, Genevieve Zook, Laura La Rose, and Ted Potter. An additional professional development grant was awarded to Connie Von Der Heide.

¶5 Sales were brisk for the print edition of the Public Access to Legal Information Committee’s revised guide, *Introduction to Legal Materials: A Manual for Non-Law Librarians in Wisconsin*. With the assistance of Web Committee Chair Amy Gannaway, PALI Committee Chair Sunil Rao was also able to make the guide available on LLAW’s Web site.

¶6 The Public Relations Committee, cochaired by Laura Olsen Dugan and Carol Bannen, has been especially productive this year. In addition to the award-winning articles campaign, the committee also expanded its local library school liaison program. Our Membership Committee, chaired by Carol Schmitt, welcomed eleven new members, bringing LLAW’s total to 106. And Newsletter Cochairs Bev Butula, Julia Jaet, and Jim Mumm produced four more outstanding issues of the *LLAW Newsletter* this year.

¶7 A Special Committee on Digitizing the Wisconsin Administrative Code Superseded Pages, chaired by Rebecca Schultz, began work this year on that endeavor. Other LLAW chairs included Kellee Selden-Huston, Nominating Committee, and Melissa Mooney, Placement Committee.

¶8 LLAW officers for 2004–05 are Ted Potter, President; Bev Butula, Vice President/President-Elect; Bonnie Shucha, Past President; Diane Duffey, Secretary; and Jim Mumm, Treasurer.

Bonnie Shucha, President
2003–04

Law Librarians of New England

¶1 The Law Librarians of New England was especially active this past year. In addition to the usual chapter programs and activities, many members served on subcommittees of the AALL Local Advisory Committee preparing for the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. Darcy Kirk and Catherine Breen served as cochairs, and the makeup of LAC truly reflected the regional character of LLNE and the readiness of members to volunteer their time, talents, and skills.

¶2 Vermont Law School hosted the October 2003 educational program, “Leading Through Change for Informational Professionals,” presented by Thomson University. The University of Maine and the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library copresented the April 2004 educational program, “Finding the Information Needle in the Haystack.”

¶3 The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Margaret Cianfarini, awarded three scholarships to attend the fall LLNE meeting and two to attend the spring meeting. Bonnie Koneski-White was awarded a scholarship to attend the AALL Annual Meeting. A task force comprised of members of the Scholarship, Public Relations, and Member Development committees commenced looking into amending the scholarship program to include support for a student attending library school.

¶4 In fall 2003, Christine Swan and Joan Shear coordinated the chapter's award-winning "Introduction to Legal Research" course held at the Boston College Law Library. The course is offered to the greater New England legal community.

¶5 The Service Committee, chaired by Stephanie Burke, continued to offer members opportunities to participate in various community projects. The committee raised \$896 for the Walk for Hunger in May 2004. A group from LLNE worked along the Charles River in Boston as part of the annual Charles River Cleanup and celebration of Earth Day 2004.

¶6 The Communications Committee, chaired by Raquel Ortiz and consisting of the Internet, Newsletter, and Public Relations subcommittees, drafted a committee charge that was approved by the Executive Board. A new Library School and New Member Outreach Group coordinated visits to library school programs in the New England area. An information packet for new librarians and library staff who join LLNE libraries was compiled. Catherine Breen, chair of the Membership and Development Committee, will coordinate the production and distribution of these promotional packets. The chapter's Web site continued to expand. CyberCites, an annotated topical listing of Web sites useful for research purposes, now totals thirty-six pages. Thanks to Diane D'Angelo, Public Relations Subcommittee chair, a member bibliography of legal and librarianship articles, books, and presentations was added to the site.

¶7 Secretary Jeannine Upgaard and Education Director Maureen Quinlan completed their two-year terms on the Executive Board. A slate of new officers was elected at the LLNE Business Meeting at AALL in July. The Executive Board for 2004–05 are Raquel Ortiz, President; Michelle Pearse, Vice President/President-Elect; Susan C. Sullivan, Past President; Juliana Hayden, Treasurer; Sue Drisko Zago and Kelly Browne, Education Directors; and Kathleen Fletcher, Secretary.

Susan C. Sullivan, President
2003–04

Law Librarians of Puget Sound

¶1 This past year has been another active year for LLOPS, beginning with hosting the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle in July. We enjoyed having you all here!

¶2 For the past two years, Program Chair Nancy Noble has provided us with interesting, timely, and varied programs. This year's programs included a session on animal law, a visit from the director of the Seattle Public Library, a holiday party on Elliot Bay, as well as visits to the Microsoft Campus and a tour of

the new University of Washington Marion Gould Gallagher Law Library. Nancy received the President's Award this year for her outstanding contribution to the chapter.

¶3 Our Internet SIG, chaired by Judy Broom, set an ever higher standard in their yearly presentations. This year they demonstrated three software programs that can be used for virtual reference.

¶4 The Professional Development Committee, chaired by Peggy Jarrett, put on an SRO program ("Law for the Non-JD") which almost doubled PD attendance for the last few years. The daylong program covered the basics with a variety of speakers from the legal community.

¶5 The Government Relations Committee, chaired by Sue Bellevue, provided us with an excellent overview of the Washington legislative session in June during our final meeting this year.

¶6 We were lucky this year to have Victoria Trotta, AALL Vice President/President-Elect and monorail connoisseur, visit LLOPS in May. Her visit was enjoyed by all.

¶7 After a year on hiatus, quarterly production of our newsletter, *LLOPSCited*, was reinstated under the able direction of Rita Kaiser. It is now produced electronically and e-mailed to the members. Brandi Ledferd, webmaster and Membership chair, did a stellar job putting together a local resources Web site for the AALL Annual Meeting, as well as keeping our own site updated *and* creating a password-protected membership directory accessed through the site.

¶8 The Grants Committee, chaired by Stuart Zimmerman, awarded two AALL registrations, one CONELL registration, and one LLOPS Professional Development Seminar registration this year. Denyse McFadden, in her role as Employment Chair, kept the membership informed throughout the year of job opportunities. Connelly Johnson, in the position of Chair of the Articles of Incorporation/Bylaws Committee, was ever ready, though no action was needed this year.

¶9 Finally, the Nominations and Elections Committee, chaired by Karen Helde, submitted for consideration and subsequent election two excellent candidates, Ann Hemmens for Vice President/President-Elect and Kim Ositis for Ssecretary.

¶10 I would like to thank each committee chair for their expert leadership and for the valuable feedback and suggestions they provided to the Executive Board throughout the year. I would also like to thank them and their committee members for the time and energy they contributed to LLOPS this year.

¶11 Finally, I would like to thank the Executive Board for their participation and support in making this a great year. It's been fun! They included Richard Jost, Vice President/President-Elect; Dianne Burress, Secretary; Catherine Horan, Treasurer; and Jill Allyn, Past President.

Jan Lawrence, President
2003–04

Law Librarians Society of Washington, D.C.

¶1 LLSDC held an extensive and diverse set of events in 2003–04. The Opening Reception, one of three annual societywide events, began the year on September 30, 2003. Sabrina Pacifici, founder of the Law Library Resource Xchange (www.llrx.com) and beSpecific (www.beSpecific.com), was the featured speaker. More than 140 members attended this breakfast meeting to hear her presentation on “Staying Current: How Newer Technology Tools (Blogs, RSS, and News Aggregators) Have Joined the Roster of the Now Familiar Law Firm Intranets, KM Initiatives, Portals, Webzines, and E-mail Updates.” LLSDC appreciates support given for this event by LexisNexis and its Librarian Relations Group.

¶2 LLSDC’s Town Meeting, its second societywide event, was held on March 24, 2004, and combined the society’s annual business meeting with a presentation by Michael J. Songer, a partner at Arnold & Porter LLP, on “New Developments in the Law of Cyberspace.” The lecture was sponsored by the Sandy Peterson Memorial Fund, which was created several years ago to honor Sandy Peterson (1937–94), a former LLSDC President, AALL Executive Board Member, and law librarian at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP. Generous financial support and other arrangements for the Town Meeting were also provided by Morgan, Lewis. LLSDC wrapped up the year on May 13, 2004, with the Closing Banquet, its third societywide meeting. Highlights included awarding life membership in the society to Patrick Kehoe and Carl Kessler and distributing certificates to this year’s officers, committee chairs, and focus group coordinators. The evening was capped by entertaining after-dinner remarks from our guest speaker, Michael Dirda, a columnist for the *Washington Post Book World* and recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Criticism. Many thanks to Thomson/West and its Librarian Relations Group for supporting this event.

¶3 Sandwiched in between these three major events were many educational programs and social gatherings sponsored by the society’s special interest sections, committees, and focus groups. The Education Committee held programs covering “Legal Research in DC and Maryland,” and its annual two-day “Legal Research Institute.” Teamwork was a running theme for the year as the PLL SIS and Academic SIS joined forces for a two-part program on “Business Research,” and the Legislative SIS and Federal SIS copresented a program on “Legislative History Digitization” that was held twice so everyone could attend. Numerous social events rounded out the year, including happy hours, movie nights, ice-skating, and board-game tournaments.

¶4 New members of LLSDC’s Executive Board for 2004–05 are Herb Somers, President; Elizabeth LeDoux, Recording Secretary; Diahann Munoz, Assistant Treasurer; Frances Brillantine and Linda Davis, Board Members. Continuing members are David Mao, Treasurer; John Moore, Corresponding Secretary; and Keith Gabel and Craig Lelansky, Board Members. A vacancy for vice president/president-elect will be filled in an upcoming election. LLSDC will be

celebrating its sixty-fifth anniversary throughout 2004–05. The coming year promises a wide range of events fitting for this thriving organization.

Scott Larson, President
2003–04

Law Libraries Association of Alabama

¶1 The Law Libraries Association of Alabama had a busy year. The main focus of activities was for the semiannual meetings. Members of the Program Committee, with valuable assistance and advice from a number of other chapter members, worked diligently to plan two successful educational programs. Generous time was allotted at both meetings for the librarians in attendance to visit informally and share experiences in their professional lives.

¶2 The fall meeting on November 14, 2003, was hosted by the Bounds Law Library of the University of Alabama School of Law. Educational sessions included a panel discussion by librarians representing academic, court, and law firm libraries on the topic of handling problems with vendors, a presentation on the work of the AALL Committee on Relations with Information Vendors and on CRIV resources, and a discussion by two reference librarians on new and interesting Web sites for research.

¶3 The spring meeting on May 14, 2004, was hosted by the Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library. Educational sessions included presentations on marketing, on the AALL Ethical Principles, and on the Casemaker research system which had recently been demonstrated to the Board of Bar Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar. A highlight of the program was a presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Aversa, director of the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies, on librarianship education. Dr. Aversa's presentation was followed by a panel of current students in the School of Library and Information Studies, who discussed their backgrounds, experiences in graduate school, and career plans.

¶4 Officers for 2004–05 are Laurel R. Clapp, President; Janice Franks, Vice President/President-Elect; Ruth D. Weeks, Secretary; and Edward L. Craig, Jr., Treasurer.

Laurel R. Clapp, Vice President/President-Elect
2003–04

Law Library Association of Greater New York

¶1 LLAGNY celebrated its sixty-fifth anniversary in 2003–04. Activities and educational programs revolved around remembering the past as well as looking forward to new beginnings. Our special anniversary committee, chaired by Janice Henderson, coordinated several programs as well as a talent show for the holiday party. One program, "Surviving and Thriving 65 Years Later," featured ten former LLAGNY presidents discussing events and trends during their tenure. This was a great way for our newer members to gain a better understanding of how their profession has evolved over the years and how they could contribute to its future.

¶2 In keeping with the theme of new beginnings, LLAGNY acquired a new logo. We felt a real need to change our logo since the old one had a picture of the New York skyline that included the World Trade Center. Our new logo is modern and vital and a tribute to the city and our organization.

¶3 The vendor community provided outstanding support this year. Because of their generous contributions throughout the year, LLAGNY was able to offer outstanding educational programs and a student scholarship program, as well as find new and exciting locations for our holiday party and June dinner. We thank Corporate Sponsorship Committee Cochairs Kit Hartnett and Elaine Egan and West Group, Lexis/Nexis, Global Securities, Bloomberg, BNA, and Dialog for their support.

¶4 Education Committee Cochairs Jeff Cohen and Kathleen McLeod met the challenge of providing quality programming for a library community as large and diverse as Greater New York. In November, a program on "Securities Research Strategy," aimed at intermediate, occasional, and highly skilled research specialists, was presented by experienced corporate librarians at major NYC private firms. In March, a program on "Canadian Legal Research" provided an overview of the major sources of information in print and electronic format. Based on its success, we plan to continue sponsoring education programs dedicated to international legal topics.

¶5 April was a busy month for programming. LexisNexis consultant Sandra Yancy presented an outstanding program, "Avoiding Deadly Weapons That Can Destroy Your Career," that offered a practical overview of how to conduct oneself in a business environment. At "Law Librarians—Transitions and Change," speakers discussed their career progressions, explaining why they made the choices they did, how they evaluated options, and how to avoid pitfalls and have a successful career.

¶6 The Student Relations Committee, cochaired by Megan vonBehren and Nancy Rine, sponsored the annual student breakfast and law library tours. Also in April, many LLAGNY volunteers participated in SLA's Career Day 2004. LexisNexis and Westlaw also did a special presentation on electronic legal research for the graduate library school students of Pratt Institute. Several librarians participated in this event and were able to talk to the students about their own career progression and answer questions from the students.

¶7 *Law Lines*, the LLAGNY newsletter, was revitalized by its new editors, Jim Murphy and Marlene Gebauer. We published our first electronic newsletter and look forward to future editions.

¶8 The site for the June dinner was the spectacular Le Parker Meridian overlooking beautiful Central Park. Special guest AALL President Janis Johnston gave a memorable speech and helped us enjoy the evening. Lifetime membership in LLAGNY was awarded to Nancy Joseph who retired this year. Nancy volunteered her time to LLAGNY over the years, and we were pleased to recognize her for contributions to the organization. Grants and Scholarships Committee Cochairs

Helen Lawless and Bruce Bosso raised almost \$5000 this year from a combination of member donations and vendor contributions. The committee awarded two \$2000 scholarships and two \$500 grants at the June dinner.

¶9 Officers for 2004–05 are David Merkin, President; Heidi Marie Bliss, Vice President/President-Elect; Patricia Kasting, Secretary; Patricia Barbone, Treasurer; June Berger, Past President; Anthony Cocuzzi, Mark Zalek, Janet Peros, Andrew Tshinkel, and Karen Heusel, Board Members.

June Berger, President
2003–04

Law Library Association of Maryland

¶1 In many ways, LLAM continues to be the “Little Engine that Could.” With just more than ninety members (and a much smaller number who are active), this year we produced six educational programs, two major social events, and a Legal Research Institute for Maryland library and information professionals. We also published a quarterly newsletter, our membership directory, and made strides toward updating the Maryland County Code Checklist.

¶2 Our educational programs covered a wide range of topics. Our first speaker of the year, from the Maryland Attorney General’s office, discussed the procedure for writing and publishing AG Opinions. We were also one of the cosponsors of SLA-Maryland’s “Technology Day,” which brought speakers from around the country to address a variety of cutting-edge technology topics. To finish out our fall slate of programs, we heard from a representative from the Division of State Documents, the agency responsible for producing the print and online version of the *Code of Maryland Regulations*.

¶3 The spring programs began with the topic of virtual reference. Our featured speaker was the director of Maryland’s “Ask Us Now” program, Joe Thompson. He discussed the implications of virtual reference for law libraries, and also solicited law librarians to lend their expertise to the project. We switched gears the following month to discuss another pressing topic, “Budget Woes.” At this roundtable discussion, LLAM members shared their money-saving tips. Finally, in April Warren Deschenaux of the Maryland Department of Legislative Services provided an overview of significant developments from the recent legislative session.

¶4 Perhaps the centerpiece of our year was the biennial Legal Research Institute presented in late March. The half-day program provided a “crash course” in state and federal legal research, covering both print and online formats. Coordinators and instructors for the institute were all local legal information professionals (and LLAM members) who generously volunteered their time. More than sixty attended, representing public, academic, and law firm libraries. Along with providing a service to the community, the healthy attendance (even at the modest registration fee) helped shore-up LLAM’s coffers.

¶5 Finally, our two social events provided an opportunity for LLAM members to get together with colleagues in an informal setting. Our holiday party was held

in historic downtown Annapolis, and featured live music and delicious food as well as a silent auction to raise money for LLAM. The SpringFling, held on May 21 at Baltimore's Flag House museum, was made especially enjoyable this year by the visit of AALL Immediate Past President Carol Avery Nicholson. Carol talked about the importance of being active in both the local and national organizations, a topic that certainly resonated with this year's board members.

¶6 Unfortunately, the year also featured the retirement of several longtime LLAM members. Ruth Hodgson and Shirley Aaronson, both of the Maryland State Law Library, and Fay Sauchelli, of the law firm of Saul Ewing, all retired this year. Fay and Ruth are both former presidents of LLAM, and the contributions of all three will be sorely missed.

James Gernert, President
2003–04

Michigan Association of Law Libraries

¶1 The Michigan Association of Law Libraries held its annual meeting on May 21, 2004, at Wayne State University. The program, "From ICLE to LLMC: Digital Legal Resource Initiatives in Michigan and Beyond," was offered free of charge to members in good standing, and attended by forty-seven of MichALL's eighty-nine members. It featured digitization projects by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education and the State Bar of Michigan, the Law Library Microform Consortium, the state of Michigan, the Wayne State University Libraries Photo Archives, and GPO. The discussions centered on the effects of these projects on access to information, as well as on the time, costs, and effort involved in selecting the appropriate technology and digitization formats. The meeting ended with a tour of the law school and law library.

¶2 Membership in MichALL remains fairly constant. A committee has been formed to assess the needs of the MichALL membership and find ways to increase the association's relevance. Our goal is to strengthen the association through increased participation by members and by offering programs and services of interest to all members. As a step toward meeting this goal, the MichALL newsletter is now available in print, via e-mail, and on the Web site, which now also provides RSS (XML) feeds. The site is a major tool in improving communication and services to the membership.

¶3 MichALL officers for 2004–05 are Michael Samson, President; Pat Parker, Vice President/President-Elect; Barbara Bonge, Treasurer; Christopher Bloodworth, Secretary; and Larissa Sullivant and June Van Wingen, Members-at-Large.

Jeanne I. Stuart, President
2003–04

Mid-America Association of Law Libraries

¶1 "MAALL Together in Norman" was the theme of the annual MAALL meeting held October 2–4, 2003, on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman,

Oklahoma. Justice Yvonne Kauger of the Oklahoma Supreme Court delivered the keynote address. One of our own MAALL-affiliated AALL Executive Board members, James E. Duggan, provided a succinct, informative, and entertaining AALL chapter visitor report. This thirtieth annual meeting included seventy-two participants, twelve program sessions (most concurrent), and several excellent meal functions. The opening night dinner event featured the Oklahoma Fancy Dancers, a Native American dance troupe in full regalia. It is particularly noteworthy that the local arrangements for this successful meeting were ably coordinated by Marilyn K. Nicely, who will retire at the end of 2004 after twenty-eight years of service at the University of Oklahoma Law Library and an equal number of distinguished years of service to MAALL.

¶2 MAALL remains one of the most robust chapters in terms of supplying national association leadership. MAALL's own Janis L. Johnston is currently serving as the AALL President. James E. Duggan and Ann T. Fessenden, both proud MAALL members, each served on the AALL Executive Board this year. Immediate Past President Susan Goldner served as the 2003–04 Chair of the AALL Council of Chapter Presidents. Frank G. Houdek continues to serve as *Law Library Journal* Editor, and Paul D. Healey is the Editorial Director of the *AALL Spectrum*.

¶3 MAALL's 2003–04 executive officers were Kay L. Andrus, President; Janet McKinney, Vice President/President-Elect; Susan Goldner, Past President; Charles J. Condon, Secretary; and Sharon P. Kern, Treasurer.

¶4 Organizers of "The Future is Now"-themed, joint MAALL/MALL meeting to be held in Des Moines, October 14–16, 2004, assembled in July to coordinate and finalize details for our next major chapter event. A history of inclusion and regional participation has characterized the MAALL chapter over the years. This 2004 joint meeting represented the fourth time since 1989 that MAALL has partnered in either joint or regional meetings with other AALL chapters.

Kay L. Andrus, President
2003–04

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries

¶1 MALL's forty-eighth year as an AALL chapter was marked by a jump in membership as forty first-time members joined, bringing membership to 197. This growth can be traced in part to recent recruitment and outreach efforts.

¶2 MALL's Placement and Recruitment Committee offered, for the first time, a series of open houses aimed at library and law students, as well as others interested in law librarianship. Each session focused on law librarianship in a particular employment setting and was hosted at a corresponding library (government, law firm, and law school). In addition, MALL Vice-President Mary Wells spoke to students at the College of St. Catherine's MLIS program in St. Paul about careers in law librarianship.

¶3 Outreach and education activities aimed at librarians working in public libraries were emphasized again this year. At the Minnesota Library Association's

annual convention, MALL President Vicente Garces presented a program on assisting public library patrons with law-related questions and research. In another effort to train public librarians, MALL's Consulting and Community Outreach Committee developed a workshop series to be taught by MALL volunteers starting in summer 2004 at various public libraries throughout Minnesota. As with a previous workshop series in 2003, grant funding was obtained (this time from the Gates Foundation) to support the series. A "Legal Resources for Public Libraries" guide was published on MALL's Web site in conjunction with these workshops. Thanks to Aimee Blatz and Karen Westwood for leading this effort and to curriculum developers Trina Tinglum, Sara Galligan, Jan Stone, and Liz Robb.

¶4 MALL had the honor of sending two chapter VIPs to the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting, Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Helen M. Meyer, and Faegre and Benson Technology Partner James F. Pfau. Both shared their impressions of the meeting and of law librarians at MALL's fall meeting

¶5 A successful advocacy effort by MALL occurred when the Minnesota Supreme Court adopted a new general rule of practice that recognizes the service provided by law libraries and law librarians to self-represented litigants. The proposed version of General Rule 110 on "Self-Help Programs" made no mention of law libraries and law librarians. President Garces submitted comments along with other state and county librarians that led to the adoption of the new rule containing language that recognizes the service law libraries and librarians provide to self-help litigants.

¶6 Two MALL committees were involved in professional development activities of particular note. The Technical Services Special Interest Group sponsored workshops on basic cataloging. Committee member Paddy Satzer also conducted a specialized workshop on AACR2 rules in legal cataloging. MALL's Education Committee presented a panel discussion on the state of county law libraries featuring the state law librarian and county law librarians from the Twin Cities area. The committee also offered four education programs at MALL's Annual meeting. During his chapter visit at MALL's annual meeting, AALL Executive Board member Al Podboy presented a program on professional outsourcing. Local attorney Stuart Bear presented a program on elder law issues. University of Minnesota Government Publications Librarian Julia Wallace presented a program on researching EU and UN documents, and Rare Books Curator Katherine Hedin presented a program on the University of Minnesota Law Library's rare books collection.

¶7 At MALL's annual meeting, three MALL grants and an AALL grant were awarded to members to attend the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting. Three MALL scholarships were awarded to members pursuing J.D. or M.L.I.S. degrees. MALL's first Distinguished Service Awards were presented to members involved in last year's workshop series for public librarians. MALL's highest honor, the MALL Law Librarianship Award, was presented to Nina Platt, Director of Library Services at Faegre and Benson.

Vicente E. Garces, President
2003-04

New Jersey Law Librarians Association

¶1 NJLLA began the year by unveiling its new Web site, which was well received by the membership. Use is increased through blast e-mails that link the members back to the site when new information is available. In addition, the board voted to transition the newsletter from a separate publication into articles, news, etc., offered via different areas of the Web site. The Newsletter and Technology committees will work together to create the best possible medium for the flow of information to our members.

¶2 Our Program and Outreach Education committees were as busy as ever. This year the Program Committee offered the members six educational opportunities, including a presentation by Prudential Insurance Company's IT Department on "PC Applications: Tips & Tricks"; lunches featuring a video on library ergonomics; a lecture by Ronald Henry, executive director, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, on "Current Trends in the Legal Industry"; "Google for Librarians," presented by the Centenary College library director; a tour of Gann Law Books' publishing facilities; and an interactive program titled "It Takes Teamwork to Make the Dream Work," offered by Sandra Yancey, CEO, e-Women Network, during our annual meeting. The Outreach Education Committee offered the following programs to the legal/librarian communities: thirteenth Annual "Bridge the Gap," a legal research program for law school students embarking on their summer associate positions; "Basic Legal Research," a one-day program geared toward paralegals and nonlawyer librarians; and, for the second time, "Introduction to Basic Legal Reference," a one-day program intended to educate public librarians on the basics of legal reference and research.

¶3 Our newly renamed Government Affairs & Legal Information Committee's most noteworthy project was the successful campaign to have local newspapers include legislative bill numbers in all relevant articles. Pursuant to NJLLA's request, the *Star-Ledger* has started including these numbers in its Legislative Roundup column and other pertinent articles, thereby making librarians' research easier and faster.

¶4 NJLLA is proud to announce that it has contributed more than \$500 to the AALL George C. Strait Minority Fund. The association recognizes the importance of diversity in the field of law librarianship and is honored to be a part of this worthy cause.

¶5 NJLLA ended the year with its annual meeting held in Newark. Aside from the aforementioned presentation by Sandra Yancey, we were honored to host and hear from AALL Treasurer Anne Matthewman who offered guidance and support from national headquarters. At the end of the meeting, outgoing President Stephanie Fox Pierson turned over leadership of NJLLA to incoming President Beth Petruska.

¶6 My thanks for their hard work and support to outgoing Board members Emma Williams, Caren Biberman, and Mary Ellen Kaas; new members Leslie

Leach, Sarah Connell, and Susana Camargo-Pohl; and returning members Beth Petruska, Johanna Icasiano, and Sue Lyons. The association is as strong as ever due to their ongoing involvement and dedication.

Stephanie Fox Pierson, President
2003–04

New Orleans Association of Law Librarians

¶1 The 2003–04 year for NOALL began in October with a presentation on government documents and ended in May at our annual business meeting, which was held at an ice cream parlor!

¶2 The October meeting was held at the Law Library of Louisiana and featured member Charlene Cain speaking on “Permanent Public Access to State Government Electronic Information: A Project Report.” In December, members attended a holiday luncheon at Dickie Brennan’s Bourbon House restaurant.

¶3 AALL Vice President/President-Elect Tory Trotta visited the chapter in January 2004, providing NOALL members with an insider’s report on what was happening with AALL. Ms. Trotta discussed such issues as the push toward electronic publishing and the archiving of AALL’s publications. She reported that the George Strait Scholarship drive had reached the halfway point in its fund-raising target.

¶4 The membership year ended with our annual business meeting in May. The theme of the meeting was “Come for the Networking, Stay for the Ice Cream!” We met at the Creole Creamery, a new ice cream parlor whose young owner was happy to accommodate a group of law librarians for a lunchtime meeting. We elected new officers: Nona Beisenherz, Vice President/President-Elect; Lee Sims, Secretary, and Miriam Childs, Treasurer. Trina Robinson will serve as President. We then enjoyed eating homemade ice cream in such flavors as Bananas Foster Swirl, Blue Skies, and Chocolate Chip Peanut Butter.

Elizabeth L. Moore, President
2003–04

Northern California Association of Law Libraries

¶1 NOCALL members were shocked and saddened to learn that Past President Sue Welsh had suffered a fatal accident in late June 2004.

¶2 Members greeted friends old and new at the California chapters’ reception, organized by NOCALL’s Immediate Past President Ellen Platt, at the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle. Many thanks to West for their generous sponsorship! The California chapters also sent Skip Horne, the 2002–03 president of the National Association for Law Placement, as their joint VIP to AALL.

¶3 In September, Santa Clara Law School again hosted the crossover meeting for old and new officers, board members, and committee chairs. President Susanne Dyer proposed a Memorials Committee to suggest and maintain a fitting memorial to late NOCALL members and a task force to examine law library consortia and make recommendations for NOCALL.

¶4 The chapter experimented with holding the September business meeting in conjunction with a Global Securities' luncheon for NOCALL members. Everyone appreciated their generous hospitality, but unanimously agreed that it did not work out to combine their event with our business meeting. "Value"—Define It, Discover It, Deliver It" was the theme of the 2003 Fall Workshop organized by Education Chair Karin Zilla and her committee at PLI's new San Francisco Conference Center. Many thanks to PLI for their hospitality and to the speakers and organizers.

¶5 January found NOCALL members catching up with each other at our traditional luncheon/business meeting at San Francisco's Marines Memorial Club. John Hanft, Witkin Legal Institute codirector, provided a fascinating view of the work of the institute. As in past years, Thomson/West underwrote the event.

¶6 In March, ALL President Janis Johnston joined us to "Navigate the Seven C's" at the 2004 Spring Institute in San Francisco. Chair Tina Dumas and her committee planned "C" topic programs (e.g., contract negotiation/licensing agreements, career development, library consortia). We are grateful to the committee members, speakers, and exhibitors whose support made the institute so successful.

¶7 May brought NOCALL's Annual Meeting/Installation of Officers at Fat City Café in old Sacramento. California Court of Appeals Justice George W. Nicholson swore in Jane Metz, Vice President/President-Elect; Julie Horst, Treasurer; and Mary Staats, Board Member. Diane Rodriguez continues as Secretary. NOCALL plaques went to Ellen Platt and to 2004 Professional Achievement Award winner David L. Bridgman (in absentia). Thanks to the *Daily Journal* for sponsoring the event!

¶8 Ellen Platt alluded to NOCALL's fiscal austerity program in her 2002–03 Annual Report. Continued fiscal prudence and generous institutional support leave NOCALL's coffers much fuller than they were several years ago.

¶9 In sum, NOCALL enjoyed a good year. Thanks to everyone who made it possible. To vendors for their support, to committee members and chairs for their tireless efforts, to Ellen Platt for her excellent advice and timely reminders, to outgoing Treasurer Jacqueline Grossman, to continuing officers Tina Dumas and Diane Rodriguez, and to outgoing Board Members Wynne Dobyms and Eric Wade. My name may be at the bottom of the report, but it took everyone—thank you all!

Susanne Pierce Dyer, President

2003–04

Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries

¶1 ORALL began its year by holding a joint chapter luncheon with MichALL during the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle.

¶2 ORALL held its fifty-fourth annual meeting on October 22–24, 2003, at the University of Notre Dame campus in South Bend. The Education Committee, chaired by Suzanne Young, developed the program under the theme of "Libraries Transformed!" Sessions covered such topics as changes in legal publishing, gen-

erations in the workplace, teaching critical searching, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and virtual reference. The Local Arrangements Committee was chaired by Carmela Kinslow. AALL President Janis Johnston addressed members during a luncheon meeting, providing an update on AALL issues and concerns.

¶3 The 2003–04 ORALL Executive Board installed at the business meeting on October 24, 2003, consisted of Suzanne Young, President; Claudia Zaher, Vice President/President-Elect; Miriam Murphy, Secretary; George Baker, Treasurer; Beth A. Langton, Immediate Past President; and Marcus Hochstetler and Sarah Lynch, Executive Board members.

¶4 ORALL awarded scholarships to members Madelaine Gordon, Colleen McGuire, Akram Pari, and Amy Osborne for the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting. Scholarships were also awarded to four members for the 2003 ORALL Meeting: Anne Cottongim, Will Geeslin, Kendel Croston, and Linda Hostetler.

¶5 Members continue to have the option to receive the quarterly *ORALL Newsletter* in print via regular mail, or to receive an e-mail notification that the *Newsletter* has been posted to the chapter's Web site. In addition, members can choose to receive the chapter directory in print format or a .pdf version sent as an e-mail attachment. In October 2003, 185 copies of the directory were distributed in print, and 129 copies were delivered as e-mail attachments.

¶6 ORALL has assembled a name change task force, chaired by the ORALL president. The task force will examine the possibility of adopting a chapter name that is more descriptive of the region. The task force will present the proposed change to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting in October 2004.

¶7 The ORALL Board selected Indianapolis as the site for the 2005 annual meeting. The Indianapolis meeting will be a regional multichapter meeting, October 12–14, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Participants will include ORALL, the Law Library Association of Wisconsin, and the Chicago Association of Law Libraries.

Suzanne Young, President
2003–04

San Diego Area Law Libraries

¶1 The SANDALL Board of 2003–04 included Liz Carroll, President; Laurel Moran, Vice President; Sheila Corman, Secretary; Nanna Frye, Treasurer; and Tracey Pardo, Past President. During the year, SANDALL grew from ninety-nine to 107 members.

¶2 The Board created three new standing committees: Government Relations, Library School Liaison, and Public Relations.

¶3 The fall workshop, "Sailing to New Horizons," provided practical tips and networking on current professional challenges. In January, SANDALL hosted a reception at California Western School of Law for the law librarians attending the American Library Association Midwinter Conference in San Diego. This event was a wonderful success. The Spring Social/Silent Auction raised nearly \$1000 toward future educational programs and grants.

¶4 The Constitution and Bylaws Committee developed three amendments on (1) officers, (2) committees, and (3) amending the bylaws. All three amendments were passed at the annual business meeting and then forwarded to the AALL Bylaws Committee for its approval. The Government Relations Committee worked with the Board to write letters in support of California AB 1095 and a dues increase for the San Diego County Public Law Library.

¶5 Newsletter Editor Amy Moberly investigated alternative methods of printing. The result is a more cost-effective and professional-looking print product.

¶6 The new Executive Board for 2004–05 consists of Valerie Railey, President; Judith Lihosit, Vice President; Brian Williams, Secretary; Nanna Frye, Treasurer; and Liz Carroll, Past President.

Liz Carroll, President
2003–04

South Florida Association of Law Libraries

¶1 SFALL had a busy and productive year in 2003–04. The major thrust of the organization's twenty-seventh year was to provide members with more opportunities for professional development and networking. To that end, we held more frequent programs and allowed additional time for socializing. In addition, we spotlighted the accomplishments of our members, both old and new, in our newsletter.

¶2 The year's programs began with a talk by Greg Barton, CEO of Business News Americas, an online provider of news from Latin America, a region of great interest to South Florida law librarians. Our next meeting featured attorneys from Florida Legal Services and Legal Services of Greater Miami, two organizations providing legal assistance to indigent members of our community. Our holiday party followed in December and featured the festive atmosphere and delightful Italian menu of Trattoria Romanza. Other programs included a demonstration of FastCase online service; a visit to Nova University Law Library to view an exhibition of rare legal books and documents on loan from the Bar Association of Barcelona, Spain; and a dynamic presentation on corporate research and competitive intelligence by Doris Jui, director of the information resource center at the University of Miami School of Business Administration.

¶3 We completed the year with our annual business meeting and luncheon, held at the Sheraton Biscayne Bay Hotel. Our featured speaker was Associate Washington Affairs Director Mary Alice Baisch who discussed the lobbying work and issues in which AALL is involved. She also urged members to become involved in advocacy efforts. Her talk was timely because in the past year funding for Florida's county law libraries has been cut dramatically and some are in danger of closing. SFALL drafted a resolution in support of adequate funding for Florida's county law libraries.

¶4 Also in the advocacy area, SFALL joined a number of other organizations in signing a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge urging a period of

public comment before restricting access to certain sensitive but unclassified government materials.

¶5 Kerri-Ann Philp headed up a highly successful community service project this year, encouraging SFALL members to donate children's books to be distributed to students at the Liberty City Charter School in Miami. Members donated more than four hundred books, far more than originally anticipated.

¶6 SFALL offered two scholarships this year to assist members in attending the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. Incoming President Bob Riger received one award, and member Calmer Chattoo received the other. In addition, AALL offered the chapter a scholarship to be given to a newer member; it was awarded to Ned Swanner.

¶7 SFALL's 2003–04 President was Liz Chifari and the Past President was Lisa Smith-Butler. At the start of the year, Gordon Russell was Vice President/President-Elect, Bob Riger was Secretary, and Katherine Rosin was Treasurer. In the middle of the year, Gordon Russell moved out of state, and a special election was held to replace him on the board. Bob Riger was then elected Vice President/President-Elect, and Kerri-Ann Philp was elected to replace Bob as Secretary.

Liz Chifari, President
2003–04

Southeastern Association of AALL

¶1 SEAALL members met at the AALL Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, in July 2003 and in Richmond, Virginia, March 25–27, 2004. The theme of our 2004 meeting was "Virginia is For Law Librarians." Mike Petit and his Program Committee presented a diverse selection of educational programs. The meeting began on Thursday, March 25, with "The Basics of Negotiating" featuring Professor John Douglass. Richmond attorney David Baugh delivered a thought-provoking keynote address at the meeting. Other programs focused on issues facing law librarians, including managing staff and libraries effectively, site licenses, cataloging, academic freedom, research in bankruptcy and securities law, and First Amendment concerns.

¶2 Local Arrangements Cochairs Tim Coggins and Hazel Johnson planned very lovely events, including a Thursday evening reception above the James River, a Friday evening dinner at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and a Saturday excursion to Jamestown. The events were exceptional, the meals delicious, and everyone praised Tim and Hazel's attention to detail.

¶3 SEAALL committees were active during the year. The Service to SEAALL Committee recognized Jim Heller for his many, many contributions to the association throughout the years. The newsletter, under the direction of Steve Melamut, changed from a print publication to an electronic newsletter. Taylor Fitchett and her Placement Committee communicated the availability of new positions to SEAALL members. Susan Lewis-Somers and her Scholarship Committee did double duty by not only awarding several scholarships, but also creating a new schol-

arship for students in a library science curriculum. Thanks to Roy Balleste for maintaining the SEAALL Web site. During the year, Ismael Gullon did an incredible job as our Treasurer. Also, big thanks to Maureen Eggert, Secretary; Amy Osborne and Anne Klinefelter, Board Members; Mike Petit, Vice President; and Past President Terry Long.

Nancy Johnson, President
2003–04

Southern California Association of Law Libraries

¶1 Although it was a challenging year, once again the strength of the SCALL membership propelled it forward in 2003–04. SCALL’s budget was significantly smaller than in previous years and the Executive Board continued to prioritize expenditures. SCALL terminated its contract with an outside staffing agency and many clerical tasks were reassigned to its committees. This affected the Membership, Newsletter, and Program committees the most—nonetheless, these committees performed admirably this year. In addition, the Information Technology Committee unveiled a new SCALL Web site, the Membership Committee issued a newly revised print and online directory, and in response to privacy concerns raised by members, the board voted to password-protect the online directory.

¶2 This year’s institute, “Stepping Into the Future: Putting Our Best Foot Forward,” was held in San Diego and was quite successful. Nearly 150 individuals registered for the program. The *SCALL Newsletter* transitioned to an online-only publication last spring, and now all aspects of production are handled exclusively by the Newsletter Committee and its volunteers. The Inner City Youth Internship Program Committee received more than \$10,000 in grants from outside agencies, enabling it to place interns in law libraries throughout Los Angeles County, the Inland Empire, and Santa Barbara. The committee is to be commended for its creativity in finding additional funding sources. In these tough financial times, the Board reactivated SCALL’s Budget and Audit Committee.

¶3 These are only a few examples of SCALL’s activities this year. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all of SCALL’s committee chairs, committee members, volunteers, and the Executive Board—all of whom made these achievements possible.

¶4 Looking ahead to future projects, SCALL established a committee to complete the first revision of the *SCALL Policy and Procedures Handbook* (1995). The Executive Board reached an agreement this spring with NOCALL and SANDALL to hold a tri-chapter institute in 2006. The institute will commemorate the AALL Centennial and in 2004–05, the three California chapters will develop a rotational schedule for future joint institute locations.

¶5 The officers of SCALL during 2003–04 were Diana C. Jaque, President; Jennifer Berman, Vice President/President-Elect; Jennifer R. Hill (June–August, 2003) and James B. Senter (September 2003–June 2004), Secretary; Jessica

Wimer, Treasurer; Karen Lasnick and Patrick Meyer, Board Members; and Cornell H. Winston, Past President.

Diana C. Jaque, President
2003–04

Southern New England Law Librarians Association

¶1 Thanks to the hard work of its board, committees, and members, SNELLA continued its tradition of providing excellent educational programs, scholarships, and fun social activities this year. During the summer, new and old members had a great time for a good cause when they manned the telephone lines for one of Connecticut Public Television's live pledge events. Our name was mentioned many times during the broadcast, and SNELLA members helped to raise several thousand dollars in support of CPTV's ongoing programs.

¶2 The Quinnipiac University Law Library continued its generous support by hosting SNELLA's fall and spring education programs. In October, Marie L. Radford, acting dean of Pratt Institute's School of Information and Library Science, led a workshop on "Positive Approaches to Problematic People" in which attendees learned how to take a troublesome situation and turn it into a good experience for everyone involved. The spring program, "Using Thinking Styles (Myers-Brigg) to Increase Personal Effectiveness," was led by Safiya Edwards of Strategic Communications. Attendees gained some insights into their own particular Myers-Brigg type and how to effectively interact with other types in committees and other work situations.

¶3 In January, we held our traditional holiday party and Yankee Swap. In June, we met for more good times and great company at the annual dinner. Kendall Wiggin, Connecticut State Librarian, gave a brief talk on directing the "principal" law library of the state. Kelly Browne also spoke about her grant-funded research on the topic of emotional intelligence.

¶4 During the year, SNELLA revised its scholarship rules as well as its dues structure, including a new rate for institutional memberships. As a result of our May elections, the officers for 2004–05 are Hilary Frye, President; Susan Davis, Vice President; Janet Zigadto, Secretary; Theresa Baylock, Treasurer; and Caroline Benoit and Rebecca Engsborg, Members-at-Large. Doug Apicella, Nancy Marcove, and Lawson Ward will serve as the Nominating Committee.

Susan Scoville, President
2003–04

Southwestern Association of Law Libraries

¶1 "Here and Now: Today's Law Library" was the theme of SWALL's forty-sixth annual meeting held in Houston on March 25–27, 2004. The preconference program, "Basic Legal Research for the Non-Law Librarian," sponsored by the Legal Information Services to the Public Committee, is an increasingly popular event with forty local public librarians in attendance. One hundred eleven members registered for the main conference.

¶2 SWALL was honored to have several distinguished speakers at this year's meeting. Professor Arthur Miller of Harvard Law School served as keynote speaker at the opening luncheon. AALL Executive Board member Ann T. Fessenden reported on recent AALL business at the breakfast and business meeting. And Gary Mack, curator of the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, was the plenary speaker, addressing the topic of what law and libraries can tell us about the Kennedy assassination.

¶3 SWALL completed several projects this year. Robert Hu, Chair of the Public Relations Committee, created a new SWALL brochure that will be used to recruit new members. SWALL also contributed \$1000 to the George Strait Minority Scholarship. And after much discussion in previous years, SWALL acquired liability insurance through AALL.

¶4 The Grants Committee, chaired by Anna Teller, awarded \$2250 in travel grants to three recipients to attend the SWALL annual meeting and \$2000 in travel grants to two members to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston.

¶5 The officers for 2004–05 are Susan Phillips, President; Yvonne Chandler, Vice President/President-Elect; Susan Scoble, Secretary; and Joan O'Mara, Treasurer. The 2005 meeting will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Sharon Wayland, President
2003–04

Virginia Association of Law Libraries

¶1 VALL's fall 2003 meeting was a joint conference with the Virginia Library Association, held at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia. VALL members contributed programs on topics such as tips for locating federal archival material and the impact of the USA PATRIOT Act on state and federal laws and libraries, and served on a variety of planning committees. At the meeting, President Bobbie Denny presented the AALL Public Access to Government Information Award to Bill Shobe, and the membership approved a \$250 donation to the Fourth National Diversity in Libraries Conference in Atlanta, May 2004. Overall, VALL was pleased with the membership's participation and with the impressive profit made from the joint conference.

¶2 The winter meeting in Norfolk, at the firm of Kaufman & Canoles, featured Joe Migglioni from the Capital Defender's Program. His discussion of the evolution of capital defense in Virginia, especially in light of the recent Malvo case, was stimulating and thought-provoking. We were also honored to have Cathy Lemann, AALL Secretary, in attendance as our chapter visitor.

¶3 This year's SEAALL meeting, held in Richmond, showcased the talents of Virginia law librarians as attendees, planners, and speakers. VALL members Hazel Johnson and Tim Coggins served as Cochairs of the Local Arrangements Committee and did a superb job with everything, including an evening reception at the SunTrust Tower and a closing dinner at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. And Jim Heller was named the recipient of the 2004 SEAALL award.

¶4 The spring meeting this year was held in Lexington, at Washington & Lee School of Law. Professor Brian Murchison of the host school discussed invasion of privacy by looking back at the celebrated *New Yorker* magazine privacy case and forward to the U.S. Supreme Court's possible direction in this area. At this meeting, it was announced that Kathy Mays, director of judicial planning at the Supreme Court of Virginia, will attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston as the chapter VIP. We also learned that VALL contributed two articles to *Virginia Lawyer* this past year and, in perhaps the most startling announcement of the year, that our newsletter will now be electronic, beginning with the summer 2004 issue.

¶5 We were fortunate to have another year of active participation by the VALL membership, and much of that is attributed to the leadership of Bobbie Denny, 2003–04 President. In fact, this year the chapter has added twenty-three new members. Also serving on the Executive Board were Charles Oates, Cathy Palombi, Tisha Zelner, Bill Katz, Allen Moye, Jeanne Ullian, Margaret Christiansen, and Marie Hamm. We also appreciated the hard work by our committees and their chairs: Joyce Janto, Marie Hamm, Rae Best, Leanne Battle, Isabel Paul, Robert Davis, Barbara Cumming, John Barden, Cathy Palombi, Gail Zwirner, Jill Burr, Taylor Fitchett, Nancy Loewenberg, and Barbie Selby. Obviously there are many others who contributed by giving presentations, writing articles, coordinating events, etc., who have made this another successful year for VALL.

Cathy Palombi, President
2004–05

Western Pacific Chapter

¶1 Given the wide geographic area it covers, Westpac meets only twice a year. The first meeting of the year was a luncheon conducted during the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle at the Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant.

¶2 The larger annual meeting was held October 9–11, 2003, in Eugene, Oregon, at the Valley River Inn. The Education and Local Arrangements committees designed both an educational and enjoyable meeting based around the theme “Handling Change: An Inevitable Task in the Modern World.” Nathan Georgitis made metadata interesting and somewhat understandable. Judy Meadows and Mary Alice Baish reminded WestPac members that they need to advocate for positive and against negative changes to the law whenever necessary. University of Oregon Professor of Law Caroline Forell explained her thoughts about the “reasonable woman standard.” Judge Susan Leeson showed slides and described the wonderful renovation of the Oregon Supreme Court Library as it became the State of Oregon Law Library. Finally, Robin Rose provided techniques to reduce everyday stress levels. The attendees also visited the University of Oregon's new law school and toured the law library.

Kathy Carlson, President
2003–04

Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association

¶1 The officers of WPLLA during 2003–04 were Jean McBride, President; Marguerita Young-Jones, Vice President/President-Elect; Karen Simon, Treasurer; Linda Tashbook, Secretary; Ann Unger, Immediate Past President; and John Digilio and Gwen Vargas, Executive Board members. The new officers for 2004–05 are Marguerita Young-Jones, President; Louise Beswick, Vice President/President-Elect; Michelle Kristakis, Treasurer; Linda Tashbook, Secretary; Jean McBride, Immediate Past President; and John Digilio and Sonya Koros, Executive Board members.

¶2 Programs for 2003–04 included a social gathering in September 2003 at Duquesne University, sponsored by the Center for Legal Information; in December 2003, a joint Christmas party with the Special Libraries Association was sponsored by West; Christine Tucker and John Spilsbury featured Westlaw’s Statutes PLUS at a luncheon in February 2004; Ken Schultz from GSOnline Services presented an overview of LiveEDGAR in April 2004 at the Omni William Penn Hotel; and Linda Hutchinson from LexisNexis hosted a “Lunch ’N Learn” on international legal resources available on Lexis in May 2004. In late June, a master class on advanced legal research on Westlaw was presented by Stephanie Fox Pierson, the Thompson-West Librarian Relations Manager. Finally, the closing banquet was sponsored by LexisNexis at the Grand Concourse Restaurant at Station Square in tandem with an AALL Executive Board visit by Nina Platt who spoke about the use of workplace Intranet.

Jean McBride, President
2003–04

Special Interest Sections

SIS Council

¶1 At the SIS Council business meeting in Seattle in July 2003, the council approved the submission of a proposal to the AALL Executive Board requesting “that the AALL Chapter VIP Program be expanded to allow Special Interest Sections to sponsor up to two VIPs a year.” The State, Court and County SIS initiated the proposal. In November 2003, the AALL Executive Board approved this request. The SIS VIP program will be available for SISs starting with the 2005 Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

¶2 As in past years, during fall 2003, the council worked with a meeting matrix to plan the schedule of SIS meetings and activities for the 2004 Annual Meeting. Time slots for SIS and other group meetings were expanded for 2004, and these additions helped in providing more meeting opportunities for the SISs. Several sections were able to eliminate meeting conflicts, due in part to the additional meeting times and in part to the cooperative discussions of several of the SIS chairs. Some SISs probably still could have used more slots, but it appeared that most had adequate time.

¶3 Many SISs are interested in conducting electronic elections. In spring 2004, the Computing Services SIS became the first to conduct an electronic election. AALL will conduct electronic elections in fall 2004, and if this process goes well, it could be made available for the SISs in 2005. Preparation for electronic elections was discussed at the SIS Leadership Training and at the SIS Council business meeting in Boston in July 2004.

¶4 Don Arndt, CS-SIS Chair for 2003–04, was elected as the 2004–05 SIS Council Chair.

D.R. Jones, Chair

Academic Law Libraries

¶1 The Academic Law Libraries SIS celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary year with great fanfare.

¶2 In direct response to an initiative of the AALL Strategic Plan, the Marketing Toolkit Task Force, chaired by Barbara Bintliff, completed work this year on a project to develop content for an academic law library marketing initiative. The task force's final product is posted on the ALL-SIS's Web site for use by all academic librarians.

¶3 The Statistics Committee, cochaired by Darin Fox and Leonette Williams, sponsored a two-week AALL Professional Development Electronic Discussion on the ABA annual questionnaire. A report on the discussion was published in the *ALL-SIS Newsletter*.

¶4 The Membership Committee, chaired by Erika Wayne, designed a new membership brochure, which is posted on the Web site, and put together a welcome kit for new members. It also completed a very significant project for the future of the SIS—an online membership survey. The results of this survey are posted on the Web site and were discussed at the business meeting in Boston.

¶5 The Collection Development Committee, chaired by Margie Axtmann, completed a training outline for new collection development librarians which was posted on the Web site. The committee is nearing completion of an annotated bibliography on workflow and procedures for collection development and an annotated list of selection tools.

¶6 The Legal Research Committee, cochaired by Beth DiFelice and Wendy Scott, launched an electronic survey to gather data about advanced legal research courses; it also conducted an informal workshop in Boston for instructors of advanced legal research.

¶7 The Program Committee, cochaired by Ajaye Bloomstone and Joanne Dugan, sponsored three programs in Boston. Five roundtables were held: Continuing Status/Tenure, chaired by Brian Huddleston; Collection Development, chaired by Margie Axtmann; Support for Law Journals, chaired by Lisa Peters; Working with Online Vendors, chaired by Nancy McMurrer; and Faculty Services, a new roundtable chaired by Janet C. Katz and Raquel M. Ortiz.

¶8 In other committee activity, the Awards Committee, chaired by James Duggan, selected Timothy L. Coggins for the Frederick C. Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship and Nancy Carol Carter and Matthew Cordon for the Outstanding Article Award. The CALI Committee, chaired by Nancy Johnson, worked with CALI to produce numerous legal research exercises along with a revision of the legal research grid. The Visiting Librarians Committee, chaired by Richard Leiter, brought a proposal to the Board. The Newsletter Committee, chaired by Shaun Esposito, published three newsletters. Mark Folmsbee served as our discussion list manager, and David Burch was our webmaster.

¶9 Other committee chairs were Amy Osborne, Public Relations Committee; Merle Slyhoff and Ellen Platt, Anniversary Celebration Committee; Anna Teller, Nominations Committee; and Brian Huddleston, Continuing Status/Tenure Committee.

¶10 The section conducted a number of recurring events in Boston, including the annual reception and awards ceremony at Harvard Law Library, the annual CONALL program geared to new academic law librarians, the middle managers' and directors' breakfasts, and the breakfast and business meeting, a portion of which was used to discuss the ABA Standards for Approval of Law Schools and Interpretations to give feedback to the ABA Law Libraries Committee. Terry Martin and Kim Dulin served as local arrangements for the reception, Anne Meyers chaired the middle managers' breakfast, Filippa Anzalone chaired the directors' breakfast, and Marian Parker chaired the CONALL Committee.

¶11 The 2003–04 Executive Board consisted of Sally Wise, Chair; Carole Hinchcliff, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Kit Kreilick, Secretary/Treasurer; Merle Slyhoff, Past Chair; and Suzanne Thorpe, Board Member.

Sally Wise, Chair

Computing Services

¶1 The Computing Services SIS held the first all-electronic election in AALL history, thanks to Ken Hirsh. As Chair of the Bylaws Committee, Ken drafted an amendment to allow for electronic balloting which was subsequently approved. He then set up a secure electronic voting mechanism that is more efficient and cost-effective than paper balloting, while preserving each member's right to a secret ballot. After the election was held and publicized in April 2004, CS-SIS received requests from other sections on both the bylaws requirements and technical aspects of conducting electronic elections. Ken shared his expertise on this at the SIS Council business meeting in Boston.

¶2 The CS-SIS also achieved greater visibility among the entire association by submitting articles for almost every issue of the "SIS News" column in *AALL Spectrum*. Activities that were highlighted included educational programs, service initiatives, philanthropic work, accomplishments of the SIS as a whole, and

noteworthy accomplishments of individual members. CS-SIS events were also featured in every daily issue of the Annual Meeting newspaper in Boston, *The HUB*.

¶3 CS-SIS continues to look for ways to expand opportunities for communication with and among its membership. There are three primary means of communication, all of which act mainly as announcement vehicles. The CS-SIS Web site contains links to information and resources. We are completing an overhaul of the Web site's design, which will result in an improvement in its look, usability, and ease of revision. We are also working on an adaptive technologies addition to the site to help Web page creators improve accessibility in their own designs. We published two issues of our newsletter, *Connecting . . .*, in electronic format via the Web site, saving hundreds of dollars in printing and mailing costs. Our e-mail discussion list, CSSIS-L, was auto-populated in the early autumn with all of our members' e-mail addresses, ensuring full distribution of messages to our membership. Since the most effective channel of active communication among our members continues to be the in-person encounter, we have made efforts to increase turnout at our Annual Meeting and CALI conference events through the judicious use of prizes and giveaways.

¶4 The CS-SIS increased its giving on behalf of the Association by making a \$1000 pledge to the George Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment. Through our grant program, we also continued to provide financial assistance to librarians who hold promise of future involvement in the law library profession, especially those who are directly involved in providing technology support of any kind within law libraries.

¶5 The CS-SIS Job Descriptions Database expanded to more than 700 entries this year. Employers who are creating or revising their job descriptions can use this resource to find models to work from.

¶6 CS-SIS accomplished a number of things over the past year, but much work remains for the future. With continued strong leadership and active participation, great things are possible.

Don Arndt, Chair

Foreign, Comparative, and International Law

¶1 The Executive Committee of the FCIL-SIS in 2003–04 consisted of Jean M. Wenger, Chair; Mirela Roznovschi, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Mary Rumsey, Secretary-Treasurer. In spring 2004, the section elected Stephanie Burke as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect for 2004–05. The Nominations Committee consisted of Tracy Thompson, Bill Ryan, and Louise Tsang.

¶2 In 2003–04, the FCIL-SIS began operating under its new three-year strategic plan adopted at the section's business meeting in Seattle. The strategic plan focuses on promoting education in foreign, comparative, and international law, increasing active and broader participation by section members, and enhancing the position of FCIL-SIS within AALL.

¶3 The foreign and international theme of the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting generated much enthusiasm among FCIL-SIS members. The Education Committee, cochaired by Mirela Roznovschi and Dennis Sears and supported by the creative and knowledgeable contributions of many section members, proposed one workshop and fourteen programs. The workshop, “Shopping in the Global Marketplace: Information Sources for International Trade,” and six programs (one cosponsored with the Asian American Law Librarians Caucus) were accepted. The programs covered diverse and timely topics including an insider’s view to U.S. treaty making; teaching foreign-trained lawyers and law students; a survey of Islamic civil, commercial, public, religious, and criminal law; research strategies for finding foreign law; Chinese, Japanese, and Korean legal research; and techniques for researching an expanded European Union.

¶4 During the Annual Meeting, the FCIL-SIS joined with the Annual Meeting Program Committee to present a panel of foreign law librarians for an informal discussion of the profession overseas titled “Law Librarianship from Boston to Mumbai!”

¶5 The Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian’s Grant Committee selected Milagros Santos-Ong, Supreme Court of the Philippines, as the grant recipient to attend the Annual Meeting. Generous donations from Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Oceana Publications, and William S. Hein & Co. made the grant possible this year.

¶6 The FCIL-SIS cosponsored a one-day workshop, “Islamic Law in a Changing World: Traditions and Transitions,” with the Friends of the Law Library of Congress, Law Librarians’ Society of Washington, D.C. (LLSDC), and the American Society of International Law. Malo Bernal and Herb Somers coordinated this workshop, which was held at the Law Library of Congress.

¶7 In April, the FCIL-SIS hosted an AALL Professional Development Online Forum, “Where in the World Did You Find That? Exploring Foreign and International Law Librarianship.” More than 350 AALL members subscribed. Comoderaters were Mary Rumsey and Jean Wenger, with guest moderators Beatrice Tice, Lyonette LouisJacques, Anne Burnett, and Katherine Topulos.

¶8 Ann Davey is currently redesigning the FCIL-SIS Web site. Lee Peoples collected course materials and syllabi of foreign and international legal research classes for inclusion on the site. Stephanie Burke continued editorial work on the section’s electronic newsletter.

Jean M. Wenger, Chair

Legal History and Rare Books

¶1 This has been a quiet year for the Legal History and Rare Books SIS. However, it has been a year when some important behind-the-scenes work has been accomplished.

¶2 Last year the SIS had three programs approved for the Annual Meeting. This year, despite submitting several excellent proposals, we had but a single program

approved. We hope to have a number of proposals submitted by our members for the 2005 Annual Meeting.

¶3 Our Seattle roundtable featured an address by Warren Billings, Distinguished Professor of History at the University of New Orleans, on English and American parliamentary manuals. In Boston our roundtable will spotlight Dr. Morris Cohen, Emeritus Professor of Law and Law Librarian of Yale Law School, who will speak on Joseph Story and the *Encyclopedia Americana*.

¶4 *LH&RB*, the SIS newsletter, has made the transition from paper to an online format. The most recent issue included a general index to the first ten volumes of *LH&RB*. All past issues are being posted on the SIS Web site.

¶5 Officers for 2004–05 will include Robert Mead, Chair; Laura E. Ray, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Katherine Topulos, Secretary/Treasurer.

Mark W. Podvia, Chair

Legal Information Services to the Public

¶1 One of the section's main accomplishments this year was the production of an amicus brief on behalf of prisoners seeking access to legal materials in Florida. By coordinating efforts with the Social Responsibility Special Interest Section (SR-SIS), we were able to produce and submit an amicus brief to the Florida Court of Appeal. Many people contributed to this effort. Alison Alifano and Ann Hemmons, chair and vice chair of the SR-SIS respectively, were instrumental in finding funding and lobbying to support the effort. The LISP membership voted to contribute a third of the section's treasury to this effort. Michael Kaye, a reference librarian at the San Diego County Public Law Library who has experience in appellate brief writing spent many hours laboring over the brief and turned out a sterling product. Bob Oakley of AALL's Washington Office offered editing suggestions and AALL President Janis Johnston approved its submission. After the submission of the brief, I worked with LISP's AALL Executive Board liaison James Duggan to draft a sample policy outlining how future amicus brief requests were to be handled. It was submitted and approved at the spring 2004 Executive Board meeting.

¶2 In addition to the submission of the brief, LISP had three main goals for the 2003–04 year. While it did not achieve all of them, significant progress was made on two.

¶3 First, LISP worked with the SR-SIS and the Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS) to create a model policy for dealing with prison mail and prisoners. Ann Hemmens, SR-SIS 2003–04 vice chair, and Melissa Serfass, RIPS 2003–04 chair, worked with me on this project, the results of which were presented at a joint roundtable at the 2004 AALL meeting.

¶4 Second, LISP wanted to have a program about accessing legal information in every region in the nation. Unfortunately, the prisoner brief and model policy took up an inordinate amount of time, so this project was moved to the back burner.

¶5 Our third objective was to have a LISP member from each state write a model state-specific collection development list for public libraries. While general

suggestions are already posted on the librarians toolkit page on the LISP Web site, former LISP chair Lee Warthen has volunteered to coordinate a state-specific project and is working with LISP's current webmistress Pamela Tull in preparing to post the results on the LISP Web site.

¶6 Officers for 2003–04 year were Amy Hale-Janeke, Chair; Marie Erickson, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Pat Lopez, Secretary/Treasurer; and Randy Mafit, Past Chair. Incoming officers are Sara Galligan, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Catherine Hendrickson, Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks to all for your support.

Amy Hale-Janeke, Chair

Online Bibliographic Services

¶1 The executive board of the OBS-SIS for 2003–2004 consisted of Kevin Butterfield, Chair; Georgia Briscoe, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Mary Jane Kelsey, Past Chair; Michael Maben, Secretary/Treasurer; and Andrea Rabbia and Ruth Funabiki, Members-at-Large.

¶2 The committee chairs were Georgia Briscoe, Education; Corinne Jacox, Local Systems; Ismael Gullon, Nominations; Darcy Jones, OCLC; Virginia Bryant, RLIN; and Anne Myers, Web Advisory. Eloise Vondruska served as chair of the Joint Research Grant Committee, and Chris Long continued to serve as the Research Roundtable Coordinator.

¶3 OBS-SIS sponsored four programs at the 2004 Annual Meeting in Boston: "OPAC Usability Assessment: Your Passport to Effective Web Presence"; "Two-Stepping with Technology Returns"; "XML and MARC: Should We Redesign or Build Anew"; and "MARBI Report," cosponsored with the Technical Services SIS.

¶4 Georgia Briscoe conducted the annual membership survey via the OBS Web site; results were published in the March 2004 issue of the *Technical Services Law Librarian* and were also posted on the OBS Web site. Secretary/Treasurer Michael Maben posted biographical information about candidates for the 2004 OBS-SIS election on the Web site. New officers for 2004–05 are Richard Jost, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Caitlin Robinson, Member-at-Large.

Kevin Butterfield, Chair

Private Law Libraries

¶1 The members of the Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section accomplished several projects in 2003–04 that should be acknowledged.

¶2 The year began with our Sunday programming at the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle, including the PLL-SIS Business Meeting and Breakfast, sponsored by BNA, and the PLL-SIS Luncheon, sponsored by LexisNexis. Luncheon speaker Sandra Yancey's address focusing on the conference theme of "Maximizing Today and Envisioning Tomorrow" seemed to give everyone an invigorating start to the Annual Meeting.

¶3 The 2003–04 Education Committee, cochaired by Jenny Kanji and Chris Graesser, submitted thirteen program proposals for consideration for the 2004

AALL Annual Meeting in Boston and six were accepted, addressing a wide range of subjects including information technology, management, reference, and public relations.

¶4 In response to the fund-raising drive for the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship Fund, PLL pledged to donate \$1000 in 2003 and \$1000 for the next five years. By donating to this scholarship fund, PLL was able to make active progress toward providing for the future of our profession by recruiting new librarians into private law librarianship and encouraging diversity within the SIS.

¶5 PLL exhibited at the 2004 Association of Legal Administrators annual meeting in Philadelphia. Vice Chair/Chair-Elect Sue Johnson represented PLL as a registered participant and, along with members of the Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association, staffed the AALL booth in the exhibit hall, answering questions of administrators who stopped by and giving out AALL and PLL informational brochures and handouts. In addition to exhibiting at the ALA annual meeting, PLL Records Management Group Chair Lee Nemcheck spoke at three ALA programs at the local and regional level, furthering the section's efforts to improve communication with law firm administrators.

¶6 The Newsletter Advisory Committee, along with the *PLL Newsletter* Editor, Jan Brown, had another busy and productive year. In addition to all of the work it takes to produce four issues a year, the committee also created a survey about the newsletter and surveyed members about their use of the newsletter, including how they felt about electronic delivery of the newsletter. The results of the survey will be compiled and reported in the coming year.

¶7 The Public Relations Committee revised and reprinted the PLL brochure in 2003, and also made it available in PDF format on the PLL Web site. This committee, cochaired by Lucy Curci-Gonzalez and Kaye Waelde, also initiated a national communication project to encourage PLL members to submit applications for the AALL Excellence in Marketing awards. There were eleven entries from law firms and, of the five awards that were given out, three went to private law librarians. The committee also produced a report on revising the PLL Web site, a project that will take shape in the coming year.

¶8 The *PLL Procedures Manual*, last revised in 1997, was updated in 2004 and will also be made available on the PLL Web site in the upcoming year. The manual will continue to be updated on an annual basis by PLL officers and committee and group chairs.

¶9 The PLL Grants Committee received a \$10,000 donation from Global Securities Information, Inc. in 2003 to be used for travel grants for PLL members to attend the AALL Annual Meeting. GSI had previously donated money for this purpose in 1999 and the continued support and additional funding is greatly appreciated. The Grants Committee was able to award travel grants to six PLL members to attend the Boston Annual Meeting.

¶10 Many new additions of archival information were added to the PLL Web site this year, including PDF versions of back issues of the newsletter and an

expanded and more complete collection of PLL meeting minutes, going back to the 1995 AALL Annual Meeting.

¶11 Although the Bylaws Committee was not active this year, it will be busy in the coming year, proposing changes to the bylaws to allow for electronic balloting and working with AALL to coordinate our ballots with the AALL elections. In addition to this, the board will work on revising and updating the PLL Strategic Plan and the PLL Toolkit, in the hopes that these documents will serve to support our members and encourage their volunteering at various levels within AALL, since it is through the work of our members that PLL continues to be “The Voice of the Private Law Librarian.”

Holly M. Riccio, Chair

Research Instruction and Patron Services

¶1 RIPS-SIS officers in 2003–04 were Melissa Serfass, Chair; Pamela Melton, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; D.R. Jones, Immediate Past Chair; Lee Ryan, Secretary/Treasurer; and Lynn Hartke, Newsletter Editor. William Draper and Sheri Lewis served on the Executive Board as Members-at-Large.

¶2 Four excellent and well-received RIPS-sponsored programs were presented in Seattle. The RIPS Program Committee, led by Jessie Cranford, proposed ten programs and two workshops for the 2004 Annual Meeting. Two programs and one workshop were accepted.

¶3 In Seattle, the Executive Board voted to make the section newsletter, the *RIPS Law Librarian*, an electronic-only publication. Three issues were published online this year.

¶4 RIPS members approved several changes to the bylaws this year. A change to the newsletter editor position will make it an appointed, rather than elected, position, and the editor will no longer be a member of the Executive Board. Other changes involved election procedures.

¶5 The Strategic Planning Committee of the AALL Executive Board assigned RIPS the task of reviewing and testing Web site evaluation criteria developed by AALL’s Access to Electronic Information Committee (AELIC). Jennifer Murray chaired a RIPS committee that completed this important task and submitted a final report to AELIC.

¶6 The twelfth year of the Legal Research Teach-In was quite a successful one. Twenty thousand of the popular notepads and more than seven hundred Teach-In kits were distributed. Gail Partin and Karen Brunner coordinated the event once again this year. RIPS appreciates the continued financial support LexisNexis and Thomson/West give this project.

¶7 On the communication front, a colorful new brochure was designed and produced this year. The section’s Web site was enhanced with a section detailing the adventures of our mascot, Puron. On the financial front, the Executive Board approved a contribution of \$600 to the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship endowment.

¶8 Work on an updated strategic plan has begun. The elusive goals of invigorating the membership and encouraging increased involvement in RIPS activities and service on RIPS committees remains a major initiative of the plan. New goals include development of criteria for a scholarship or grant to a RIPS member for Annual Meeting attendance.

¶9 Joining the Executive Board as new officers next year will be Deanna Barmakian, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Ronald Wheeler, Member-at-Large.

Melissa Serfass, Chair

Social Responsibilities

¶1 At the 2003 business meeting in Seattle, the SR-SIS Executive Board decided to publish the newsletter twice per membership year and in electronic form only. Following the Annual Meeting in Seattle, the SR-SIS started off the year strongly by submitting five excellent program proposals that included subject areas ranging from asylum law to queer rights legislation. The Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC) selected “HIV/AIDS: A Global Epidemic and an Issue of International Law” as the program to be included in the Boston 2004 educational programming.

¶2 “Bookless in Seattle” was a resounding success. The membership of AALL and the SR-SIS donated more than two hundred books and \$1140 in cash and bookstore gift certificates to the first-place school library during the annual book drive. “Make Way! Boston Book Drive 2004,” launched in the winter 2003 SR-SIS newsletter, benefitted ReadBoston—a city initiative whose mission is to ensure that all Boston children are able readers by the time they complete third grade.

¶3 One of the most important initiatives of this past year was bringing the legal and constitutional issues surrounding same-sex marriage before the membership. This was accomplished in two ways. First, a resolution was drafted in early 2004 with the intention that it be passed by the SR-SIS membership and read into the official AALL record at the Members Open Forum in Boston. The full text of the resolution was published in the spring 2004 SR-SIS newsletter. Additionally, the SR-SIS submitted a “hot topic” proposal on the subject to the AMPC. Initially the proposal was ranked second but, due to the quality of the proposal and timeliness of the subject, the program was subsequently added to the Boston educational programming as the second hot topic.

¶4 The SR-SIS assisted the Legal Information Services to the Public SIS (LISP) in submitting an amicus brief on behalf of Florida prisoners in *Henderson v. Crosby*, a case in which the prisoners sued the Florida Department of Corrections for decimating the collections of the prison law libraries, therefore denying them access to legal materials needed to prepare their legal pleadings. One thousand dollars was donated to help cover the cost of producing the brief. The section’s Standing Committee on Library Service to Institution Residents, in conjunction with LISP and the Research Instruction and Patron Services special

interest sections, presented the first Joint Roundtable on Serving Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners at the Annual Meeting in Boston. Additionally, the Law Libraries Serving Prisoners database, listing more than fifty libraries to which librarians can refer prisoners, was moved to the AALLNET server and updated on the SR-SIS Web site.

¶5 The section's Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues awarded two Alan M. Holoch memorial travel grants to the Boston meeting. The committee reported that its bibliography, "Sexual Orientation and the Law: A Selected Bibliography on Homosexuality and the Law 1969–1993," would be updated in the near future.

¶6 It has been a productive and important year for the SR-SIS, and we look forward to an equally exciting 2004–05.

Alison Alifano, Chair

State, Court and County Law Libraries

¶1 One of the Association's most senior and diverse SISs, SCCLL has a continuing challenge of focusing effectively on the multifarious needs of its dues-paying members. However, this year two related difficult issues came to the fore and occupied the primary focus of the section. First, several public law libraries and governmental libraries faced closure as a result of the poor financial outlook for state and local governments, so legislative advocacy on budget issues became a primary concern for the SCCLL Executive Board. Second, the environmental scan component of our continuing strategic planning process revealed a great need to recruit and mentor new members to the section and to AALL itself.

¶2 SCCLL officers for 2003–04 were Charles R. Dyer, Chair; Sandra Marz, Vice-Chair; Mike Miller, Immediate Past Chair; Cynthia Fellows, Secretary/Treasurer; Cathy Lemann, Sara Galligan, and Anne Morrison, Board Members, and ex officio Board Member Barbara Fritschel, newsletter editor, who took that role at the beginning of 2003–04. The board also serves as the Strategic Planning Committee.

¶3 SCCLL was able to convince AALL's Government Relations Committee and Washington Affairs Office (WAO) that the Association needed a policy on the issue of local funding for public law libraries so that the Washington Affairs Representative could act promptly when the budgets of such libraries were in danger. The AALL Executive Board approved such a policy, and the WAO has now begun offering aid and advice to local and state law librarians in these matters. Also, the WAO decided to make state legislative advocacy, especially on budget issues, a major theme of its Legislative Advocacy Workshop at the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston.

¶4 The Membership and Mentoring Committee, chaired by Cossette Sun, was asked to brainstorm on the difficult issue of reaching potential members who work at small one-person county law libraries. Often the people who need mentoring the most are not even members of AALL, much less members of SCCLL.

The committee coordinated its work with the AALL Mentoring Committee and helped create several mentoring relationships. It is also believed that the increased AALL role in local legislative advocacy may bring in new members.

¶5 The Education Committee, under a second year of productive leadership by Marcus Hochstetler, handled eighteen program proposals of which four were accepted for the Boston Annual Meeting. Topics included international legal materials on the World Wide Web; unauthorized practice of law issues at the reference desk; marketing law libraries through judicial, court, and bar publications; and staff meeting management strategies.

¶6 The Public Relations/Publicity Committee, in concert with various SCCLL officers, finalized and published the second in a four-part series of "Law Library Insights" resource guides titled *The Value of a Public Law Library* in June 2004. SCCLL is grateful for the generous sponsorship of this series by LexisNexis. The remaining two guides in this series will cover management essentials in the public law library and the role of public law libraries as access providers for pro se litigants.

¶7 The Grant Committee's popular silent auction fund-raising effort was again successful, adding more than \$1700 to the SCCLL coffers for future travel grant recipients. Regina Smith, a former SCCLL chair, has spearheaded this effort since its inception. The committee diligently worked its way through numerous applicants and provided several Annual Meeting travel grants.

¶8 The chair is pleased to note that a past SCCLL chair and AALL Executive Board member, Shirley David, director of the Sacramento County Public Law Library for twenty-one years prior to her retirement in October 2004, received the prestigious Marion Gallagher Distinguished Service Award at the 2004 AALL Meeting in Boston. She remains active in SCCLL, having chaired this year's Trustees Development Committee and next year chairing the Grants Committee.

¶9 The revised appellate court law library standards have been completed by the Standards Committee. They were presented to the SCCLL membership at the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston, to be followed by submission to the AALL Executive Board for approval.

¶10 Communicating with all SCCLL members remains an illusive goal—discussion list administrator Karla Gedell, new webmaster Bonnie Hill, and new newsletter editor Barbara Fritschel deserve special recognition for their tireless efforts to inform all of our constituents of the many services and programs of which SCCLL is justly proud.

Charles R. Dyer, Chair

Technical Services

¶1 Technical Services SIS officers for 2003–04 were Gary Vander Meer, Chair; Cindy May, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Christina Tarr, Past Chair; Patricia Sayre-McCoy, Secretary-Treasurer; and Lorraine Lorne and Jolande Goldberg, Executive Board Members-at-Large.

¶2 Each year responses and comments in the annual membership survey reinforce the value of the Annual Meeting programs and roundtables. The Education Committee, chaired by Jean Pajerek, was successful in getting one workshop and four programs approved for Boston; another program was cosponsored with the OBS-SIS. The two-day workshop was titled “SCCTP (Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program): Integrating Resources Cataloging Workshop.” The programs were “New Horizons: The Future of AACR”; “What Else Do You Cut When You are Already Cut to the Core of Technical Services”; “International and Foreign Publishers: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly”; “What’s Happening at ALA? CC:DA and SAC Reports”; and “MARBI Report.”

¶3 Cindy May conducted the annual membership survey this year. In addition to praise for programming and for the value that the *Technical Services Law Librarian* (TSL) brings to members, support for the new thirty-minute program slots was apparent, though some would rather have them at an earlier time in the Annual Meeting. Michael Maben, Education Committee Chair for the 2005 Annual Meeting, will use ideas submitted in the survey and other input in the process of developing the section’s program proposals.

¶4 TSL Editor Joe Thomas announced his resignation effective with the end of volume 29. The editorial board chose Brian Striman as the new editor. Many thanks are due to Joe and his staff for a publication that has been referred to in the survey as “the best part of my SIS membership.”

¶5 Susan Goldner announced that she would not seek another term as the AALL representative to the American Library Association’s Machine Readable Bibliographic Information Committee. Janis Johnston, AALL President, asked the chairs of OBS and TS to make recommendations for Susan’s replacement. After advertising the position and evaluating candidates, names were submitted to Janis, and Karen Selden was named to the position.

¶6 Late in Chris Tarr’s term as Chair (2002–03), Judy Kuhagen of the Library of Congress asked AALL for comments and advice on the cataloging of replacement volume sets. A task group created to review the issues and report to the Library of Congress included Ellen McGrath, Chair, Barbara Bohl, George Prager, Ann Sitkin, Regina Wallen, and Kathy Winzer. The report was submitted in December and we are awaiting further LC action.

¶7 This year the Renee Chapman Award for Outstanding Contributions to Technical Services Law Librarianship was presented to Patricia Turpening of the University of Cincinnati for her many activities for the SIS throughout her career, particularly in the area of preservation.

Gary Vander Meer, Chair

Committees

AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers

¶1 The 2003–04 AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee had an extremely successful year. At its first meeting on July 15, 2003, in Seattle, the committee

outlined two goals for the upcoming year: increase the number of paper submissions by concentrating on promotional activities and improve the Call for Papers program at the 2004 Annual Meeting in Boston. The committee achieved both of its stated goals.

¶2 The committee increased the number of papers submitted for the competition by a whopping 500 percent. In 2003, the committee received two papers. This year, it received twelve excellent submissions, surpassing even the committee's expectations. The winners in the Open Division were co-authors Mary Rumsey and April Schwartz of the University of Minnesota for their paper, "Paper vs. Electronic Sources for Law Review Cite-Checking: Should Paper Be the Gold Standard?" Roy Balleste of Nova Southeastern University was the winner in the New Member Division for his paper, "Law Libraries 2.0: AI-Based Agents, Predictions, Decisions and Designs." The co-winners in the Student Division were Katherine Coolidge (Bulkley, Richardson & Gelinax, LLP) for her paper "'Baseless Hysteria: The Controversy between the U.S. Department of Justice and the American Library Association Regarding the USA PATRIOT Act—September 2003," and Paul Hellyer (San Jose State University, School of Library and Information Science) for "Assessing the Influence of Computer-Assisted Legal Research: A Study of California Supreme Court Opinions."

¶3 The increase in submissions was most likely the result of the intense public relations campaign conducted by the committee throughout the year. In the fall, announcements were sent to all special interest sections and chapters for inclusion in their respective newsletters. Announcements also were included in *AALL Spectrum* and in the regular e-mail sent to members by Susan Fox, AALL Executive Director.

¶4 The committee decided to improve the program at the Annual Meeting in Boston by having the winning authors discuss the writing process during a panel discussion. Frank Houdek, Editor of *Law Library Journal*, also was included to add insight into the writing process.

¶5 In addition, the committee improved the process for reviewing papers by developing a systematic evaluation procedure. This process allowed for fair and accurate evaluation of the papers by the committee members.

¶6 The chair wishes to thank committee members Virginia Davis and Taylor Fitchett for their creativity, enthusiasm, and hard work, and acknowledges the support and guidance of Executive Board liaison Carol Avery Nicholson. The chair also wishes to thank Connie Strittmatter, the previous chair of this committee who stepped down to pursue a career opportunity outside of law librarianship. Many of the ideas implemented this year were successful because of her efforts. The committee also wishes to thank Judy Floyd Evans and LexisNexis for their continued support of this competition.

Kathryn Hensiak, Chair

AALLNET

¶1 The committee was chaired by Sandy Marz. Committee members were Alison Alifano, Martha Birdseye, Leslie Lee, Cheryl Nyberg, Raquel Ortiz, Joan Shear, and Kathie Sullivan. Tory Trotta served as Board liaison and Camille Broussard, Chair of the *LLJ/AALL Spectrum* Editorial Board and Advisory Committee, was an ex-officio member. Staff liaison was Reggie Swanigan. The chair was also an ex-officio member of the *LLJ/AALL Spectrum* Editorial Board and Advisory Committee and took part in the Special Committee on Membership Publications.

¶2 *Facilitation of Use to Members.* Cheryl Nyberg collected linking policies from many libraries and library organizations which will be useful for future policy formulation. The “+” under site tools on AALLNET was intended for comments from members. A link called *Comment* was added so members could readily identify the purpose of the link and submit comments. Many comments and suggestions are received by the AALL webmaster and either answered or routed to someone who can respond. It was suggested that an FAQ section be added to AALLNET. Reggie Swanigan prepared a draft section designed to answer questions for members with limited technical assistance at their workplace, such as how to download a current version of a Web browser so they can more effectively use AALLNET. A list of “Free Tools for Website Developers” was compiled by Raquel Ortiz and will be added to AALLNET under Site Support. Joan Shear and Alison Alifano drafted an announcement to inform members that the SIS discussion lists would be automatically populated, and individual names could be removed from the list if they followed provided instructions.

¶3 *Education.* The committee planned workshops to be held at the Annual Meeting for webmasters and forum discussion managers to help them better perform their duties for their particular AALL entities. The Webmaster Workshop in Boston geared its programs to the different levels of knowledge of attendees on topics they requested earlier. It was spearheaded by Raquel Ortiz with the help of Leslie Lee and Sandy Marz. The Forum Discussion Managers workshop was organized by Joan Shear.

¶4 *Public Relations.* A display titled “Dig Deeper into AALLNET” was designed by Joan Shear to be used for CONELL and in the activities area of the exhibit hall. The display was geared to new members and existing members who might not be aware of the information available on AALLNET. Among the topics covered were AALL, its constituent groups, the Washington Affairs Office, and employment information.

¶5 *Future.* AALLNET was included in a study by the Member Publications Special Committee which was asked “to examine and clarify the purpose, scope and frequency of the *AALL Spectrum*, AALLNET, and *Law Library Journal* as the Association’s major communication vehicles for communicating with its various constituencies.” Generally it has recommended that some news content be migrated from *AALL Spectrum* to AALLNET and “coordinated archival policies

and procedures be developed to assure that information originating on AALLNET will be accessible to members in the future.”

¶6 I think the possibilities for AALLNET to provide information to members of our Association will continue to grow and the need for this committee’s involvement will grow with it.

Sandy Marz, Chair

Access to Electronic Legal Information

¶1 Former AALL President Barbara Bintliff tasked the Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee (AELIC) and the Research Instruction and Patron Services (RIPS) Special Interest Section to help the Association fulfill Initiative 1d.1 of its 2000–05 Strategic Plan: “[AALL will] establish standards of excellence for Internet legal information sources that are used by consumers and librarians for law-related research.”

¶2 This was an enormous but gratifying project. In early 2004, the task was completed on schedule. AELIC, working in conjunction with a committee of RIPS, developed criteria for evaluating legal and government information at government Web sites. The Executive Board approved the evaluation criteria at its meeting in April 2004. The criteria include “General Evaluation Criteria for All Web Sites Providing Legal Information” and then four sections that provide “Evaluation Criteria Specific to Judicial, Legislative, Executive Branch, and Local Government Web Sites.” In the near future, it is envisioned that AALL will recognize legal information Web sites that most meet the criteria established.

¶3 In addition, AELIC conducted Web site reviews at the 2003 National Center for State Courts Conference (CTC8) in its cybercafé. Overall feedback from owners of the sites was positive; they expressed appreciation to AALL for developing these criteria. The committee was promised a program slot for CTC9. It is anticipated that AALL will follow up on that offer and further promote and market these criteria.

¶4 Many thanks for the contributions of committee members Sibyl Marshall, Sharon Blackburn, Barbara Ridley Monroe, Frederick Barnhart, Maria Otero, Judy Chalmers, webmaster Steven Melamut, Board liaison Nina Platt, and incoming Chair Thomas Watts, as well as the RIPS Committee which worked side-by-side with AELIC this year.

Mark Cacho, Chair

2004 Annual Meeting Local Advisory

¶1 The Boston 2004 Local Advisory Committee (LAC) cochairs were appointed by Vice President/President-Elect Janis Johnston in September 2002. By December 2002, the subcommittee chairs (committee members) were fully appointed by the cochairs and beginning the initial phases of planning for both the Seattle meeting and the Boston meeting. The most immediate concern for the committee was preparing for the Boston booth in Seattle; it turned out to be a great suc-

cess. Daily raffles donated by committee members and the Law Librarians of New England contributed to its popularity. In Seattle, the committee members also “shadowed” their counterparts on the 2003 LAC and a joint meeting was held to answer questions. Thus, the committee left Seattle well prepared to continue the preparations for the Boston meeting.

¶2 The LAC is charged with an array of responsibilities including public relations, administrative duties, and social arrangements. The association luncheon and closing banquet both require the coordination of a theme, menu, and centerpieces. The LAC also organizes the daily conference newspaper, creates and provides content for the LAC Web page, and writes articles for *AALL Spectrum* and a “Survival Guide.” Other responsibilities include staffing the registration desk and preparing registration bags, organizing the Family Social Hour, assisting the exhibits manager with identifying new and/or local exhibits, staffing the hospitality booth with volunteers knowledgeable about Boston and local attractions, and soliciting and coordinating volunteers.

¶3 The LAC began its work with the assistance of the “master calendar” from the 2003 committee. This month-by-month calendar kept the committee on track throughout both years of preparation. The committee communicated frequently by e-mail and also held group meetings during 2003–04. New to the Annual Meeting for 2004 was a dessert reception for the opening event sponsored by LexisNexis. The committee also established *Dine-Arounds*—group dinners hosted by Boston law librarians at restaurants close to the convention center prior to the opening event. The Association Luncheon Subcommittee also asked members to bring a children’s book to the lunch to support reading literacy programs, a new effort by AALL.

¶4 Members of the committee were Anne Acton, Marlene Alderman, Deanna Barmakian, Kelly Browne, Stephanie Burke, Judy Gire, Mike Hughes, Bonnie Koneski-White, Gina Lynch, Karen Moss, Raquel Ortiz, Michelle Pearse, John Pedini, Mary Rogalski, and Joan Shear. Thanks to all the committee members, their subcommittee members, the Law Librarians of New England, the Association of Boston Law Libraries, plus our many volunteers and the AALL staff (especially Pam Reisinger) for helping to make all the planning come together.

Catherine Breen and Darcy Kirk, Cochairs

Awards

¶1 The work of the 2003–04 Awards Committee culminated with the Association Luncheon at the Annual Meeting in Boston on July 12, 2004. The committee evaluated submissions and chose twenty winners for fourteen awards.

¶2 Members of the committee were Joanne Dugan (Chair), Kathy Carlson (Board liaison), Karen Beck, Marjorie Crawford, Deborah Dennison, Charles Dyer, Mark Estes, Mary Hood, Carmela Kinslow, Betty Roeske, Michael Saint-Onge, Sally Wambold, and Susan Drisko Zago.

¶3 For each of the awards that the committee was charged with handling, a subcommittee of four was formed. The subcommittees considered the applicants

and conveyed their recommendations to the Awards Committee Chair. The following awards were made this year:

- Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award: Shirley Hart David, Director, Sacramento County Public Law Library, and Thomas H. Reynolds, Associate Law Librarian Emeritus, University of California School of Law Library, Berkeley
- *Law Library Journal* Article of the Year Award: Georgia Briscoe, Karen Selden, and Cheryl Nyberg, *The Catalog vs. the Homepage? Best Practices in Connecting to Online Resources*, 95 LAW LIBR. J. 151 (2003)
- *AALL Spectrum* Article of the Year Award: Jean M. Holcomb, *The Annual Report: An Overlooked Opportunity to Tell the Library's Story*, AALL SPECTRUM, June 2003, at 10
- Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award: Loretta Price, AN EXPLOSIVE QUARTER-CENTURY: A GUIDE TO MONOGRAPHIC WORKS ON WOMEN'S LEGAL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (2003)
- Best New Product Award: Jenkins Law Library and American Lawyer Media, Pennsylvania for *palawlibrary.com*
- Chapter Professional Development Award: Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C., 2003 Legal Research Institute
- AALL/West Excellence in Marketing Award: Greenebaum Doll & McDonald, *Greenebaum Library and Research Services Brochure* (Best Brochure); Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin, Inc., LLAW Publication Project (Best Campaign); Dorsey & Whitney, *Iraq Practice Daily Newsletter* (Best Newsletter); Sacramento County Public Law Library, 2003 PR Toolkit (Best Public Relations Toolkit); Carroll Burdick & McDonough Library, Client Development Request Form (Best Use of Technology)
- Law Library Publications Awards: George Washington University School of Law, Jacob Burns Law Library, *The French Collection* (Print Division); University of Denver School of Law, Westminster Law Library, *Case Finding Using Reports and Digests* video (Nonprint Division)
- AALL Public Access to Government Information Award: Sen. Joseph Lieberman, Sen. Conrad Burns, and EPA Administrator Michael Leavitt, for *Regulations.gov* Web site.

¶4 The committee would like to thank Kim Rundle of the AALL Headquarters staff for all of her good work in making the awards ceremony go smoothly.

Joanne Dugan, Chair

Copyright

¶1 Among the initiatives of AALL's Strategic Plan is the preparation and publication of statements of the Association's positions on information policy issues. This year the committee contributed to a number of issues, such as copyright duration,

database legislation, UCITA, free trade agreements (specifically the U.S.-Andean FTA), and continued need to balance the rights of users with those of copyright holders. The committee carefully monitored the various database bills before Congress. AALL, together with the libraries group, submitted comments to the Librarian of Congress on a proposal to provide an exemption to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) which would allow people with vision or print disability to circumvent protection measures in order to access literary works. AALL joined with others in submitting an amicus brief in *Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios v. Grokster*, a case before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit that addressed important interpretations of contributory and vicarious infringement utilizing peer-to-peer file exchange software.

¶2 Working with the AFFECT coalition on related matters, the committee monitored UCITA activity. Because the Virgin Islands attorney general was one of the signatories of an early letter of opposition from many attorney generals to the Federal Trade Commission, legislation is not likely to pass there. Also in May 2004, the Louisiana legislature introduced bomb shelter legislation directing that Louisiana citizens will not be subject to UCITA contracts.

¶3 For the first time in recent history, Congress held hearings with a view to scaling back digital copyright protection to allow consumers to make personal copies and exercise their fair use rights. Librarians believe H.R. 107, the Digital Media Consumers Rights Act, is needed to redress the imbalance between rights of owners and rights of users. Miriam Nesbit of the American Library Association was invited to testify on behalf of the library coalition. Not surprisingly, copyright holders challenged the view that the DMCA is “anti-consumer.” It is unlikely that this or other intellectual property legislation will be enacted until after the fall elections.

¶4 At the Annual Meeting in Boston, the Copyright Committee and the Special Committee on Licensing Principles for Electronic Resources sponsored a program on international licensing agreements. In addition, the Copyright Committee was represented at CONELL and in the Activities Area. The committee works closely with the Government Relations Committee and hopes to continue to educate the membership generally and to attract some to join the committee and become advocates.

Sarah K. Wiant, Chair

Diversity

¶1 The Committee on Diversity is charged with identifying issues that relate to maximizing the diversity of AALL membership as well as exploiting the benefits and possibilities of a diverse and complex membership. The members of the 2003–04 committee were Judy Floyd Evans (Chair), Calmer Chattoo, Madeline Hebert, Yan Hong, Lizette Lopez, Allen Moye, Kirstin Nelson, Lu Tuan Nguyen, and April Schwartz.

¶2 The committee’s main focus this year was to enhance its vehicles of communication for diversity, build awareness of diversity issues beyond programs at

the Annual Meeting, and continue to identify ways in which it could assist the association in carrying out initiatives relating to diversity and the AALL Strategic Plan.

¶3 In terms of enhancing and extending the effectiveness of its communication vehicles, the committee was pleased that

- its discussion list was recognized as an avenue to promote librarian positions within and without AALL;
- its Web site played a key role in the non-Annual Meeting events planned to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision;
- it initiated several articles in AALL publications, and others were written about Diversity Committee activities.

¶4 With regard to membership education and awareness, the committee had the pleasure of developing and implementing a commemoration strategy for AALL to celebrate the *Brown* decision. This was an endeavor in line with the goals the committee had set for itself and we thank the Executive Board for this opportunity. The committee collaborated with the editor and publications director of *AALL Spectrum* to highlight *Brown* in the April 2004 issue of *AALL Spectrum* by either facilitating or writing several substantive articles on the decision. The committee also developed a plan containing several events throughout the year to commemorate the anniversary using various media. The highlight of the commemoration was the 2004 Annual Diversity Symposium that resulted in a thorough debate on the impact and effects of *Brown*.

¶5 Regarding specific initiatives of the AALL Strategic Plan, the committee has the responsibility of overseeing the Minority Leadership Development Award. This year's award went to June S. Kim who was honored at the Association's annual awards ceremony on July 12, 2004, in Boston. In addition, the committee made some progress toward collaborating with other committees and organizations within AALL on issues of diversity. While there is much work to be done, we are pleased to have begun interactions with the Asian Americans Law Librarians Caucus. The stage has been set for the incoming committee to discuss joint programming and other events.

Judy Floyd Evans, Chair

Government Relations

¶1 The Government Relations Committee had another busy year in 2003–04, hitting the ground running by coordinating the Advocacy Workshop in Seattle with the Washington Affairs Office (WAO). The workshop produces an army of librarians from across the country who are ready and willing to become advocates for libraries and access to government information.

¶2 The members of the committee work closely with AALL chapters to create grass roots advocacy opportunities. This is done by posting messages to chapter discussion lists, writing articles for chapter newsletters, and working with chapter

government relations chairs or presidents. When the WAO needs AALL members to contact their state or federal representatives to lobby on an issue, contacting the chapters directly is the best way to reach the membership. Washington Affairs Representative Bob Oakley reports that often when he and Associate Representative Mary Alice Baish are meeting with a congressional committee or member of congress, it is not uncommon for them to be told that “We sure heard from a lot of law librarians about this issue.” That is our goal and that is the power of our membership—to shape information policy in this country.

¶3 Last year the committee coordinated the publication of a fifty-state survey on permanent public access to electronic government information. Several members of the committee took this report to their state CIOs, state law librarians, and state library associations. It has proven indispensable when talking about how states can make government documents available continuously and permanently, especially those that are digitally born.

¶4 Several members of the committee have also become interested in the USA PATRIOT Act. They have spoken to groups of librarians, and debated the pros and cons of the Act in front of large audiences of interested citizens. They have written articles for their local newspapers and library associations, as well as *AALL Spectrum*. The committee also worked with the WAO to create an AALL resolution on the library provisions of the Act.

¶5 As always, the committee worked closely with Mary Alice Baish and the WAO to take advantage of every opportunity to make the voices of law librarians heard across the country.

Elizabeth LeDoux, Chair

Indexing of Periodical Literature

¶1 The committee met at the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle. It reviewed a number of journals at the meeting. Traditionally the committee has held two meetings at the Annual Meeting; the outgoing committee would meet and conclude any business, and later in the week the new committee would meet. It was decided by the committee that in 2004 the committee would hold one joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming committee. The meeting was held on July 11, 2004, in Boston.

¶2 The members of the committee for 2003–04 were Gordon Russell, Chair; Richard L. Bowler, Janet R. Hirt, Richard Leiter, Masako Patrum, and Stephanie Schmitt, members.

Gordon Russell, Chair

Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum

¶1 The *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* Editorial Board and Advisory Committee meets twice each year at the AALL Annual Meeting and holds a day-and-a-half fall meeting in Chicago. The committee’s regular workload includes working with the editors of the Association’s two premier print publications and screening eligible articles for the *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* article

of the year awards. The award winners, along with all *LLJ* and *AALL Spectrum* authors, are honored at the Annual Meeting Authors and Contributors Reception. Both the awards and the reception are generously sponsored by CCH.

¶2 In 2003–04, Tory Trotta served as the committee’s Executive Board liaison. Sandy Marz, chair of the AALLNET Advisory Committee, served as an ex-officio member of the committee, while Camille Broussard served as an ex-officio member of the AALLNET Advisory Committee. Dan Campbell continued to serve as the committee’s webmaster. *LLJ* Editor Frank Houdek, *AALL Spectrum* Editorial Director Paul Healey, and AALL Director of Publications Julia O’Donnell served as ex-officio members of the committee.

¶3 During the year, the committee worked with Paul Healey and Julia O’Donnell to update the editorial and publishing guidelines for *AALL Spectrum*. The new guidelines were completed in November and placed on the committee’s Web site. The committee assisted the Special Committee on Member Publications.

¶4 The committee also examined the continued inclusion of AALL election information in *AALL Spectrum*. In light of the new, earlier election deadlines, the committee is concerned that it will be extremely difficult to provide the necessary information to the membership in a timely manner. In November, the committee recommended to the Executive Board that election information be removed from *AALL Spectrum* and requested that the Board determine an alternative medium for disseminating this information to members. The committee also recommended that the Board establish standards to ensure the preservation and permanent archiving of election-related information. In March, at the Board’s request for additional information, the committee proposed an alternative procedure for the 2005 election, recommending that all election information be published on AALLNET. *AALL Spectrum* would reprint the biographical information, the candidate statements, and a summary of any other material that was published on AALLNET in the September/October issue. The Board adopted the resolution with one change. For historical and archival purposes, the AALL Secretary will include candidate information in the report of the election to the membership. That report will then be included in the *Law Library Journal*, the Association’s publication of record.

Camille Broussard, Chair

Membership and Retention

¶1 The committee sponsored a contest to get new members for AALL. The contest prize was a dues-free year for the sponsoring member. Eight AALL members gave fifteen names to the committee. Each committee member was responsible for contacting a nominee. AALL gained five new members; the recipient of the free dues was Jim Milles. In addition to this activity, the chair of the committee conducted a roundtable discussion with chapter membership chairs at the Annual Meeting in Seattle to share ideas on membership and retention issues.

Terry Long, Chair

Mentoring

¶1 Glen Bencivengo, Carol Bredemeyer, Joseph Custer, Joyce Manna Janto (Chair), Connelly Johnson, Connie Lenz, Kristy Moon, Jennifer Murray, and Chris Tighe served on the 2003–04 Mentoring Committee. The Executive Board liaison was Al Podboy.

¶2 The committee held its organizational meeting during the 2003 Annual Meeting in Seattle, identifying goals for the year. These matched the charge for the committee: to organize the mentoring program and to plan the CONELL program. Two additional goals were established: to make the CONELL experience more than a one-day affair and to successfully publicize the committee's activities. To this end, the committee formed three subcommittees: CONELL, chaired by Carol Bredemeyer; Mentoring, chaired by Jennifer Murray; and Publicity, chaired by Connie Lenz.

¶3 The main goal of the Mentoring Subcommittee was to eliminate much of the duplication of effort between AALL's Mentoring Committee and similar mentoring committees established by the "Big Three" SISs. Serving as the committee's liaison with the Academic, Private Law Libraries, and State, Court and County special interest sections, Jennifer Murray developed a mentoring application form that was used by each group. The subcommittee was responsible for making matches. This year, fifty-five pairs of librarians were matched as mentors and mentees. The subcommittee also maintained the List of Newer Law Librarians (LONELL) to which all CONELL participants are automatically subscribed. It is a way for newer members to maintain the contacts they make at the Annual Meeting. Jennifer served as moderator for this list and as the committee webmaster.

¶4 The CONELL Subcommittee looked at revamping the program to make sure that it fulfilled its mission of introducing new law librarians to AALL. The main challenge was making the program meaningful to a group of new law librarians who are not fresh out of school. Recent trends show us that, more often than not, new law librarians have spent many years in either general librarianship or in other legal endeavors. In light of this, the session on "Job Success" was eliminated, replaced by two new programs. The first was "Speed Networking," a session designed to allow CONELL participants a chance to network with their peers. The second was a session on AALL history presented by members of the AALL Centennial Celebration Committee. To expand the CONELL experience, the subcommittee introduced Friday night "Dutch Treat Dinners," reserved tables for CONELL participants at both the Association Luncheon and Closing Banquet, and an AALL Scavenger Hunt.

¶5 In an effort to accomplish the final goal of increasing awareness of the mentoring program and CONELL, Connie Lenz sent information to the various discussion lists, chapters, and SISs. Information about the Mentoring Committee's work appeared in the "Committee News" column of every issue of *AALL*

Spectrum. Joyce Manna Janto also wrote an article for *AALL Spectrum* about CONELL and its importance to newer law librarians.

Joyce Manna Janto, Chair

Placement

¶1 The primary work of the Placement Committee is to manage and staff the Placement Office at the Annual Meeting. While this year was no exception, the committee was also involved in two special projects: completing its Web page containing links to job listings and career-related information for law librarians, and sponsoring a “Salary Negotiation Skills for Law Librarians” program held during the 2004 Annual Meeting. The Placement Committee also sent a representative to the CONELL Marketplace to answer questions about the Placement Office.

¶2 For the first time since 1995, there were more applicants than positions listed at the 2003 Annual Meeting in Seattle. There were fifty-four positions advertised in the Placement Office, and fifty-eight registered candidates. In addition to registered candidates, other individuals dropped off résumés for consideration by employers.

¶3 The hours of operation remained the same as in previous years (Saturday, 12 to 5 P.M.; Sunday through Tuesday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.; and Wednesday, 9 A.M. to 12 P.M.). Once again, former AALL Membership Coordinator Rachel Shaevel provided invaluable assistance during the meeting and in the weeks preceding it. I would like to thank the members of the committee who assisted in the Placement Office: Jack Bissett, Jean Callihan, Michelle Rigual, Margaret Ross, Deborah Sulzbach, Linda Tesar, and Jeannine Uppgard. I would also like to thank Michelle Rigual for arranging the salary negotiation program and Michelle Pearse for developing the committee’s Web site.

Julia Jaet, Chair

Public Relations

¶1 Spreading the word about the value of law librarians was the underlying goal for the committee this year. Its inspiration was the “Statement on the Value Added to Organizations by Law Librarians,” developed by the committee during the past two years and approved by the AALL Executive Board in April 2003. Serving on the 2003–04 committee were Donna Bausch, Sue Burch, Stephanie Burke, Mark Engsborg, Sally Holterhoff (Chair), Holly Riccio, Erika Wayne, and David Zoppi-Jordan. The Executive Board liaison was Al Podboy.

¶2 Through columns written by members which appeared in each issue of *AALL Spectrum*, the committee provided a public relations perspective on a variety of topics, including state library associations, fund-raising, and the financial benefits of law librarians.

¶3 The AALL/West Excellence in Marketing (EIM) Awards honor outstanding achievement in five categories of public relations activity. The 2004 competition was conducted by Donna Bausch, Erika Wayne, and Sally Holterhoff. With the

able assistance of Lori Hedstrom from West, a print copy of the revised EIM guidelines and application was mailed to each AALL member. Lori also received all of the thirty-six entries and forwarded them to the subcommittee members for initial judging. Finalist entries went on to the AALL Awards Committee for selection of the winners, which were:

- Best Brochure: Greenebaum Doll & McDonald (Lexington, Kentucky), *Greenebaum Library and Research Service Brochure*
- Best Newsletter: Dorsey & Whitney (Minneapolis), *Iraq Practice Daily Newsletter*
- Best Campaign: Law Librarians of Wisconsin, *LLAW Publication Project*
- Best Public Relations Toolkit: Sacramento County Public Law Library, *2003 P.R. Toolkit*
- Best Use of Technology: Carroll Burdick & McDonough Library (San Francisco), *Client Development Request Form*

¶4 As usual, the committee shifted into high gear with preparations for the 2004 Annual Meeting in Boston. Sue Burch and Holly Riccio coordinated participation in the CONELL Marketplace, designing an eye-catching display and coming up with the idea to distribute business-card holders with a Public Relations Committee insert. The twelfth annual Public Relations Showcase in the activities area of the Exhibit Hall was organized by Donna Bausch and Mark Engsborg, with some of the exhibitors being winners or finalists in the 2004 EIM competition. Stephanie Burke and David Zopfi-Jordan coordinated another traditional event, the Chapter Leadership Roundtable on Public Relations. The first meeting of a new “Publishing Initiatives” interest group, organized by the committee, was held immediately following the roundtable for the benefit of those who have an interest in writing articles for legal publications, such as bar journals. Such articles help raise the profile of our profession within the legal community. One outcome of the meeting may be a new online discussion forum, established for sharing information on an ongoing basis.

¶5 The committee also developed a proposal for a photography event to document a “Day in the Life of the Law Library Community.” This is envisioned as one day on which participating AALL members will take photos in their libraries or will be photographed themselves. The resulting photos, either print or digital, will be used by AALL for a variety of public relations purposes. This project will be implemented by the 2004–05 committee which will be chaired by Erika Wayne, this year’s committee webmaster.

Sarah (Sally) G. Holterhoff, Chair

Publications

¶1 This year the committee received and reviewed two publications proposals. Both were accepted for publication in the AALL Publications Series by William S. Hein & Co. Each squarely supports the defined mission of the Publications

Committee as it seeks to enhance the professional development of law libraries through new literature. Moreover, these forthcoming publications emphasize the spirit of the AALL Strategic Challenge that law librarianship and the AALL membership reflect the diversity of society.

¶2 The first is a work to be titled *Reflections of Minority Law Librarians*. It echoes the 1988 publication, *Reflections on Law Librarianship*, and will similarly include interviews with prominent members in the field. The second is a publication to be titled *Celebrating Diversity: A Legacy of Leadership in AALL*. The biographical focus of this work is both celebratory and commemorative of the upcoming AALL centennial in 2006. Royalties generated by sales of this publication will be donated to the AALL George A. Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment Fund.

¶3 Continuing its work from last year, the committee created an annotated list reviewing publications in the AALL Publications Series to see which might be candidates for revision or updating. This review process will likely continue in 2004–05. William S. Hein & Co. may be interested in pursuing electronic publication of titles in the series, and this will also be a topic for future discussion.

¶4 Upon reviewing its somewhat dated charge, the committee informally contacted the AALL Executive Board to request the Board's clarification on the scope of the committee's work. Board members advised that the committee request such clarification through a written agenda item for an upcoming board meeting.

Sheri Lewis, Chair

Recruitment to Law Librarianship

¶1 This report will highlight the efforts that led to another successful year for the Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee.

¶2 In addition to maintaining the Web site and replying to inquiries from prospective law librarians, following discussions in Seattle, the committee decided to focus on free registration for library school or law students who attend the Annual Meeting as a way of encouraging students to attend. It was felt that registration was the best focus rather than a general travel or housing grant, since that is a constant fee for everyone no matter where the recipients come from or where the meeting is held.

¶3 Mark Bernstein drafted a letter which was sent to the chairs of the Placement and Mentoring committees. The committees felt that a letter of joint support for this proposal would carry the greatest weight. With the assistance of James Duggan, our Board liaison, the joint proposal was presented to the Executive Board at its April 2004 meeting. The Board calculated revenue from student registration and discussed whether the cost could be absorbed and whether there might be other ways to provide discounts for students. The Board referred the matter to its Finance and Budget Committee for further study.

¶4 This proactive effort by the Recruitment Committee, in conjunction with the other committees, was a successful venture no matter what the final outcome.

It will serve to emphasize the need for AALL to continue according attention on the need to recruit new members into the profession.

¶5 Another new idea that was proposed during the committee's brainstorming session in Seattle was to have an official roundtable at the Annual Meeting. Kumar Percy was the member who proposed this idea and he initiated a dialogue with AALL headquarters and the committee that will continue during the 2004 Boston meeting.

¶6 Christopher Vallandingham submitted a program proposal on recruitment that was not accepted. He also sought to establish a working relationship with the ABA, including putting information about AALL on the ABA Career Webservice page. Again, our Board liaison James Duggan worked with the committee to explore what our role with another organization could be and if we could solicit sponsors for advertising in publications of other associations.

¶7 Recruitment continues to be a priority as the aging of the profession and population continues. This committee's efforts will continue to play a key role in ensuring the success of law librarianship for many years to come. I am leaving the committee after three years, the past two as chair. My colleague at Duke, Ken Hirsh, will become the Chair at our Boston meeting, and I look forward to continuing to help recruit new members to this exciting profession.

Mark Bernstein, Chair

Relations with Information Vendors

¶1 The Committee on Relations with Information Vendors (CRIV) had another full year of vendor relations activities, including monitoring and reporting developments in legal publishing and maintaining communications with publishers and law librarians.

¶2 This year CRIV undertook a new initiative to support elements of the AALL Strategic Plan. In collaboration with the Career Development Task Force, CRIV sponsored an online discussion forum called "Legal Publishing Issues: Are You Bewitched, Bothered, and Bewildered?" The purpose of the forum was to provide law librarians and publishers with an opportunity to air issues of common concern. More than 350 participants registered for the successful weeklong forum, which concentrated on the librarian-publisher relationship, fair business practices, pricing, electronic resources, and potential conflicts of interest for AALL and law librarians.

¶3 A major change for the Boston Annual Meeting was the transformation of the CRIV Open Forum from a committee business meeting to a component of the educational program. The program, "CRIV Hot Topic: Trends in Legal Publishing," featured an information industry analyst and two experienced law librarians. A second CRIV program, "Let's Make a Deal: Strategies to Avoid Paying List Price," used panel presentations and role playing to address negotiating for beneficial pricing.

¶4 CRIV also published three issues of *The CRIV Sheet* and five "CRIV Notes" columns in *AALL Spectrum*. It responded to approximately twenty requests from

law librarians for information or assistance, and issued approximately twenty electronic CRIVGrams designed to inform the law library community of changes in the publishing industry or to assist publishers with urgent and timely announcements for their customers. CRIV reaches thousands of law librarians and publishers with these various forms of communication.

¶5 CRIV members also:

- revised *The CRIV Sheet* editorial policy;
- reviewed nominations and made recommendations for the Best New Product Award;
- clarified and documented the procedures for the Best New Product Award; and
- reviewed and updated the tools on the CRIV Page Web site.

¶6 The year's accomplishments represent a significant amount of work that benefits law librarians and legal publishers. My thanks go to the committee members for their hard work and to the many librarians and publishers who help us to facilitate effective communication and to foster cooperative working relationships.

Margaret Maes Axtmann, Chair

Research

¶1 The Research Committee focuses on the administration of the Association's program for funding research. This year the committee solicited and reviewed four research grant applications for funding, granted funds to three research projects, monitored four ongoing projects, and reviewed final reports¹ from two completed research projects.

¶2 The committee administers two research funds. The AALL/Aspen Publishers Research Grant Program is made possible through a \$50,000 contribution from Aspen Publishers, while the AALL Research Fund was established with an endowment of \$100,000 from LexisNexis.

¶3 The following research projects are in progress and were funded through the AALL Research Fund endowed by LexisNexis:

- Sam Trosow of the University of Western Ontario in Canada is conducting a project that will investigate how the World Trade Organization's General Agreement on Trade in Services may affect public law libraries.
- The Washington County (Oregon) Law Library, under the direction of Laura Orr, is conducting a project to explore the privacy, confidentiality, and access issues that arise from the digitization of Oregon's appellate court briefs.
- Sam Trosow will conduct another project titled "Open Access to Scholarly Communications in the Field of Law" that will focus on collecting data per-

1. See 2003-04 Completed Research Grant Projects, 96 LAW LIBR. J. 867, 2004 LAW LIBR. J. 54 (containing abstracts of final reports for completed projects).

taining to the copyright policies of law reviews, journals, and other serials in the field of law.

¶4 The following research projects, completed or in progress, were funded through the AALL/Aspen Publishers Research Grant Program:

- David Selden and Monica Martens of the National Indian Law Library completed their project to create a subject-heading thesaurus for Native American and tribal law, “Reconsidering ‘Indians of North America’: Creating a Federal Indian and Tribal Law Library Subject Headings Thesaurus.”²
- Kathryn Hensiak of Northwestern University, Donna Nixon of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Stephanie Burke of Boston University completed their research project titled “Assessing Information Literacy Among First Year Students: A Survey to Measure Research Experiences and Perceptions.”³
- Kelly Browne of the University of Connecticut Law Library is conducting a project in which a sample of law librarians are being surveyed to gauge their emotional intelligence. The data will then be analyzed and used to develop successful position profiles for various law librarian positions in different types of law libraries.
- Kelly Kunsch of the Seattle University Law Library is conducting a project titled “Washington State Archives Research” that is focused upon Washington State constitutional history.

¶5 I would like to thank the members of the Research Committee for their hard work and enthusiasm: Scott Childs, Ed Greenlee, Michael Slinger, Trina Tinglum, Susan Tulis, and Nina Platt (Executive Board liaison).

Ellen McGrath, Chair

Scholarships

¶1 In 2003–04, the Scholarships Committee awarded fourteen scholarships totaling \$26,500.

¶2 West Group provided \$10,000 to be awarded in George A. Strait Minority Scholarships this year. The recipients of the Strait Minority Scholarships were Kelly Anders, Helane Davis, and Donna Joseph.

¶3 LexisNexis donated \$10,000 to be distributed through the John Johnson Memorial Scholarship Endowment for Type I, II, III, and IV applicants, while AALL contributed \$5000 to be distributed through the AALL Scholarship Fund for Type I, II, III, IV, and V applicants. Alana Carson, Teresa Kline, Cindie Leigh, Virginia McVarish, and Maria Templo were awarded Type I scholarships (library degree for law school graduates); Rhodora Bulay, Stephanie Gardner, Michelle

2. See *id.* at 868–69, ¶¶ 7–11 (report of Monica Martens and David Selden).

3. See *id.* at 867–68, ¶¶ 3–6 (report of Kathryn Hensiak, Stephanie Burke, and Donna Nixon).

Martin-Larsen, and Jill Mihorat were awarded Type III scholarships (library degree for non-law school graduate). Marianne Alcorn was awarded a Type V scholarship. In addition, Melanie Nelson was awarded a James F. Connolly CIS Memorial Scholarship donated by LexisNexis.

¶4 I would like to thank the members of the committee for their time and effort in reviewing and evaluating many applications: Pauline Afuso, William Draper, Carla Evans, Carol Grant, Marian Parker, Susan Ryan, Jessica Wimer, and Alvin Podboy (Executive Board liaison). In addition, I would like to thank Susan Fox and Steven Oberhoffer of AALL Headquarters who both served as invaluable resources to the committee.

Leonette Williams, Chair

Special Committees, Task Forces, and Council

Biennial Salary Survey Task Force

¶1 The Biennial Salary Survey Task Force was appointed by President Carol Avery Nicholson for the term of July 2002 through December 2003. As indicated in its 2002–03 annual report, the task force began work by soliciting comments on all aspects of salary surveys from all AALL members. Based on the task force recommendations, Association Research Inc., the independent consultant, developed the survey instrument and mailed it to library directors in late June 2003, with the response date set as July 25, very soon after members would have returned from the 2003 Annual Meeting in Seattle.

¶2 To increase the number of responses, the deadline was extended to August 8. The final response rate was 35.9 percent for all respondents, an average from the 35 percent response rate from private firms, 44.6 percent from academic libraries, and 34 percent from government libraries. While lower than previous response rates, this is considered sufficient to ensure a high level of confidence in the survey findings overall and by type of library.

¶3 The survey results were placed in the members-only section of AALLNET at the end of October, and print copies were available for purchase beginning in November, priced at \$110 for members or \$175 for nonmembers. Survey production costs totaled \$9638, covering printing and mailing the survey instruments, consultant services (preparing the survey instrument, compiling data, and preparing the final report), and printing 200 copies.

¶4 Several members of the Special Committee on Law Librarian Compensation, including its Chair, Luis Acosta, assisted the task force in preparing the introduction to the survey report. New features in this edition of the salary survey included more ranges reporting years of experience and levels of education, breakdowns by geographic areas more clearly reported, and adding data on salaries of individuals holding both the MLS and JD degrees.

¶5 Geographic groupings in the report continue to be of concern because many of them cover so many states that it is hard for individual members to make com-

parisons. For future editions, the task force recommends that strong consideration should be given to providing reports by individual states, at least by All Library Types, but preferably broken out by Library Types.

¶6 The members of the task force were Maryruth Storer (Chair), William Beintema, Virginia Bryant, John Davey, Constance Dickson, and Susan Lerdal. During this year, Karl Gruben and Janis Johnston were Board liaisons, and Maya Norris and Susan Fox were staff liaisons.

Maryruth Storer, Chair

Career Development Task Force

¶1 On March 17, 2004, the Career Development Task Force completed its main charge by presenting its report on a new continuing education program for AALL to the Executive Board. The report is based on the task force's analysis of the data gathered in the 2003 Career Development Needs Survey completed by approximately 1200 AALL members, information gained in focus groups held at the 2003 Annual Meeting, and a report prepared by the Gary Siegel Organization, the consultant that developed the needs assessment survey and directed the focus groups, which performed a detailed statistical analysis of the data gathered in the survey.

¶2 While the task force undertook no new career development initiatives for members during this year of transition, it did continue to support several of AALL's very successful ongoing continuing education activities. The "Desktop Learning Series" published in *AALL Spectrum* included eight articles by AALL members covering such topics as library portals, digitizing projects, library blogs, legal research, law for the non-JD, library displays, and cyberplagiarism. One article in the series on library annual reports won the *AALL Spectrum* Article of the Year Award.

¶3 The task force supported seven AALL discussion list forums during the past year. Topics covered were the ABA 2003 Annual Questionnaire, safety and security, information authority and integrity, legal publishing issues, foreign and international law librarianship, ABA Standards for Academic Law Libraries, and storage space planning. There were approximately 1700 subscribers to the various discussions.

¶4 A task force subcommittee evaluated four nominations for the One-Time Chapter Development Award. (No nominations were received for the Comprehensive Chapter Award.) Two of the nominations were forwarded to the Awards Committee which selected the 2003 Legal Research Institute of the Law Librarians Society of Washington, D.C. for the 2004 award.

¶5 Task force subcommittees also worked on several activities surrounding the 2004 Annual Meeting. The AALL/West partnership was continued by taping three educational programs for viewing on the WestLegalEdcenter Web site after the meeting. The Chapter Workshop Subcommittee worked with the Chapter Council chair to develop the program for the 2004 Professional Development Roundtable which has as its goal to help chapters with preparing, marketing, and presenting local programming.

¶6 Task force members for 2003–04 were Phyllis C. Marion (Chair), Jennifer Carroll, Jane Colwin, Shirley Hart David, Pamela Deemer, Peter J. Egler, Lori Hedstrom, Caren Z. Luckie, Donna Nixon, and Janis L. Johnston (Board liaison)
Phyllis C. Marion, Chair

Council of Newsletter Editors

¶1 The Council of Newsletter Editors (CONE) membership includes about fifty newsletter editors of AALL affiliated groups. Acting upon suggestions from the membership, the CONE cochairs developed a preconference workshop for the Boston Annual Meeting titled “Newsletter Writing and Design Workshop.” Sponsored by West and held at the Hynes Convention Center on Saturday, July 10, workshop topics included elements of design, layout, and style guides; issues related to electronic formats for newsletters (conversion, software, AALLNet as host site); and critique of sample newsletters.

¶2 The cochairs and the CONE AALL liaison, Julia O’Donnell, have utilized the council’s discussion list to distribute preconference workshop publicity and to share information among the editors. Members have continued to use the discussion list to communicate ideas and post questions to the CONE membership. It also serves as a means to notify members when newsletter issues are posted in electronic format.

¶3 At CONE’s 2003 annual meeting, the membership broached the issue of advertising. Because AALL’s Web site now hosts AALL chapter and SIS newsletter sites, electronic newsletters can include advertising. Previously, the Web site host could not permit advertising as a result of a contractual requirement. Chapters and SIS newsletters handle advertising and sponsorship in a variety of ways. Although many newsletters include advertising, some will not accept ads but prefer vendors to underwrite programs. Some chapters are increasing their ad rates, especially because some chapters use advertising revenue to offset costs of other chapter projects, such as grants, awards, and professional assistance in the layout and design of the newsletter.

¶4 Many chapters and SISs either are developing or have already developed photo release forms due to privacy issues and ethical considerations. During the past year, Julia O’Donnell, AALL’s new Director of Publications, developed and distributed a sample photo release form to the CONE membership.

¶5 During the past few years, SIS and chapter newsletters have by and large ceased producing print copies and moved to solely electronic distribution. The large majority of these are mounted on the AALLNET site. Due to the lack of many newsletters in hard copy, the CONE members sought reassurance about plans to permanently archive AALLNET content. CONE expressed its archiving concerns to the AALLNET Advisory Committee and was pleased to learn that this committee already had plans to address the issue in 2003–04. As has been practice for several years, the AALL director of publications prints two copies of each e-newsletter posted to the CONE listserv. She retains one copy at AALL headquar-

ters and sends the other copy to the official AALL archives at the University of Illinois, as was the practice when two hard copies of each newsletter were mailed to AALL headquarters.

¶6 The CONE Web page was updated throughout the year, providing links to chapter and SIS newsletters sites and updates of editor contact information. This page has been a useful resource for the membership.

Stephanie J. Burke and Susan D. Zago, Cochairs

Fair Business Practices Implementation Task Force

¶1 The Fair Business Practices Implementation Task Force was established by the Executive Board for a two-year term beginning in 2003, following adoption of the “AALL Guide to Fair Business Practices for Legal Publishers” in November 2002. The task force was charged to monitor the interpretation, revision, promotion, and evaluation of the AALL Guide, and was specifically directed to work cooperatively with the Committee on Relations with Information Vendors (CRIV).

¶2 In this first year, the task force has primarily focused on promoting the AALL Guide as the standard for interactions between librarians and legal publishers. Promotional efforts included the placement of articles in *AALL Spectrum* (December 2003) and *Against the Grain* (December 2003–January 2004). The task force also prepared a series of ten articles highlighting the principles and purpose of the AALL Guide that appeared as a part of the “From The Desk Of” e-mails sent periodically to all AALL members by Executive Director Susan Fox. In an effort to publicize the AALL Guide to a broader community, the task force prepared a letter that was sent under the signature of AALL President Janis L. Johnston to the chief executives of legal and law-related publishing companies. In addition, a press release describing the development of the AALL Guide and its availability was faxed or e-mailed to a broad group of library and legal publications and organizations. Information about requesting a copy from AALL Headquarters, or downloading a copy from AALL-NET has been prominently included in all of these efforts.

¶3 One early method used to distribute the AALL Guide was including it in the registration packet of attendees at the 2003 Annual Meeting in Seattle. For the 2004 Annual Meeting, copies were included in exhibitor packets. Display ads also appeared in the Boston Annual Meeting newspaper with an actual representation of the guide’s cover and laudatory quotations from law librarians, as well as information on how to obtain a copy.

¶4 In other efforts during 2003–04, the task force worked collaboratively with CRIV. Specially, the chair of CRIV was a member of the task force’s electronic discussion list and participated on several of the monthly conference calls for the task force. At the invitation of CRIV, the task force provided revised content for the section of CRIV’s Web page that relates to the AALL Guide. At the Boston Annual Meeting, the task force shared the CRIV activities table, using this opportunity to distribute additional copies of the guide and speak with members.

¶5 As the task force enters the second year of its two-year term, the focus will turn to evaluation of the effectiveness of the guide, including whether additional or revised content should be proposed. As a preliminary effort toward evaluation, the task force developed a short electronic survey inquiring about use of the AALL Guide and suggestions for change. The survey was included in a June 2004 "From The Desk Of." The task force will be tabulating and considering the results of that survey as it begins its second year. In addition, the task force will be considering whether oversight of the AALL Guide can or should be assumed by CRIV after the task force's term ends.

¶6 This has been an active year for the task force, and the workload for all members has been considerable, including drafting articles and communications, and monthly strategy sessions by conference call. The members of the task force are A. Michael Beaird, Kamla King Hedges, Linda Kawaguchi McLane, Judy A. Lauer, Carol Avery Nicholson (Executive Board liaison), and James A. Mumm. The chair would like to thank them for their significant efforts this year.

Kay M. Todd, Chair

Special Committee on Funding Information Policy Advocacy Initiatives

¶1 The members of the committee were Joan Allen-Hart (Chair), Charlene Cain, and Susan Tulis. Anne Matthewman served as Executive Board liaison and Associate Washington Affairs Representative Mary Alice Baish served as ex-officio member.

¶2 The committee's mandate was to research and identify potential foundations and corporate donors to provide support (financial, partnering, or other) to the Association and the Washington Affairs Office for information policy advocacy. While the sheer number of foundations and donors in the United States, estimated by some sources to be almost 65,000, made the committee's task of identifying those that might be supportive of AALL's policies and goals in this area somewhat daunting, initial efforts focused on identifying those relatively few groups that have previously supported library associations and information policy issues.

¶3 The committee's research identified several foundations that had provided recent financial support to libraries, such as the MacArthur Foundation's grant to the American Library Association's Office of Intellectual Freedom. However, further investigation led the committee to conclude that grant conditions and limitations often specifically prohibit using funds for legislative advocacy. Typically, such grants are to be used for educational or similar purposes. Additional research revealed that prohibitions against using grants and other donations from foundations or corporations for lobbying and other advocacy efforts are not unusual. The challenge to the committee was to identify foundations and corporate donors that have supported similar information policy issues, hoping that they might be supportive of the Association's goals to engage in active advocacy.

¶4 In preparing its final report, the committee focused on identifying authoritative sources on current fund-raising trends. It made several recommendations

and identified a number of factors for the Executive Board's consideration, as it contemplates the next step in this process. (1) Fund-raising is time-consuming and requires an ongoing commitment of resources if it is to be successful. (2) Many nonprofit organizations employ one or more staff members whose sole function is fund-raising. (3) Many organizations hire a professional fund-raising consultant to provide research and analysis on potential donors. (4) Becoming the successful recipient of private foundation or corporate giving involves development of personal contacts over a period of time. This is due, in part, to the fact that many donors want to partner with their grant recipients to achieve a common goal.

¶5 The committee also identified two nonprofit foundations that the Board might consider approaching for support in funding information policy advocacy initiatives. Although these foundations are not known to have previously supported library groups, a review of the grants they have recently awarded to other groups, as well as their own stated goals and purposes, lend credence to the committee's conclusion that these particular foundations would be supportive of the information policy issues the Association and the Washington Affairs Office are focusing on today.

Joan Allen-Hart, Chair

George Strait Scholarship Fund-raising Special Committee

¶1 In 2001, Thomson-West contributed \$150,000 to endow the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship and challenged AALL to raise an additional \$100,000 for the endowment. AALL considered this an opportunity to reinforce its commitment to upholding and cultivating a high level of professionalism and diversity in the field of law librarianship. The Association enthusiastically accepted the challenge and set a deadline of 2005 to reach its goal.

¶2 From late 2001 through July 2002, the initial outlines of the campaign were drawn under the leadership of former AALL President Barbara Bintliff and former AALL Executive Director Roger Parent, assisted by Jay Frey, Vice President and Senior Counsel of Clyde P. Watkins & Associates, and Marvin R. Anderson, Minnesota State Law Librarian, recruited by Bintliff and Parent to serve as chair. Among the notable achievements of the early campaign were the distribution of an attractive brochure that presented the "Case for Support" for contributing to the endowment sent to the entire AALL membership, the formation of a fund-raising committee comprised of former friends and colleagues of George Strait and AALL members, and the publication of several articles describing the campaign.

¶3 From August 2002 through the end of her term in July 2003, former AALL President Carol Avery Nicholson made the campaign one of the cornerstones of her tenure. Under her leadership, Joan Howland was appointed Cochair of the campaign so that momentum would not be lost when Mr. Anderson's appointment expired. In addition, as a consequence of President Nicholson's strong support and consistent advocacy to SIS chairs, chapter presidents, publishers, and AALL members, awareness of the importance of meeting the challenge grant was dramatically

raised, leading to increased contributions to the fund. By June 2003, contributions and pledges to the fund had almost reached the halfway mark toward the \$100,000 goal.

¶4 In 2003–04, AALL President Janis L. Johnson was an enthusiastic personal and organizational supporter of the fund. She has continued to encourage the membership to contribute and offered the cochairs whatever support they needed.

¶5 As a result of all the tremendous support, backing, and encouragement of the leadership, AALL staff, Thomson-West, other publishers, and especially AALL members, we are pleased to report that the \$100,000 challenge grant not only has been met but exceeded! Indeed, as of May 31, 2004, more than \$113,000 had been donated or pledged.

¶6 We would like to take this opportunity to express our most sincere appreciation to the persons mentioned above and the many others whose valuable contributions and cooperation made the attainment of this goal possible. We extend our special thanks to Susan Fox and other AALL staff for the accuracy of their information and overall willingness to aid us whenever we sought their assistance; to Cathy Lemann for her *AALL Spectrum* article that tracked down former and present recipients of a Strait Minority Scholarship and published their stories; to the members of the committee who gave so graciously of their time, especially Bonnie Strait Carlton; and to all others who we may not have named but without whom the success of this endeavor could not have been achieved. Our debt to you is gratefully acknowledged. It has been our honor and pleasure to serve as Cochairs of this remarkable campaign.

Marvin R. Anderson and Joan Howland, Cochairs

Special Committee on Licensing Principles for Electronic Resources

¶1 In November 2002, AALL President Carol Avery Nicholson, recognizing the growing role of license agreements in law library acquisitions, appointed the Special Committee on Licensing Principles for Electronic Resources. The committee was charged to review the Principles for Licensing Electronic Resources endorsed by the AALL Executive Board in July 1997 and revise and update them as needed. The principles are not intended to dictate specific licensing terms, but rather are to serve as guidelines and best practices for parties involved in the licensing process.

¶2 The committee consisted of Tracy L. Thompson (Chair), James Duggan (2003–04 Board liaison), Karl T. Gruben (2002–03 Board liaison), Margaret Maes Axtmann, Bennie Braxton, Kevin L. Butterfield, Mary F. Miller, Miriam Childs, Lisa Smith-Butler, and Lorna Tang.

¶3 In November 2002, the committee was convened and given its charge. It worked via e-mail for the next several months, reviewing the existing principles and undertaking extensive background reading in the area of licensing and digital rights management. The committee met in Seattle at the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting, but determined after a great deal of discussion about the state of licens-

ing and the range of issues to be addressed that it needed additional time to complete the work. The Board granted a one-year extension through December 2004. In the intervening months, the committee continued to review and edit the principles in response to evolving licensing issues. It vetted the principles with a number of vendors in an effort to elicit their feedback and be sure the principles represent a balanced approach to licensing that does not unfairly advantage one party over another. The draft revised principles were published in the May 2004 issue of *AALL Spectrum* for review and comment by members. The committee carefully considered the comments that were submitted and made further changes to the principles to arrive at the current draft.

¶4 The committee met in Boston at the AALL 2004 Annual Meeting to finalize the revised principles. The new principles incorporate all of the concerns identified through the committee's readings, the comments of the AALL membership, and information vendors. The committee will submit the final document for adoption by the Board at its November 2004 meeting

Tracy L. Thompson, Chair

Special Committee on Member Publications

¶1 In June 2003, President-Elect Janis Johnston appointed the Special Committee on Member Publications to "examine and clarify the purpose, scope and frequency of the *AALL Spectrum*, AALLNET, and *Law Library Journal* as the Association's major communication vehicles for communicating with its various constituencies." The committee, consisting of Sarah Andeen, Susan Siebers, and Suzanne Thorpe (Chair), held an organizational meeting in Seattle during the Annual Meeting. Also present at this meeting were Tory Trotta (Board liaison), Camille Broussard (*Law Library Journal*/AALL *Spectrum* Editorial Board and Advisory Committee Chair), Sandy Marz (AALLNET Advisory Committee Chair), and Maya Norris (AALL Director of Publications). In October 2003, the committee participated in the Editorial Board and Advisory Committee meeting in Chicago. Following this meeting, Susan Siebers gathered information regarding *AALL Spectrum*, and Sarah Andeen gathered information regarding AALLNET. Suzanne Thorpe moderated a one-week online discussion to gather member input on the publications. Based on guidance from Janis Johnston, the committee focused its investigations primarily on *AALL Spectrum* and AALLNET. The online discussion, however, provided excellent input on *Law Library Journal*.

¶2 The committee submitted a preliminary report to the Executive Board in March 2004. Following the April 2004 Executive Board meeting, Tory Trotta advised the committee to focus on identifying the various types of information disseminated by the Association, indicating where and how they might be published most effectively. The committee was also asked to comment on the public relations value of the *AALL Spectrum*, AALLNET, and *Law Library Journal*, and to make recommendations on a uniform program of publication for AALL. The final report was submitted to the Executive Board in June 2004.

¶3 The committee found justification for continued publication of *AALL Spectrum*, *Law Library Journal*, and AALLNET. These three publications are essential tools for the continuing development of the law library profession. *AALL Spectrum* is a vehicle for sharing ideas, opinions, and knowledge about cutting-edge issues. It provides value here and now. *Law Library Journal*, in contrast, is a vehicle for sharing scholarship that may or may not have immediate application, but is likely to be valued over time. AALLNET provides law librarians with another vehicle for sharing and preserving knowledge. Librarians contribute daily to dynamic public dialogues through the various electronic discussion lists sponsored by AALL. AALLNET archives these informal, yet informative discussions providing a unique record of our collective knowledge.

¶4 All three publications also serve as tools for the Association to disseminate information. *AALL Spectrum* publishes informal reports from its leadership on important developments within the organization. Similarly, *Law Library Journal* offers annual reports from the leadership and groups within AALL, plus summary proceedings of official meetings. AALLNET, unlike the journals, serves as a comprehensive electronic handbook and directory of the Association and as a bulletin board for posting information about AALL programs and events. In addition to reaching law librarians and regular subscribers, all three publications reach out to the world at large. *AALL Spectrum* and *Law Library Journal* reach the greater library community via indexing in several periodical indexes. In addition, *Law Library Journal* reaches the legal community via indexing in several legal periodical indexes and inclusion in the Westlaw, LexisNexis, and HeinOnline full-text databases. It also reaches researchers in many other disciplines via indexing in numerous social science periodical indexes. The public relations range of AALLNET is potentially infinite since anyone worldwide has access to most of its contents.

¶5 Although the committee endorsed the continued publication of *AALL Spectrum*, *Law Library Journal*, and AALLNET in the form in which they exist today, it recommended some changes to each publication. These changes primarily concerned two areas: (1) dissemination of news and announcements, and (2) dissemination of official association reports. *AALL Spectrum* is no longer the best vehicle for disseminating news and announcements. New technologies (e.g., e-mail alerts and discussion lists) permit instantaneous delivery of news and are already in use by most individuals and groups involved in AALL. By the time news now appears in *AALL Spectrum*, it is no longer current. The committee recommended removing the news content of *AALL Spectrum* and posting it instead prominently on AALLNET. Since many law librarians do not regularly check AALLNET, just posting it there might not be effective, so it also recommended expanding AALL's current e-mail alerts to include live links pointing to news updates on AALLNET.

¶6 The committee also recommended publishing the official reports from Association leaders that currently appear in *AALL Spectrum* and *Law Library Journal* in a separate section of AALLNET. This would further the goal of making AALLNET a comprehensive compendium of information about AALL.

Suzanne Thorpe, Chair

Special Committee on Planned Giving

¶1 President-Elect Janis Johnston appointed the special committee in spring 2003, charging it to develop the documentation, mechanisms, and publicity necessary to provide AALL members with an opportunity to invest in AALL's long-term financial strength. It met during the Seattle Annual Meeting in 2003, discussing both the charge and the limitation that no real activities could start until the Strait Endowment Funds were secured. The special committee decided that for the time being it would gather information on various vehicles for planned giving, and propose a program for Boston that would primarily educate members on the general concept and programs such as life estates, charitable remainder trusts, and gift annuities, and secondarily would inform attendees that AALL would be offering a legacy opportunity soon. The program proposal was not accepted.

¶2 The special committee has attempted to define the reasons why AALL members—both active and retired—would support a planned giving endeavor. It hopes to market the idea by asking members to contribute to the ongoing community of law librarianship, appealing to them on the basis of what the profession has provided them: education, lifelong friendships, career advancement, and professional networking. The special committee anticipates initially targeting all identified leaders who are at least sixty years old. Although our members may not be as well off as the captains of industry, it is suspected that the estates of a significant number of law librarians could accommodate naming AALL as a beneficiary. As 30 percent of these people are just starting to think about these issues, we feel the time is ripe to roll out a planned giving opportunity.

¶3 During 2004–05, the special committee will gather information on vehicles available from various banks, insurance companies, and investment houses in order to advise the Board on the best program(s) available that will make fiscal sense both to members and to the organization. The special committee will create a way of giving public recognition to members who participate in what will be offered, and will develop a marketing plan by writing an article for *AALL Spectrum*, placing information on AALLNET, and again proposing a program for the San Antonio Annual Meeting.

¶4 The special committee welcomes questions and suggestions from the AALL membership. A final report will be submitted for the July 2005 Board Meeting in San Antonio.

Judy Meadows, Chair

Representatives

ALA/ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Section/ Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

¶1 In April 2004, the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of *Anglo-American Cataloging Rules* (JSC) decided to go forward with a third edition AACR, with a

mid-2007 production goal. Much of the focus for CC:DA this past year involved preliminary work leading to the new edition, but the volume of work is more than the constituencies can provide. Therefore, an editor will soon be hired to manage the project, and the role of the constituencies (of which CC:DA is one) will be to respond to the proposals and drafts written by the editor and the JSC. Because a new edition is on the horizon, 2005 rule revisions will be the last made to AACR2.

¶2 The new edition will contain three main parts—rules for description, rules for choice of access points, and rules for form of access points—along with a new section on authority control. A general introduction will be written after the three parts are completed. A new approach to successively issued resources is being considered to facilitate cataloging and end-user tasks (currently in chapter 12). Chapter 25 will be extensively rewritten to reform the uniform title concept and develop headings for works and expressions, enabling better collocation of works and expressions.

¶3 Much of the work of CC:DA is done by task forces that provide proposals and drafts for the JSC to consider. One of the most active groups this year was the Task Force on Consistency across Part I of AACR2, which produced a prototype of part I that illustrates the changes we may see in the new edition. The prototype, together with many other documents from this task force and others, is available on the CC:DA Web page (www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda).

¶4 The JSC affirmed the general principle of using the most specific FRBR (Functional Requirements of Bibliographic Records) term possible in AACR3, and to use the term “resource” when specific terms cannot be used. The incoming editor is charged with continuing the work to incorporate FRBR terminology and concepts throughout AACR3.

¶5 Barbara Tillett of the Library of Congress reported on the international effort to develop an International Cataloging Code. A meeting of experts took place in Germany in 2003 with the goal of increasing the ability to share cataloging information worldwide by promoting standards for the content of bibliographic and authority records used in library catalogs. A draft *Statement of International Cataloguing Principles* (December 19, 2003) was produced and is available on the CC:DA site.

Kathy Winzer

***ALA/ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Section/
Subject Analysis Committee***

¶1 The Subject Analysis Committee met in San Diego in January 2004 and in Orlando in June 2004. SAC meetings consist mainly of reports from subcommittees and from representatives to and from other library groups.

¶2 The Training Subcommittee has finished writing and has given a course on basic subject cataloging using *Library of Congress Subject Headings*. The course was presented in Orlando and received excellent reviews. Instructors for the course have been trained, and the course will be available for other groups or libraries by fall 2004.

¶3 The Semantic Interoperability Subcommittee has begun to evaluate some of the more active semantic interoperability projects. One being looked at is MACS (Multilingual Access to Subjects). This is a European subject heading list using French, German, and English. An example of a semantic interoperability project that we all use is *WilsonWeb*. Semantic interoperability projects are used to improve user retrieval across various languages, subject vocabularies, and classification schemes.

¶4 The Library of Congress liaison reported that a new edition of KF (Law of the United States) has been published. The classification schedule for religious law should be published later in 2004. The subject heading *Aged* has been changed to *Older people*.

¶5 SAC is in the process of forming a subcommittee to work on a training course for Library of Congress classification and an advisory subcommittee on FAST (Faceted Application of Subject Terminology).

¶6 Detailed SAC reports can be found in the *Technical Services Law Librarian*, the Technical Services SIS home page, and the SAC Web site (www.ala.org/ala/alactscontent/catalogingsection/catcommittees/subjectanalysis/subjectanalysis.htm).

Marie Whited

***ALA/ALCTS/LITA/RUSA Machine-Readable
Bibliographic Information Committee***

¶1 Although there were fewer MARBI proposals and discussion papers than normal this year (eight proposals, four discussion papers, and one report) and none of them affects legal materials specifically, most do have an impact on our catalogs. The current relative stability in the formats seems to stem from the fact that harmonization with Britain is complete and there have been no recent, major changes in the cataloging rules. We can anticipate changes in the future as work continues with FRBR (Functional Requirements of Bibliographic Records) and begins on AACR3.

¶2 A large issue looming on the horizon is adoption of the Unicode character set repertoire in MARC21. Unicode was created with the intent of handling all of the languages of the world. It has become the standard to follow, helped by its adoption by Microsoft, Sun (Java), and other software companies. But since not all MARC systems will be able to convert to Unicode at the same time, methods for sharing data between MARC8, the current repertoire, and Unicode have to be developed. This year MARBI considered one report and one discussion paper related to this issue. One aspect of interest to law librarians is that the § symbol and the ¶ symbol are in Unicode but not in MARC8.

¶3 Changes were made in acquisitions fields common to the bibliographic and holdings formats. They expand the ability to link the data in separate fields and allow for coding to identify private information that should not be shared outside the originating library. The only discussion paper that has not yet resulted in a proposal was one dealing with the nonuniqueness of ISBNs and LCCNs. Developing

a new means of coding inaccurate standard numbers is very important since nonunique ones can result in records being erroneously deleted by our systems.

¶4 The remaining proposals dealt with records for nineteenth-century books, music, stamps, and U.S. Copyright Office data. Each is one more sign that the use of the MARC format by groups outside of normal library cataloging continues to increase as other communities realize the value of sharing data through a standard format.

¶5 This was my last year to serve as MARBI Representative; Karen Selden was appointed to fill the position.

Susan D. Goldner

Washington Affairs Office

¶1 **Copyright and Contract Issues.** The Washington Office worked closely this year with the Personal Technology Freedom Coalition to support H.R. 107, the Digital Media Consumers' Rights Act (DMCRA). Introduced in January 2003 by Rep. Rick Boucher (D-Va.), the DMCRA would amend the Digital Millennium Copyright Act by allowing the circumvention of a technological protection measure for a noninfringing purpose. Working with another strong coalition, we once again thwarted efforts by the House Judiciary Committee to enact the Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act (H.R. 3261) that would give database producers ownership of "facts." Using the same tactic that worked effectively in the 106th Congress, we succeeded in getting a dueling database bill, the Consumer Access to Information Act (H.R. 3872), introduced in the House Energy and Commerce Committee. On the Senate side, we opposed S. 2560, the Inducing Infringement of Copyrights Act (INDUCE Act) introduced by Sen. Hatch (R-Utah) in June 2004. The bill would allow a copyright holder to sue a manufacturer based on the technology if the product is merely capable of being used to engage in copyright infringement.

¶2 AALL signed onto two important amicus briefs this year with our sister library associations. In June 2004, we supported the National Geographic Society (NGS) in an appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The main issue in the case, *Faulkner v. National Geographic Society*, is whether the NGS is permitted under Section 201(c) of the Copyright Act to produce a "virtually exact image-based reproduction" on CDs of the pages of all issues of the *National Geographic* magazine. The U.S. District Court held that the new digital version is a permissible reproduction or revision within the meaning of the statute. In September 2003, we joined in filing an amicus brief in *MGM Studios, Inc. v. Grokster*, on appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Several record companies and movie studios sued the companies for contributory infringement and vicarious liability. A U.S. district court in California concluded that Grokster and Morpheus could not be held secondarily liable for infringements by users of their software. The district court found that there are substantial non-

infringing uses for the file-sharing software, such as to share public domain materials and government documents.

¶3 At the state level, our longstanding opposition to the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA) was rewarded in July 2003 when the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws formally pulled its support for the controversial software licensing law and stated that it would not seek its adoption in any state. We learned that UCITA was introduced in the U.S. Virgin Islands this spring as part of an omnibus crime bill, but fortunately we were able to stop it. Working closely with AFFECT (Americans for Fair Electronic Commerce Transactions), the anti-UCITA coalition established by AALL and the other library associations in 1999, we continued efforts to get “bombshelter” legislation enacted in several states to protect residents and businesses from the choice of law and choice of forum provisions of UCITA.

¶4 Lastly, on the international front, the Washington Office continued to express opposition to the U.S. Trade Representative and Congress regarding numerous bilateral free trade agreements (FTAs) that incorporate stringent copyright protections. FTAs must not impair the ability of the U.S. government to enable libraries to preserve intellectual works, share them with one another, and provide public access to them including through lending and the Internet.

¶5 **Government Information Issues.** When a change in the Senate subcommittee structure last year put the National Archives and Records Administration under the transportation subcommittee, Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) eliminated the FY 2004 budget for NARA’s Electronic Records Archive (ERA). In October 2003, the Washington Office worked closely with historians to restore the full FY 2004 appropriations for the ERA. We continued to monitor the roll-back in access to certain types of government information since 9/11 because of national security. We raised serious concerns with language in the Senate-passed version of H.R. 3550, the 2004 transportation bill, which would give the Department of Transportation additional authority to withhold information that is deemed “sensitive security information.” This vague, overbroad language would hamper the public’s oversight of transportation security and preempt state and local sunshine laws.

¶6 In March 2004, we filed an amicus brief with the U. S. Supreme Court in support of the Sierra Club and Judicial Watch in *Cheney v. U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia*. The case concerned the request by the Sierra Club and Judicial Watch for disclosure of the names of who, outside of government, participated in Vice President Cheney’s National Energy Policy Development Group. Cheney had refused to disclose any information about the group. We argued that broad access to government records protects values essential to representative democracy and promotes public participation in public policy, and we urged the Court to “reject the government’s claim that it may conduct the public’s business in secret.”

¶7 AALL is a founding member of a new coalition unveiled this spring, “OpenTheGovernment.org: Americans for Less Secrecy, More Democracy” (www.openthegovernment.org). The purpose of the coalition is to defend and

advance the public's right to know in the post-9/11 environment. Coalition members believe that government must operate in the open to be responsive to the public, to foster trust and confidence in government, and to encourage public participation in civic and government institutions.

¶8 The Washington Office continued this year to speak out against provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act that affect libraries. We issued several action alerts to get more cosponsors for the many House and Senate bills that would amend the Act, including the Freedom to Read Protection Act (H.R. 1157) that amends section 215 by returning standards for FISA court orders and warrants to investigate library patrons to pre-PATRIOT Act standards. In addition, we opposed efforts to repeal the USA PATRIOT Act sunsets (S. 2476) and to expand the use of secret evidence in court cases and strengthen the penalties for PATRIOT Act gag orders (H.R. 3179).

¶9 **Florida Funding Crisis.** In August 2003, Robert Riger, director of the Miami-Dade County Law Library, contacted the Washington Office for assistance in overturning legislation enacted in June 2003 that would eliminate the collection and use of filing fees that support Florida's county law libraries, effective July 1, 2004. Working closely with Riger and members of the Florida State, Court and County Law Libraries throughout the year, the Washington Office helped develop a press strategy, drafted an online petition that was signed by hundreds of Floridians, helped mobilize allies at the county level, and advised Riger from afar during the many days he spent in Tallahassee trying to get the so-called "glitch" legislation enacted. The legislation was enacted to allow counties to adopt, by ordinance, an additional court cost, not to exceed \$65, in criminal cases. Twenty-five percent of that new fund—far short of what is needed—will go toward the support of the county law library so our colleagues in Florida will likely be back in Tallahassee next year.

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