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From 2002 - 2004 Mrs. Osborne served as chair of the ALL-SIS Public Relations Committee and is currently organizing the section's Middle Managers Breakfast. Mrs. Osborne has been active in the American Association of Law Libraries, serving on the Awards Committee and the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals Advisory Committee. In addition she is active in a number of other professional organizations including SEAALL and the Kentucky Library Association having served as a board member for both groups.

Mrs. Osborne has presented at numerous conferences including the Kentucky Library Association and SEAALL and has served as a trainer for SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network).

Statement

Today, academic law libraries face a future filled with excitement and challenges. As technology transforms the way in which students, professors and attorneys conduct research, we as librarians must provide these diverse groups with the best resources to meet their needs. This includes being active in the area of legal education and providing our academic institutions with information that will keep them current in the ever changing world of legal education. Through our educational programs, ALL-SIS works to provide a means for academic law librarians to grow both professionally and intellectually. Whether it is a program on integrating distance learning into the curriculum or resources for researching environmental law, our excellent educational programs enhance each of us as professionals and in turn help us bring value to our institutions.

Through CONALL and mentoring, ALL-SIS works to strengthen our profession by bringing the best and brightest to the innovative world of academic law libraries. Through participation in the CONALL marketplace we are provided with an opportunity to meet new colleagues and then be mentors to those new to our profession.

While serving the needs and goals of academic institutions, ALL-SIS at the same time must not lose sight of the fact that we serve librarians working in a wide array of professional positions, from those in technical services working to catalog electronic resources to reference librarians implementing virtual reference programs, ALL-SIS must strive to assist those with divergent professional goals and needs.

Ours is a profession that I am proud to be part of. Through educational programs, networking, and public relations, ALL-SIS has much to offer not only its membership, but the larger legal education community. I welcome the opportunity to serve my fellow ALL-SIS members and continuing the wonderful work done by our dynamic section.