

# SCLL NEWSLETTER

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## SCLL MEMBERSHIP PASSES 120

On November 1, 1974, 121 law librarians were listed as dues-paying members of State and Court Law Libraries of the United States and Canada, marking the rapid growth from the original 23 members of July, 1973.

85 members and prospective members attended the 1974 meeting and workshop in St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 22, 1974.

Current membership represents state, court and county law libraries in 37 states and five Canadian provinces. Active recruiting efforts across the nation have resulted in the number and great diversity of SCLL members.

### INTEREST SPARKED

Interest was sparked by a full and informative program presented at the annual meeting in St. Paul. Two workshop sessions offered information on the National Center for State Courts and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. Those present actively participated in the open discussion sessions. The pre-banquet reception offered further opportunity for questions and suggestions as all workshop panelists were present.

In an unusual move, dinner speaker Wellington H. Lewis, Assistant Public Printer (Superintendent of Documents), opened the floor for discussion after his formal remarks. SCLL members were treated to responsiveness and candor as Mr. Lewis answered a wide range of questions.

### LATE MEETING

In spite of the late hour, 33 people attended the business meeting. Outgoing chairman Raymond M. Taylor presided over the passage of the Constitution and 7 Resolutions and the nomination and election of officers for the coming year.

## SCLL ELECTS 1974-1975 OFFICERS

SCLL officers for 1974-1975 were elected at the June 22, 1974, business meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota. Margaret H. Setliff, Hawaii, was elected Chairperson. William J. Powers, Illinois, was elected Vice-Chairperson. Frances D. Campbell, Colorado, was elected Secretary. Bethany J. Ochal, California, was elected Treasurer. Executive Board members, in addition to the officers, also were elected. They are A. Rosemary McCormick, Ontario, Michael L. Renshawe, Maryland, and William C. Younger, Alabama.

## AALL AFFILIATION REQUESTED

In a December 5, 1974, memorandum to AALL, SCLL Chairperson, Margaret Setliff, officially requested permanent affiliation with AALL. Mrs. Setliff was acting under the requirements of Resolution No. 2, passed by the membership of SCLL at its June 22, 1974, meeting. Early consideration of the request by the AALL Executive Board is hoped for.

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON...

SCLL has grown from the 23 librarians who attended our first *ad hoc* gathering in Seattle in 1973 to 121 dues-paying members as of November 1, 1974.

We will be seeking affiliation with AALL at its December executive board meeting as provided by Article VII of the AALL Constitution. Affiliate status will enable our organizations to work cooperatively and closely together toward the goal expressed in SCLL's St. Paul resolution requesting recognition as a permanent organizational unit of AALL. We also hope to be highly involved in AALL's Task Force on Reorganization.

Your chairperson is in regular touch with AALL President Marion Boner on matters of mutual concern. AALL has already allotted SCLL space for our meeting on June 21, 1975, at the Century Plaza in Los Angeles. Our appreciation goes to Irwin Manley for his help. Plan now to attend.

Although we have a special interest in the needs of law librarians in our group, we clearly recognize our need to participate in the activities of law librarians at large through AALL. Full cooperation, not separation, is our goal. We are also keeping in close touch with developments in judicial administration which do or should affect law library service.

I want to thank the many members who have agreed to serve on committees and to undertake other tasks for our group. Please send me your ideas for programs or projects.

Aloha.

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### 1974-1975 SCLL COMMITTEES

Local Arrangements 1975, Los Angeles  
William B. Rohan (San Diego)  
Lisa Fowler (Los Angeles)

Membership Committee  
Marcia J. Koslov (Wisconsin)\*  
Representatives nationwide.

#### FEDERAL LIBRARY EXPANDS SERVICE

The William J. Campbell Library of the United States Courts has made its resources available to all other federal courts and federal libraries, according to Librarian Frank DiCanio.

The Library is preparing a catalog of its holdings that will be distributed to other libraries and courts in the federal system.

For further information, call (312) 435-5660, 5661, or 5662.

#### Nominating Committee

Elmer J. DeWald (North Dakota) \*  
Betty J. Thompson (Texas)  
John A. Segal (California)  
Charlotte C. Dunnebacke (Michigan)

#### Resolutions Committee

Paul S. Fu (Ohio) \*  
Jacques Prémont (Québec)  
Helen Hotchkiss (Nevada)  
Mary S. Burch (New York)

#### Constitution and Bylaws

Raymond M. Taylor (North Carolina) \*  
Edgar J. Bellefontaine (Massachusetts)  
Peter Nycum (California)  
Francis B. Waters (New York)

#### Newsletter Committee

Michael L. Renshawe (Maryland) \*  
Karen C. Sorvari (North Carolina)

\* Indicates Chairperson

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Proceedings of the SCLL Workshop  
held in St. Paul, Minnesota  
June 22, 1974

Opening remarks

Raymond M. Taylor, Chairman

I welcome each of you here today. I hope it will be a truly beneficial occasion.

It is appropriate to explain what State and Court Law Libraries of the United States and Canada is, how it came into being, and where it is now. On July 3, 1973, less than a year ago, a group of librarians from state libraries, supreme court libraries, and other kinds of court and government libraries, got together in Seattle, Washington, and decided to organize informally. Present were 23 librarians from 17 states and Canada. We had no constitution, no by-laws, no officers, and no written statement of our purposes and objectives. Behind the thought of our coming together at that time was the idea that more needed to be done for the people who work in and are concerned about the libraries that serve government, state and federal, and the courts in both the United States and Canada. On that occasion, Raymond M. Taylor of North Carolina was elected chairman, and Mrs. Margaret H. Setliff of Hawaii was elected vice-chairman and secretary.

Within a few weeks the chairman wrote to as many potentially interested people as reasonably possible. By March 1, 1974, State and Court Law Libraries of the United States and Canada had 56 members representing more than 50 libraries in 31 states, Canada, and the District of Columbia.

The *American Bar Association Journal* published the notice of our organization three months in a row, and that brought us many letters from lawyers around the country who wanted to know about what we were doing and whether there was something that we could do to help their county law libraries and their bar libraries.

Your chairman wrote to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the Association of Trial Lawyers, the Government Printing Office, the National Center for State Courts, the Conference of Chief Justices, the Conference of State Court Administrators, and others who might need to know of the existence of State and

Court Law Libraries of the United States and Canada.

In March of this year the first *SCLL Newsletter* was issued containing four SCLL Informational Reports designed to be informative, bread-and-butter type reports that would be of particular interest and value to people who are concerned about the libraries that serve state, federal, and local government and courts.

The printing cost for 100 copies of this first issue of the *SCLL Newsletter* was \$104. We sold 50 copies for \$3 each, resulting in income of \$150. Also, SCLL received \$34.10 in contributions from nine people. We opened a savings account and it earned \$1.07 interest. Thus, total receipts were \$185.17. Deduct from that the \$104 for printing the newsletter, the \$66.73 advanced to SCLL by the chairman, and approximately \$13 advanced by the vice-chairman and secretary, and SCLL is left with fiscal assets of about one dollar.

With very little money, therefore, we have achieved a great deal. We have organized this meeting today, and we have appointed committees to act in an effort to determine whether this organization will continue, and, if so, in what form and with what leadership.

Committees of SCLL for 1973/74 were as follows:

Committee on Annual Program/Workshop 1974

Margaret H. Setliff (Hawaii), Chmn.  
Marcia J. Koslov (Wisconsin), V.-chmn.  
Janice A. Sandstede (Colorado)  
Karen C. Sorvari (North Carolina)  
William C. Younger (Alabama)  
Sue Welsh (District of Columbia)  
Doris E. Chase (New York)

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws

O. James Werner (California), Chmn.  
Frances D. Campbell (Colorado), V.-chmn.  
Maxwell G. Dodson (Louisiana)  
Edgar J. Bellefontaine (Massachusetts)  
Helen Hotchkiss (Nevada)

Committee on the Newsletter

Michael L. Renshaw (Maryland), Chmn.  
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Edith Hary (Maine)  
Robert B. Wallace (Florida)

