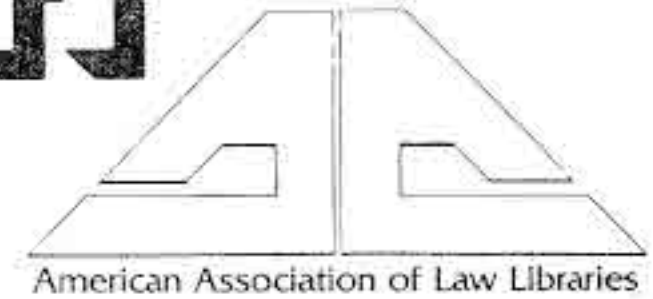


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CHAIRPERSON'S PAGE

As final preparations are being made for our annual meeting in San Francisco, the activities of SCCLL members throughout the year should be noted. All committees and particularly their chairpersons are to be commended for their continuing hard work: Paul Fu, Chairperson, Constitution and Bylaws; Joel Fishman, Chairperson, Standards; Muriel Hoppes, Chairperson, Statistics; Vivian Bryan, Chairperson, Nominating Committee. I especially want to single out Jim Werner for again editing what can only be described as a superior Newsletter.

I am looking forward to this year's annual program. The topic, "Promoting the Use of Library Resources, Staff and Facilities," will give us an opportunity to explore some public relations techniques with an expert in libraries and public relations. Alice Ihrig, our main speaker, is one of the most knowledgeable and enthusiastic supporters of library use I've ever run across. It's been my pleasure to hear Alice speak on several occasions, and her energy really is contagious.

Our after brunch panel of Claire Engel, D.A. Divilbiss, and Bob Schultz will bring to your attention some specific applications of library work and public relations. I would like to thank Donna Clark for putting the panel together. I also want to thank John Sigel, SCCLL Vice-Chair, for also chairing the local arrangements committee.

I encourage each member of SCCLL to attend the annual meeting. Between Alice, Claire, D.A., and Bob this program will prove one of the most outstanding we've had. Please refer to the program schedule on page for the details. Left off the original flyer was this important piece of information: Reservations are due by June 15.

One additional reminder, the business meeting will be held on Monday, July 2, from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Although only a short period of time has been allotted, there is much business to discuss. Please contact me in writing for items you may want to have placed on the business agenda.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as SCCLL Chairperson this year. SCCLL has made great progress during the past few years, in membership (now over 200), in programs presented, and in projects completed. Our potential, however, is even greater. We must continue to play an ever increasing role in AALL; we must continue to seek support from our respective administrations; and we must continue to promote and expand the services of our libraries.

Thanks again. See you in San Francisco.

Marcia J. Koslov
Chairperson, SCCLL

ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO



The 1979 SCCLL Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the French Room of the Fairmont Hotel.

The program will be directed toward giving members some guidance in promoting their libraries and the services they offer, both to their administrations and their patrons.

The featured speaker, Alice Ihrig, has a long list of credentials fully qualifying her as an "expert" in the area of libraries and public relations. She is currently a member of the Illinois Library Association Board, the National Municipal League Board, and the Advisory committee to the Illinois State Library. She is not only a member of the Advisory Committee to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services, but also chairs the ALA Committee on the White House Conference. Among her past activities, Alice has served as president of both the Illinois Library Association and the American Library Trustee Association. She also served on the ALA Executive Board for 4 1/2 years.

The SCCLL business meeting will be held on Monday, July 2, 1979 from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., also in the French Room at the Fairmont Hotel.

Program Schedule:

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| 8:30 | - | 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 | - | 9:15 | Introductions |
| 9:15 | - | 11:00 | Promoting The Use of Library Resources,
Staff, and Facilities
Featured Speaker: Alice Ihrig, Director
Civic and Cultural Programs
Moraine Valley Community College
Palos Hills, Illinois |
| 11:00 | - | 12:30 | Fairmont Brunch |
| 12:30 | - | 2:00 | Problems and Solutions in Current Services
Panel:
Setting Library Policies and Public Relations
Robert R. Schmidt
San Francisco District Attorney's Library
Promoting Library Resources and Services
S.A. Divilbiss
Missouri Supreme Court Library |

Promoting Library Interests to Administration
Claire Engel
State Law Library of Montana

1979 SCCLL ANNUAL MEETING

Registration Form

Cost of the SCCLL meeting and brunch is \$20.00.
Reservations are due by June 15. Please send your reservation
and check (payable to AALL) to: Claire Engle, SCCLL Treasurer,
State Law Library of Montana, State Capitol, Helena, MT 59601.

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MORE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



AALL Education Committee & SIS

Early this year I attended an AALL meeting on the future of the Education Committee. There is a growing concern over the possible conflicts which could arise between sponsors of educational programs. The SIS's are developing their own programs, and particularly when it comes to subject area topics, it seems that they are better equipped to do so than the Education Committee. One of the recommendations to come out of the meeting is to have an education committee composed of SIS chairpersons and certain other committee chairs. This committee would work together with the convention program chairperson to produce a cohesive annual program. The major programs could be packaged and available to local or regional groups for their use.

Another concept was to follow the Medical Library Association's development of continuing education programs. They link professional certification with required continuing education units. MLA has a full time paid Director of Education.

If you have any thoughts, comments, or suggestions on the subjects of continuing education or annual programming, please contact me, or pass them directly to our AALL liason, Connie E. Bolden, Washington State Law Library.

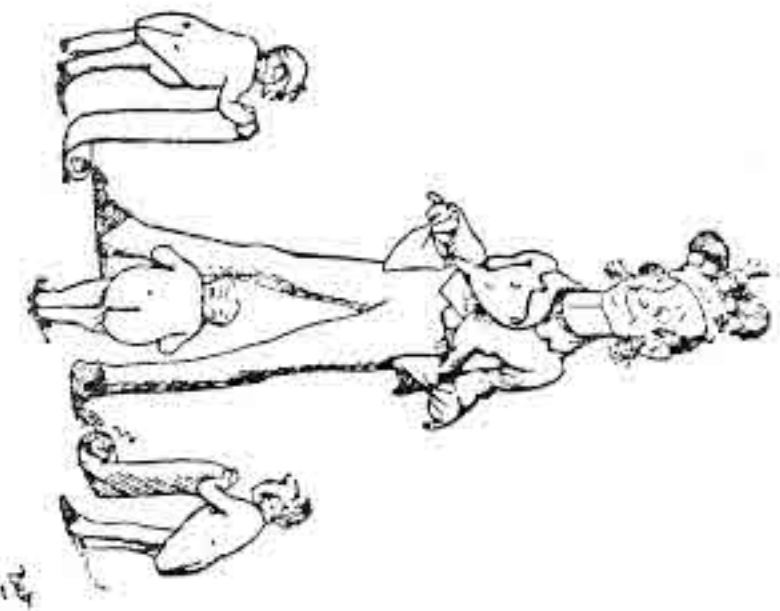
Legislative Histories.

Recently I had an opportunity to do some research in the area of legislative histories. Since 1977, when I was a member of a panel discussion on legislative histories, a good deal has happened. Actually, it's been developing since 1947, but the biggest push has been since 1972. That is, the use of computer technology to solve information needs in state legislatures and legislative research work. Computer systems are being used for everything from drafting new bills and amendments to direct public access to bill status via on-line terminals placed outside House and Senate chambers.

This is a fascinating area that has tremendous

implications for law libraries. Unfortunately many law librarians have little available information on the development of these systems. For those interested, I would like to direct your attention to U.S. House Document 95-271, entitled "State Legislature Use of Information Technology."

I feel it would be beneficial for us, particularly as an organization of state, court and county law libraries, to have representation at the National Conference of State Legislatures. I know that some of you may already be involved in that organization. If so, I would personally appreciate hearing from you. If there is sufficient interest, I will be happy to present a proposal to the AALL Executive Board for an official liason to NCSL.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Balance Carried Forward--SCCLL Account from 5-31-78	\$2,366.86
Balance Carried Forward--AALL Account from 5-31-78	105.00
Membership Dues--AALL Account as of 2-28-79	477.50
Newsletter Subscription--AALL Account as of 2-28-79	140.00
Newsletter Back Issues --SCCLL Account	12.50
Registration Fees--SCCLL Account collected after 5-31-79	878.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$3,979.86</u>

Disbursements as of 2-28-79

San Diego County Law Library	22.00
Jean P. Hunter	22.00
Washington County Law Library	22.00
Acorn Press	293.62
Debit for Canadian Exchange	2.68
Americana of Rochester	767.27
Elizabeth A. Sprott	22.00
Mary Burch	11.65
Paul Fu	30.89
Supreme Court of Ohio	10.81
Robert Ashelman II	22.00
Faxon	5.00
Temple University School of Law	7.50
Miscellaneous	1.83
Total Disbursements	<u>\$1,241.25</u>

Total Receipts	\$3,979.86
Total Disbursements	<u>1,241.25</u>
Balance on Hand as of February 23, 1979	<u>\$2,738.61</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Engel, Treasurer

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS 1979 - 80



The SCCLL Nominating Committee,

chaired by Vivian Bryan (Vermont Department of Libraries), has submitted the following list of candidates for the coming year:

John Sigel - Chairperson
Librarian, California State Supreme Court
Law Library

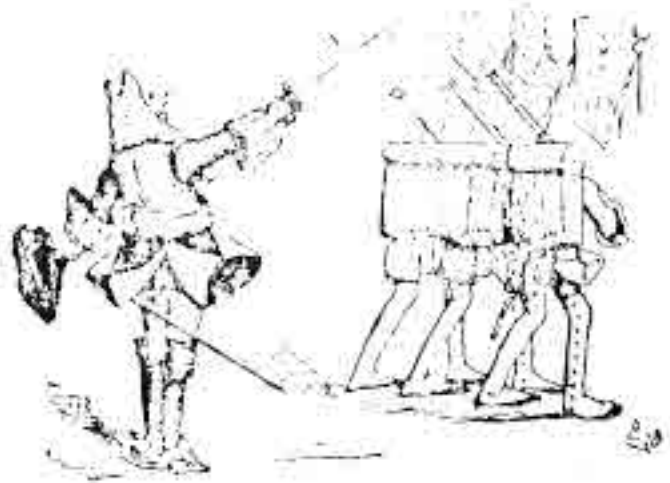
Judith M. Foust - Vice-Chairperson
Librarian, State Library of Pennsylvania
Law Library Bureau

O. James Werner - Secretary
Librarian, San Diego County Law Library

Rosa G. Wright - Treasurer
Librarian, Law Library Association of
St. Louis

Karen M. Moss - Executive Board Member
Librarian at the Theodore Levin Memorial
Library
U. S. District Court
Detroit

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT



In view of the large increase in membership and the present and future needs of the Section, the following amendments to the SCCLL Bylaws have been proposed and recommended by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for adoption by the membership at the 1979 convention.

The reasons for each proposed amendment have been given below. Additions to the original Bylaws are indicated by underlined wording. Deletions from the original Bylaws are indicated by wording which has been stricken.

1. Two candidates for each office.

As our membership increase continues, there will be more members who would like to run for offices. The requirement of two candidates for each office will encourage membership participation in the business of the Section. It will also provide all members with the opportunity to select the best qualified candidates to serve as officers.

The proposal is to add the sentence, "There shall be two candidates for each office" to the present Article VI. The amended Article VI will read:

"Voting at meetings will generally be by voice unless a ballot is requested. A majority vote of those present and voting will prevail on all business matters and elections.

Notices of election of officers and presentation of the slate of candidates must be given each member at least thirty days before the election.

There shall be two candidates for each office."

2. Vice Chairperson - Chairperson Elect.

This proposal is to change the office of Vice Chairperson to Vice Chairperson - Chairperson Elect. The purpose of the amendment is to give the Vice Chairperson the opportunity to become familiar with the business of the Section and to be ready to take office in the following year. This amendment will remove the doubt as to whether

the Vice Chairperson will be elected Chairperson next year, so that he/she can make all necessary preparations for the takeover.

The proposal is to add "and shall become Chairperson for the following year at the close of the current annual meeting" to Article VII, 2. The new Article VII, 2 shall read:

"Vice Chairperson - Chairperson Elect. Shall serve for one year ~~and~~, shall act in place of the Chairperson whenever the Chairperson is absent, unable to do so, or requests him to do so, and shall become Chairperson for the following year at the close of the current annual meeting."

3. Secretary - Treasurer.

After this year's annual meeting, the Section will no longer keep a separate treasury. All funds of the Section will be transferred to our AALL account. Therefore, the duties of the Treasurer will be greatly reduced, even though the financial records of the Section still need to be kept. This responsibility to keep financial records will be added to those already undertaken by the Secretary.

This proposal will eliminate the position of Treasurer and, therefore, delete the present Article VII, 4 completely. The new Article VII, 3 will read:

"Secretary - Treasurer. Shall serve for one year and shall record the minutes of the meetings, keep the records of the organization ~~other-than~~, including the financial records, give a written account of the funds of the Section when called upon to do so, and prepare such documents as directed by the Chairperson."

Respectfully submitted,

Frances H. Hall

Paul S. Fu

GENERAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE REPORT

A questionnaire for 1977-78 data was mailed to county law libraries in March. Returns are coming in; there will be follow-up on those not returned. In addition to the basic questions on the collection, income, expenditures, staffing and salaries, this year additional questions were asked on library hours of service and on organization and administration of the library.

The Committee has discussed adapting the basic questionnaire used for county law libraries for state and court law libraries. We hope to be able to send out a questionnaire on state law libraries before the end of this fiscal year. One of our major areas of concern with the questionnaire for state law libraries is defining these libraries. We also plan to develop questions to get information on the administrative structure of these libraries and the services they provide.

We are working to modify the basic questionnaire to make it applicable to both federal and state court law libraries. It is hoped that this questionnaire can be ready to mail in July 1979, for 1978 - 79 data. A more detailed report on this questionnaire will be made at the July 2 business meeting of the Section.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel Hoppes
Chairperson

COSSETTE SUN WILL BE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

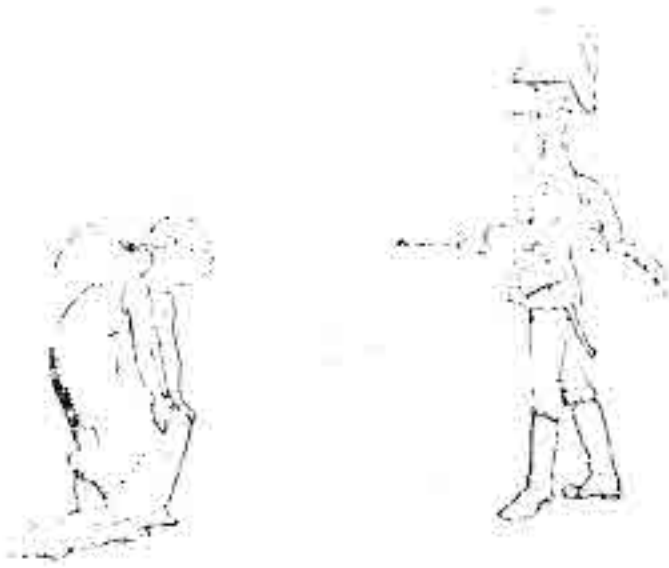


Jim werner will be stepping down as editor of this Newsletter after this issue, and Cossette Sun will take over as editor beginning with volume 7 in the fall. Jim says he has enjoyed working on the Newsletter for the last two years, but if he is to serve as SCCLL secretary next year, he would like to be relieved of the editing duties. He said he asked Cossette to take on the editorship because he knew she would do the kind of job that would be a credit to SCCLL.

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER



Payment for 1979 - 1980 SCCLL membership dues should be included in your payment of 1979 - 1980 AALL dues. Watch for the AALL membership dues form. Be sure to check the appropriate SCCLL special interest section space of the AALL form, and include your \$5.00 SIS membership fee with your \$40.00 AALL fee. (Total payment of AALL and SCCLL/SIS membership dues is \$45.00.) Your cooperation will be much appreciated by both SCCLL officers and AALL headquarters' staff.

STATE SALES TAX ON LIBRARY PHOTOCOPYING

The Library Journal reports (4/15/79) that the New York Chemists' Club Library has been billed for three years back payment of sales tax, plus penalty and interest, amounting to \$5,651.42 for photocopying service to its patrons. The Chemists' Club Library charges patrons forty cents a page for photocopying. The New York tax agents claim that photocopies are a "commodity" that the library is selling and that any revenue produced is subject to tax. The Library claims that forty cents a page only covers its cost: five cents for the photocopy and thirty-five cents for the labor of professional librarians, messengers, postage, clerical services, and expenses for charges to other libraries. The state tax auditors went through the Library's books and decided that eighteen percent of the Library's photocopy transactions should have produced sales tax revenue.

The New York Chemists' Club Library is a nonprofit organization with tax exempt status as a scientific and educational institution. However, some public libraries are paying sales tax on their photocopying revenue: the Cannon Memorial Library in Concord, North Carolina has been paying sales taxes since 1975 when the State Department of Revenue ruled that it must do so. Its photocopying fees are: fifteen cents for letter size and twenty cents for legal size copies.

MICROFORM CATALOGS

The April 16 issue of LJ/SLJ Hotline carried two items of interest regarding computer output microform catalogs (COM/CAT). The first mentioned the COM CAT COLUMN in the March Newsletter of the Bibliographic Center For Research, which provided some advice on deciding between a book catalog, a COM catalog or an on-line catalog. Important considerations are: data conversion to machine-readable form should allow for future regional compatability; a major expense is in the conversion of data; once that is accomplished the resulting master tape can be the basis for either form of catalog. In addition, going on-line for a library may mean that only some parts of the collection are accessible on-line; it may be more economical to retain a COM capability for a low cost off-line access to lesser used materials.

The second Hotline item announced that the SOLINET Board of Directors has approved a plan whereby SOLINET will produce COM catalogs for its member libraries. SOLINET hopes to be able to produce them at a price well below commercial prices, possibly 65% lower, and if the use of the service is heavy, the cost could drop to 50%.

GPO MONTHLY CATALOG TO ADOPT AACR II

The Government Printing Office's Monthly Catalog will adopt the revised Anglo-American Cataloging Rules when they are implemented in January, 1981. The Library Division is currently

involved in a number of projects and planning sessions to prepare for AACR II.

Together with the Library of Congress and a number of other libraries across the country, GPO is participating on the Cataloging Manual Committee of the Government Documents Round Table (ALA). The Committee is reviewing AACR II as it pertains to documents cataloging, and will hopefully produce a manual designed to apply the new rules to documents at all levels of Government. GPO will incorporate the rule interpretations in their cataloging of Federal documents.

On a more general level, GPO has agreed to coordinate its implementation of AACR II with the Library of Congress. The Descriptive Cataloging Division of LC will be training all of GPO's catalogers in using the new rules simultaneously as they train their own catalogers.

MORE ON OUT-OF-PRINT U. S. GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

In our last issue we mentioned that special assistance in obtaining out-of-print documents is available through the National Archives and Records Service.

It provides positive and negative microfilm, electrostatic and special photographic copy. Deposit accounts are accepted and telephone orders taken.

