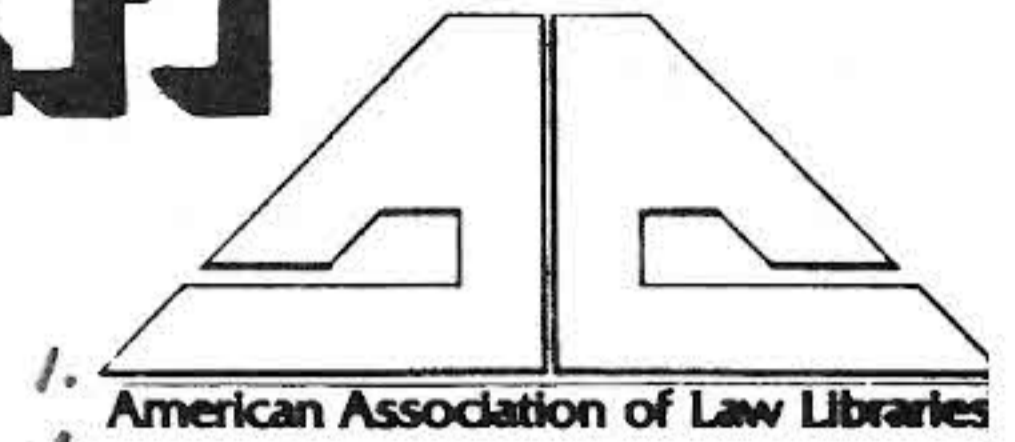


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CHAIRMAN'S PAGE

This is an exciting, stimulating time for law librarians. The shrinking budgets mean that we have to squeeze more value, service out of every dollar. Gone are the days when an administrator could institute standing orders for everything and have a custodian care for the library. Law Librarians are vital in managing an effective, efficient operation.

State, Court, County Law Library SIS committees are working to provide you information which you can use to better manage your library. For instance, the newsletter committee searched out pertinent information for this issue of the newsletter and will issue another newsletter in the Spring. This group also prepared a procedures manual to lessen the management chores associated with printing a paper. The statistics committee is searching for a way to analyze the data you provide and have it printed in a more useful manner. The local arrangements and program committees are working to provide you a rich educational program and an opportunity to talk with other SCCLL members.

Speaking of committee activity, I want to thank all of those who volunteered to work on a committee. All were assigned to a committee, however not necessarily to their first choice. A listing of the committee members appears elsewhere in this issue. If you are not on a committee this year, consider becoming more involved next year. Jim Werner will be calling for volunteers in the Spring issue of this newsletter. Committee work is an excellent way to share your ideas while learning.

Issues before your Executive Committee include the section's role within AALL and financing SIS projects. I would appreciate hearing from you concerning proposed changes in the AALL Constitution. How should SIS's be organized? How independent should we be? Should SIS's be permitted to raise dues, sell publications, finance newsletters by advertisements?



Judith M. Foust
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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The eighth annual business meeting of the State, Court and County Law Libraries Section was convened at 8 a.m. in the Tiara Room of the Park Plaza Hotel in Saint Louis, Missouri, on June 24, 1980. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Sigel.

There being no objections, the minutes of the last annual meeting on July 2, 1979, were approved as published in the November 1979 Newsletter.

Treasurer Rosa Wright reported on the Section's income and disbursements during the past year, announcing that the balance in the treasury is \$4,012.69. The full treasurer's report will be published in the next Newsletter. It was moved and seconded that the treasurer's report be adopted, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The report of the Committee on Standards was made by Iris Stevenson in place of Joel Fishman. Iris said the previous reports of the Committee had been made as guidelines in anticipation of the Federal Judicial Center's report, Improving Federal Court Libraries. After that report was published Patricia Thomas was appointed Director of Library Services for the Administrative Office of the Courts, pursuant to one of the recommendations in the report. Iris introduced Patricia Thomas, who reported on her activities directed toward implementation of the report's recommendations. She visited all of the Federal Court libraries and then prepared a report of findings and a plan of action, which went to the Federal Judicial Conference and the Congress.

The program, she reported, is proceeding more slowly than recommended due to economic restrictions laid down by the Congress. Nevertheless, there are now 46 federal court libraries with ten to thirteen more planned, and Ms. Thomas expects continued growth next year and in the five years ahead. She explained that the current organization of the federal court libraries follows the concept of a central library for each federal circuit with satellite libraries operated by librarians who report to the librarian heading their circuit court library.

Part Two of the committee report was made by Rosemary McCormick and dealt with standards for the Supreme Court Libraries of the Canadian Provinces. Although the report was not completed, it soon will be. She said the first part of the standards are similar to those for the U.S. courts, with slight variations, and the major differences are in the description of the book collections. She then listed the books recommended for the Canadian court libraries. It is the

