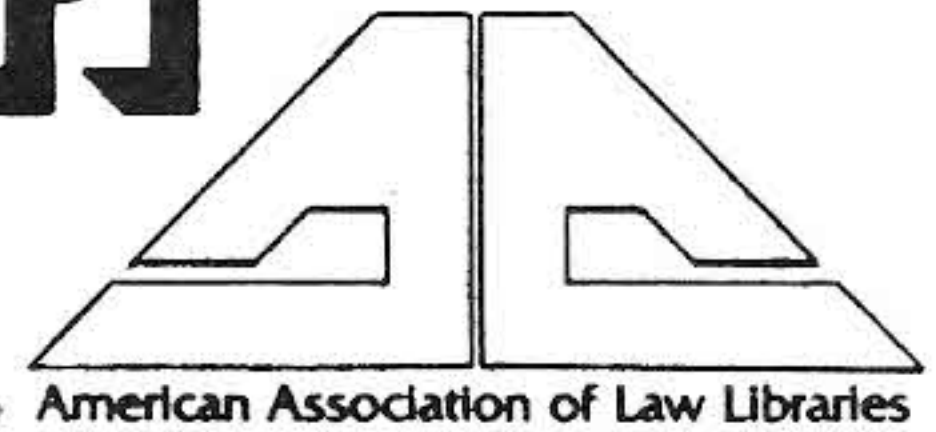


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CHAIRMAN'S PAGE

Time is rushing forward, and we shall soon be meeting again, this time at the Westin Hotel in Detroit. I am looking forward to the program on June 12th, which Carol Meyer has been working on. It should be useful to all of us. Duncan Webb (Michigan State Library, Law Division) will tell us how to present to "decision makers" proposals for software and hardware in the law library, and Robert Brink (Social Law Library, Boston) will discuss alternative funding possibilities for member libraries. Carol's present plan calls for a light lunch at about 11:30, to be followed by the program. Our business meeting will probably take place on the next day, June 13.

By now you should have received the SCLL Survey Questionnaire from Statistics Chairman Joel Fishman, and I hope you returned it without delay so it can be processed by the computer at Brigham Young University Law Library. It is our hope that the analysis of the survey results, which should amount to about 133 pages, will be available for purchase at cost. At the time of this writing, that price would appear to be \$15 to \$20 per copy. The computer analysis produces a listing of the data and the ranking of each institution, as well as the mean and median for small, medium, large, extra large libraries and overall for each type of data. This very comprehensive statistical survey has proved useful to academic law libraries, and I think each of us could put it to good use in our libraries. The listing of data and institution ranking is arranged by state, so you can easily compare your library with the other state, court, county and bar libraries in your state. Now that annual statistical surveys with national coverage will no longer be published in the Law Library Journal, this survey may be one of our only resources. If AALL does not provide a medium for publishing a summary of our statistics, then we might wish to include them in one of our NEWSLETTER issues.

Edgar Bellefontaine and his Nominations Committee has done its duty well and offers the following slate of nominees to be voted on in Detroit:

Vice Chairperson/Chairperson Elect: Carol Meyer
Secretary-Treasurer: Karen Moss
Executive Board Member: Kai-Yun Chiu

Our by-laws provide that further nominations may be made upon written petition of ten voting members in good standing, and such petitions, accompanied by written acceptance of the nominees, must be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer before the election.

This is Anita Shew's last issue as the Editor of this NEWSLETTER, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the excellent job she has done. Chairperson-Elect, Edgar Bellefontaine, has persuaded Ruth Matz, Massachusetts Attorney General's Library, to serve as the new editor during the 1982-1983 year. I think we may look forward to a continuing NEWSLETTER of which we can be proud.

Both the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the Standards Committee have rested on their laurels this year, but if you have any suggestions regarding their areas of interest, please bring them up at the meeting in Detroit.

Our membership appears to be holding steady around 220, which provides us a sufficient base to fund all of the activities that currently interest us and any that might be added in the near future. This Section was created to serve its members and their interests, so please do not be bashful about suggesting activities which you think would be valuable for you and your library. Chances are such activities will be of equal benefit to other members of the Section. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Chairman this year, and I look forward to participating in activities of the Section next year and in the future.

Jim Werner
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NOMINATIONS FOR SCCLL OFFICERS

Vice-President: Carol Meyer

Secretary-Treasurer: Karen Moss

Executive Committee: Kai-Yun Chiu

This is the slate of officers put up by the SCCLL Nominating Committee. Members are Joel Fishman, Anne Grande and Edgar Bellefontaine, Chairman.

Further nominations may be made upon written petition of ten (10) voting members in good standing. Such petitions, accompanied by written acceptance of the nominee, must be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Section.

(SCCLL Bylaws, Section VI)

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

STATE, COURT AND COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES SECTION

BYLAWS

Adopted June 25, 1977 at Toronto, Ontario
Amended July 2, 1979 at San Francisco, California
Amended June 24, 1980 at St. Louis, Missouri

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this group shall be the State, Court and County Law Libraries Section (SCCL) of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the State, Court and County Law Libraries Section shall be to improve the quality and services and to promote the mutual interests of the libraries represented in its membership.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any AALL member requesting affiliation with the State, Court and County Law Libraries Section as provided in the AALL bylaws.

ARTICLE IV

DUES

Dues will be established, collected and disbursed by the treasurer of AALL in accordance with AALL bylaw, Article VII.

The fiscal year will be the same as that of the AALL, June 1 through May 31.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting of the section held in connection with or during the annual meeting of AALL.

Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or the Executive Committee.

Meetings shall be open to non-members, but only members shall cast votes. The quorum for all voting shall be fifteen (15) members present and voting.

ARTICLE VI

VOTING

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.

Further nominations may be made upon written petition of ten voting members in good standing. Such petitions, accompanied by written acceptance of the nominees, must be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Section.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS

The officers of the section shall be elected at the annual meeting.

The officers shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices and such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.

All vacancies in offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee for an interim term until the next regular election of officers at which time said vacancies shall be filled by election except that the vice chairperson-chairperson elect will automatically become chairperson upon a vacancy in such office.

The officers shall be:

1. Chairperson. Shall serve for one year and automatically become past chairperson and as such serve one year on the Executive Committee.

2. Vice Chairperson-Chairperson Elect. Shall serve for one year and shall become Chairperson for the following year at the close of the current annual meeting.

3. Secretary-Treasurer. Shall serve for one year and shall record the minutes of the meetings, keep the records of the organization, 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.

