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This is the first newsletter of the 1988-89 year. We plan to issue at least two more but frequency will depend on the amount of news that needs reporting and your willingness to contribute articles, comments, notes of interest or timely bits of information. To make yourself heard (read?) just send your material to me in readable form (camera ready copy is NOT necessary) by January 10th for the February issue and March 10th for the April issue. Send to Fred Baum, The Association of the Bar, 42 West 44th St., New York, N.Y. 10036.

Remember the convention?

And the winner is, _____!
A single \$10 raffle ticket is all she bought. It made her a winner and the prize was a computer? Some of us had purchased 2, 3, 5, and even 10 tickets to increase the chances of winning, but the single ticket winner was Carolyn J. Poston of San Bernardino, Ca. Congratulations Carolyn, we hope you enjoy using it. If you add a monochrome graphics card for \$69.95 the next NEWSLETTER can be done on your machine.

What about the rest of you? For just \$59.95, NewsMaster II will get you into desk top publishing quickly. This issue is an example of what it can do. If it is less than good it is my fault and not the fault of the software package.

Sample Telefax Policies

In the spring of 1988 the Interlibrary Communications Subcommittee of the SCCLL SIS requested sample telefax policies from all court, agency and academic libraries listed in the AALL Directory as having telefax equipment. The Committee compiled the responses in a file which is organized alphabetically by states. There are approximately 30 sample policies in the file and the file is available on loan to any AALL member. For more information please contact:

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Supreme Court Library
500 Court House
Syracuse, N.Y. 13202
(315) 425-2063

Send us your Fax Numbers

A number of you have added Fax machines recently, but your Fax numbers are not yet listed in any directory. All SCCLL members who send the following information will be included in an alphabetic list of Fax users in the next issue of the SCCLL NEWSLETTER.

1-Full Name _____
2-Library _____
3-City _____ State _____
4-Tel# _____ Fax# _____

Fax or mail to Fred Baum (212)302-8219

Special SCCLL award to Bethany Ochal

At the annual meeting in Atlanta, Bethany Ochal, who recently retired as director of the Orange County California Law Library, was presented with a plaque to symbolize a special award "for distinguished service to SCCLL". The presentation was made by Carol Billings to Bethany at the SIS's annual meeting on June 25th.

Bethany distinguished herself as SCCLL's chairperson in 1976/77 and has served on numerous section committees as well. She has participated as a speaker at national meetings and has been honored by our national organization by receiving the AALL Distinguished Service Award.

In her thank you note to SCCLL, Bethany wrote: "Involvement is the ticket to happiness, and I surely did enjoy working with all the great people in our SIS and AALL at large. I always got more out of it than I put in."

SCCLL to have prominent role in 1991 Winter Institute

AALL's 1991 Winter Institute should have special appeal for members of the SCCLL SIS. At its November 5th meeting in Chicago, the AALL Executive Board approved a proposal from the Education Committee that the institute topic be Law Libraries—Serving the Legal Information Needs of a Varied Constituency: The Judiciary, the Bar, and the Public.

The proposal, written by Carol Billings, immediate past Chair of SCCLL and who is also on the Education Committee, outlines a

tentative list of topics to be covered and suggests categories of speakers. Although designed to answer particular needs of public, court and bar law librarians the program will be informative and beneficial for academic and law firm librarians as well.

Special emphasis is placed on access to information issues by various kinds of library users. Representatives of constituencies which use law libraries will form an important part of the faculty. These include judges, judicial administrators, government agency personnel, bar library board members, and citizens with specific social concerns. Of course, AALL members from court, bar, government, academic and firm libraries will address issues with which they are particularly concerned.

Although a date and location has not yet been set, early January and a balmy climate have become traditional for the Winter Institute.

In submitting the proposal, Carol emphasized that members of SCCLL would be urged to contribute to the planning of the program and to suggest faculty members. A future SCCLL NEWSLETTER will give greater details and will include a form for submitting suggestions.

A preliminary draft of the program suggests a keynote address on the subject of access to information in a democratic society. At the opening session a panel representing user groups will express their expectations of law librarians and take a position on whether our mission to serve is communicated effectively. A series of sessions would address: serving the judiciary, serving the practicing bar, serving the public, and extension of services to outlying areas.

Other parts of the program might include ethical and professional considerations in providing law library service to various constituents; special administrative problems in government-supported and subscription

libraries; cooperating with other libraries in the community; automation for improved service; and the implications of government information policy for law library users.

If you would care to comment on the program or have suggestions for improvement or know of informed and talented potential speakers why not contact Carol directly.

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1989-90 AALL Nominations Committee to include a State and a County Law Librarian

Appointments to the Nominations Committee were made at the Executive Committee's November 5th meeting. Committee members include:

Margaret Maes Axtmann, Chair
Cornell Law School Library

Marvin Anderson
Minnesota State Law Library

Francis R. Doyle
Loyola University of Chicago
School of Law Library

Carol Nicholson
University of North Carolina
Law School Library

Patricia G. Strougal
Alston & Bird

Victoria Trotta
Lewis & Rocca

Gayle E. Webb
Riverside County Law Library

Program for RENO, 1989

Anyone who has ever been involved in planning programs knows that they just don't happen. It takes time, thought, coordination, and, in not-for-profit work, a good dose of luck in order to produce an effective, well focused program.

Coordination prevents duplication of subject matter with AALL's national program and if time, thought and energy are any measures of success, the Reno program will prove memorable.

David Badertscher, Linda Corbelli and Beth Schneider do need your help, though. As Chair of the Program Committee, David has been diligent in meeting with Linda and Beth in order to plan the Reno program. They will announce the program in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER. David says that you still have time to offer suggestions, but that you should make them soon.

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