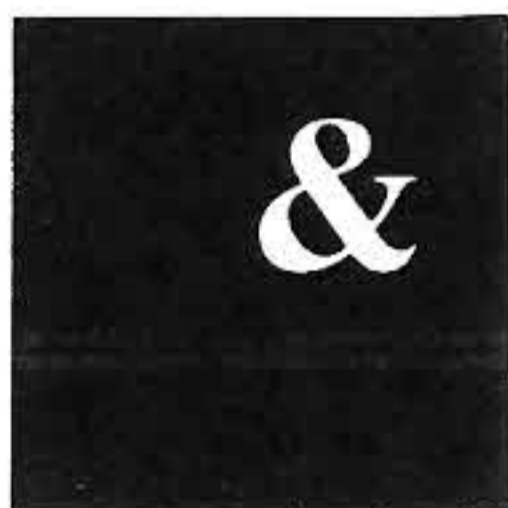

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Chair's Message

Plans and Resolutions

Greetings and Happy New Year 1994! The new year is a good time to make plans and resolutions. But we need to identify what is really important or otherwise our resolutions will never get off the ground. The following are my resolutions for all of us.

1. Stay in touch with your fellow librarians, court administrators, judges, etc. Keep those calls coming.
2. Attend continuing education programs--not just those sponsored by law library organizations. Many other organizations (court, bar, library, etc) sponsor good programs that help "feed" our minds and keep our oxygen level up.
3. Use immediately what you have learned in your programs. Don't just set the handouts and notes on a shelf and forget them. Implement them. Even if just one idea is used, your time will have been well spent.
4. Simplify your life and get organized. Take that pile of "professional reading", things to do, and just plain junk and throw it away or organize it so it becomes of value to you.
5. Find an INTERNET "buddy" in your geographic area and pledge to capitalize on the vast resources of the INTERNET.
6. Have a happy and productive New Year!

Seattle SCCLL Anniversary Celebration and Program.

Start saving your pennies now for the Seattle SCCLL program that Vice-Chair Marvin Anderson has lined up. This meeting will mark a return to Seattle, where this Section (the Association's oldest) began. Read a full account of all the programs and activities planned in Marvin's article in this issue.

Apply for AALL and Chapter Grants

To help you get to Seattle, apply for any grants that AALL or your Chapter have to offer. AALL Grant applications are in the February AALL Newsletter (or contact me) and due by April 1. If your library's funds are short, take advantage of this grant program.

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Court Management Seminar

Don't miss reading Donna Bausch's article on the Fall 1993 Court Management Seminar in Williamsburg sponsored by the State Justice Institute. This workshop-type seminar gave participants an opportunity to work with court administrators and do some creative thinking about the problems of court administration.

This seminar put together by our own Marcia Koslov is another step in establishing linkages with judges and court personnel.

Committee Activity

Thanks to Committee Chairs for their hard work so far this year. See the fruits of their labors and future plans in the article on Committee Activity.

West Award

West Publishing Company is again sponsoring the West Excellence in Government Law Librarianship Award. Please think about all the contributions an SCCLL colleague has made to his or her library and to the profession and send in a nomination. Full selection criteria is listed elsewhere in this Newsletter. The deadline is March 1, 1994.

Articles by SCCLL members

Three articles by SCCLL members have appeared recently in journals for judges and courts. See the Fall 1993 issue of Judges Journal for the article "Can't find it? Your State Law Librarian (Almost Always) Can" by Marcia Koslov (p.6) and "Online Research vs. Print: and how to economize each for maximum benefit" by Judith Meadows (p.3). Also, read "A Unified Court Library System: Is This Model Appropriate for Your State?" by Ruth Fraley, Marnie Warner and Maureen Well on page 45 of the Fall 1993 Court Manager. If you do not have access to these excellent articles, contact the authors or me (513-887-3456).

Anita K. Shew, Chair

Editor's Message

Halfway from Boston and halfway to Seattle and this issue contains information on both meetings. In the remainder, we're taking care of business. In keeping with our chair's message, we offer a few more resolutions for our readers:

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TREASURER'S REPORT

As of December 20, 1993 the SCCLL Treasurer's records indicate that the Section's treasury balance is \$4,231.04. This figure is based upon the figures reflected in the last income/expense statement from AALL headquarters and has been adjusted to reflect all unposted credits and deposits that have been made known to the treasurer through correspondence. It is important to recognize the sources of our credits. SCCLL received a generous donation of \$1,000 from Mead Data Central. Please remember to thank any Mead Data person you may meet. This donation was used to pay the expenses of three SCCLL members as they made a presentation to the National Conference of Chief Justices and National Conference of Court Administrators--the first time ever SCCLL has been invited to participate in this conference. The balance figure also reflects the \$2,783.50 the Section has received in dues income and \$676.46 as our portion from the SIS newsletter subscription plan. The Executive Board has also made several decisions to reduce costs. The most important was a decision to have the newsletter printed by William Hein & Company rather than by AALL headquarters. This measure may save the section almost \$2,300 over the coming year. (Last year two newsletters were printed by the printer selected by headquarters at costs of \$1,055 and \$1,338--This year the first newsletter was printed by Hein at a cost of \$432). Please remember to thank anyone from Hein you may meet since this printing is done for us at this cost as a donation.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Carlson
SCCLL Treasurer

SCCLL Committee Activity

The Awards Committee, chaired by Georgiana Wellford, is soliciting nominations for the SCCLL

triennial awards. See her notice elsewhere in this newsletter.

Bylaws Committee Chair Irene Milan is working with her committee to find a way to time the mailing of our Newsletters better and still comply with AALL election guidelines.

Education Chair, Gail Warren and her committee are working on the educational part of the SCCLL Sunday program. They also submitted proposals for 15 programs for the Seattle meeting, three of which were accepted. We are co-sponsoring a few others. Another area of interest is one of all SIS groups not having enough designated program slots at the national meetings. The SCCLL Executive Board and the Education Committee are working with other SIS's on this.

Membership Chair, Jackie Wright, has been sending out welcome letters to new AALL members and other potential members.

Newsletter Editors, Anne Matthewman & Beverly Rubenstein, and their committee are producing informative, eye pleasing newsletters and have developed an advertising policy so SCCLL can generate income to offset production costs.

Nominations Chair, Terry Hemming has an announcement about the nominations for SCCLL officers and board in this newsletter.

Standards Committee Chair, Mike Miller reports his committee is working on revising drafts of commentary on the County and Appellate standards, drafting mission statements for appellate court standards, researching contemporary standards from other similar library associations, and discussing follow-up on recent draft proposal for the Appellate Court Libraries sent to the ABA Appellate Court Standards Commission.

Statistics Committee Chair, Rick Stroup is working on a fee-based services survey and other committee members are developing other surveys. Rick plans to publish the survey in the Spring Newsletter and have the results ready for the Seattle SCCLL meeting.

Trustee Development Chair, Charlie Dyer says that the Trustees Manual will be published in the Spring and have a slightly different title.

Other committees will be reported in the Spring Newsletter.

JAD Liaison Now Official

Kay Todd, AALL President has announced that the Section-sponsored liaison position to the American Bar Association Judicial Administrative Division has now been approved to be an official liaison position with AALL. Marcia Koslov who has been representing SCCLL the past 2 years will be the representative for 1994-96. This appointment is in recognition of Marcia's effectiveness in promoting constructive connections among law librarians, judges and court administrators.

News of Members

Three court and county librarians have been recently named to *Law Library Journal's* Questions and Answers section. They are Ken Koslowski of the Cleveland Law Library Association, Rose Brown of the Defiance County (Ohio) Law Library and Lesley Lawrence, U.S. Court of Appeals Library, Wilmington, Delaware.

Nominations Committee Presents Slate

The Nominations Committee presents the following slate of candidates for office for 1994-95:

VICE-CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT

Deborah Norwood, State Law Librarian,
Washington State Law Library

Kathy Joyce Welker, Circuit Librarian, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

Jan Ryan Novak, Director,
Cleveland Law Library

Tim Sheehy, Branch Librarian,
U.S. Courts Library, Seattle

Biographical information on the candidates will be included in the spring newsletter along with the ballot.

Additional nominations may be submitted according to the following SIS bylaw: 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 no later than March 15. The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare an official ballot, including nominations by petition.

J. Terry Hemming, Chair
Nominations Committee

ROUNDTABLE REPORTS

Cataloging and Processing of New Formats

This group touched on a variety of problematical issues in the cataloging of nonprint formats.

A common problem occurs with continuing legal education materials issued as audiotapes accompanied by printed program materials. Some of these printed materials may be separately titled works complete in themselves and authored by major legal writers, as with some CLE materials issued by the Institute of Justice. Some of the group were unsure whether they should catalog and classify the tapes and print materials together or separately, or whether the print materials should be cataloged at all. Suggestions were:

