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From the Chair

This year's activities for our SIS will soon culminate at the annual meeting in Indianapolis in July. Our business meeting will be followed by an educational program developed by Frank Herch and co-sponsored by the Automation & Scientific SIS on automated access to legal information (see Page 11). In addition, our SIS is sponsoring two excellent programs for the annual meeting; one is on establishing the authenticity of electronic documents, including digital signatures, and the other is on the escalating cost of law books (see Page 11). Many thanks to Michele Finerty for her work as our Education Chair.

Thanks to Sue Roach and her nominating committee for an excellent slate of officers for the upcoming election for our Section (See Page 2 for candidate biographies). Be sure to cast your ballot. If you have people to recommend for future elections, either for the Section or for AALL, be sure to get in touch with the nominations committee. Believe me, they would appreciate hearing suggestions for possible candidates.

The proposed revised standards for appellate court and county law libraries were approved by the AALL Executive Board at their March 1996 meeting. We will now be investigating possible ways to publish and disseminate the adopted standards. The proposed standards were published in our newsletter last fall.

As my term as Chair winds down, many changes are in the offing. For instance, the pending sale of West Publishing Co. to Thomson portends more than just changing the imprint on the title page of books. Other noticeable changes include libraries, courts and public agencies adding home pages on the Internet and reaching out to their customers in new and various ways. While all this is formenting, I can't help but feel that the more things change the more they stay the same.

However we package it, information and access to it has been around for ages. We continue to package it in books as we have for centuries. But before we mass produced books, we packaged it in manuscripts, scrolls, paintings, and other visual means. Librarians have also been around for centuries, organizing the information and making it more accessible in whatever medium in which it was produced. As we move to new and as yet unimagined mediums, I don't see our role changing. For example, in the little over a month that my library has had a home page, we have been advising customers online about locations for legal information available on the

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SCCLL ELECTION 1996

BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES--VICE CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT

CHARLES R. DYER

Current Position

**Library Director, San Diego Law Library,
1987-**

Former Positions

Law Librarian, Law Professor, University of
Missouri-Kansas City, 1977-87

Associate Law Librarian, Law Professor, St. Louis
University, 1975-77

Readers Services Assistant, University of Texas,
Tarlton Law Library, 1974-75

Education

M.L.S., University of Texas at Austin, 1975

J.D., University of Texas at Austin, 1974

M.A., Northwestern University, 1971

B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 1969

Professional Activities

AALL

Editor, *Law Library Journal*, 1981-84

SCCLL

Executive Board Member, 1991-93

Chair, Trustees Development Committee, 1991-93

Chief Editor/Compiler, *Sourcebook for Law Library*

Governing Boards and Committees, 1994

MALL

Secretary, 1976-78

SWALL

Vice President, 1981-82

President 1982-83

AALS Section on Legal Research and Writing Executive Board
Member, 1977-78

Mid-America Consortium of Law School Libraries Corporate Secre
tary, 1984-86

Council of California County Law Librarians Newsletter Editor, 1988

Honors

Service Award, SWALL, 1983

Appreciation Award, AALL, 1984

Exceptional Service Award, San Diego

County Bar Association, 1990

Appreciation Award, SCCLL, 1994


Publications

I have several publications and many speeches. Re-
cently, I served as Local Arrangements Chair for the 1995
AALL Winter Institute and on the faculty of the 1996 AALL
Winter Institute (for which my-friend Gail Warren served as
co-coordinator).

Statement

Our membership serves a much larger portion of
the legal community than our numbers represent within
AALL. AALL has often failed to address pressing concerns
that affect a large majority of Americans: access to legal
materials for all, the cost of online services to the poor and
middle class, the conflict between unauthorized practice of
law and provision of adequate reference services for pro se
patrons, and teaching new technologies to small firm prac-
titioners receive too little attention. Managing a board of
trustees, library insurance, lobbying at the local level,
handling employee problems, and the other problems of
running a free-standing library are left to small scale,
expensive education programs, such as institutes. What
shrift AALL has given has been due almost completely to
members of our SIS.

With your help, I would (1) continue to foster such
programs as last year's National Conference; (2) seek to
open membership in AALL to all who have a stake in our
libraries, such as trustees; (3) strive to get meaningful
education programs to our many members who have re-
stricted budgets; (4) seek ways that the SIS and AALL
might aid public law libraries and bar libraries to recover the
funding lost in recent years; (5) seek to have law librarians
and bar associations bargain the limits of legal advice each
can give, as real estate agents and accountants have done.

Since I became a county law librarian nine years
ago, through the example of my colleagues, I have found a
deeper sense of purpose for our work. We help achieve
justice in these United States. I would be proud to take on
this assignment. 

BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES--VICE CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT
GAIL WARREN

Current Position

State Law Librarian, Virginia State Law Library

Former Position

Law Library Assistant, Virginia State Law Library,
1981-82

Education

M.S.L.S., Catholic University of America, 1987
J.D., University of Richmond, 1981
B.A., James Madison University, 1978

Professional Activities

AALL

Council of Chapter Newsletter Editors, 1990-94
Recipient, AALL Scholarship, 1983
Public Relations Committee, 1983-84

SCCLL

Chair, Awards Committee, 1995-96
Chair, Education Committee, 1993-94
Nominating Committee, 1991-92

SEALL

Nominating Committee, 1995-96
Newsletter Committee, 1994-95
Publicity & Public Relations Committee, 1993-94

VALL

Editor, *VALL Newsletter*, 1990-94
President, 1989-90
Vice-President, 1988-89
Chair, Program Committee, 1988-89
Chair, Placement Committee, 1986-87

University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law, 1991-


Publications and Presentations

Co-Director, AALL 1996 Winter Institute
Chapter Author, *A Guide to Legal Research in Virginia*, 2d ed.
Virginia Law Foundation
Virginia Consortium of Local Law Libraries, 18 *State, Court
& County Law Libraries Newsletter*, 4 (Winter 1992)

Faculty, AALL 1991 Summer Institute, Basic Legal
Reference Services
Faculty, AALL 1991 Winter Institute, Law Libraries—Serving
the Needs of a Varied Constituency

Statement

As we look to the future of our libraries, the information services we provide and the constituents we serve, one thing is certain. Change. SCCLL should strive to meet the challenges of change by confronting a variety of issues. Obviously, our SIS would be hard-pressed to deal with all the issues. Perhaps, then, in the coming year we should focus on three: identifying creative ways to continue to provide information services efficiently and economically despite ever-decreasing financial resources—are there alternatives we haven't explored? examining the ethical considerations connected to the provision of reference services—while Charlie and I differ on perspective, we agree the issue is very important; and, finally, continuing to nurture and strengthen new alliances with our colleagues in the legal community.

I would like to see our SIS continue to seek input and insight from members of the judiciary, the bar and the public in the annual program planning process, not only reaching out to these individuals as speakers, but inviting them to attend our programs as a participant. Annually, we meet in different regions of the country—following Carol Billings' National Conference initiative, why not invite our constituents from that venue? On a daily basis, each of us confronts the unbalanced equation of more responsibilities and fewer resources—are we sharing our solutions? Our constituents are changing; their expectations of what we can and should provide are changing. Hailing from the state infamous for its UPL opinions, I also would like to see programming or sponsorship of AALL programs that speak to the ethical issues facing all law librarians and present a variety of perspectives. 

BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES--EXECUTIVE BOARD

BEVERLY RUBENSTEIN

Current Position

Head Librarian, Maryland Attorney

General's

Office, 1991-

Former Positions

Assistant Librarian, Baltimore Bar Library, 1985-91
Reference/Cataloging Librarian, Marshall Law Library,
University of Maryland, 1983-85

Education

M.S.L.S., Catholic University of America
B.A., Smith College

Professional Activities

AALL

Committee on Relations With Information Vendors,
1988-90
Grants Committee, 1993-95 (Chair, 1994-95)
Speaker, Annual Conference, 1985
Speaker, Council of Newsletter Editors Workshop, 1994

SCCLL

Newsletter Editor, 1992-

LLAM

Program Committee, 1985-86
Board Member, 1987-88 and 1989-90
Consulting Committee, 1986-87
Vice-President, 1990-91
President, 1991-92
Editor, *LLAM News*, 1989-90
Chair, Nominations Committee, 1992-93
Archivist, 1995-

Maryland Library Association

Program Committee, 1984-85
Editorial Committee, 1985-91
Editor, *The Crab*, 1988-91
Secretary, Government Information Division, 1989-90

PALINET

Nominating Committee, 1991

State Library Resource Center Advisory Committee,
1992-94

Sailor Public Relations Committee, 1994

Publications

Compiler, Index to v.1-10, Publications *Clearing House Bulletin*

Editor, *LLAM: the First Ten Years*, 1992

"Maryland Reference Survey Concludes Our Service is Worse Than
We Thought", *The Crab* 1 (Sept. 1984)

"The Screw Turns at BCPL", 14:5 *The Crab* 1 (May 1985)

"The New! Improved! Better Than Ever! Maryland Library Associa
tion - Why Aren't Some People Buying It?" 19:5 *The Crab*
5 (May 1989)

"Pratt Trustees Attempt Reorganization of Library", 20:5 *The Crab*
1 (May 1990)

"Bar Library Celebrates Sesquicentennial", 20:6 *The Crab* 1
(July 1990)

"It All Started With Meowvil Dewey", 21:6 *The Crab* 16 (July 1991)

"Government Law Libraries", 25:3 *The Crab* 11 (Spring 1995)


Maryland State Bar Association, 29:4 *Law Library Lights* 12
(March/April 1986)

"Bar Library Presents CLE Programs Via Satellite", *The Barrister*
20 (Spring 1986)

"Membership/Subscription Roundtable Meets in Baltimore", 13:2
SCCLL Newsletter 6 (May 1987)

"Bun and Sensible Shoes Notwithstanding", 19:1 *SCCLL Newsletter*
13 (Fall 1992)

"City of Eagan, State of Confusion", 22:2 *SCCLL News* 3
(Winter 1996)

Many articles, reviews, interviews, editors messages, etc.
in *The Crab*, the *LLAM Newsletter* and *SCCLL News*. 

BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES--EXECUTIVE BOARD

KENDALL F. SVENGALIS

Current Position

Rhode Island State Law Librarian, 1982-

Former Positions

Assistant Law Librarian, R.I. State Law Library, 1976-82
Reference Librarian, Providence College, 1975-77

Education

M.L.S., University of Rhode Island, 1975
M.A., Purdue University, 1973
B.A., Purdue University, 1970

Professional Activities

AALL

Committee on Relations with Information Vendors,
Member, 1987-88
Editor, *The CRIV Sheet* 1988-94
Representative to ALA/ALCTS Publisher/Vendor Library
Relations Committee, 1991-94

SCCLL

Executive Board Member, 1986-89

LLNE

President, 1986-87
Vice-President, 1985-86
Treasurer, 1983-85

NELLCO

President, 1992-94
Vice-President, 1990-92

Rhode Island Library Association

Personnel Committee, 1988-91

Publications and Presentations

Legal Information Buyer's Guide and Reference Manual. Rhode
Island Law Press, 1996.

"Matthew Bender Holds No Holds Barred Law Librarian Forum",
The CRIV Sheet 15 (June 1993): 8-10

"Cutting Deals: Controlling Costs with Vendors and Dealers, Man-
aging the Private Law Library 1992": *Trends, Ideas and
Solutions* 133-145. Practising Law Institute, 1992.

"Matthew Bender Prices Increase 117% Between 1987 and 1991",
The CRIV Sheet 15 (Nov. 1992): 12-13.

"Cost-Effective Acquisitions: An Overview", *The Spirit of Law
Librarianship* 197-217. Rothman, 1991.

"Shepards Strikes Again: Or Buried Under the Financial Weight of
Recompiled Citators", *The CRIV Sheet* 14 (Nov. 1991):
10-11.

"Matthew Bender and Write-for-Order Revisited", *The CRIV Sheet*
11 (June 1989): 7-8.

"Cost Effective Acquisitions: A Follow-Up", *SCCLL Newsletter*
12 (May 1986): 11, 35-39.

"Cost Effective Acquisitions: A State Law Library Perspective",
SCCLL Newsletter 12 (Dec. 1985): 1, 16-20


AALL

Cost-Effective Acquisitions: Or, Where Do We Go From Here?
(Pt.1) (1987)

*Changing Structure of the Legal Publishing Industry: Implications
for Libraries* (1990)

Revision of the FTC Guides: Town Meeting (1992)

Other

Additional presentations on subject of cost-effective ac-
quisitions and publisher/vendor relations before SEALL, Chicago
Association of Law Libraries, Law Librarians of New England,
ALLUNY, PLI, WPLLA and LLMC post-convention institute in
Honolulu, 1992. 

The official 1996 Ballot is attached at the end of SCCLL NEWS

