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### Chair's Message

Greetings. This is my last message as your Chair. Before you know it, we'll soon be receiving the registration packets for the National Conference on Legal Issues "Connected For Justice" and Annual Meeting programs in Pittsburgh in July. Time has flown by and there's much to report in this issue so I'll begin in no particular order.

#### Pittsburgh

I want to encourage all of you to attend. Carol Billings, Jim Heller and many others have worked hard to bring together, for the first time, law librarians and our counterparts in the legal, information, publishing and government communities to talk about the evolving issues in the organization, maintenance and dissemination of legal information. One way we can show our appreciation is by making every effort to attend and participate in this important and historic meeting.

#### Next July's Schedule

Our schedule is as follows: **Saturday, July 15, 4:14-5:15 p.m.**, SCCLL Executive Board meeting; **Sunday, July 16, 7:30-9:00 a.m.**, breakfast and business meeting; **9:15-11:15 a.m.**, program "Defining a Public Record" organized by Vice-Chair Deb Norwood; **11:30-12:00 p.m.**, committee meetings; **12:00-1:30 p.m.**, optional luncheon with SCCLL Connected For Justice delegates. **Tuesday, July 18, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**, Committee meetings continued if necessary.

#### AALL Executive Board Actions

Last November, the following actions were taken on our behalf:

**Membership Category for Trustees** - the Board authorized SCCLL to revise our bylaws to create a membership category for Law Library Trustees which would give them voting privileges;

**Model Act for State Administrative Agency Decisions** - The Board referred the proposal to form a Task Force to promulgate a model act for reporting agency decisions to the Special Committee to Promote the Development of Resources for the Legal Information Community.

#### SCCLL Executive Board Actions

**\$1,000 Contributions** - we approved requests for contributions of \$1,000.00 to help underwrite the cost of the Connected For Justice portion of the Annual Meeting and to help defray the cost of the 1994 Law Librarian Salary Survey.

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**EDITOR'S MESSAGE**

In this last issue of the year, we would like to thank Marvin Anderson, the Board and the Committee chairs for their help and support and the articles that they wrote for this newsletter. A special thank you goes to Sadhana Maharaj of the County of York Law Association for doing the newsletter layout for all three issues of this volume.

**N.B.** The ballot for SCCLL's 1995 election, found on page 17, is the ballot you will use to record your vote -- there will not be a separate mailing. Be sure to return it to Kathy Carlson by April 20, 1995.

Be sure also to fill out and return the Official Registration Statement on page 15, volunteer for an SCCLL committee (p. 12), read the proposed bylaw change on page 4 and consider sending one of your trustees to what is sure to be a unique and memorable annual meeting.

See you in Pittsburgh!

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**SCCLL Election Ballot**  
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**WHEN DID YOU JOIN SCCLL?**

Membership chair Anita Anderson will be compiling the section's length of membership list for all members of the section. This list will assist the present and future membership committees in recognizing our long-standing members. Please fill out and return to Anita the "Official Registration Statement" on p. 15 of this newsletter.

**AALL Awards Committee**

The AALL Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the three awards it grants annually. The deadline is May 1, 1995. For criteria and procedure for nomination, see the winter, 1995 issue of this newsletter.

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*Chair's Message continued...*

### Archives

The Archivist of AALL Archives located at the University of Illinois wrote to inform me of the few resources they hold on SCCLL activities. In 1988, they received two boxes of material dated 1973 to 1974. They also have the material relating to the 20th Anniversary celebration last year in Seattle. There are few records, if any, relating to the years between 1974 and 1994. Archives would appreciate it greatly if we would search our files for any records, memoranda, reports, minutes, publications, or correspondence relating to the SCCLL-SIS to send to the AALL archives. Please do not hesitate to write or call William J. Maher, Assistant University Archivist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign at University Archives, 19 Main Library, 1408 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801, (217) 333-0798 to determine our current holdings or what records would be relevant for archival storage.

### Committees

One of the best ways to get to know your colleagues and contribute to the strength and progress of our SIS is to volunteer to serve on one of our committees. A complete list of our committees is in this issue and I urge you to review it and make the decision to volunteer for one or more if you have the time. These are critical times for our profession and the more people you know the wider the circle of resources you can draw upon for help or just to talk through a problem with a colleague. The benefits for being an active participant in your SIS or also AALL are too numerous to describe here. Please give it some thought.

### Thanks

I want to thank the officers, all committee chairs and each and every one of you who contributed to the SIS this past year. I'd like to give special thanks to Anne Matthewman who, after three terms, is co-editing her last SCCLL Newsletter. Our very attractive, timely and informative newsletter has been a source of pride to our membership. We all owe Anne, and her very able co-editor, Beverly Rubenstein our gratitude and appreciation.

This has been an exciting year for me. I have been honored to be your Chair and I will continue to be an active member for many years to come.

I look forward to seeing you all in Pittsburgh.

Marvin Roger Anderson

### **AALL 1996 Annual Institute - Dates and Site have been Selected**

#### **Begin Planning Now**

The AALL 1996 Winter Institute: Serving the Needs of a Varied Constituency: The Bench, the Bar and the Public, will be held in Sacramento, CA from Wednesday, February 7th through Saturday, February 10th, 1996.

The institute planners have developed an exciting program for those who manage libraries that serve a varied patron group. While themes addressed at the Institute held in Williamsburg five years ago will be revisited, programs will also focus on issues facing information providers as they enter the 21st century. Program specifics will be discussed at the State, Court & County Law Libraries SIS Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh this July, as well as in future issues of the newsletter.

If your Library's fiscal year begins July 1st, please do your best to include funds to attend this institute in your 1996 budget.

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