

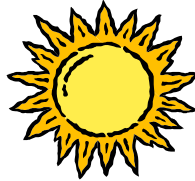
# State, Court & County Law Libraries

# NEWS

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## Chair's Chit Chat

### View from the Chair



Those who know me, know that I am big on "views." While traveling, I have been known not to stop for lunch until sunset because I'm looking for a restaurant with a perfect view. At home, there is art on every wall, and landscaped views from every window. As my staff will attest, as an ENTP, I tend to focus on the "big picture" and want to consider every view before I make a decision.

Two recent events give me an opportunity to share my views and change them in the process. You have elected me, and I was sworn in as, your chair of the SCCLL SIS. Plus the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved the lease to move the Sacramento County Law Library out of the basement of the courthouse to a location with triple the space and windows. Thus, it is appropriate to name this column "View from the Chair."

I hope that during the 1999-2000 association year, you will also take the opportunity to share your views and contribute your talents and change perceptions in the process.



Despite the early 7 am hour, members of SCCLL enjoy the annual business meeting held Sunday, July 18 in Washington, D.C.

## SCCLL-SIS Strategic Plan and Committee Charges

The proposed strategic plan was published in the Spring 1999 issue of this newsletter. The 1998-1999 committee reports and the 1999-2000 committee lists and charges are published in this newsletter. Our 1999-2001 strategic plan focuses on three strategic directions:

- \* Changing perceptions
- \* Strengthening membership
- \* Enhancing communications

Committees have specific charges that are initiatives from the strategic plan. The new Website/Listserv Committee was established from the "enhancing communica-

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Members of the SCCLL Executive Board are sworn in at the SCCLL Business Meeting in D.C. Pictured are (L-R) Tim Lewis (Board Member), Alison Alifano (Board Member), Michele Wright (Board Member), Kathy Joyce Welker (Secretary/Treasurer), Jean Holcomb (Past Chair), and Regina Smith (Vice-Chair/Chair Elect). Not pictured is Shirley David (SCCLL Chair).

tions” strategic direction. The Publicity/ Public Relations Committee charge was expanded to address the “changing perceptions” strategic direction. The Membership and Mentoring Committee has already begun targeting recruitment activities as part of the “strengthening membership” strategic directions. As immediate SCCLL Past Chair, Jean Holcomb is coordinating the implementation of the initiatives.

Other committees will carry on the continuing activities of the SIS, and implement and support the initiatives of the strategic plan. Most committees could use more members. Share your expertise with your colleagues and help improve our profession by working on a committee. The committees and the committee charges are listed in this newsletter. Call or e-mail the committee chair to learn more about committee activities and volunteer your expertise.

### **AALL Bylaws Amendments Passed**

By now you should have received a mail ballot to vote on an amendment that would change the categories of AALL membership. Membership is now divided into two categories: A. Members-active and retired and B. Associate members. Among those who may be associate members are “other persons who are in-

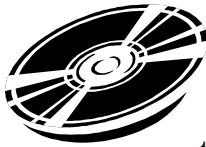
terested in the objectives of the Association and in legal information, including honorary members, students, non-library employees of the information industry, and members of library governing boards.” Associate members have all the rights of membership except “...the right to hold elective office on the executive board.”

At the AALL Annual Meeting, the membership voted to approve the proposed membership amendments to send to the entire membership for a mail ballot. On behalf of the SCCLL board, your chair presented the SCCLL board resolution in support of opening AALL membership. The resolution cited:

- SCCLL’s history of supporting open membership amendments,
- SCCLL’s Board’s recognition of the need to include trustees and similar members of governing boards as full participating members of AALL, and
- SCCLL’s Board’s observation that other library associations with open membership do not suffer from dominance or conflict of interest problems because of vendor members.

Our SIS has led the way in including

members of our operating boards and committees as participants at our annual meetings. We have a Trustees' Development Committee that produces the *Sourcebook for Law Library Boards and Governing Committees* and hosts the Trustees' Caucus. We call upon our judges to swear in our new executive board. Our libraries bring trustees with us who fully participate in the programs as speakers, attend our meetings, visit the exhibit hall, and attend the social events. They come away with a better understanding of what we do and a clearer understanding of their responsibilities to our customers and to us. And better yet, they come back and urge their colleagues to take advantage of the opportunities that AALL affords them.



is a definite interest in a separate forum for those libraries with boards and operating committees to discuss common concerns with those who govern them.

I hope you voted for the amendment.

### **Trustees' Development Committee**

Speaking of the Trustees' Development Committee, they could use more members. Alison Alifano is the new editor for the *Sourcebook for Law Library Boards and Governing Committees*. She could use new committee members to suggest enhancements and update sections of the *Sourcebook*. If you work for a governing committee or board, this is your opportunity to share it with them, ask for suggestions and improve the *Sourcebook* for all of our subscribers. Pam Gregory is coordinating the Trustees' Caucus activity at the Philadelphia annual meeting. Participation doubled from the first to the second year. There

### **Model Code for County Law Libraries**

During the strategic planning process, last year, your board heard many county law librarians and trial court librarians express their concerns about antiquated code authorities with inadequate funding sources and which do not adequately recognize their diverse constituencies. Some initial inquiries were made to librarians in several states who were considering lobbying efforts to change their codes, and to AALL officials about the feasibility of AALL support for writing a model code for county law libraries. With the approval of the board, I have appointed a working group to formally explore the idea of writing a model code for county law libraries. Even though this initiative is outside the strategic plan, the board felt was important enough to begin this year. Mike Miller is chairing the effort.

Do we ambitious agenda for the year? Yes! Can we do it? Of course, with a collaborative effort of very talented people, a great foundation laid by our previous chairs, boards and committees, a framework established by the strategic plan, and a landscape provided by our outside constituencies and stakeholders. I'll provide the windows!

*Shirley H. David, SCCLL Chair & Director  
Sacramento County Law Library, Sacramento, CA*



## Marvin Anderson named the 1999 Winner of the Spirit of Law Librarianship Award

Marvin R. Anderson, State Law Librarian of Minnesota, was named the 1999 recipient of the Spirit of Law Librarianship Award. Mr. Anderson was recognized for his outstanding work with the “Everybody Wins” reading program at the Benjamin E. Mays Magnet School in St. Paul, MN. The program, affiliated with the Library of Congress’ Center for the Book, involves volunteers going to elementary schools once a week at lunchtime to read one-on-one with students. Mr. Anderson has coordinated the program with the Mays Magnet School since 1996, involving some 100 volunteers from the Minnesota Judicial Center and volunteers from the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Tax Court, Workers’ Compensation Court of Appeals, the State Law Library, and other supporting offices. Through his efforts, reading “buddies” have been provided for the entire third grade class at Mays Magnet School.

The Spirit of Law Librarianship Award, established by Roy Mersky and Rich Leiter in lieu of royalties from their book *The Spirit of Law Librarianship*, in conjunction with their publisher, Fred B. Rothman & Co. (now William S. Hein & Co., Inc.), is given each year to a law librarian who, using his or her position and skills as a law librarian, has made a meaningful contribution to a social concern or cause, or who has, in some way, used his or her professional training in service of mankind.

A reception was held in Mr. Anderson’s honor at the annual AALL meeting in Washington, D.C.

## Charley’s Corner:

I Hope You Voted Yes on the AALL Bylaws Amendment



*WRITER’S NOTE: Nothing in this column represents the view of my library or its board of trustees. The opinions expressed are strictly my own.*

When our stalwart *SCCLL News* Editor, Lisa Mecklenberg, asked for writers for the newsletter at the AALL Meeting in July, I told her I always wanted to do a “curmudgeon column” and asked if she would like to have one. Since I was the first one to speak to her, she felt obligated to say yes. She needed copy, and who knows whether anyone else would offer at all. Of course, several others spoke up eventually, but now she’s stuck with me.

The next hurdle was the name. With a last name like Dyer, the puns can be vicious. But I’ll let you make them up later after you read a few of my columns. We’ll go with “Charley’s Corner” for now.

Choosing the topic is not hard. I told Lisa that I would only do articles that I can rattle off the top of my head. She warned me that she planned to do “theme issues,” and, of course, her first e-mail asked if I could stick with the issue theme this time, i.e., the AALL Meeting in Washington, D.C., and SCCLL SIS business at the meeting. As it happens, I have something to mouth off about that fits right in, so, for now, I’ll play the game.

Let’s talk about **Open Membership**. You’ve seen my comments before, so it probably comes as no surprise that I attended the SCCLL Executive Board Meet-

ing (I was a committee co-chair) and offered a resolution that the executive board go on record as supporting the AALL Executive Board's new membership bylaw. While the new bylaw is not perfect, it goes a lot further toward treating our trustees and other governing officials with more respect. The SCCLL Executive Board agreed, and even allowed me to write the resolution on the spot. Fortunately, I had some facts at my command as I intended to speak at the AALL Business Meetings myself. Our new chair, Shirley David, graciously offered to read the resolution at the AALL Business Meeting. That gave me the chance to get up on my own and say some of my pithier remarks.

You can read about the business meeting remarks in the official AALL minutes. But I was overly proud of my closing paragraph:

*“And to the nay-sayers, I say that this Association is already controlled enough by vendors that they don't need to vote. Without West, Lexis and the others, we could not even pull off these annual meetings. In fact, I believe you'll find that library users, trustees and so forth, once they become members of AALL, will remind us of our purpose and will provide us with the backbone to go head to head with vendors when it is needed. Trustees don't have jobs to lose, they have something much more valuable, their libraries. We are only caretakers. We need to let the owners in.”*

The San Diego County Public Law Library Board of Trustees sent two trustees to the AALL Meeting. The board sent them without much prompting from me, without any contribution from outside sources, and without dingy the regular travel budget meant for librarians. I had simply informed them of the programs at the meeting intended for trustees and similar people and had men-

tioned that there was some grant money available. (We didn't get any grants, because other trustees at other law libraries more deserving and more connected, in the good sense, with what was going on, were given them). Frankly, I was startled and proud to have them there, just as if this were the regular thing to do. It should be. And AALL and the SCCLL SIS should always have some programming for trustees.

The American Library Association and most state library organizations have sections or round tables for trustees, typically from the public libraries. We have held a caucus two years in a row of trustees and librarians at AALL, so we can start a new trustees' SIS after our third meeting next year in Philadelphia.

To start that new and needed SIS though, we really need to get the new bylaw through. A mail ballot came out recently and I hope you voted yes. All we needed was a simple majority of the people voting, but this issue has been hanging around for fifteen years, and a loss at this stage would doom it for a couple of decades. Why do we need the bylaw to have the new SIS? Well, it takes fifty voting members to petition for a new SIS, and I for one would be totally embarrassed if none of the fifty voting members were trustees themselves.

This whole situation of distrusting the vendors, as if they are even interested in taking over the Association, is silly. No matter what “pro-vendor” view might emanate from some vendor's strong influence on some committee, everyone would know from whom it came. A good, open discussion is only available if we invite the “other side” in to talk. The American Library Association actually encourages vendors to join. And many

of us are becoming vendors anyway, what with selling fee-based services, publishing local and even statewide primary sources, becoming ISPs, contracting to provide outsourced professional librarian services to courts, government agencies, and local law firms, and doing corporate partnerships in fundraising. Let's not even begin to discuss contracting out the publication of court reports and appellate briefs. Open membership is the only way to go.

*Charles R. Dyer, Director of Libraries,  
San Diego County Public Law Library, San Diego, CA*

## Lone Librarian

### A Quick Guide to Marketing – How to Make a Little Effort Go a Long Way

When we're running a library operation alone or with a small staff, often we spend much of our time responding to the tasks at hand: answering the phone, helping patrons, paying bills, cataloging, etc. Finding time to spend on proactive projects can be difficult.

Marketing is one of those types of activities that isn't urgent, but it is important. So what is it and how do we do it?

Marketing comes in many forms, not just formal, paid advertising. There are a few simple things you can do on a full schedule and a tight budget, to accomplish the goal of marketing your library's services. Two objectives to start with:

1. Increase public awareness of your law library as a resource in the legal community so people know they have the option of turning to you if they are in need of legal information; and

2. Increase public awareness of your law library as a library among other libraries in your community; therefore, as a community resource (to help diminish the perception that the library only serves attorneys).

Your library might offer the greatest services available, but if the public doesn't know the library exists or if they think the law library serves only a private group, your services won't do the public any good. And it is harder to justify your budget to provide for those services if they aren't being used. So where do we start?

#### **Simple Things to Start With:**

There are many places where you can "advertise" your law library, usually for free just by calling and asking them to include your contact information, and perhaps a small list of services:

#### **Directory and Resources Listings:**

\* Local bar association newsletter or Web site

\* Local government services manual or Web site

\* Family law facilitator, and the courts: ask to be included in any community resource lists they create

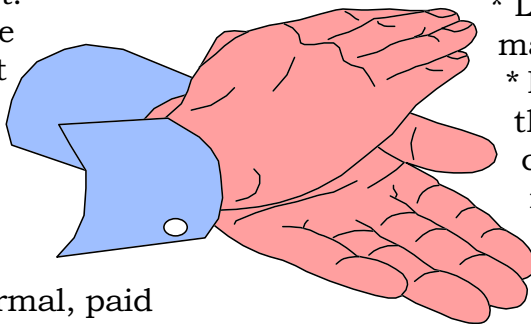
\* Phone directories under government listings, or community pages

wherever libraries or legal information services are listed

\* Community services lists (created by public libraries, legal clinics, senior centers, crisis services, community colleges, etc. )

#### **More Ideas**

\* *Brochures:* Create a nice-looking informational brochure that can be photocopied; use the brochure template in Word



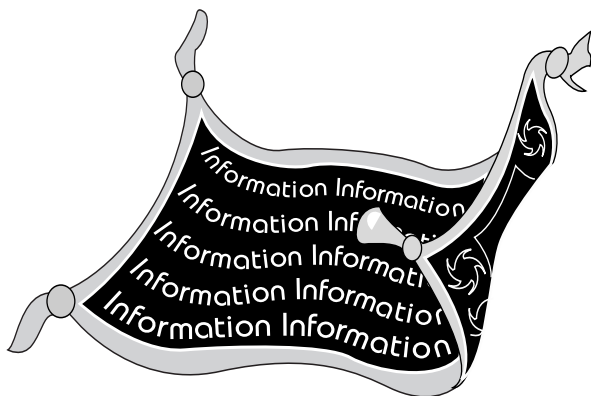
or WordPerfect. Give one to local libraries and legal centers, as well as make it available in your own library.

\* *Flyers:* Celebrate National Library Week (April) or Law Day (May 1), even on a tiny budget! For National Library Week, I create a flyer with large, bold print saying something like, "National Library Week, April 16-22, Did You Know About the Whatcom County Law Library?" and list a few of our services, including our contact information and invite people to stop by. I make a few copies and post around the courthouse and public libraries.

\* *News:* See if your local newspaper has a section for community announcements, meetings, or for people announcements. They'll usually publish informational items at no charge, such as mention of National Library Week, volunteer recognition, or mention of your new library Web site. For great tips on how to write a press release, see <http://www.press-release-writing.com>.

\* *Business cards:* For about \$20 you can get a box of 500 business cards printed, showing your library's contact information. This is a good place to list e-mail and website addresses if you have them; also to list your hours, if they're regular.

\* *Web Pages:* Create a library Web page. For tips on how to get started, see <http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/Web4Lib/>



[faq.html](#) , a Web site designed by librarians, for librarians on how to create a library Web sites

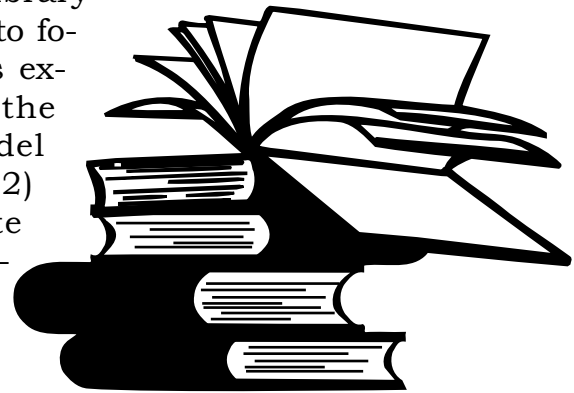
Start by doing any one of the above, and you'll soon be on your way to marketing your library.

*Kalyn Gabriel, Law Librarian  
Whatcom County Law Library, Bellingham, WA*

## Off the Ground...

### Working Group on Model Code for County Law Libraries

Shirley David, SCCLL Chair, has appointed Mike Miller, Director of the Maryland State Law Library, to chair a working group to study the feasibility of drafting a model code for county law libraries. The initial charge will be to pull together a group of law librarians and other county law library stakeholders to focus on issues examining (1) the need for model legislation; (2) existing state statutory language; (3) the necessary elements in a uniform county law library code; and (4) preparing a report with recommendations to the SCCLL Executive Board.



Initial feedback on volunteers has been encouraging and to date the Working Group is composed of representatives from many geographic regions. Members include: Mike Miller, Chair (MD); Charles Dyer (CA); Richard Tennstra (AZ); Halle Cox (VA); Sharon Wayland (TX); Kathy Coon (PA); Anne Grande (MN); Mary Anne



Archer (MN); Laurie Miller (WA); Debbie Norwood (WA); Rita Dermody (WA); Jan Ryan Novak (OH); Bobbie Denny (VA); Merrill Chertok (VA); Carole Martin (CT); Jerry Stephens (OK); and Lisa Mecklenberg (MT).

As there will be a considerable amount of research, networking, surveying, and writing to complete assigned tasks, more volunteers are solicited at this time. Please contact Mike Miller at (410) 260-1430 or [mike.miller@courts.state.md.us](mailto:mike.miller@courts.state.md.us) if you are interested in contributing your talents and time to this effort.

## WestWords

### The Good Volunteering Can Do

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the debut of a new column by Karen Westwood, Head of Outreach Services at the Minnesota State Law Library. Karen has been a law librarian since 1990 when she joined the staff at the Minnesota State Law Library as a circuit-riding prison law librarian. She then worked in a private law firm library before coming back to the Minnesota State Law Library in her current capacity.*

This year, a longtime SCCLL member, Marvin R. Anderson, won the "Spirit of Law Librarianship Award." The award is given each year to honor a law librarian who, using his or her position and skills as a law librarian, has made a meaningful contribution to a social concern or cause, or who has in some way used his or her professional training in service of mankind. The award is given by Richard Leiter and Roy Mersky in conjunction with Hein/Rothman publishing. Marvin won the award for his coordination of the "Everybody Wins Power Lunch Reading Program" at Benjamin E. Mays Magnet School in St. Paul, MN. Each week during the school year, Marvin coordinates more than 90 volunteers from the Min-

nesota Appellate Courts, Attorney General's Office, and now the Federal Courts Building in St. Paul, to read to elementary school students during their lunch hour. This is a chance for adults to share their love of reading with youngsters, and to promote a positive image of court employees to these children.

This year a new SCCLL member (OK, it was me) coordinated "A Capital Contribution: Law Librarians Serving the District." This opportunity, sponsored by the Social Responsibilities SIS, gave AALL members a chance to contribute their expertise and support to local elementary school librarians during the AALL

Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. AALL members read to children, shelved books, property stamped items, and helped create a shelflist. In addition, the Social Responsibilities SIS voted to donate

\$1000 from the SIS budget to D.C. school libraries, and to offer another volunteer opportunity at the annual meeting next year in Philadelphia.

So why volunteer? Aren't we busy enough without taking on "extras"? What about our parent organizations – how do they benefit from our volunteer activities? I couldn't help asking myself these questions after this year's annual meeting. In addition to Marvin and the "Capital Contribution" volunteers, I saw my colleagues who have taken on leadership roles for AALL, I saw friends working the registration desks, and I learned from my fellow members who coordinated and presented programs at the meeting. There is certainly no shortage of ways to volunteer for our profession and our so-



ciety during the annual meeting.

I know many librarians who volunteer in their personal lives and as part of the organization they work for as well. It's pretty clear that I find it a worthwhile thing to do. I'm wondering about the rest of you. Should volunteering be a part of professional life? Pro bono work is not required by our profession – should it be? As state, court, and county employees do we have a greater responsibility to volunteer in order to improve the image of the systems we work for? Or is it our ethical obligation not to volunteer, because we are being paid with public money to perform only the duties on our job descriptions? These days we find lots of advice on how to “simplify” our lives – is asking for volunteers an unwanted complication? I had a very memorable time in Washington, D.C. this summer – in large part due to my involvement with “A Capital Contribution” and attending the “Spirit of Law Librarianship” ceremony. I'm wondering how my colleagues feel about volunteer/pro bono work. Please let me know your thoughts and I'll include them in a future column.

*Karen Westwood, Head of Outreach Services  
Minnesota State Law Library, St. Paul, MN*

## Editor's Etchings

### An “Intern”al Delight



The annual meeting of AALL in D.C. this past July was a very special event for me. For it was there that I had my first opportunity to meet Kristin Ford, a University of Washington law library student, and the young woman who was going to be interning in our law library for three weeks in August. As a final requirement in Penny Hazelton's law library program at UW, each student



On May 19-22, 1999, Helena, MT played host to a group of law librarians representing the Subscription Law Libraries Roundtable. Many of the librarians stayed at Sander's Bed & Breakfast in downtown Helena. Pictured above at Sander's are (front, L-R) Kai-Yon Chui and Regina Smith. In back are Jean Holcomb, Nancy Joseph, and Alison Alifano. Regina is Chair-Elect of SCCLL, Jean is Past Chair, and Alison is a Board Member. The group is pictured in front of an elephant harness once used in the Ringling Brothers Circus. The owners of Sander's are related to the Ringlings.

must complete a three-week practicum with the library of their choice. Kristin, who has an interest in court libraries, asked to do hers here, at the State Law Library of Montana. As a former UW law library program grad myself, and an employee who could use some help, I was only too glad to have Kristin's assistance.

Kristin drove from Seattle to Helena on the weekend prior to the start of her internship. She had arranged to stay with the sister of one of her friends who lives in East Helena. On Monday morning of the first week of her internship, she showed up bright, early, and energetic. Always nice qualities to see. However, one of her first questions was “Does Helena have any coffee shops?” I guess, being from Seattle, she was used to a coffee shop on every corner. (Helena only has coffee shops on every OTHER cor-



That's Kristin Ford, intern extraordinaire, on the left, and me, Lisa Mecklenberg, on the right.

ner!). Once she got her coffee jolt, Kristin was ready to roll. And roll she did. In her three short weeks here, Kristin completed an extraordinary number of tasks. She updated our Web page. She organized and updated several of our form books. She taught a lunch-time CLE class on legal information on the Internet to a group of state agency attorneys. She handled numerous reference requests, both those made via telephone or e-mail, and those made in person. And last, but not least (but certainly best in my eyes), Kristin waded through a significant number of legislative history requests--always a hot commodity at any state law library (and usually completely boring to do), in my opinion.

Kristin, however, perhaps relished that "down time" she spent doing legislative histories. For other aspects of her life were far from dull. Case in point...Kristin's canine companion. A very large Great Dane mix with the unlikely name of Rue. Rue came to Helena with Kristin. In fact, one day, Rue even came to work with Kristin. On her first day here, Kristin used her lunch hour to drive to the place she was staying in East Helena to check on Rue, whom she had left out in the yard that morning. Rue, supposedly confined in a fenced-in yard, came running out to greet Kristin when

she turned into the driveway. It seems Rue somehow managed to slip her not small body under said fence and was now covered in solid mud. After hosing her off, Kristin decided she should probably not leave Rue alone for the rest of the day. So, she put Rue in her vehicle and came back to work. Unable to find a shady spot in the parking lot (it was about 85 that day), Kristin thought she could tie Rue up under a shady tree for the afternoon. However, the only trees in the shade were in an area being mowed by an enthusiastic state employee on a very large, very loud, power mower. So, Rue couldn't very well stand in the way of mowing progress (literally or figuratively). With no options left, Kristin and I decided we should sneak this large dog into the law library and hide her out in one of briefing rooms for the afternoon. And that's exactly what we did. We hooked Rue up to her leash, and paraded her right into the Justice Building, into the law library, and straight through to a briefing room. And no one even noticed. How someone could miss a 100 lb dog, I'm not sure. But the trip was uneventful. And I think Rue knew we were doing something for her benefit, because she was very quiet and cooperative. Such is the story of the day Rue came to visit the law library--never a dull moment for Kristin!

Throughout her internship, Kristin was hard-working, bright, creative (although she refused to do bulletin boards), energetic, and took the initiative. All qualities which will serve her well in her career as a law librarian. Speaking of which, shortly after completing her internship here, Kristin accepted a job as the legislative librarian in Boise, Idaho. I am sure that there she is doing the same fine job there that she did for us

here during her short three-week stay with us. And I'm sure that her "intense" Montana experience with compiling legislative histories is serving her in good stead in Idaho as well. (See Kristin, we just did it for your own good!). So, thanks, Kristin, for all your help when you were here. And to those of you who are looking for your very own Kristin, offer to host an intern. It was a very positive experience for all of here at the State Law Library of Montana, as it could be for you and yours. And just think...it all started at the AALL Annual Meeting. Sigh.

**On the lighter side:** A scientist finally succeeded in cloning himself, but all his clone would do was sit around and spew out cuss words. After a week of this, the scientist finally got fed up and pushed his clone out of the 10th-story office window. A short time later there was a knock on his office door. The scientist opened the door to find a policeman who said, "I'm going to have to arrest you for making an obscene clone fall."

*Lisa Mecklenberg, SCCLL News Editor  
State Law Library of Montana, Helena, MT*

## **Trustees' Caucus Holds Second Annual Meeting**

The Trustees' Caucus of the State, Court, and County Law Libraries held its second annual meeting, a luncheon, on Sunday, July 18, 1999, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C., as part of the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting.

Twelve trustees and members of library governing bodies, as well as forty-four librarians attended the meeting. This is

double the attendance at last year's meeting! SCCLL Immediate Past Chair, Jean Holcomb, welcomed those in attendance. SCCLL Chair, Shirley David, introduced our luncheon speaker, The Honorable Jeffrey L. Gunther, a Trustee of the Sacramento County Law Library. Judge Gunther spoke about the importance of contributing one's time to volunteer, and related his experiences as a trustee of the Sacramento County Law The Trustees' Caucus plans to hold its next meeting on Sunday, July 16, 2000. Bring a trustee with you to Philadelphia, the site of AALL's next annual meeting, to learn about current issues in law librarianship. The trustees are the foundation of our libraries, as they provide guidance and direction. It is up to us to educate them, and attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting is an excellent way to expose them to what we do.

*Regina Smith, Jenkins Law Library, Philadelphia, PA*

## **Nominations needed**

The SCCLL Nominations Committee is soliciting the names of SCCLL members who are willing and able candidates for office. We will be forwarding our suggestions to the AALL Nominations Committee for those we would like to see on the AALL Executive Board. We also will be putting together a slate of candidates to run for the following SCCLL positions: Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Executive Board Member (2000-2003). Please don't hesitate to nominate yourself! Suggestions of name may be sent to any of the following members of the committee: Judy Meadows, Chair, [jmeadows@state.mt.us](mailto:jmeadows@state.mt.us), (406) 444-3660; Martha Lappe, [lawlib@mindspring.com](mailto:lawlib@mindspring.com), (404) 651-5822; or David Badertscher, [nysscl@metgate.metro.org](mailto:nysscl@metgate.metro.org), (212) 374-

5615.

*Judy Meadows, State Law Library of MT, Helena, MT*

## **Bellefontaine Endowment to be Established at Social Law Library**

The trustees of the Social Law Library, Boston, MA, will honor Edgar J. Bellefontaine this year with the creation of an endowment at the library in his name to recognize his superb thirty-seven year career as librarian, and the remarkable contribution his career has made to the administration of justice. The fund will be used to advance innovations in law library management. Edgar and the new endowment will be celebrated at the library this fall and all donors will be invited to this special event. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please direct your check (payable to Social Law Library Bellefontaine Endowment) to the Development Office, Social Law Library, 1200 Courthouse, Pemberton Square Boston, MA 02108. Should you have any questions, please contact Anne Peters at (617) 523-0018, ext. 540

## **A National Plan**

### **Public Trust and Confidence in the the Justice System**

On Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1999, at the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., SCCLL sponsored a program entitled "A National Action Plan to Improve Public Trust and Confidence in the Justice System: Defining a Role for Law Libraries." The members of AALL formed nine focus groups to discuss what actions can be implemented to combat dissatisfaction with legal institutions, courts and

lawyers.

While many ideas came to the fore, such as use of the media to reach the public and legal research classes for the public, three propositions were consistent throughout the nine groups.

- \* Involvement with public libraries to broaden the justice system's reach.
- \* Public education.
- \* Reaching out to the Clerk of Courts offices in counties across the country.

In these ways, the public can be involved in their individual justice systems.

*Marcia Koslov, Director  
Wisconsin State Law Library, Madison, WI*

## **SCCLL Committee Charges for 1999-2000**

### **Awards Committee**

Michele Finerty, Chair  
Carol Billings  
Anna Djirdirian  
Richard Iamele  
Ken Svengalis

#### *Charge:*

- Solicit membership input and award the Bethany Ochal Award
- Nominate section members for AALL awards when appropriate
- Nominate section members for the Spirit of Law Librarianship Award when appropriate

### **Bylaws Committee**

John Eichstadt, Chair  
Lynn Randall

#### *Charge:*

- Recommend changes as needed to conform to AALL Bylaws
- Review bylaws and recommend

changes to SCCLL Executive Board

### **Education Committee**

Anita Shew, Chair

Marcia Bell

Cathy Lemann

Kathy Carlson

Brenda Larison

Sarah Andeen

Regina Smith (Board liaison and coordinator for SCCLL Sunday morning program 2000)

#### *Charge:*

- Prepare and submit program proposals for the 2000 annual meeting
- Coordinate the SIS Sunday morning program
- Promote SIS programs to members
- Create model timeline for education committee activities for SIS procedures manual

### **Grants Committee**

Donna Bausch, Chair

Sharon Borbon

D.J. Morrison

Nancy Joseph

Anne Morrison

#### *Charge:*

- Encourage member participation in grants program
- Post grant information on SIS communications tools
- Explore additional sources of income for grants

### **Membership and Mentoring Committee**

Mary Ann Archer, Chair

Eveline Van Cutsem

Kathy Carlson

Tim Lewis

Jeff Meyerowitz

Jean Holcomb (Board liaison for Strategic Initiative)

#### *Charge:*

Strategic Initiative #2, Strengthening Membership

- Develop targeted recruitment activities
- Expand member relations
- Increase member participation

Strategic Direction #3 Enhancing Communications

- Establish a network of liaisons to AALL chapters to distribute SIS news
- Continue to develop mentoring activities
- Promote membership at CONELL
- Award 20 year pins

### **Newsletter Committee**

Lisa Mecklenberg, Editor

Anne Peters

Karen Westwood

Shirley David (Board liaison)

#### *Charge:*

Strategic Direction #3 Enhancing Communications

- Publish and distribute a newsletter three times a year on a timely basis
- Underwrite cost of publication by developing advertising in the newsletter

### **Nominations Committee**

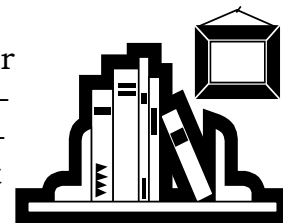
Judy Meadows, Chair

David Badetscher

Martha Lappe

#### *Charge:*

- Prepare annual slate of officers for annual elections
- Follow timeline for announcing candidates and coordinating mail ballot process with Secretary
- Prepare a list of names of potential candidates from among our SIS mem-



bership and submit to the AALL  
Nominations Committee

### **Publicity/Public Relations Committee**

Gail Warren, Chair  
Marian Sawyer Gomes  
Betsy Vipperman Wright  
Isabel Paul  
Ann Morrison  
Masako Patrum  
Jean Holcomb (Board Liaison)

#### *Charge:*

Strategic Initiative #1, Changing Perceptions

- Develop a publication series to build relationships
- Develop a media/public relations toolkit template for marketing to law library governing boards and committees
- Solicit member authors to write articles describing the talents and expertise of law librarians for submission to targeted judicial/court administration/bar publications

Strategic Initiative #2, Strengthening Membership

- Develop and distribute a membership brochure

### **Standards Committee**

Beth Peterson, Chair  
Maureen Shepard  
Georgiana Wellford

#### *Charge:*

- Establish standards or guidelines for electronic services
- Review current standards and make recommendations for improvements
- Investigate if we need standards for administrative agency law libraries
- Work with Statistics Committee to develop statistics necessary for determining standards



### **Statistics Committee**

Sandra Howell, Chair  
Marilyn Josi  
Elizabeth Knauff  
Ann Koto

#### *Charge:*

- Work with Publicity/Public Relations Committee to develop statistics to measure success of public relations efforts. See Strategic Direction #1 Changing Perceptions
- Work with Standards Committee to develop statistics that will be serve as data for standards development
- Work with Membership Committee to develop statistics to use as data to measure membership committee activities. See Strategic Direction #2 Strengthening Membership

### **Strategic Planning Committee**

Jean Holcomb, Chair (Immediate Past SCCLL Chair)

Members: Entire SCCLL Board

Shirley H. David  
Regina Smith  
Kathy Joyce Welker  
Tim Lewis  
Alison Alifano  
Michele Finerty  
Lisa Mecklenberg

#### *Charge:*

- Develop the strategic plan
- Oversee the implementation of the

strategic plan

**Trustees Development Committee  
Trustee caucus**

Pam Gregory, Co-Chair

*Charge:*

- Develop a program/luncheon or dinner program for libraries with operating boards for 2000 convention.
- Determine if there is enough interest to petition to be an SIS, 2000 will be third caucus year
- Continue to work toward changing AALL membership to allow trustees to become members
- Recommend programs for trustees to Education Committee
- Establish a trustees' column in the SCCLL newsletter

**Sourcebook**

Alison Alifano, Co-Chair

Janice Milliken

*Charge:*

- Review Sourcebook for enhancements
- Bring dated sections up-to-date
- Work with editor at Rothman to review sourcebook

**Website/Listserv Committee**

Anita Anderson, Chair

Karla Gedell

Sarah Andeen

Bernie Piccione

Jean Holcomb (Board Liaison)

*Charge:*

Strategic Direction #3 Enhancing Communications

- Develop and implement an SCCLL Web site
- Increase member usage of SCCLL listserv

**Model County Law Library Working Group**

Michael Miller, Chair

Anne Grande

Laurie Miller

Charles Dyer

Mary Ann Archer

Jan Ryan Novak

Halle Cox

Merrill Chertok

Kathy Coon

Bobbie Denny

Rita Dermody

Carole Martin

Lisa Mecklenberg

Debbie Norwood

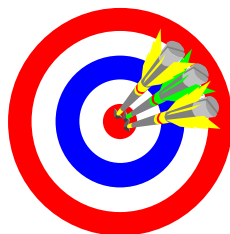
Jerry Stephens

Richard Tennstra

Sharon Wayland

The initial charge of the working group is to:

- Determine if there is a need for a model code for county law libraries
- Working group may consider literature searches, review of existing codes, surveys, or focus groups, listserv discussions of county law librarians and trial court librarians, administrators, bar associations, local law library associations, and court officials.
- If there is a need for a model code, develop a plan that could include, but not necessarily be limited to:
  - What is to be included in the code. For example: type of governance, funding structure, standards, who the library serves, library services
    - How will the model code be developed
    - How will the model be promoted
    - What funding will be necessary to complete the project





# SCCLL Old Business

## Chair's Report

During the year, 67 members on twelve active committees worked to carry out the activities of the section.

The Awards Committee nominated section member Edgar J. Bellefontaine for AALL's Marion Gould Gallagher Award, and recognized Kendall Svengalis with the Connie E. Bolden Significant Publication Award for his book *The Legal Information Buyer's Guide*. The Bylaws Committee reviewed and presented completely revised bylaws to the membership for adoption. The Education Committee successfully solicited and submitted program proposals. For the first time, the Grants Committee awarded two grants to members to attend the 1999 AALL Annual Meeting. The Membership Committee sent letters of invitation to all AALL members who work in SCCLL-SIS eligible libraries and do not presently belong to the SIS. The Nominations Committee fielded a strong slate of candidates for 1999-2000. The membership elected Regina Smith as Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, and Tim Lewis and Alison Alifano as Board Members. The Publicity Committee created a marketing tool designed to encourage prospective members to join the Section. The Trustee Development Committee planned a luncheon and program for librarians and members of their governing bodies who attend the annual meeting and worked on an upcoming revision of the *Sourcebook for Law Library Governing Boards*. The Strategic Planning Committee worked throughout the year to complete tasks identified during the committee's initial workgroup meeting in Anaheim. With the assistance of facilitator Brian Richards of Pathways to

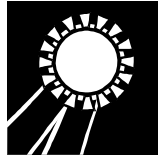
Excellence, the committee refined the mission statement and performance objectives, developed and conducted an environmental scan of the membership, and wrote a draft strategic plan. The plan has been submitted to the SIS Executive Board for adoption in July.

Section members worked with Carol Billings to administer a grant from the State Justice Institute to bring judges and leaders from the fields of judicial education and judicial administration to the 1999 AALL Annual Meeting. Section members participated as Reporters for the discussion groups at the May National Conference on Public Trust and Confidence in the Justice System, sponsored by the ABA and the National Conference of Chief Justices. At the SIS's annual educational program, the members received a briefing on the action plans proposed by the conference and worked in small groups to discuss specific law library activities that would enhance the national action plan.

During the year, members communicated, sharing news and projects through the State, Court, and County Law Libraries newsletter and the SCCLL-L discussion group.

Officers for SCCLL during 1998-1999 were Jean Holcomb, Chair; Shirley David, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect; Gail Warren, Immediate Past Chair; Kathy Joyce Welker, Secretary/Treasurer; and Executive Board Members were Kendall Svengalis, Jackie Wright, and Michele Finerty. The membership elected the following to service on the executive board for 1999-2000: Regina Smith, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect; and Executive Board members Alison Alifano and Tim Lewis.

## Awards Committee Report



The Awards Committee of the State, Court, and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section had a busy year in 1998-99.

The Committee selected Kendall F. Svengalis as the 1999 recipient of the Connie E. Bolden Significant Publication Award for his book, *Legal Information Buyer's Guide & Reference Manual*. Resolutions were prepared and framed for the presentation at the SIS Breakfast and Business Meeting on July 18, 1999 in Washington, DC.

Nominations for this year's award were solicited in the *SCCLL News* (submission on 11/23/98), on the lawlib listserv (3/1/99), and on the statecourtcountylawlib listserv (3/1/99). Reminders of deadlines were also posted on the listserves.

Part of the Awards Committee's charge this year was to nominate Section members for appropriate AALL awards. Both Jean Holcomb and the Committee Chair were approached concerning the nomination of Edgar Bellefontaine for the Marion Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award. The Committee forwarded a letter and supporting documents to Carol Parris, the Gallagher Award Subcommittee Chair. Several SCCLL members also submitted letters. To our delight, Edgar was named as a co-recipient of the award.

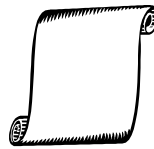
Publicity for SCCLL awards this year included a submission of the Bolden Award announcement for inclusion in the awards brochure for the AALL Annual Luncheon on Monday, July 19, 1999. A

history and description of all of the SCCLL Awards with a listing of recipients was forwarded to Peter Beck to be included in the next *AALL Directory and Handbook*.

A sincere thank you is extended to Committee members Beverly Rubenstein, Maryruth Storer, and Gayle Webb for their enlightened input, especially concerning the nominations. A thank you is also extended to Anne C. Peters, Director of Development at the Social Law Library, for providing the supporting materials highlighting Edgar Bellefontaine's marvelous contributions to the profession of law librarianship.

Isabel Paul, Chair, Awards Committee  
Henrico County Law Library, Richmond, VA

## Bylaws Committee Report



The 1998-99 SCCLL Bylaws Committee included Lynn Randall of the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library and Marilyn Lee of the Franklin Law Library in Greenfield, Massachusetts. The Committee began its work with a careful review of the existing bylaws. To facilitate revision the entire document was retyped as a Word document. The Committee identified several grammatical corrections and revised inconsistent capitalization. In addition, after discussion with SCCLL Chair Jean Holcomb, specific publication dates for the newsletter were deleted from the bylaws and the requirement that ballots be mailed by the Secretary/Treasurer was clarified. It was also agreed to follow the lead of AALL in recommending the adoption of *Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*. Other changes conform the SCCLL Bylaws to the Model SIS Bylaws which were provided by the AALL Constitution and Bylaws Commit-

tee. We would like to thank the Chair of the AALL Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Janice Snyder Anderson, for her help and encouragement during this process.

Following a review of the proposed bylaws by the SCCLL officers, the proposed bylaws were submitted to the AALL Constitution and Bylaws Committee for an advisory review. The proposed bylaws were then submitted to the SCCLL Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the newsletter with a notice that a vote would be taken at the SCCLL annual business meeting. If the proposed changes are approved by the SCCLL membership then the bylaws document with the proposed changes would be submitted to the AALL Constitution and Bylaws Committee for formal approval, which is required before the changes become effective. The final step will be to delete the underlining and strikethrough which identify the changes.

*Lynn Randall, Chair, Bylaws Committee  
Maine State Law & Legis. Ref. Library, Augusta, ME*

## **Education Committee Report**



The Education Committee solicited, developed, and submitted a number of program proposals to the 1999 Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee. Among them was the recommendation that Roberta R. Katz of Netscape Communications Corporation and author of *Justice Matters* be invited to speak. She was selected as a Plenary Session speaker.

Other SCCLL contributions to the annual meeting program included: (1) "A National Action Plan to Improve Public Trust and Confidence in the Justice Sys-

tem: Defining a Role for Law Libraries,' a session designed to generate recommendations from the law library community to the National Conference on Public Trust and Confidence Action Plan drafters; (2) "Law Librarians and their Governing Bodies: Identifying Strategies for a Successful Working Relationship," a panel discussion which featured Jean Holcomb of the King County Law Library, James Brewer, Chair of the King County Law Library Board, and Charles Dyer of the San Diego County Public Law Library; and; (3) "The Antitrust Review Procedure - Changes to Your Collection," a program which featured Mark J. McCabe of the Georgia Institute of Technology School of Economics and was moderated by Kendall Svengalis of the Rhode Island State Law Library.

The Education Committee was comprised of Carol Billings, Kay Newman, Anne Peters, Betsy Sandison, and Joe Stephens, with Shirley David as board liaison.

*Anne C. Peters, Chair, Education Committee  
Social Law Library, Boston, MA*

## **Grants Committee Report**

The 1998-99 Grants Committee was made up of of Anita Anderson, Chair, Brenda Kelley, Laurie Miller, and Carol Suhre.

The Grants Committee was pleased to award two grants to SCCLL members to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. The recipients were Anne Morrison, Assistant Law Librarian, Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Upper Marlboro, MD, and Deborah Eckert, Assistant Librarian, Norfolk Law Library, Norfolk, VA.

The committee's work began in the fall by reviewing the application form and selection criteria developed by last year's committee, which established the grants program. The executive board was contacted to designate this year's allotment for grants. The total grant amount was \$850.00. Finally, the deadline date for submitting an application was set.

To address the SCCLL Chair's charge to "encourage greater member participation" in the grant program, the committee submitted the grant application form to the SCCLL Newsletter Editor in time to publish it in the December issue. As the grant application deadline approached, reminders were posted to the SCCLL and Lawlib listservs.

There is an obvious need for grants for SCCLL members. This year the committee received more applications than could

be accommodated by the available funds in the grant program. The committee recommends that future committees explore other sources of income. One possibility could be a mechanism for SCCLL members to contribute to a grant fund.

Finally, the committee has developed a timeline for responsibilities of the committee for future members.

*Anita Anderson, Chair, Grants Committee  
MN Office of the Attorney General, St. Paul, MN*

## **Membership and Mentoring Committee Report**

This year, the Membership and Mentoring Committee tackled multiple projects. First, we initiated a mentoring project for the SIS. Second, we arranged for a mailing to SCCLL eligible members and, finally, we continued the tradition of recognizing longtime members at the annual meeting.

A letter soliciting membership was sent to all AALL members who work in SCCLL libraries but were not yet SCCLL SIS members. We identified these potential members by scanning the AALL Directory. Also included in this mailing was the SCCLL Strategic Planning survey. AALL staff handled mailing logistics, thanks to the assistance of Steve Ligda, AALL Director of Finance and Administration. New SCCLL members resulted from this mailing and we received the input of potential members to the survey.

Something for next year's committee to consider is determining a meaningful method of welcoming new members to the SIS – whether that be done by mail or by recognition at the annual meet-



Nancy Joseph, Charley Dyer, and Anne Peters work together "strategically" to assemble this puzzle in an SCCLL Committee meeting at AALL. The exercise was designed to show how much more can be accomplished when people work cooperatively rather than separately.

ing, or both. Due to the timing of our SIS communications, it may often be months before a new SIS member receives a newsletter or any other acknowledgement of their alliance with the SIS. This should be addressed.

The first year of the mentor project has been limited to increasing the visibility of the concept among the membership. The Winter 1999 issue of the SCCLL newsletter contained a wide variety of articles about mentor relationships, as well as one which solicited participants for our new mentor teams. There was very little response to this appeal. This may be attributable, in part, to the fact that the deadline listed in the newsletter had already passed by the time the members received it. It is our hope that next year's committee will be able to inspire more interest in mentoring through better outreach and perhaps programming opportunities.

Six members were honored at the annual meeting for 20 years in AALL and at least 10 of those 20 in SCCLL. They were: Anita Anderson, Judith Meadows, Karen Moss, Regina Smith, Maryruth Storer and Maureen Well. Certificates were also presented to Gail Warren, outgoing Past Chair, and Kendall Svengalis, outgoing Board Member, in honor of their exemplary service on the SCCLL Board. This year, for the first time, the certificates were presented framed and ready for display.

Donna Bausch, Chair, Julie Horst, Sallie Howard, Leslie McGuire, and Karlye Pillai are members of the Membership and Mentoring Committee.

*Donna Bausch, Chair, Membership & Mentoring Comm.  
Norfolk Law Library, Norfolk, VA*

## Newsletter Committee

The 1999 SCCLL Newsletter Committee consisted of Lisa Mecklenberg, Editor, Kalyn Gabriel, and Alison Alifano.

It was a year of change for the SCCLL newsletter. Coming under new editorial direction, the newsletter underwent a significant metamorphosis. The physical look of the newsletter was changed with a new masthead adopted, as well as a SCCLL Committees contact page, and more graphics added. In addition, several new columns came to life including "The Lone Librarian" and "Editor's Etchings." "Chair's Chit Chit" allows the SCCLL Chair to express herself each issue.

Beginning with the 1998 fall issue of *SCCLL News*, each newsletter was built around a particular theme. The theme of the fall issue was the recently held AALL Annual Meeting in Anaheim, with mentoring, and financial management being the focus of the winter and spring newsletters respectively. Many SCCLLers contributed articles and stories to make these issues helpful and personal. Because of these offerings, the size of *SCCLL News* has grown. It typically runs between 30-40 pages and is mailed to approximately 550 law librarians throughout the U.S. and internationally.

Changes will continue with the newsletter in upcoming issues. The insertion of some advertising, for revenue purposes, will likely come to pass in upcoming issues. Also, photos will soon be appearing in the *SCCLL News*, as well as a possible new layout format and several new columns, including a review of member Web pages. The idea of themes for each



issue seems to be popular and, thus, will likely continue. The Newsletter Committee would like to see the addition of new columnists, as well as feature writers, and will be encouraging contributions from all state, court, and county law librarians in these areas.

*Lisa Mecklenberg, Chair, Newsletter Committee  
State Law Library of Montana, Helena, MT*

## **Nominations Committee Report**

The Nominations Committee solicited suggestions in the Fall 1998 newsletter for potential candidates for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and two Board positions. The slate was presented to Chair Jean Holcomb in December 1998 and voted upon in the spring of 1999.

Results of the mail ballot: Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: Regina Smith, Jenkins Law Library (Philadelphia); three-year Board term: Tim Lewis, Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library; one-year Board term: Alison Alifano, New York County Lawyers' Association. Alison was elected to complete the three-year Board term of Jackie Wright, who retired from the Arkansas Supreme Court Law Library at the end of 1998.

Other duties of the Committee included forwarding names from the SCCLL SIS to the Nominations Committee of AALL.

I would like to thank all of the candidates who ran for office and also Committee members Kathy Carlson and Karen Moss for their invaluable assistance.

*Anne Grande, Chair, Nominations Committee  
Hennepin County Law Center, Minneapolis, MN*

## **Publicity Committee Report**

The SCCLL-SIS 1998-99 Publicity Committee members are Georgiana Wellford, Chair, Martha Lappe, Anne Morrison, and Betsy Vipperman. The Publicity Committee did complete several of the tasks requested of the committee this year.

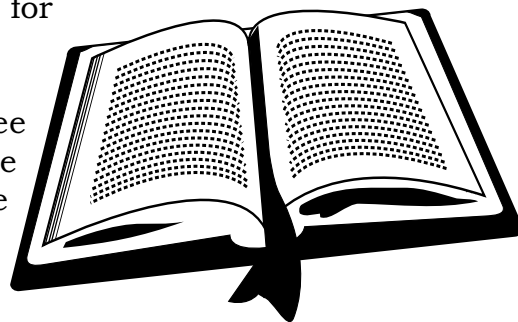
The Committee developed a model press release to be used at the time of officer and board member elections.

The Committee submitted a news article for submission in the June, 1999 *Spectrum*. We tried to solicit news about SCCLL Committee news, but we found that each committee wanted to publicize its own activities.

The Committee decided on a publicity tool as a giveaway for CONELL, as well as to use later. The item to be given at the CONELL Marketplace program was a Computer sticky strip. The text on the sticky strip was: "Stick with State, Court, and County S.I.S." Jean Holcomb represented the SIS at CONELL Marketplace.

After several conference call discussions, the Publicity Committee submitted a SCCLL logo proposal, but the Strategic Planning Committee did not approve the design. It is the opinion of this committee that the SIS hire a graphic artist to develop a logo for SCCLL-SIS.

The Committee is responsible for staffing the SCCLL table in the activities area at the annual meeting. Our committee has solicited



SCCLL members to staff the table this year. The committee also arranged for the items to be displayed at this table.

The Publicity Committee believes that the SCCLL-SIS needs a new brochure. In the Committee's investigation about publishing a brochure, the committee discovered that AALL will pay for a graphic designer every three years for a new brochure. The cost of printing the brochure is charged back to the SIS. AALL has deadlines in the brochure project. This is a year-long project. The first deadline is December 1. This investigation began after the first deadline for the brochure. Therefore, the 1998-99 Publicity Committee recommends that the 1999-2000 Publicity Committee publish a new SCCLL-SIS brochure.

*Georgiana Wellford, Chair, Publicity Committee  
Office of the Attorney General, Richmond, VA*

## **Strategic Planning Committee Report**

Members of the SCCLL Executive Board and Strategic Planning Committee met in Anaheim, CA on July 10, 1998 to initiate the section's strategic planning effort. A workshop, conducted by Brian Richards, Pathways to Excellence, provided background information about the strategic quality management planning process and outlined our strategic planning workshop objectives. During the year, committee members completed several tasks including a forecast, a strategic analysis, a survey of members and the draft strategic plan. The final plan was distributed to all committee members for comment and review in June, and published in the spring 1999 issue of *State, Court & County Law Libraries News*. On Saturday, July 17, 1999, the SCCLL SIS Executive Board unani-

mously approved the document, which outlines our direction for the future and explains the steps SCCLL will take to ensure the continued growth and success of our section during the next two years. During the coming year, each committee chair with responsibility for tasks falling within the strategic planning initiatives will be providing regular progress reports to Jean Holcomb, Chair of the 1999-2000 SCCLL Strategic Planning Committee.

*Gail Warren, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee  
Virginia State Law Library, Richmond, VA*

## **Trustee Development Committee Report**

The Trustee Development Committee worked on one project this past year. We planned our second networking meeting for librarians and their trustees at the AALL Annual Meeting. The luncheon will be held on Sunday, July 18, 1999 after our program meeting.

To promote this initiative, we published reminders in the SCCLL newsletter to keep our members aware of the importance of trustee involvement in our section. Our section has sponsored a program at the AALL Annual Meeting on law librarians and their working relationships with their governing bodies. In addition, the registration for our luncheon was listed on the AALL conference registration form. This meant that the meal could possibly be covered as part of our members' registrations. The result of these efforts is that the number of attendees doubled from what it was for last year's trustees meeting. 54 librarians and trustees registered for the luncheon.

The committee will continue to work toward an AALL Bylaw change that would

allow law library trustees to become regular members of AALL. At present, they are unable to do so. Also, by meeting on an annual basis as a caucus, trustees would also be able to establish their own SIS after three years of regularly meeting as a caucus. We will hold our second meeting this year.

Plans for the future include a trustee column in our newsletter, another meeting in 2000 when AALL meets in Philadelphia, and planning another program oriented toward law librarians and their trustees.

*Regina Smith, Co-Chair, Trustee Development Comm.  
Jenkins Memorial Law Library, Philadelphia, PA*

## **AALL Research Committee Seeks Comments on Research Agenda**

The Research Committee is charged with several duties, including that of periodically reviewing AALL's Research Agenda. The Agenda is scheduled for review this year.

The Research Agenda highlights the Association's research priorities and was first approved by the executive board at its April, 1993 meeting. The purpose of the Agenda is "to identify researchable questions and issues for law librarians to explore with practical impact on the improvement of law libraries and their services, the job performance and professional development of law librarians, and the contributions of law libraries to the legal profession."

AALL's members are encouraged to read the Research Agenda and send suggestions and recommendations to the Research Committee. The Agenda can be found on AALLNet at [http://](http://www.aallnet.org/committee/research)

[www.aallnet.org/committee/research](http://www.aallnet.org/committee/research). Hardcopy is available at 25 AALL Newsletter 92 (no. 2, October 1993). Comments on the Research Agenda and suggestions for updating its contents can be addressed to the Committee Chair, Barbara Bintliff, or to any member of the Research Committee (see the Committee's Web page for contact information).

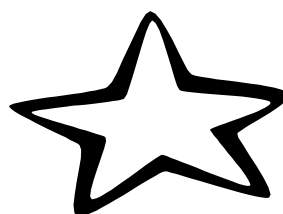
## **SCCLL Members in the News**

**Erick B. Low**, Director, National Center for State Courts Library, Williamsburg, Virginia, retired on July 1, 1999 for medical reasons. Mr. Low was an active member of the American Association of Law Libraries for many years. He served on numerous committees of the State, Court, and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section including the the Standards Committee and Trustees Manual Committee.

The Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL) recently elected **Martha Campbell**, Colorado Supreme Court Library, to serve as Member-At-Large on its executive board for 1999-2000.

**Stephen Jordan**, Reference Librarian at the State Law Library of Montana, has recently accepted a position as Reference Librarian at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Stephen had been with the State Law Library of Montana for 12 years.

**Marcella Kramer**, Assistant Law Librarian at the North Dakota Supreme Court





Law Library, received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service, September 20, 1999.



Betsy Vipperman, Georgiana Wellford, Martha Lappe, and Anne Morrison display their nifty SCCLL T-shirts at the SCCLL Business Meeting in Washington D.C.

**WANTED:** You, in your SCCLL T-Shirt. Visit some exotic locale, wear your SCCLL T-shirt, and we'll run your photo in the SCCLL newsletter! Show that T-shirt a good time! Send your photos to Lisa Mecklenberg, *SCCLL News* Editor.

## Welcome to New Members of SCCLL

Kristie Randall  
U.S. Court of Appeals  
1st Circuit Library  
Boston, MA

Anne McDonald  
Rhode Island Dept. of Attorney General  
Providence, RI

Denise D. Jernigan

Connecticut State Library  
Hartford, CT

Vicki Lee Brown  
Geneva, OH

Patricia Strebeck  
Texas State Law Library  
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