

# SCCLL News

A Newsletter of the State, Court and County Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries

## View From The Chair

Kathy Carlson, SCCLL Chair

The annual meeting is now behind us and I have charged the SCCLL Committees with an ambitious agenda. Since not everyone was able to attend the Denver meeting, I would like to share a few items of interest.

SCCLL leadership and about 15 other SCCLL members met with members of the Thomson Reuters (West) management team. It was a productive meeting. SCCLL members shared a number of the concerns facing government funded libraries. The discussion will continue via several telephone conferences during the coming year.

At the SCCLL business meeting I outlined a few of the major projects I would like to see SCCLL accomplish this next year. It is through our committees that we accomplish our mission and I want to thank all who have already volunteered to serve on committees and remind everyone else that it is never too late. The committees have been charged with an ambitious agenda. A few of the highlights:

The charge of the Trustees Development Committee year is to reexamine the whole Trustees program and to make a recommendation to the Board as to the future of this endeavor. There was a discussion at the trustees' luncheon that provided some useful insights that will help the committee as it tackles this task.

The Grants Committee has been charged to look at our grants fundraising and determine if the Silent Auction is the way we want to continue or if there is some other way to raise grant funds. We owe Barbara Fritchel a debt of gratitude for handling the Silent Auction for the last few years. Barbara has agreed to assist next year but she wants an apprentice to assist her and be ready to assume the full responsibility in 2012. So, if you would like to help Barbara next year and learn the ropes for 2012, the Grants Committee would love to hear from you.

The Standards Committee will reexamine the Appellate Court Law Library Standards. They will be seeking member comment as they proceed with this project. I encourage you to offer your thoughts when asked since these standards are used to help appellate court libraries show decision-makers



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the minimum collection required to meet the needs of appellate researchers.

The Publicity/Public Relations Committee is finishing up the current resource guide (Public Law Librarians as Access Providers for Pro Se Litigants) and I have asked them to begin considering the next one. The topic I have suggested revolves around the idea that not everything is available online and that there are items that may never become available. (In other words, libraries and the books they contain are still a valuable resource).

Finally, the Newsletter is going to take a different approach this year. The issues are going to be thematic. The theme of this issue is Perceptions of the Profession. The committee will be soliciting articles to address each theme. You will be hearing more about this from the Newsletter Committee.

So now to offer a few of my ideas on this issue's theme...

Like most of us, I have been bemoaning the fact that my budget has been reduced, that I have lost clerical positions and, as a result, the library collection is not at the level I would like it to be and we seem to be perpetually behind in the technical projects that were handled by the clerical staff. However, earlier this summer I had some visitors that reminded me that, even with all our losses, we are not really in all that bad of shape and that the collection (and this includes both paper and database subscriptions) is really not the most important thing.

Every summer we usually have a few foreign visitors come into the library. How they find us, I will never know. Usually all they really want to do is to use our internet connection to check their e-mail. As long as no one is using the system to do legal research, I really don't have a problem with this—the computers are there, they might as well be used.

This year our first visitors were from Russia. They came into the library with their passports in hand wanting to register to use the library. It took several tries to convince them that they did not need to register; that all they had to do was to sit down at the computer and access the sites they wished to use. To them, one had to register to access library resources; there was no right to privacy. This got me to thinking about all the places in the world where people do not have free access to information. And, even in locales where information might be available, one cannot use it anonymously. It was a reminder of how lucky we really are. Even if our library funding were reduced to the point that the only thing we could afford was a single computer with access to the internet (heaven forbid), we would still be able to provide more access to legal information than most people in the world will ever have; and we will provide it without requiring the users to identify themselves. Thus, I see the profession of law librarian as connecting people with legal information and in the information age, tools are available so that we can do this even when finances are tight. We may not have all the “bells and



whistle” publications but we still can provide access to most primary resources. So I would say that my ultimate perception of the profession is that of guardian of the free access to information and to the right to privacy in using that information.

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## From the Editor(s)

Hello everyone! I am happy to be helping out Jennifer and I hope you enjoy our first themed issue - “Perspectives on the Profession.”

The Winter 2011 issue will be on the theme of “Technology”. We are looking for articles about all different aspects of technology: podcasts, virtual training, open source web design, social media, etc.

The deadline for the next issue is January 15, 2011. Jennifer will be back at work by then so send your submissions to [JenniferDal@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:JenniferDal@co.clackamas.or.us).

*Kim and Jennifer*



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## Perspectives from a Retired Law Librarian

Shirley David, Retired, Sacramento County Law Library

So, what do law librarians do with all their time once they retire? I certainly can't speak for all retired law librarians but I can speak for a few. Many are like me. How did we find the time to work?

We start out with a list of projects we have been putting off for years. Put those photos in scrapbooks for the next generation. Clean out closets and donate those business clothes that will never be worn again. Remodel the house or at least put it in order or better yet, downsize and move to a new place. Work in the garden or start a community garden.

There are so many volunteer opportunities and so little time. The skills learned on the job make us the perfect volunteers. We are organized, can manage projects, teach, prepare lesson plans, speak in front of groups, are good listeners, write grants, state a case for funding a project, read building plans and blue prints, research, advocate, tutor, catalog a collection, or maintain a website.

Some stay active in the library field at least for awhile. We go to annual AALL meetings, serve on committees, represent the profession at related organizations, or write for association newsletters and journals. We are paid consultants and substitute librarians. Those gifted with musical or artistic ability join local artist co-operatives, perform at community events, join musical groups, sing with their church choir, or perform at the local community theater. Others keep playing their favorite sport, follow their favorite team, or at least walk three times a week.

Most of us are lifelong learners. We just keep reading. And we read at the beach or the lake to our heart's content. We organize and participate in book clubs. We learn another language to enhance our volunteer activities and travel experiences.

There may even be time to entertain friends, see more of the relatives, and spoil the grandkids. Without children of my own, and the relatives across the Pacific Ocean, I especially like to mentor and spoil the neighbor kids.

For many traveling is a big priority. No longer do we have to be back in two weeks. Now we can spend a month or two or six on a trip until our money runs out or we get homesick for our other activities. Barb Golden and I have shared travel stories in our Christmas letters for years. I was disappointed when we were not able to book the same tour to Viet Nam last October. So, Barbara went on safari in southern Africa instead. We went to Viet Nam last fall and then on the safari in June. By coincidence Betty Kern was part of our group of 14. What a great surprise for both of us.



Barb Golden is the "Happily Retired" Minnesota State Law Librarian.



Betty Kern (I) is the Assistant Law Librarian of Louisiana – retired.

Shirley David is Sacramento Public Law Librarian Emerita.

Yes, it is true that some of us become ill and spend our time struggling to regain our health or to accept the fate that awaits us all. But, that happens to people who are still working, too. Some people think they will not know what to do with themselves in retirement. The key is that if you are active while working you will remain active in retirement. Just let the opportunities present themselves.

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## Silent Auction Raises over \$3,200

Barbara Fritschel, Silent Auction Chair

The Silent Auction in Denver raised over \$3,200 for travel grants to next year's annual meeting and the Equal Access to Justice Conference. Two new features were added to the auction this year. First, some items were available only through the online bidding process. This allowed people who were not going to the annual meeting to donate items. In addition, two "mystery" bags were offered—while the value of the mystery bag and its theme were noted, the specific contents were not disclosed until after the had been bought.

I would like to thank everyone who donated or bid on an item and to the many generous people who made cash donations. I would also like to thank Paula Doty for her assistance with the online bidding blog.

It is never too early to start thinking about next year's auction, especially if you are planning on making something. The 2011 auction will be my last, so if you are interested in helping with the auction, please let me know.

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## SCCLLs and Consortium Activity: Advancing Justice Through Access

Tracy L. Thompson-Przylucki

### NELLCO mission statement<sup>1</sup>

*NELLCO, an international consortium of law libraries, advances justice through access to global legal information. Together NELLCO libraries collaborate to maximize resources and to support the missions of their institutions. NELLCO members share the risks and rewards of implementing innovative ideas, and capitalize on enduring successes.*

The role of State, Court and County Law Libraries in our society is clearly aligned with NELLCO's aim to facilitate access to information in the pursuit of justice. In 1983, when the New England Law Library Consortium (NELLCO) was founded, all thirteen members were academic law libraries. Today, with 108 members in the U.S., U.K., Canada, Hong Kong, and now Australia, the majority of our members are still academic law libraries, however we have a small cadre of active and engaged members from the State, Court and County ranks. Our SCCLL members include the following: Connecticut State Library; Connecticut Judicial Branch Libraries, Massachusetts Trial Court Libraries; and the Rhode Island State Law Library. The Social Law Library in Boston, a membership-based library that serves the bench and bar, is also a non-academic member.

NELLCO<sup>2</sup> has 3 categories of membership. **Full Members** compose the NELLCO board of directors. These 25 members were the original members of the consortium prior to our expansion beyond the Northeast region. In 2003 we opened a category of Affiliate Membership to academic law libraries throughout the U.S. The increased revenue stream from these dues enabled us to add staff to support our growing membership. In 2005 we opened Affiliate Membership to SCCLL libraries. Today, we have 73 **Affiliate Members**, none of which are SCCLLs. In 2006, we added International Affiliates. We are thrilled to have just welcomed our 10<sup>th</sup> **International Affiliate Member**, the University of Melbourne Law Library in Melbourne, Australia.

All of our current SCCLL member libraries are Full Members. As such, their Directors serve on the NELLCO Board of Directors and lead the organization. Karen Quinn, the Director of the Rhode Island State Law Library, is NELLCO's current President. Karen has a deep commitment to the mission of SCCLLs and a keen awareness of their challenges. She is an excellent advocate for this subset of our members and she makes sure we never lose sight of their unique needs. In the next two years, under Karen's leadership, I hope we will become even more attuned to our SCCLL members and discover new ways to serve them. And hopefully we can attract more SCCLLs to become Affiliate Members!

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<sup>1</sup>NELLCO revised its mission statement as part of the most recent strategic planning process. This revised statement was adopted on April 16, 2009.

<sup>2</sup>NELLCO began as a regional organization, but today its scope is international. In an effort to avoid confusion around "New England" in our organization's title, NELLCO has adopted the practice of doing business as NELLCO.

Members pay annual dues, which primarily support the operating costs of the consortium<sup>3</sup>. Members may then opt-in to purchases, programs, projects, etc. offered by NELLCO. The benefits of participation in a consortium are both tangible and intangible. The most direct benefit for NELLCO members is the group purchasing power. NELLCO currently offers more than 75 electronic resource titles at consortium discounted prices to our members. NELLCO also negotiates the license agreements on behalf of our members, saving both library staff and our information providers time and effort. NELLCO members receive print discounts on purchases through Yankee Book Peddler. In addition, NELLCO members enjoy discounts on other library-related purchases through a number of vendors, including Gaylord Brothers, Demco, Buckstaff, Highsmith, Supershuttle, Library Advantage, and the Digital Library Systems Group. The staff of NELLCO member libraries gains free access to the premium version of the Informed Librarian Online, a current awareness tool which indexes over 300 library related titles. These are just some of the more tangible benefits.

NELLCO also has a history of seeking out opportunities for collaboration around new and cutting edge technologies in libraries. We can take risks as a collaborative that individual libraries may not be positioned to take. Back in the mid-1980s NELLCO secured grant funding to install fax machines in every member library. At that time this was often the only fax machine in the law school! When virtual reference first came on the scene NELLCO jumped into the fray to develop Library LAWLINE, an award-winning collaborative online reference service. LAWLINE has been phased out as a consortium effort but the MA Trial Court Libraries continues the service for their patrons as a result of the project. The NELLCO Legal Scholarship Repository (LSR) was started in 2003 and boasts nearly 10,000 searchable items posted by member institutions. NELLCO underwrites a portion of the cost for participating members. Earlier this year NELLCO partnered with Law Library Microforms Consortium and Legal Information Preservation Alliance to offer an affordable series of webinars on librarians as advocates. These are only a few examples of NELLCO's innovative nature.

As a membership-driven organization, we are always seeking additional opportunities to add value for our members. That we have not been successful in attracting more SCCLLs to Affiliate Membership brings us to ask how we can engage you in collaboration. Are there particular resources or services that you need? Are there programs or projects that would be uniquely suited to the needs of SCCLLs? Are there opportunities for collaborations among SCCLLs, or between academic law libraries and SCCLLs, that NELLCO could facilitate? We welcome your thoughts and ideas and hope to hear from many of you. Please contact me directly via e-mail at [tracy.thompson@nellco.org](mailto:tracy.thompson@nellco.org) or call me at 518-694-3026.

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<sup>3</sup>For FY 2011, Full Member dues are \$5,500.00, Affiliate Member dues are \$2,500.00, and International Affiliate Member dues are \$1500.00.



## The Bethany J. Ochal Award

The Awards Committee of the State, Court and County Special Interest Section is soliciting nominations for the 2011 Bethany J. Ochal Award.

The *Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession* is awarded to a State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section member(s) who has made a significant contribution to law librarianship and who is nearing the end of his or her library career or who has recently retired. Criteria for receiving this award include service to the profession of law librarianship, contributions to legal research, teaching and outreach efforts and recognition by members of the legal or government community.

The award is named in honor of the late Bethany J. Ochal (1917- 2007). She was a law librarian from 1952 until 1988 and was Director of the Orange County Law Library in Santa Ana, California. She retired from there in 1988.

The previous recipients of the Bethany J. Ochal award are:

### 2009

Shirley Hart David, retired Director of the Sacramento County Law Library  
Charles R. Dyer, Consultant and retired Director San Diego County Public Law Library  
Barbara L. Golden, Minnesota State Law Librarian  
Anne W. Grande, retired Director of the Hennepin County Law Library  
Cossette T. Sun, retired Director of the Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library

### 2006

Carol D. Billings, Director the Law Library of Louisiana  
Jean M. Holcomb, retired Director King County Law Library, Seattle

### 2003

Kai-Yun Chiu, retired Director of Law Library, Library Company of the Baltimore Bar  
Shelley Dowling, retired Librarian of the Court, Unites States Supreme Court  
Paul Fu, retired Ohio Supreme Court Law Librarian  
Kay Schlueter, retired Director Texas State Law Library

### 2000

Marvin Anderson, Minnesota State Law Librarian  
Jacqueline Wright, retired Arkansas Supreme Court Librarian

### 1997

Edward Bellefontaine, Librarian Emeritus, Social law Library, Boston  
Marie Sekula, Social Law Library, Boston

### 1994

Richard L. Beer, retired Director Adams-Pratt Oakland County Law Library, Pontiac, Michigan

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Individual Being Nominated:

Name:

Title (or former title if retired):

Employer (or former employer if retired):

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

**On a separate sheet, please tell us in your own words about this person and why you believe that it is appropriate to award the 2011 Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession to this individual. In addition to your personal observations, please cover the following:**

Nominee's educational background;

Outline of nominee's career with special focus on law librarianship;

Nominee's participation in AALL and other professional organizations;

Nominee's publications and contributions to legal research;

Nominee's teaching and outreach efforts;

Nominee's volunteer efforts if they relate to this nomination;

Nominee's recognition by members of the legal or government community - Please indicate and include any documents or articles recounting this recognition if available;

Please indicate and include any additional documents regarding specific incidents in the nominee's career or his or her career over all.

Individual Providing the Nomination:

Name:

Library:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

## **The Law Library Advocate Award**

The Awards Committee of the State, Court and County Special Interest Section is soliciting 2010-2011 nominations for the Law Library Advocate Award.

The Law Library Advocate Award is a State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section award that is presented to a law library supporter in recognition of his or her substantial contribution towards the advancement and improvement of a State, Court or County law library's service or visibility.

Nominees for this award are any person who has had a significant influence on a state, court or county law library and who is not a member of the law library staff. Examples of nominees include, but are not limited to, trustees, legislators, state/county/municipal officials, court managers, and judges.

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge and honor those individuals who are not part of our library staff but who advocate on behalf of our libraries. These individuals value our institutions and work tirelessly to insure our success and, in these difficult economic times, our existence. These individuals give of their time and expertise because they passionately believe in our missions and goals. They are the voice outside our library that calls others to value and support our library. Their voice, action and work has a direct and resounding impact on the success of the library.

Given today's economic and political environment it is important that we recognize these individuals and say a collective thank you. We need to acknowledge their actions and work on our behalf and encourage others to follow their examples.

The previous recipients of the Law Library Advocate Award are:

### **2010**

Judge Keith D. Davis, President of the Board of Trustees, Law Library for San Bernardino County

### **2009**

Honorable Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals

## **Nomination for the 2011 Law Library Advocate Award**

### **Individual Being Nominated:**

Name:

Title:

Employer:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Relationship to Law Library:

Simple statement of the action taken by nominee:

Simple statement of the impact of this action:

Please indicate and include any documents or articles recounting this event if available:

**On a separate sheet, please provide a more detailed statement about this person, the action taken and the result of this action. Why do you believe is this person and action are outstanding and deserving of this award.**

### **Individual Providing the Nomination:**

Name:

Library:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

## **2011 O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities**

The Awards Committee of the State, Court and County Special Interest Section is soliciting nominations for the 2011 O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities.

The *O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities* is awarded to a State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section member(s) who has made a significant contribution to either serving directly or arranging for services to be provided to persons with disabilities or for distinctive service by a person with a disability.

The previous recipients of the O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities are:

### **2010**

Anne McDonald for significant contributions to serving persons with disabilities.

### **2007**

(No award given)

### **2004**

(No award given)

### **2001**

Catherine Lemann for her leadership of AIDS Law of Louisiana.

### **1998**

Pamela J. Gregory for her extensive work with adult literacy programs.

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### **Individual Being Nominated:**

Name:

Title (or former title if retired):

Employer (or former employer if retired):

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

**On a separate sheet, please tell us in your own words about this person and why you believe that it is appropriate to award the 2011 O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities to this individual.**

### **Individual Providing the Nomination:**

Name:

Library:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

## 2010 Annual Meeting Grantee Report

Roseann Canny

I had the privilege of attending the 2010 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Denver, Colorado – thanks in large part to being awarded a travel grant from SCCLL-SIS . This was my first trip to the Mile High City, and it was a totally awesome experience. I will not forget the breathtaking views of the Rocky mountains nor my explorations of the beautiful city of Denver with its walkable downtown and outdoor adventure nearby. As a solo librarian – I am a law librarian in a busy courthouse law library in Connecticut – I must echo the words of AALL’s president, Joyce Manna Janto: “The best part of the Annual Meeting ....was the energy generated by having so many law librarians under one roof.” The opportunity to talk with other law librarians from all over the country convinced me that, regardless of library type, we all share a common commitment to providing our library patrons the best possible access to the law.

The face-to-face contact – the human connection – was truly my favorite part of the conference. However, the concrete information that I took away from attending the conference programs was quite significant. One initial thing that really stood out for me regarding the conference was the sheer number and variety of meetings and events. There were nearly 90 educational programs and workshops packed into four days. For the almost 1,600 information professionals in attendance, there was a program to suit every interest. My main focus as a new Chapter president – Southern New England Law Librarians (SNELLA) – was the Chapter Leadership Training, which provided a wealth of information and resources for new and incoming Chapter presidents. However, I found that selecting educational programs to attend, that pertained to my role as a chapter president and as a government law librarian, was a challenge because of the vast array to choose from.

Two examples among the variety of programs that I attended were:

1.) Looking Up from the Bottom: Bankruptcy Law and Research. This session provided participants an understanding of how information contained in bankruptcy filings can be useful for business intelligence gathering as well as legal research and practice. In addition, it gave an introduction to the sources of bankruptcy law, the structure and jurisdiction of the court system, and key documents in a bankruptcy case.

2.) Lies, Damned Lies, and Reference Statistics: Maximizing Your Data Efficiency. This session provided participants with an evaluation of common approaches to maintaining reference statistics as well as discussing the tools to identify the most effective solution for their own libraries.

As an example of the dire economic times that we live in, six courthouse law libraries in Connecticut were recently threatened with closure. (Four libraries

were saved due to the combined efforts of AALL, SNELLA, the Connecticut Bar Association, etc.). In this light, I found the Keynote address by R. David Lankes, director of the Information Institute of Syracuse and an associate professor in Syracuse's School of Information Studies, to be especially relevant. In his Keynote address "Take a Right at the Obelisk," Mr. Lankes encouraged members to expand the focus of law libraries to the goals and accomplishments of our communities. He said that law librarians must show we are essential to our organizations – "our communities." Echoing this theme, one speaker, at a luncheon I attended sponsored by Thomson West, encouraged county and local librarians to make the library the community access point for information on the regulatory procedures and processes relating to the new federal health care legislation. Libraries must make themselves relevant and indispensable to the members of their own communities.

In addition to the education programs, there were various breakfasts, luncheons, awards ceremonies, receptions, and dinners. The Opening Event, sponsored by LexisNexis, was a dessert extravaganza featuring such confections as Haystack Mountain Chevre cheesecake topped with local organic cherries. Along with the confections, there was a large variety of delicious artisan cheeses that were served.

I also attended the SCCLL-SIS Business Meeting and Breakfast, which was very well-attended for such an early morning event. As a thankful recipient of a \$1,000 travel grant from SCCLL-SIS, I was very happy to participate in the Silent Auction which each year raises a significant amount of money to fund the travel grants.

The Closing Banquet and Dance was an elegant and memorable affair and a final opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from other states and libraries.

Attending the Annual Meeting was a memorable and rewarding experience for me. I brought back to Connecticut many new and interesting ideas as well as many new contacts among my colleagues in the law library profession.

Thank you!

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## State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section Business Meeting

103rd AALL Annual Conference—Denver, Colorado  
Sunday, July 11, 2010 7:00 AM- 8:45 AM

### AGENDA

7:00	Buffet Breakfast and Silent Auction	
7:30	Welcome and Introductions	Anne Matthewman
7:35	Business Meeting Call to Order	Anne Matthewman
	Approval of Agenda	Anne Matthewman
	Secretary/Treasurer Report	Amy Hale-Janeke
	Approval of July 26, 2009 Minutes	
	President's Report	Anne Matthewman
	Longevity Awards	Kathy Carlson
	Presentation of Awards	
	Committee Reports – Annual reports posted on SCCLL website; Committee Chairs may offer verbal report:	
	Announcements	Anne Matthewman
	Sunday Reception	Kathy Carlson
	Other Business	
	Swearing in of New Officers	
	Passing Symbols of Office	Anne Matthewman
	Words from Incoming Chair	Kathy Carlson
	Adjournment	Kathy Carlson

### 2010 Meeting Minutes

Business meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Anne. Notes of meeting taken by outgoing secretary Amy Hale-Janeke and incoming secretary Rita Dermody.

At 7:35, Anne asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Larry Meyer, seconded by Brian Huffman. Motion passed.

#### **Secretary/Treasurer Report- Amy Hale-Janeke**

The 2009 Business meeting minutes and financial reports were sent out over the listserve but she also brought 50 copies and they were made available on tables. Amy asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Motion was made by Charles Dyer, seconded by Larry Meyer. Motion carried.

As of 4/30/2010, total fund balance is \$43,608.20. Amy also thanked Wolters Kluwer for contributing to the breakfast and thanked the local Lexis rep for donating \$500 for the SCCLL reception.

#### **President's Report - Anne Matthewman**

Anne made a few announcements first. She reminded audience of the programs being presented by SCCLL members. Anne noted that we had 3 SIS programs that made it into the annual program but we didn't have an SIS-sponsored program due to speaker problems that arose late in the process.

She said how proud he was to have served as president for SCCLL and humbled by the amount of time, energy, and money contributed by its members. She thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts.

Anne noted that only one person applied for a grant to attend the Equal Justice Conference and only one person applied for the AALL Annual meeting grant. Anne encouraged all SCCLL members to apply for grants regardless of whether they think they are the most in need. That judgment is left up to the grants committee.

She welcomed the newest additions to the SCCLL board:

Amy Hale-Janeke, Vice-Chair/Incoming Chair  
Rita Dermody, Secretary/Treasurer  
Betsy Vipperman, Incoming Member-At-Large (2010-2013)

Anne thanked Meg Martin for stepping in and helping out newsletter editor Jennifer Creavy during Jennifer's illness.

Anne also thanked Meg for setting up and running the completely electronic election. SCCLL Secretary Amy couldn't run the election this year because Amy was running for an office.

### **Longevity Awards - Kathy Carlson**

These awards are given out to those who have been AALL members for 20 years with at least 10 of them in SCCLL:

Rosalie Fox, Barry Herbert, Susan Lee, Richard A. Leiter, Catherine Lemann, Karen M. Lutke, Suzanne M. Miller, Jean M. Moorleghen, John Pickett, Linda Miller Robbins, Theresa Santella, Betsy A. Vipperman, David Voisinet, Eric Wade and Jean M. Wenger.

### **Presentation of Awards**

The **O. James Werner Award** honors a member who has made a significant contribution to either serving directly or arranging for services to be provided to persons with disabilities or for distinctive service by a person with a disability. This year's recipient is Anne McDonald from the Rhode Island Attorney General's Law Library. Anne is not able to be here this year, but the award has been sent to her.

**Bethany J. Ochal Award** presented by Barbara Fritschel

The award is presented to a State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section member who has made a significant contribution to law librarianship and who is nearing the end of his or her library career or who has recently retired.

**Committee Reports – Annual reports posted on SCCLL [website](#)**

### **Announcements**

**Sunday Reception - Kathy Carlson**

The SCCLL reception this year will be at the Wynkoop Brewing Company, Colorado's oldest brew pub. This year the reception will be a little different than those we have had in the past. SCCLL did not receive any sponsorship assistance for the reception. The Board determined that there were sufficient funds to purchase some food but that due to the restrictions most government entities have regarding the purchase of alcohol, decided that drinks would need to be purchased individually.

The local Lexis government solutions manager Kevin Podd has donated \$500 on behalf of Lexis so thank him when you see him tonight.

**Other Business – none****Swearing in of New Officers**

Officers were sworn in by Judge Davis, the VIP from the San Bernardino County Public Law Library. He swore in Kathy Carlson as Chair, Amy Hale-Janeke as Vice-Chair, Rita Dermody as Secretary, and Joan Bellistri and Betsy Viperman as members-at-large.

**Passing Symbols of Office - Anne Matthewman**

Anne said it was a pleasure to work with all the board members. Anne handed the poi pounder and gavel to incoming Chair Kathy Carlson. Kathy presented Anne with a silver and turquoise necklace as a token of appreciation. Amy presented Anne with a handmade SCCLL bookmark as a token of appreciation.

**Words from Incoming Chair Kathy Carlson****Opening Remarks**

Thank you Anne. We have all benefited from your hard work this year and it has been a pleasure to work with you. I want to present you with a small gift to express our thanks. I wanted something a little western because we are in Denver. Since you are making major changes in your life, I thought a horseshoe would be appropriate.

I would also like to congratulate and welcome the new Board Members and thank Judge De Alba for making sure we have been properly installed.

As we move into the next year we all need to remember our mission:

The State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section fosters professional excellence and a strategic place for law libraries in their parent organizations by providing a common and open forum for collaborative networking, continuing education, and advocacy opportunities for its members and their libraries.

It is through our committees that we will accomplish this mission. I thank all who have volunteered to serve on committees. I have already sent the chairs their committee charges for next year. I am sure that they will all agree that they have been provided with a very ambitious agenda.

I do want to highlight a couple things.

As you might have heard, at the Trustees luncheon today we are going to have a discussion on how we might make attendance at the AALL annual meeting more meaningful for Trustees. The charge of the

Trustees Development Committee this next year is to reexamine the whole Trustees program and to make a recommendation to the Board as to the future of this endeavor. Regina Smith is taking the reins of this committee. Thus far, there is only one other person who has volunteered to serve. So, I am asking that anyone interested in the SCCLL trustees program add their name to the list of volunteers for this committee. You can contact either Regina or myself. Give us a business card with the words Trustees Committee written on the back or shoot us an e-mail when you get home.

Also, we need to give Barbara Fritchel our appreciation for handling the Silent Auction these last few years. Barbara has agreed to assist next year but she wants an apprentice to assist her and be ready to assume the full responsibility in 2012. I have asked the Grants Committee, which is being chaired by Jane Colwin, to look at our grants fundraising and determine if the Silent Auction is the way we want to continue or if there is some other way to raise grant funds.

So, if you might be interested in working with Barbara next year and taking over in 2012 or have an idea for an alternative fundraiser and would like to work on getting it organized, please contact either Jane or myself to volunteer for the Grants Committee.

If you are interested in serving on any of the committees and haven't contacted me yet, there is always room for one more. Remember many hands make light work [and many minds provide a variety of ideas]

I also want to remind everyone of the SCCLL reception tonight at the Wynkoop Brewing Company from 6:30-8:30. It will be very casual and a great chance to relax and visit. Also, I do want to let everyone know that about three weeks ago we were given some money to help sponsor this event from the local Lexis government solutions manager Kevin Podd. He will be there tonight so please thank him.

Finally, for those of you who signed up for the SCCLL meeting with Thomson Reuters (West). It will be tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. at the Hyatt in Capitol Ballroom 1.

I know everyone would like to get to the ribbon cutting on time. So, thank you and enjoy the conference.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

## State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section Executive Committee Meeting

103rd AALL Annual Conference—Denver, Colorado  
Saturday, July 10, 3:00 – 5:00 PM  
Hyatt, Limestone

### Participants:

Anne Matthewman, Chair  
Kathy Carlson, Vice-Chair/Incoming Chair  
Amy Hale-Janeke, Secretary/Treasurer  
Barbara Fritschel, Board Member  
Joan Bellistri, Member-at-Large  
Betsy Vipperman, Incoming Member-At-Large (2010-2013)

### AGENDA

Call to Order

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: July 25, 2009 Meeting

Approval of 2010-2011 Nominating Committee (Article VII, Section 1)

### Issues:

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| 1. Advocacy issues            | Anne Matthewman |
| 2. West Meeting               | Anne Matthewman |
| 3. VIP selection—Philadelphia | Anne Matthewman |
| 4. Trustee Luncheon           | Anne Matthewman |
| 5. Activities Area            | Anne Matthewman |
| 6. Sponsorship                | Anne Matthewman |

### Reports of Officers:

Chair, Anne Matthewman  
Vice-Chair, Kathy Carlson  
Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Hale-Janeke

Review Business Meeting agenda/announcements

Other Business

Adjourn

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. Amy made a motion to approve the 2009 Executive Board Meeting minutes. Kathy seconded. Passed with all in favor.

Anne discussed the work of the 2009-2010 Nominations Committee (comprised of Janet Camillo, Anne McDonald, Sandra Marz, Regina Smith, and Michele Finerty, Chair) and commended them on their work. Kathy then mentioned she would like to re-appoint Michelle Finerty, Regina Smith, and Sandy Marz to the 2010-2011 Nomination Committee. Kay Newman and Liz Reppe will also be on the committee and Regina will be the chair. Kathy made the motion, and Amy seconded. Motion passed.

**Advocacy issues** – Anne as been working with Mary Alice Baish and the Gov't Resources Committee on the issue of county law library closures. Budget issues are not going away and may in fact get worse. The SCCLL Board needs to continue to monitor the situation and provide Mary Alice with whatever support we can offer.

Mary Alice is heading up a volunteer effort to create state working groups who create a digital legal inventory of their state. Mary Alice needs more volunteers and this project is especially suited to our membership.

**West Meeting** – Anne & Kathy had conference calls with West to discuss problem of similarly situated libraries paying wildly disparate prices for West products. Kathy and Anne asked West to enlarge their 7 a.m. Monday meeting in the Capital Ballroom in the Hyatt. West responded by inviting more participants from SCCLL. West also drafted a survey with SCCLL input. The meeting will be Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. and about 15 SCCLL members will be in attendance

**VIP selection for Philly** – SCCLL didn't have any VIPs this year. We have done it in the past and we do have the funds to support a VIP. Regina Smith is a good person to ask about a good VIP person.

**Trustee Lunch** - we don't have a speaker this year. Anne and Coral Henning looked at the program and decided to turn it into a discussion instead of a lecture. Regina Smith has been appointed to help on this idea for next year.

The problem is that many libraries don't have trustees anymore. Should this program die? Should it be turned into an advocacy lunch? We do have an advocacy award for people who are not AALL members and we need to continue awarding it because it raises the visibility of SCCLL.

**Activities Area** – Jennifer Creavy picked up the slack and put up the table in CONELL and in the Exhibit Hall. Anne couldn't track down John Cannon who is head of the P.R. Committee as he has moved and changed jobs.

**Sponsorship** – we received \$3000 from Wolters Klawer so we could keep our business meeting breakfast costs down. We received \$500 from the local Denver Lexis rep for our reception. This will help a lot as that is ¼ of the cost of the reception. Lexis is not getting national recognition for this donation but Kathy made signs to be put up at the SCCLL reception thanking Lexis for their donation.

The reception menu is simple: pizza & salad. People are on their own for drinks because we can't spend SCCLL money on alcohol. Too many of our dues are paid for by state and federal government.

**Silent Auction** - Slow to get moving but it's doing OK for now. Barbara Fritschel is doing it again this year but wants an apprentice for next year so that someone else can take it over in 2012.

**Anne's Report** – She will give full report at business meeting but she is working with Mary Alice Baish on advocacy for SCCLL member libraries.

Anne noted that only one person applied for a grant to attend the Equal Justice Conference and only one person applied for the AALL Annual meeting grant. Anne asked the board for thoughts on why. Board members agreed that both conferences are expensive and the grants we give don't cover all the costs. Additionally, many SCCLL members may decide not to apply for grants because they think someone else needs it more. Anne said the board needs to encourage all SCCLL members to apply for our grants regardless of whether they think they are the most in need.

Anne noted that we had 3 SIS programs that made it into the annual program but we didn't have an SIS-sponsored program due to speaker problems that arose late in the process.

Anne discussed which awards would be given at the business meeting.

Law Library Advocate – Judge Davis from the San Bernardino Law Library is accepting this award.

O. James Werner award is going to SCCLL member Anne McDonald from Rhode Island for her work with people with hearing disabilities.

**Kathy's report:**

Kathy was responsible for the reception and she scouted places and found a nice brewery with a private room. She used her personal credit card to put down a deposit and SCCLL reimbursed her for that. In addition, Kathy got a call from the local Denver Lexis rep who gave us \$500 for our reception. She noted this donation will help a lot as that is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the cost of the reception. Lexis is not getting national recognition for this donation but Kathy made signs to be put up at the SCCLL reception thanking Lexis for their donation.

Kathy has also given the committees ambitious charges for the upcoming year. Kathy would also like to work with Amy and the Board to update the strategic direction and plan for SCCLL.

Kathy noted that the SCCLL newsletter will now be thematic Kim Ostitis and Jennifer Creavy are putting them together.

Amy's report: Amy passed out copies of the financial statements to each board member. Discussed grant expenditures, silent auction, and dues.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Charley Dyer  
Lori Bull Dodds  
Marie Erickson  
John Adkins  
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Paula Hoffman  
Valerie Railey  
Carol Billings  
Ann Fessenden  
Liaison—Joan Bellistri

### Newsletter

Jennifer Dalglish, Chair  
Charley Dyer  
John Barden  
Laura Frost  
Mari Cheney  
Liaison—Vacant

### Nominations

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Liz Reppe  
Kay Newman  
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