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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

On Leadership

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Margie Axtmann, AALL president has chosen "Gateways to Leadership" as the theme for the 1999-2000 AALL year and for the 2000 Annual Meeting. In her September 1999 president's



column in AALL Spectrum, Margie explains what she means by the theme. She first envisions the year 2006 when AALL enters its second century. She sees our association as

the premier association for legal information professionals. Then she outlines what she plans to focus on this year to reach that vision. She mentions nurturing new leadership for AALL, developing and fostering a more diverse leadership, and encouraging SIS and Chapter leaders to bring their many talents to the larger Association and the profession.

From my chairship halfway through the association year, I see that Margie is well on her way to leading us to this vision. She set the process in motion for the SIS chairs to meet and plan together as a group. A leadership sur-

vey instrument for joint AALL/Chapter member incentives is being developed with survey question development help for SIS chairs. Presidential discretionary funds are being expended so that AALL Vice President Bob Oakley can bring three association leaders from each of the three library type SISs (academic, private, and SCCLL) into the AALL committee appointment process.

In October, the nineteen SIS chairs, SIS council chairs, AALL president and AALL staff came together at the Hamburger University cam-

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pus in suburban Chicago. With the able leadership of Grace McGartland of Thunderbolt Thinking, Inc., we drafted a joint vision for the SISs, created a leadership profile for SIS chairs, assessed ourselves as leaders, developed an action plan for joint efforts of the SISs, and built a systematic tracking model to ensure accountability, consistency, and continuity. And, of course, we got to know each other better. Plus, we had a good time.

The leadership profile that evolved was divided by five key competencies with specific actions for each competency. The five key competencies are:

- * Pursue the vision
- * Administer the program
- * Lead by example
- * Build relationships
- * Be a motivator

The **complete leadership profile** for SIS leaders is reprinted later in this newsletter. The SCCLL Nominations Committee is already using it to identify candidates for our year 2000 election. Check out the profile. Are these your competencies? If so, or if you would like to polish your leadership skills by using these skills as a State, Court and County Law Libraries officer, volunteer to run for office.

During the last five years my personal definition of leadership has changed dramatically. The definition I currently use is directly in line with the leadership profile. Most of us would not spend a lot of time thinking about our definition of leadership. I probably would not have either had it not been

for the American River College Total Quality Management Certificate program. Each semester, one of our assignments was to write our definition of leadership. The idea was that as we learned more about the elements of profound knowledge (theory of psychology, theory of knowledge, appreciation for a system, and knowledge of variation) our definition of leadership would change.

To many the leader was only considered to be “the boss” or “the board.” These “leaders” often fail because they are not in touch with the needs of their customers. They set up systems that fail for lack of appropriate information, or because the organization is considered piece-meal and not as an integral whole, or vision is developed in a vacuum. Most of us discovered that we can lead from wherever we are in the organizational structure. We start by identifying needs of the organization. We identify and further develop our own leadership skills. Then we step forward and share our knowledge and skills.

A division of labor between the leadership and the management sides of our lives or our organizations has become very blurred. We no longer have the luxury of saying we just want to be followers. We can't say we just want to administer the program or perform our tasks or take training opportunities offered by our professional organizations and go home. Our world is changing too rapidly to think that our jobs can stay the same and that our expertise is not needed to redesign our services or products to insure our organizations' successes.



A report on National Public Radio recently noted that technology companies change their strategic plan every week rather than every eighteen months, which was the norm a couple of years ago. They focus on customer needs big time and they change their focus, as their customer needs change. You cannot focus on the customer without collaborating with those who both make and use the product or service. That means that we all have opportunities to step into a leadership role at any given moment.

There are internal and external customers. Your co-workers and colleagues are internal customers. Can any of us say we live the values of our organizations unless we were involved in determining the values to begin with, or because we chose the organization for the values it espouses? Here again the distinction

has blurred between the vision side and the management side of the organization. Organizations have learned that they need values to be determined from throughout the organization, not just from the appointed leaders.

We do not have to hold a “leadership title” in order to lead. We do it every day. We lead each other and we lead ourselves. At the SIS leadership workshop, one of the first tasks we were asked to do was for two people to volunteer to step to the front of the room. Standing in the front of the room turned out to be the entire task. I would consider the two volunteers to be leaders of the moment. They knew that we were there to pursue a common vision. There was a need which they volunteered to fill. They took personal responsibility to help get the job done. They led by example. They

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helped build relationships (and trust) between the trainer and the group. They motivated the rest of us to volunteer in the future. Plus, they were rewarded for their leadership too. They received a free copy of her book, *Thunderbolt Thinking*.

Back to President Axtmann's other two initiatives. Collaboration is a key element of shared leadership. Your SIS chairperson's ideas were tapped to develop the chapter incentive survey. I am also pouring over the committee volunteer profiles and working with Cheryl Nyberg and Hazel Johnson to help Bob Oakley make his 2000-2002 committee member appointments. By implementing a shared leadership model for the AALL committee appointment process, our SIS will benefit. Our members who have volunteered to serve on a national committee will be a spokesperson who can advocate for their SISs' participation. And while not everyone can be appointed to a committee who may have applied, we can find a committee assignment within the individual's SIS to offer the volunteer.

Was I excited about making a trip to Chicago in January to pilot this new committee member selection process? Well, I moved to California sixteen years ago to escape Midwestern winters. But I accepted Bob Oakley's invitation to share the work because it may benefit our members and there will be intrinsic rewards to be sure.

I hope you have my message. You are a leader! Help your profession, the organization where you work, your community, and yourself by sharing your leadership skills. Grow and have fun along the way!

Also in this issue:

You will see from reports and articles in this newsletter that halfway through our association year the SCCLL Committees are already reaching goals set in our 1999-2001 strategic plan. Check out our new Web site on AALLNET. Congratulations on the fine work.

Your leadership is also being solicited to apply for committee membership next year. It's time also to submit your recommendation for the Bethany Ochal Distinguished Service Award.

Now that our trustees and operating board members can become members of AALL, it's time to encourage them to become members and attend the annual meeting. The trustees' development committee is again planning a luncheon. This year's luncheon will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2000 after our annual meeting and program. They are also planning a trustees' roundtable session to orient trustees about conference activities.

"Each One...Reach One" or A Really Grassroots Campaign

*MaryAnn Archer, Chair, Membership Committee
Formerly at Dakota County Law Library, Hastings, MN*

You sit next to these folks at local chapter meetings, see them at other infor-



mational association gatherings, run into some of them at AALL Annual Meetings. They come from state and federal agency libraries, city or county attorney's office libraries, and non-profit, bar association libraries. What do they have in common? They are not members of SCCLL.

We want to change that. An important objective of the SCCLL Strategic Plan is to increase our SIS membership, not because "bigger is better" (although the larger our SIS, the more influence we have on AALL policy), but because these talented folks can add new perspectives, new strengths, and new dynamism to SCCLL. And, by exposing these librarians to the talented people of our SIS, we can help them with mutual problems, enrich their professional lives, and work together toward that Renaissance of Law Librarianship we're all striving for.

To do all this, we need the help of all SCCLL members...not just the Membership Committee although they are going to be working with you. In the coming year, we are asking each member of SCCLL to persuade at least one of these non-members to join our SIS. Further, we are asking you to help us identify these folks. AALL Headquarters has supplied us with lists of members in government and court libraries who are not SCCLL members. But you may know librarians who are members of the local chapter but not members of AALL. Perhaps this is the time for them to join.

We are calling the campaign "Each One, Reach One." You will be hearing more about it in the coming weeks. We've pulled together a group of "Regional Captains" to contact you and ask you for your help. The Membership Committee will supply you with brochures about

SCCLL and other helpful stuff.

Let's have some fun and make this a competition. I'll bet the mellow South can get more members than those hustlers in New York! And let's see if California can beat the Midwest... As new members are enrolled, their names and yours will be announced in this newsletter. And there just might be some recognition at the Philadelphia meeting for the top producers. Stay tuned...

Charley's Corner

And the Word Was Law . . .

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

WRITER'S NOTE: Nothing in this column represents the view of my Library or its Board of Trustees. These are just my personal opinions.

Before I begin my regular column, I would like to congratulate ourselves and AALL membership as a whole for letting non-librarians become members. Of course, we still need to continue to work to get participation from trustees at the national level.

I noticed that, of the 32 people running for the 16 seats on the ALA Council, four are public library trustees. Our new by-laws do not allow trustees to run for elected positions, and, of course, the ALA Council is a different horse from the AALL Executive Board. Nevertheless, we should be able to get trustees on AALL committees. And who knows? Now, on to my column:

While reading the *National Law Journal* one day, I read about Craig Courter, partner at Seltzer, Caplan, Wilkins & McMahon right here in San Diego. He became so intrigued with computers that he now does mostly litigation support

and information technology. We invited Craig to speak at one of our brown bag lectures at the library. He showed us how to use clips of videotaped depositions while cross-examining witnesses. I remember one clip in particular: A woman was asked whether she had ever dated this particular fellow employee. She said no, but her body language most definitely said yes.

The presentation reminded me of the Star Trek episode when Spock was on trial for commandeering a ship to return Captain Pike to the world where he would live in an imagined state (the aliens would trick his mind), rather than continue to live as a quadriplegic. That trial was conducted entirely with video evidence. The trial was recorded by video by the ship's computer. That future is not far away. We are already convicting criminals identified by security cameras, not to mention arraigning them by video

here in San Diego.

Leonard Shlain, in *The Alphabet vs. the Goddess: The Conflict between Word and Image* (Penguin/Arcana 1998), theorizes that the creation of an alphabet form of writing some three thousand years ago promoted left-brain linear thinking and masculine, monotheistic religions, which replaced image-based feminine religions and caused the ascendance of our male warlike hunter nature over our female hearth-provider gatherer nature. The return in the 20th Century of recording large amounts of information by images, he believes, is causing a revolution, leading to a more balanced use of both sides of our brains and, he hopes, a more balanced use of the loving, caring, nurturing feminine qualities that exist in each of us.

Shlain notes that linear thinking is absolutely essential for much of modern

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progress, such as science and written laws that rule over all men, and he does not suggest that the pendulum should swing back completely the other way.

As I observe successive upgrades to the Internet's capacity to transmit audiovisual material, and we get books with CD-ROMs and Web site supplements, often with extensive audio-video content, it is becoming apparent that the current paradigm shift is not just from hard copy to digital, but to mixed types of content. So if, as Marshall McLuhan says, "the medium is the message," then, alas, we are getting a lot of the proverbial mixed messages.

Bibliographical and indexed information is, by its very nature, written and alphabetical. Putting information in a classified arrangement and imposing subject fields into the catalog has always added a hierarchical pattern to knowledge, thus promoting a certain hegemony with regard to the information placed therein. Libraries have always had a pecking order, reflective of the dominant political order. The Dewey Decimal Classification has been notoriously English language and European biased. In L.C. classification, the arrangement of books in the sciences and professions all reflect the current political thought. Reference librarians, predominantly female in the 20th Century, although not before then, became good at circumventing the limitations of the arrangement by employing the heuristic device of "hunching," based on their Gestalt sense of the whole. They have an image, if you will, of where that information might reside.

How will law, based almost entirely on written word, deal with image-based knowledge? I don't know. Maybe, when

a statute or case creates a class or draws a distinction, we'll get a picture or a moving video. Sort of like the punch line to the joke: "When you look up the definition in the dictionary, there's his picture."

It's going to be an interesting new century for both lawyers and librarians.

SCCLL Announces its Web Site Presence with Authority

*Anita Anderson, Chair, Web Site/ Listserv Committee
Office of the Attorney General, St. Paul, MN*

The State, Court and County Web Site/ Listserv Committee is pleased to announce the availability of the new SCCLL Web site at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll>.

Here are some of the highlights of the page so far:

- "About SCCLL" contains a brief history and description of the group.

- "Officers and Committees" has a list of volunteers and a description of the charge of each committee.



Designer of the new SCCLL Web site, Anita Anderson of the Minnesota Attorney General's Office in St. Paul, MN.

-A link to the latest SCCLL newsletter in PDF format.

-The "Strategic Plan" links to the full document in PDF. Contains our mission statement, strategic directions, and implementation plan, plus results of a survey and demographics of the section.

-"Bylaws" has the 1999 proposed changes.

-Information on joining, and posting messages to, the SCCLL listserv.

There are future links which will be implemented in the coming months. One of these will include links to SCCLL members' Web sites. If you would like to provide quick access to your library's Web site for other SCCLL members, please e-mail the URL to Anita Anderson at anita.anderson@state.mn.us.

This is obviously a work in progress. The committee would like to make this site useful to SCCLL members. Please let Anita know if you have any suggestions, changes, or additions you would like to see at the site.

What is a Leader?

*Judy Meadows, Chair, Nominations Committee
State Law Library of Montana, Helena, MT*

In nominating and electing SCCLL leaders, we should be promoting law librarians with the following key competencies as identified at an AALL Leadership Retreat in October. If you have these qualities, we are always interested in having you volunteer for committee work or running for office!

Pursuing the Vision

- Keeping an eye on the intended impact and setting the agenda from that vision

Administering the Programs

- Managing complexity: coaching others, promoting self-management, communicating, developing strategy, and planning
- Integrating frequent communication in a variety of ways; making communication regular and systematic on both large and small issues and through formal and informal channels
- Taking responsibility for getting the job done in a timely manner

Leading by Example

- Speaking up, and being willing to step out on a limb by taking risks
- Motivating and inspiring
- Continuously learning
- Demonstrating a level of credibility
- Admitting failures and shortcomings

Building Relationships

- Being honest, vulnerable, and approachable
- Collaborating with others: seeking partners, building relationships, involving people, using networks
- Finding the best person for the job; stimulating volunteerism
- Complementing your own skills with others
- Focusing on humor and personal interests
- Making introductions

Being a Motivator

- Praising with sincerity
- Encouraging feedback
- Showing enthusiasm and interest
- Publicly rewarding individual contributions through example

EDITOR'S NOTE: Members of the SCCLL Executive Board were incorrectly identified in a photograph in the fall issue of SCCLL News. Pictured was Board Member Michele Finerty, not Michele Wright. The Editor regrets the error.



SCCLL Officer Candidates for 2000 Election Presented

*Judy Meadows, Chair, Nominations Committee
State Law Library of Montana, Helena, MT*

The SCCLL Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates for the 2000 spring election. Biographies of each candidate will be included with the ballots that will be mailed to each of the Section's members.

Further nominations may be made upon written petition of ten (10) voting members in good standing. Such petition, accompanied by written acceptance of the nominees, must be filed with the Secretary/Treasurer no later than March 15, 2000. The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare an official ballot, including nominations by petition. The ballot will be mailed to all SIS members after March 15, 2000.

For the office of **Vice-Chair, Chair-Elect:**
Anita Anderson, Minnesota Office of the Attorney General

For the office of **Executive Board, 2000—2003:**

Rita Dermody, King County Law Library
Alison Alifano, New York County Lawyers' Association

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1999-2000 Nominating Committee
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Jody Beal, Dayton Law Library Association

Martha Lappe, Georgia State Law Library and 11th U.S. Court of Appeals

Call for Nominations for the Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession

*Michele Finerty, Chair, Awards Committee
Orange County Law Library, Santa Ana, CA*

The State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section awards program includes a series of triennial awards presented at its annual meeting. They are the Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession, the O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities, and the Connie E. Bolden Publications Award.

This year the SCCLL Awards Committee is accepting nominations for the Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession. 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. Among

the criteria to be considered are the following:

- *Achievement in a state, court or county law library
- *Contributions to the State, Court and County SIS of AALL
- *Contributions to AALL
- *Contributions to professional literature
- *Recognition by members of the legal or governmental community the recipient served
- *Contributions to legal research, teaching, and outreach efforts
- *Service to the profession of law librarianship
- *Mentoring for younger members of the profession

The Awards Committee welcomes nominations for the Bethany J. Ochal Award from AALL members and any member of the constituency that the nominee has served. In placing a person's name in nomination, please include the following information:

- Full name and current address of the nominee
- Current and past employment of the nominee
- Short narrative explaining why you believe your nominee should receive this award
- Your name, address and telephone number in case the Awards Committee needs additional information.

The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2000. Send or e-mail copies of the nominations to:

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Why not Join the SCCLL Listserv?

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Have you joined the State, Court and County SIS listserv? Not everyone in the Section has. Membership for our Section is 516 members, yet our subscriber list for the listserv is only 215.

“Why would I want to join yet another listserv,” you may be asking yourself. The SCCLL listserv has many benefits, including:

- Low volume—your e-mail box will not fill up with irrelevant messages.
- Timely announcements from our Executive Board and Committee Chairs. For instance, subscribers had early notice of the availability of SCCLL grants this year if they had subscribed to the listserv.
- Notice of additional links on the Section's Web site will be routinely posted.
- You can participate by initiating discussions on topics you share in common with like libraries and seek advice from others with similar experiences or circumstances.

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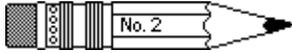
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Wanted... SCCLL Authors



Gail Warren, Chair, Publicity Committee
Virginia State Law Library, Richmond, VA

Are you writing a regular column for your local bar newsletter or a regional library journal? Have you written an article for *Law Library Journal* or an article for another law related publication? Was your book published this year (...an aspiring "Ken Svengalis")? If so, the SCCLL Publicity & PR Committee wants to know. Not only do we want to know, we want to share this news with other members and acknowledge your library leadership! If you've written something since July 1999 or "are published" during the coming year, please e-mail (gwarren@richmond.infi.net), fax (804-786-4542), or mail (Virginia State Law Library, 100 N. 9th Street, 2nd Floor, Richmond, VA 23219) your name and the article and publication titles to Gail Warren. The committee plans to include a list of all our member authors in the spring issue of the SCCLL newsletter, as well as sharing member author statistics with the SCCLL Statistics Committee.

Perhaps you've been thinking about law library management, the special concerns of court librarians in the "new" millennium, or any other law library issue, and want to share your thoughts or conclusions with others. You might have a "success story" and want to spread the good news. If you've got an article in hand

and are not sure what to do next, please contact any member of the SCCLL Publicity and PR Committee. We'll assist you by submitting your article to a targeted list of publications. Intrigued? Check the list of judicial publication contacts below and feel free to submit your article directly.

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Grants for AALL Available

*Donna Bausch, Chair, Grants Committee
Norfolk Law Library, Norfolk, VA*

In this issue of the newsletter you will find the State, Court and County SIS grant application form for the AALL Annual Meeting. The application form is being included with the newsletter in the hope that you will have in one place all the information you need and sufficient time to apply for an SCCLL grant. There will be two grants of up to \$425.00 awarded. This year grants will be awarded to assist members in attending the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. Receipts will be required and grant recipients, or their institutions, will be responsible for paying any excess over the grant limit. If you do not plan to use the application, please pass it on to someone who may not have received one because they are new to law librarianship in the State, Court and County SIS.

Rules for Awarding Grants

1. Membership in State Court & County SIS is a prerequisite to receiving the grant.
2. Grants should be made on the basis of:
 - a. Financial need
 - b. Proven potential ability
 - c. Promise of future usefulness and permanence in the law library profession
3. Grants may be withdrawn for sufficient cause by unanimous action of the Committee.

4. Should circumstances prevent use of the grant by the recipient, the award is to be handled at the discretion of the Committee.

5. Recipient is required to provide receipts of expenses, sent to the Committee chair within a week of the conference conclusion and repay any surplus over actual expenses.

6. Only one award per year will be made to any individual. First-time applicants will take priority over previous recipients. However, an award may be presented to a previous recipient if there are fewer qualified applicants than awards available.

7. All members of SCCLL are eligible regardless of number years of membership. There is not an upper limit as there may be for other grants.

We look forward to receiving your applications. If you have questions, please call:

The State, Court and County SIS Grants and Awards Committee Chair, Donna Bausch at (757) 622-2910.

STATE, COURT & COUNTY SIS
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW
LIBRARIES
GRANT APPLICATION

[Please append additional pages as needed]

1. Name (Last, First, M.I.):

2. Address (work):

3. Phone Number (work)

:

4. Current Position:

How Long:

5. Previous law library experience or other relevant experience.

Employer:

Position:

Dates:

6. Education beyond high school.

School attended:

Dates:

Degree/Cert.:

7. Are you a State, Court & County SIS member?

List State, Court & County SIS and/or AALL activities:

8. List previous State, Court & County SIS meetings attended:

9. Have you received a State, Court & County SIS grant previously?

If so, when?

10. What portion of your expenses will your employer pay for attendance at this meeting?

11. Estimated travel expenses (supersaver rate):

Hotel expenses:

Registration expenses:

Estimated meal expenses:

(Receipts are required for all expenses and must be sent to Grants Chairman within one week following end of conference. Recipient is responsible for paying any expenses over the grant limit).

12. What is your career goal and how will attendance at this meeting benefit you in furthering your goal?

13. How will attending this meeting benefit you and your employer?

14. How will you apply what you have learned?

15. What continuing professional education programs have you attended in the past year?

Two letters of recommendation are required and must be sent with your application. At least one letter should be from a person who supervises or has first-hand knowledge of your work responsibilities. The recommendation should include information about the applicant's potential contribution to the field of law librarianship and AALL, as well as need for the grant.

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT'S COMMITMENT

If a grant is awarded, I will submit an evaluation of the educational program to the SCCLL Chair and to my employer.

Applicant's signature

Date:

APPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE SENT BY FIRST CLASS MAIL WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF REGISTRATION PACKET MAILING TO MEMBERS, OR APRIL 15th, 2000 WHICH-EVER IS LATEST. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. Please send FOUR (4) copies of completed applications and letters of recommenda-

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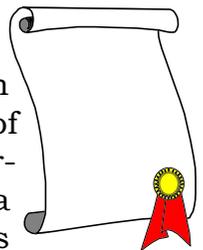
SCCLL Grants Committee, c/o Donna Bausch, Norfolk Law Library, 999 Waterside Drive #1300, Norfolk, VA 23510.

California County Law Library Poster Session a Big Hit

Jean Willis

San Diego County Public Law Library, San Diego, CA

At the November, 1999 California Library Association's (CLA) annual conference in Palm Springs, the Council of California County Law Librarians (CCCLL) sponsored a poster session entitled "Access to Justice: How to Locate the Resources of California's County Law Libraries." Jean Willis, Associate Director for IS at the San Diego County Public Law Library (SDCPLL), and Laurel Moran, SDCPLL North County Branch Reference Librarian, set up the session and were available to numerous CLA attendees who stopped to ask questions. Many CCCLL members provided brochures and other law library PR materials. These were utilized both on a large poster board for display, as well as for handouts.



CLA conference attendees were mostly general public and academic librarians. At the 1998 CLA conference many librarians expressed interest in gaining more information on the locations and resources of California county law libraries. Copies of an abridged CCCLL directory also was available as a handout, and all copies were taken by the end of the ninety minute session. The directory listed locations of all 58 California county law libraries with basic information about services and hours at each.

This poster session was a very powerful PR and marketing tool for the California county law libraries and especially relevant with the new Library of California Act (enacted at the beginning of 1999) encouraging increased sharing and networking amongst libraries of all types throughout the state. The positive response to the poster session was very encouraging, and CCCLL is considering providing similar poster sessions at future CLA conferences on a regular basis.

Following the poster session, Coral Henning, Reference/Computer Services Librarian at Sacramento County Law Library, and Jean Willis provided a presentation entitled "Legal Research: The Internet Challenge." Coral focused her seminar on the fundamentals of how to think about a legally related inquiry and where to begin looking for an answer. This was instructional for the non-legally trained librarians in the audience, who asked many relevant questions. Excellent comparisons between accessing print and Internet legal resources were provided with explanatory handouts. Jean also provided information about obtaining assistance for legal questions at California county law libraries. This session was also very well received.

Coral's presentation required some work and thinking on how to train non-law librarians to handle the basics of legal reference queries. The poster session, however, was relatively easy to put together. It was a powerful means of contacting non-law library colleagues and providing them with practical information, as well as encouraging a forum for networking.



Education Committee Report

SCCLL Proposals Accepted for AALL

*Anita Shew, Chair, Education Committee
Butler County Law Library, Hamilton, OH*

The Education Committee met in July at the Washington AALL meeting to discuss program planning for the Philadelphia meeting. Members received copies of the Program Planner's Guide and Program/Workshop forms. Scheduling changes were discussed (Sunday afternoon guaranteed program slots for SIS-generated programs; last slot on M,T,W for SISs). Program ideas were solicited and potential program topics were discussed. Initiation of AALL Program listservs and Education Committee listservs greatly facilitated communication. All SIS members were invited to submit program proposals. Committee members developed the suggested program ideas, fine-tuned the proposals, and contacted potential speakers.

Of nine programs submitted, five were accepted (including the SCCLL Sunday programs). Accepted programs and their proposers are:

- "Widening the Gateway to Legal Information: Building Partnerships with Public Libraries to Increase Availability of Legal Information to Non-lawyer Researchers" (Kathy Carlson)
- "S.M.A.R.T. Meetings: A How-to Approach (re specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time-linked)" (Jean Holcomb)
- "Internet Filtering Software: Should it be Used to Manage Staff?" (Regina Smith)
- SCCLL Sunday-"Leaders Show by Example: The Lost Art of Manners and Respect in the Electronic Workplace" and "Managing the Dynamics of Change" (Regina Smith).

Not accepted this year, but worthwhile topics that could be retooled for another year were:

-”Hiding Justice: Secret Settlements and Unpublished Opinions”

-”Opening the Gate to Public Support: How to Use the Media to Get the Message Out”

-”Are Your Customers Happy: Formulating Effective User Surveys” and

-”Once They’re Through the Gate: Maintaining Relationships with AALL VIP Partners”

Because of the short timeframe from the annual meeting (mid-July) to program submission deadline (mid-August), it was suggested that in the future, the Education Committee be named and begin its work much earlier than the annual SIS meeting. The current committee will solicit ideas again in the spring to jumpstart this process.

My thanks to all SIS members who contributed program ideas and proposals and especially to committee members Catherine Lemann, Kathy Carlson, Marcia Bell, Regina Smith, Sarah Andeen, Sue Roach, Brenda Larison, Karlye Pillai, AMPSC Board liaison, and Shirley David, SCCLL Chair.

Trustees’ Caucus Activities Planned for Philadelphia

Pamela Gregory, Co-chair, Trustee Development Comm. Circuit Court for Prince George’s County Law Library, Upper Marlboro, MD

The Trustees’ Caucus plans another sit-down luncheon to follow the SCCLL business meeting at this summer’s annual AALL meeting in Philadelphia. This luncheon will have a very nice menu, with salad, entrée, and a dessert. Jenkins Memorial Law Library staff

members Kathy Coon and Regina Smith will provide a luncheon speaker for this occasion. Even if you are attending without a trustee or judge from your library, the caucus hopes that you will attend this luncheon to welcome those who are representing our libraries. Now that these valued participants can become members of AALL we want to encourage their active participation. These occasions provide us with the chance to share ideas and issues with these distinguished guests and honored visitors. Mostly, these gatherings give us an opportunity to get to know these individuals and to make them feel welcome. Later in the day, between 4 and 5 pm, the caucus will present a kind of “mini” CONELL for our program. It is hoped that we can gather the leadership of AALL to provide a “how to get the most out of an AALL conference” type program. Your thoughts on how to make this a really beneficial program for our guests should be shared with Kai-Yun Chiu, Kathy Coon, or Pamela Gregory.

Proposed SCCLL Bylaws Revision

*Lynn Randall, Bylaws Committee
State Law and Legislative Ref. Library, Augusta, ME*

The Bylaws Committee is pleased to present this new revision of the SCCLL Bylaws. Most of the changes were published in the spring 1999 issue of *SCCLL News*. However, not all members received this issue before the annual meeting, so it was agreed to postpone the vote on adoption of the revision. Two changes were made since publication, both in Article IX. One change gives the Executive Committee discretion to schedule a mail vote on Bylaws amendments, and the other change makes the reference to the AALL committee on Bylaws more general so that if this committee changes

its name, an amendment to our Bylaws will not be required. Changes proposed previously include consistent capitalization, grammatical corrections, and the adoption of language recommended in the Special Interest Section Model Bylaws. All changes are identified in this document: new language is underlined, and the language to be deleted is struck through. Publication of the proposed revision to the Bylaws here serves as your notice that a vote on their adoption will be taken during the SCCLL business meeting in Philadelphia.

We would like to extend our thanks to the SCCLL Chair, Shirley David, and to Past Chair Jean Holcomb, and to the rest of the SCCLL Executive Committee for their support and comments. We also appreciate the efficient review of the new changes by the AALL Committee on Bylaws, William Cooper, Chair, and the suggestions which Past Chair, Janice Snyder Anderson, offered last year. We would also like to recognize Marilyn M. Lee of the Franklin Law Library for her contributions as a member of the SCCLL Bylaws Committee last year.

John Eichstadt, Chair
Harris County Law Library, Houston, Texas
Lynn Randall
Maine State Law and Legislative, Augusta, ME

**American Association of Law Libraries
STATE, COURT AND COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES
SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION
BYLAWS WITH 1999 PROPOSED REVISIONS**

Adopted June 25, 1977 at Toronto, Ontario
Amended July 2, 1979 at San Francisco, California
Amended June 24, 1980 at St. Louis, Missouri
Amended June 26, 1988 at Atlanta, Georgia
Amended June 18, 1989 at Reno, Nevada
Amended July 19, 1992 at San Francisco, California

Article I: NAME

The name of this ~~group~~ special interest section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) shall be the State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section (SCCLL) ~~of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)~~.

Article II: PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section is:

1. to improve the quality and services of the libraries represented in its membership, and
2. to represent its ~~member's~~ members' interests and concerns within AALL.

Section 2. The Section shall conduct its affairs in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any AALL member requesting affiliation with the State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section as provided in the AALL ~~bylaws.~~ Bylaws. Membership shall be renewable each year.

Article IV: DUES

Section 1. Dues will be established, collected and disbursed by the ~~treasurer~~ Treasurer of AALL in accordance with AALL ~~bylaws,~~ Bylaws. ~~Article VII.~~

Section 2. The fiscal year will be the same as that of ~~the~~ AALL, October 1

through September 30.

Article V: MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the ~~section~~ Section held in connection with or during the annual meeting of AALL. The scheduling of the annual meeting during the annual meeting of AALL shall be cleared with the annual meeting program chair, or as otherwise provided in the AALL Bylaws.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or the Executive Committee.

Section 3. ~~Meetings shall be open to non-members, but only members shall cast votes.~~ Meetings shall be open to all members of the Association (AALL), but no person may vote in any meeting who is not a Section member.

Section 4. The quorum for all voting shall be thirty (30) members present and voting.

Section 5. Voting at meetings will generally be by voice unless a ballot is requested. A majority vote of those present and voting will prevail on all business matters and ~~election~~, elections, except that Bylaws amendments shall require a two-thirds vote.

Article VI: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices and such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Officers shall serve until the adjournment of the annual business meeting.

Section 2.3. All vacancies in offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee for an interim term until the next regular election of officers, at which time said vacancies shall be filled by election, except that the ~~vice chairperson-chairperson-elect~~ Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect automatically will become ~~chairperson~~ Chair upon a vacancy in such office.

Section 3.4. The Officers shall be:

A. Chairperson. Shall ~~service~~ serve for one year and automatically become ~~past~~ Past Chairperson. ~~and as such serve one year on the Executive Committee.~~

B. Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect. Shall ~~service~~ serve for one year and become Chairperson for the following year at the ~~closed~~ close of the current annual meeting.

C. Past Chair. Shall serve for one year.

~~C.D.~~ Secretary/Treasurer. Shall ~~service~~ serve for three years and shall record the minutes of the meeting, keep the records of the organization, including the financial record, give a written account of the funds of the Section when requested to do so by the Executive Committee of the Section and prepare such documents as directed by the Chairperson.

~~D.E.~~ Newsletter Editor. Shall serve for two years and shall issue at least three newsletters to the members per year, ~~consisting of a Fall newsletter, a Winter newsletter to be mailed prior to January 28, and a Spring newsletter to be mailed prior to April 1.~~

Section 4. There shall be an Executive

Committee to conduct the affairs of the ~~section~~ Section between membership meetings. It is made up of:

A. The officers of the ~~section~~, Section, named in Article VI above.

B.
Three members at large serving for three-year terms ~~staggered~~, one member at large being elected each year. ~~At the first election one person shall be elected to serve one year, one person to serve two years, and one person to serve three years.~~

Article VII: ELECTIONS

Section 1. There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed by the Executive Committee, to consist of three (3) members, none of whom shall be a member of the Executive Committee, and none of whom shall be a candidate for office at the succeeding election. Each member of the committee shall serve for a term of one year. The ~~Chairperson~~ of the Committee shall be designated by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Committee shall nominate at least one candidate for each office. All candidates shall be members of the Section.

Section ~~23~~. Names of candidates, together with their written acceptances, shall be presented by the Nominating Committee to the ~~Chairperson~~ insufficient in sufficient time to enable the ~~Chairperson~~ to inform the members of the nominations, by mail, and in the ~~winter~~ newsletter.

Section ~~34~~. Further nominations may be made upon written petition of ten

voting members in good standing. Such petitions, accompanied by written acceptance of the nominees, must be filed with the Secretary/Treasurer no later than March 15. The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare an official ballot, including nominations by petition.

~~Section 45.~~ A. ~~The Secretary-Treasurer~~ Secretary/Treasurer shall ~~forward the official ballot to the Newsletter Editor, and the official ballot shall be included with the Spring Newsletter which shall be sent~~ oversee the mailing of the official ballot to each member of the section. Section before April 1.

B. Ballots shall be marked, sealed in plain envelopes and returned to the Secretary/Treasurer before April 20 in covering envelopes bearing on the outside the name and address of the member voting.

C. The Secretary/Treasurer shall check, on a list of members, whose votes are received. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected and shall be so reported at the annual meeting by the Nominating Committee, and all candidates shall be notified of the results of the election by the Nominating Committee at the earliest possible time.

D. In case of a tie vote, a run-off election shall be held at the annual business meeting. Run-off elections shall be by secret ballot. The ballots immediately shall be counted and the candidate with the largest number of votes declared elected.

Article VIII: COMMITTEES

There shall be such standing or special committees as the Executive Committee or the membership of the section shall

create.

Article IX: AMENDMENTS

~~Any bylaw~~ These Bylaws may be amended, adopted, repealed, or suspended at the annual meeting of the ~~section~~ Section, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, ~~assuming a quorum is present~~. Notice of proposed bylaw changes must be given to members of the Section at least thirty days before the vote is to be taken on the amendment change. At its discretion, the Executive Committee may schedule a vote by mail ballot as an alternative to conducting a vote at the annual meeting. If a mail ballot is used, these Bylaws may be amended, adopted, repealed, or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting. Any amendment shall take effect after it has been approved by the Executive Board of AALL. Any amendment must be presented to the AALL committee on bylaws for review.

Article X: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, in the latest edition, shall govern all deliberations of the ~~section~~.Section.

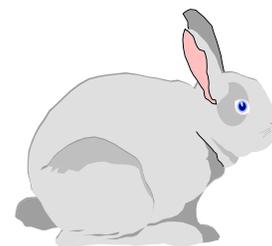
Article XI: DISSOLUTION OR MERGER

The membership has the authority to dissolve this ~~section~~ Section or merge it with another section or organization within AALL by a majority vote at a regular meeting provided a notice of said dissolution or merger is given to the entire membership of the ~~section~~ Section in writing at least thirty days prior to said meeting. Said dissolution or merger does not become effective until after it

has been approved by both the Executive Committee of the ~~section~~ Section and the Executive Board of AALL.

Exceptional Law Libraries Are No Illusion

*Jill Burr
Wahab Public Law Library, Virginia
Beach, VA*



Evil spells, magic wands, sleight of hand, illusions? Can these truly be words that describe this year's seminar presented by the Institute of Court Management, "Court Library Management: Making the Invisible Visible?" Absolutely, if the magicians are Gail Warren, the State Law Librarian of the Supreme Court of Virginia; Scott Crampton, Director of Management Services, Oregon Judicial Department; Jim Heller, Director of the Law Library, William and Mary Law School; and Tom Carlsen, Internet and Communications Specialist, National Center for State Courts. The outstanding cast was assembled and the production most ably staged by Peggy Rogers, Collection Development Librarian, National Center for State Courts.

The seminar took place at the National Center for State Courts meeting held November 4-6, 1999 and attracted participants from Alaska to Florida to California to New York. Gail began our first session by asking each of us to identify and share an "evil spell." She stated up front that we wouldn't leave with any answers on how to purge our libraries of these evil spells but the goal was to provide information and tools to help us dispell the spells.

Gail and Scott led us on a trip into the future as we discussed how trends in

demographics and court management may influence how we do business. We know that technology is going to play a significant role in our futures so establishing a good working relationship with the MIS folks is critical. Tom Carlsen drew lots of diagrams and gave us a lesson in how to communicate with a “techie.” Jim Heller answered questions about copyright as it relates to print and electronic information posed by seminar participants and reminded us to be sure that signs alerting customers to possible copyright infringement are posted in appropriate places in our libraries.

As the seminar came to a close on a beautiful autumn Saturday morning, Gail urged each of us to become a leader with a vision of where we want our libraries to go and how we will get there. She stressed the need to write a strategic plan to meet the identified needs of our customers now and in the future. We couldn't help but be motivated by Gail's contagious excitement and enthusiasm for law librarianship and the importance of law libraries. We were buoyed by ideas and suggestions from our seminar leaders and fellow participants and the experiences—both successes and failures—shared by everyone.

Each participant left with a magic wand in hand and a head full of ideas. Gail closed with a quote from Jonathan Swift illustrating that the idea of vision is not a new concept. In 1726, Swift wrote “Vision is the art of seeing things invisible.” It is our challenge to see vision in the invisible and turn it into actions that have an impact and make a difference.



Publish with AALL!

*Rob Richards, Chair, AALL Publications Committee
University of Colorado Law Library, Boulder, CO*

Do you have an idea for a new electronic or print publication of interest to law librarians?

Would you like to grow professionally and personally by creating a new publication that would be of use to your colleagues?

Then the AALL Publications Committee would like to hear from you! The AALL Publications Committee encourages people to publish with AALL, and reviews proposals for new AALL publications.

From the AALL Publications Committee Web site at: <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/publications/> you can contact members of the Publications Committee, or download a proposal form.

AALL publishes or sponsors a wide variety of materials of interest to law librarians, in print, electronic, and micro-formats. They include:

- * Periodicals, such as *AALL Spectrum* and *Law Library Journal*;
- * Indexes, such as *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals*;
- * Professional Development Materials;
- * Bibliographies and Research Guides;
- * Management and Public Relations Resources;
- * Occasional Papers on Various Topics;
- * Educational Program Materials;
- * Results of Research;
- * Instructional and Training Resources.

AALL is eager to publish new materials. If you have an idea for a new publication, we look forward to hearing from you!

Technology Training for a New Millennium

Teach-In 2000 — Seeking Contributors

Gail Partin

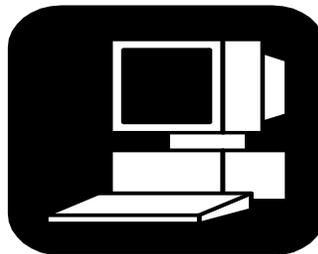
Dickinson School of Law Library, Carlisle, PA

Does the dawn of a new millennium and all the accompanying technology have you frantically seeking solid solutions to your training needs? Maybe Teach-In 2000 can help!

Year 2000 marks the eighth annual National Legal Research Teach-In, sponsored by the Research Instruction & Patron Services (RIPS) SIS. The Teach-In gives law librarians around the country the opportunity to share materials and ideas for legal research instruction. Each year the Teach-In committee creates a set of materials that can be used to design and advertise programs and events for our institutions. These materials are distributed several weeks prior to National Library Week (April 9-15, 2000) to anyone interested in legal research instruction.

One of the ways you can contribute to the success of our profession is through our widely acclaimed Teach-In. Over the past eight years, Teach-In materials have been distributed to an increasing number of interested people in diverse institutions all over the world. In 1993, for

the first Teach-In, training kits were distributed to 315 locations and promotional items (posters and bookmarks) went to about 200 people. A new record has been set each year, culminating in



1999 when training kits were sent to over 770 people and over 20,000 notepads were used for promotional purposes! From these brief figures it is easy to

see that the Teach-In has become an integral part of the law librarian landscape.

Successful? Absolutely! Of course, it is never too early to plan for success! The best way to remain successful is for this year's training kit to contain the finest instructional materials that our profession can create. Now is the time for YOU to become involved in the creation of these materials! We need your ideas, your contribution materials, and your success stories! Please take a few minutes to contact us about any type of research instruction you are doing or any instructional materials that you have created. This could include descriptions of successful teaching techniques, training scripts, lecture notes, outlines, handouts, exercises, lesson plans, user guides, pathfinders, research guides, or descriptions of past training events. We

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want to know what you are doing to teach your patrons about legal research.

We are looking for materials on ANY SUBJECT that would be relevant to the legal community. However, as we approach the millennium, it seems appropriate to feature electronic legal research training materials—ones that are especially timely and of heightened interest. Right now, however, we need your input and donations in order to determine what to include.

As you are developing new training sessions, or revamping old ones, keep the Teach-In in mind. We are always scouting for traditional and unique ideas. Please, act now! Take a few minutes to share some of your resources and ideas with us! You'll be glad you did, and so will your colleagues.

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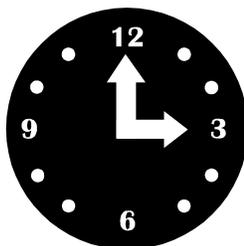
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Prepare Your Time Capsule

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The AALL Public Relations Committee has a special project planned



for the Philadelphia annual meeting. We are inviting all AALL Chapters, Committees, SISs, and the Executive Board to prepare time capsules which we will then store for 25 years. We encourage SCCLL to participate.

You can help define our time and also be a unique part of law librarianship's past and future. Our committee will supply the time capsules, and this will be an opportunity to offer a glimpse of your past to our future selves and colleagues. During this summer's Philadelphia meeting the time capsules will be sealed and tucked away for 25 years at AALL archives.

The objects you choose to encapsulate can run the gamut from the profound and serious to the weird, silly and sentimental. It's up to you. We'll have more details on preparing your time capsules in the coming months, but the Public Relations Committee hopes SCCLL will start thinking now about what items you want included in your time capsule.

25 years isn't that long. Look how fast the millennium went by! In July, 2025 we hope we'll all still be around (it doesn't hurt to be optimistic) to attend the annual AALL meeting and watch as our time capsules are opened. For more information on how SCCLL can become a permanent part of AALL's history, please call or e-mail me.

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Karen Westwood, Outreach Services Librarian at the Minnesota State Law Library, models her State, Court, & County T-shirt while visiting the headwaters of the Mighty Mississippi in Itasca State Park, Minnesota.

Send in your photos...

Put on your SCCLL T-shirt and get snapping. We'll put your photos in *SCCLL News*. Simply send your photo to Lisa Mecklenberg, *SCCLL News* Editor, State Law Library of Montana, P.O. Box 203005, Helena, MT 59620-3004.

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