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## INPUT FOR NEWSLETTER REQUESTED

As the new editor of the Academic Law Libraries SIS Newsletter, I solicit your input to the Newsletter. Please send me pertinent (or just interesting) information, articles, clippings, quotations, or other news for inclusion. The deadline for the Winter issue is 1/31/90. I may be reached via my FAX number, 206-591-6313, or at University of Puget Sound Law Library, 950 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma, WA 98402. My office phone number is (206) 591-2976. Thanks, for your assistance!

Faye Jones

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

This is my first communication to you, our more than 400 members, since taking over as chair of the ALL-SIS. There is a great deal of information to convey.

Let me begin with series of "thank you's." First, and foremost, to Lynn Foster who directed our SIS so ably during 1988-89; to Gail Laster for editing our *ALL Newsletter*; to Frank Houdek who as immediate past president drafted the resolution that went to the AALS and offered lots of sound advice throughout the year; to Judith Wright who along with Lynn organized the director's meeting, to Clara Kelly and Dean William Lawless for hosting the SIS reception at the National Judicial College and to the sponsoring vendors; to Professor Thomas Morgan for taking the time to talk with us at our annual business meeting; to our roundtable leaders who keep us thinking about important issues; to Steve Barkan for organizing the successful workshop on grant writing and fund raising; to those who participated in our various SIS annual meeting programs; and to the many members of the SIS who contributed their thoughts and ideas.

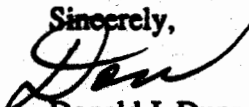
Those of you who attended the annual meeting in Reno should be aware that there were two "firsts" for our SIS. We sponsored the first director's meeting, a two-hour session with over 90 attendees, in which critical concerns that impact on directors were discussed in depth. The other first was the presentation by Professor Morgan, incoming President of the AALS, who addressed the business meeting with respect to proposed changes in AALS accreditation regulations. Following this presentation, the members of the SIS in attendance amended and then approved a resolution expressing concern with the proposed changes. The resolution and the letter of transmittal to AALS appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Professor Morgan's presence was significant as the first step toward what I hope will be a long standing involvement with our SIS.

Now some information as to what you can expect for the current year. Results from a survey of the attendees at the director's meeting were uniformly in support of its continuation. Several useful suggestions were offered which will be incorporated into next year's program. Our roundtables, already an integral part of our SIS, will continue. Our SIS Board is in the process of drafting a resolution in opposition to a proposal by the Librarian of Congress to downgrade the Law Library of Congress and to put it under one of the departments or to dismantle it completely. If you are interested in writing separately about this issue, I can supply you with a list of key people to whom your correspondence should be addressed. Chair-elect Ann Puckett has proposed several exciting programs and workshops on behalf of our SIS for next year's annual meeting and planning is already underway for our SIS reception in Minnesota. More information will be available in the next issue of our newsletter about these various activities.

I mentioned in Reno that I would like to see the focus of our SIS move in a direction which emphasizes library administration. In that regard, I would encourage our membership to consider having separate meetings of associates, public service librarians, and technical services librarians at which discussion would be on administrative concerns. If anyone is interested in talking about such meetings for next year, please get in touch with me.

Have a good year and contact me if you feel our SIS can help you in any way.

Sincerely,



Donald J. Dunn  
Chair

**Minutes of the  
ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES-SIS  
BUSINESS MEETING**

**Sunday, June 19, 1989**

Chair Lynn Foster called the meeting to order. The minutes of the 1988 business meeting were approved as published in the *ALL Newsletter*. Secretary/Treasurer Elisabeth Jackson read the Treasurer's Report which was accepted as read. She also announced the election results: Ann Puckett was elected as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Merle Slyhoff was elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

Lynn Foster reported that she and Gail Laster had published three issues of the *ALL Newsletter* during the year. She thanked Gail Laster and announced that Faye Jones at Puget Sound would be the new editor, beginning this fall.

Lynn Foster gave the Chair's Report for 1988-89, mentioning the reception to be held at the National Judicial College, the increase in SIS membership to over 400, the successful meeting of law library directors, and the strong incoming officers.

Donald Dunn reported on the educational programs and workshop in which the ALL-SIS was involved. The programs covered collection development policies, sexist language, technical services fight or flight, and how to run effective meetings. The workshop covered grantwriting and fundraising. Don thanked all of the coordinators, moderators, and speakers.

Clara Kelly, Library Director at the National Judicial College, invited everyone to attend the reception. She also explained the origins and nature of the National Judicial College. Lynn thanked the sponsors who had contributed to the reception: R. R. Bowker Co.; Ebsco Subscription Services; Information Access Co.; and Innovative Interfaces; and thanked Clara and Dean William Lawless for generously agreeing to host the reception.

Ann Puckett announced that the theme of the 1990 program would be "Beyond Excellence." She asked for ideas and volunteers for planning the 1990 SIS programs.

Lynn announced that Roger Jacobs would be planning the 1990 AALS program and that he was open to suggestions for improvements.

Under old business, Lynn announced that Joan Howland was now serving as an informal SIS liaison to ALA. Her reports appear regularly in the *ALL Newsletter*.

Under new business there was only one item: consideration of a resolution in response to the AALS proposed regulations and bylaws changes.

Tom Morgan, Professor of Law at George Washington University and Vice-President/President-Elect of AALS, explained the background of the McCarthy Committee, which had proposed the changes, and the process of considering the changes. He stated that the Executive Committee of the AALS was now deciding what to do about the changes and was seeking comment from AALS members. He responded to questions.

Consideration of the resolution then commenced. George Grossman proposed adding language about the shift from quantitative to qualitative standards. Kathie Price submitted such an amendment, which passed.

Several people suggested adding provisions on autonomy and inspections. Lolly Gasaway moved that the SIS authorize the Executive Committee to draft a resolution to include these issues. The motion passed. (CHAIR'S NOTE: The issue of inspections was not included because the current bylaws and regulations do not require librarians to be on inspection teams; but this concern was included in the cover letter transmitting the resolution to the AALS Executive Committee.)

The resolution then passed unanimously. A straw vote was held on what the ALL-SIS Executive Committee should do with the resolution, and members voted that the SIS send the resolution to AALS, that the SIS should communicate with the AALL Executive Board and ask them to send a letter or resolution to AALS, and finally that AALL/AALS members themselves write to AALS. Tom Morgan suggested that all letters go to Betsy Levin, who would forward them to the Executive Committee.

Lynn Foster thanked everyone for their assistance, as did Don Dunn, who then discussed his plans for the coming year, including improving the directors' meeting and increasing the dialog with AALS.

The meeting adjourned to roundtable discussions on Library Administration, Middle Management, Collection Development, and Teaching in Library Schools. Merle Slyhoff was absent due to illness so the Fees for Services roundtable did not meet.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Jackson

### Elisabeth Jackson In Memoriam

Elisabeth Jackson served as Secretary/Treasurer for the Academic Law Libraries-SIS from 1987 to 1989. Her good nature and quiet competence made her a joy to work with. Before becoming involved with the SIS I did not know Elisabeth at all; but we grew to be friends, and in Reno we found time in our schedules to have lunch together. She had just participated in the Georgetown library move, having been responsible for the details of the construction and furnishing. I was looking forward to such a move and found her advice invaluable.

She was ill at the time with something like a sore throat or cold (I can't remember exactly what). I learned a little bit about her family, and came away happy to have made a new friend. I never spoke with her again. Soon after her return, she discovered that she had cancer. She died shortly thereafter. Her death came as a shock to all who knew her. It is a great loss to her family, to Georgetown Law Library, and to our profession.

Lynn Foster

# ALL SIS Letter to AALS on McCarthy Proposal



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September 14, 1989

AALS Executive Committee Members  
c/o Betsy Levin, AALS Executive Director  
Association of American Law Schools  
One Dupont Circle, N.W.  
Ste. 370  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Committee Members:

When the McCarthy Committee proposed changes to the AALS bylaws and regulations, many law faculty members who are library directors contacted me, as the then chair of the American Association of Law Libraries' Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (SIS), and urged our SIS to take some action. The Executive Committee of our SIS thought that this would be appropriate since our SIS membership is composed of over 400 academic law librarians, and almost all law library directors belong to our SIS.

Thus, Frank Houdek, Law Library Director and Professor of Law at Southern Illinois University, drafted this resolution. Our SIS passed it unanimously at our annual business meeting, and our committee was charged with transmitting it to you.

We wish to state that we are in sympathy with AALS's goal to evaluate quality rather than quantity. However, we believe that the specific changes addressed by our resolution would diminish the quality of academic law libraries.

In addition, concern was expressed at our meeting over the possible intent to remove librarians from AALS accreditation teams. We believe that the library is one of the most important parts of a law school. As law libraries have grown in size and complexity, qualifications for law library directors have increased.

Today virtually all directors have both the law and library degrees, as well as substantial law library experience. Leaving the evaluation of the library's collection and operation to someone who does not have comparable expertise will diminish the quality of the library report.

Thank you for your consideration of our resolution. We would also like to thank Tom Morgan for taking time out of his busy schedule to address our group. We were pleased that AALS thought our concerns important enough to deserve a visit from the AALS Vice President/President-Elect.

Sincerely,

*Lynn Foster*

Lynn Foster  
1988-89 Chair  
Academic Law Libraries SIS  
American Association of Law Libraries

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*Donald Dunn*

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**Please see the text of the ALL-SIS Resolution on the next page.**



## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools is now considering the Report of the Special Committee to Review the Requirements of Membership in the AALS, as published in AALS Memorandum 88-92, November 17, 1988, and will transmit a final draft to the AALS House of Representatives for action at its January 1990 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, law librarians have been early leaders in the development of qualitative standards in legal education and support the general movement of AALS in that direction; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposals embodied in the Report would eliminate current requirements demanding that "the [law school's] librarian should have both legal and library education," that "the librarian should be a full participating member of the faculty," and that "the law library shall have sufficient autonomy in matters of administration . . . to assure a high standard of service;" and

**WHEREAS**, the dual degree requirement is designed to insure that the librarian possesses expertise in both librarianship and law; and

**WHEREAS**, the faculty membership requirement is designed to provide the librarian with a status which will insure access to information and influence on decisions pertaining to the library and the school equal to that of other faculty members; and

**WHEREAS**, the library autonomy requirement is designed to insure that the librarian directly participates in budget and other decision-making processes which affect access to financial and other resources necessary to pursue the established goals of the law school; and

**WHEREAS**, the elimination of these requirements would consequently lessen the ability of the librarian to function effectively as the leader and advocate of the library within the law school as a whole and within the governing institution; and

**WHEREAS**, a less effective library leader would threaten the general quality of the library, including its collection and services; and

**WHEREAS**, a library diminished in quality would endanger the overall ability of the law school to provide an adequate legal education for its students and to serve as a leading force for legal scholarship; and

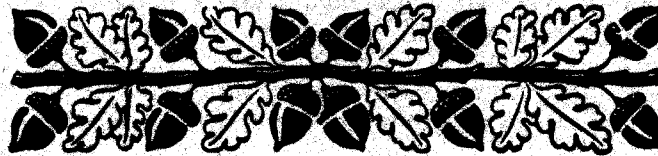
**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Requirements of Membership in the AALS is to provide for the highest standards of legal education and scholarship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries, representing over four hundred librarians active in all aspects of academic law library operations, and including many who are members of AALS, has expressed the view of its membership, through resolution, that the proposed changes should not be adopted;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries urges the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools to reject the proposed changes in the Requirements of Membership in the AALS insofar as they alter the educational degree standards of the law school librarian and the status of the librarian as a full participating member of the faculty; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section bring this resolution to the attention of the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools by the method it deems most effective.

Passed unanimously by the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries, June 19, 1989, Reno, Nevada.



## **FEES FOR SERVICE ROUNDTABLE**

Although the Fee-for-Service Roundtable did not convene at the annual meeting in Reno, the group remains an active part of the Academic Law Libraries SIS.

A program proposal entitled "Auxiliary Sources of Revenue for Academic Law Libraries" has been submitted to the Education Committee for consideration for the 1990 meeting. The program would investigate various avenues available for augmenting resources, such as access fees, photocopy services, vending machines or database searches. Merle Slyhoff, University of Pennsylvania, and Adeen Postar, Georgetown, will conduct a survey of academic law libraries to determine the various types of revenue "enhancers" currently in use. (The survey will be conducted even if the program is not approved.)

Last year the Roundtable asked that libraries having fee-for-services policies send information on their programs to Merle Slyhoff. Adeen Postar has been compiling the information, and will produce a list of contact people in the participating libraries. If you would like to be included, send the information to Merle or Adeen as soon as possible. Merle may be reached by FAX at 215-898-6619. Adeen may be reached by FAX at 202-662-9202. Alternately, either may be reached at their address or phone number listed in the AALL Directory.



If you have suggestions for projects, or comments on the Roundtable's activities, please contact Merle Slyhoff. Fee-for-Service Roundtable information will continue to be published in the ALL/SIS Newsletter.

MERLE SLYHOFF

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## **LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION ROUNDTABLE**

The Library Administration Roundtable met on Sunday, June 18th, immediately following the ALL/SIS Business Meeting. The discussion centered on the Law Library Directors' Meeting that was held preceding the Business Meeting. All attendees agreed that the Directors' Meeting was extremely beneficial since we seldom have time structured to simply talk about pressing library issues. Several suggestions for next year's meeting were solicited and forwarded to the AALL Education Committee for consideration for the 1990 meeting. The next Directors' Meeting will be held at the 1990 AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.

NANCY JOHNSON

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## **TEACHING IN LIBRARY SCHOOL ROUNDTABLE**

The Teaching in Library School Roundtable has undertaken several projects which are important to all law librarians because of their focus on the instruction of future law librarians. Sara Robbins, Brooklyn, reported on the Roundtable's survey of law librarianship courses taught in library schools. Course syllabi from most schools were obtained as part of the survey. Sara will serve as a clearinghouse for anyone interested in borrowing or reviewing the syllabi she has gathered.

Penny Hazelton, University of Washington, has a list of people teaching and/or interested in teaching in library

schools. If anyone would like to volunteer to keep this list current, please contact Penny.

Another project seeks to encourage authors of books on careers for lawyers to include information about law librarianship. Virginia Wise, University of Michigan, School of Library and Information Science, has agreed to begin a dialogue with authors. The books currently targeted are:

1. Byers, Mark, Don Samuelson and Gordon Williamson. Lawyers in Transition: Planning a Life in the Law, 1988.

A practical, nitty-gritty career planning guide with exercises.

2. Stevenson, George B., ed. Negotiating the Maze: Career Opportunities and Alternatives for Lawyers, 1979. (New edition in process.)

A really good review of what choices are out there for lawyers. Aimed at practice in Washington State. Includes an excellent chapter on law librarianship (pp. 37-44). (Updated information has been sent in by Penny Hazelton.)

3. Career Associates. Career Choices for Undergraduates Considering Law, 1985.

Aimed at the undergraduate, this book is short and sweet. Law librarianship is not mentioned, nor is there a logical place for it in this book, except perhaps under a chapter on "Teaching."

4. Munneke, Gary A. Opportunities in Law Careers, 1986.

A practical guide written by a law professor. Discusses career possibilities and how to get in, through and out of law school. Law librarianship is discussed in a paragraph in Chapter 7. This could be expanded and more added in Chapter 8 as well.

Compiled by Penny Hazelton, 1989

If you are aware of others that should be added, please contact Virginia.

If you are interested in writing on teaching legal research or legal bib in library schools, please contact Steve Barkan of Marquette. As the editor of Integrated Legal Research, Steve welcomes submissions for publication.

The Roundtable also considered whether it should continue to operate under the umbrella of the ALL/SIS. Many of the legal bib teachers in library schools are not academic law librarians and their SIS meetings conflict with Roundtable discussions. The general consensus of those present was that the Roundtable should form itself as a caucus called Conference on Law Library Education. A meeting of the Conference will be scheduled for the 1990 Annual Meeting. If you would like to volunteer to take over the planning and run this meeting, please contact Penny Hazelton. **If you are dying to run a meeting, here's your chance!** Agenda items and issues should be forwarded to Penny until a permanent chair can be selected.

Other issues which were raised and need volunteers to work on them include:


- a. concentrated information about law librarians to legal headhunters, and
- b. a study of placement and first jobs of students who elect to take a specialization/concentration in law librarianship to determine if graduates with law librarianship courses are sought after in the job market.

Please let Penny know if you want to pursue one of these or other issues in library education.


Penny Hazelton



Reports from Roundtables not included in this issue are planned for the future.



CONGRATULATIONS to Lynn Foster, University of Arkansas and former ALL SIS chair, and Jim Dinkins on the birth of their son, Patrick Andrew Dinkins. The debut of the new Foster-Dinkins SIS member occurred on September 12, 1989. He is reported to be a hearty addition at 7 lbs, 8 oz and a length of 20 inches.



WASHINGTONIANA: Photographs -- Collections in the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress

Information on 750,000 Washingtoniana photographs in the collection of the Library of Congress is provided in this new catalog. The Washingtoniana collection is a treasure house for law libraries because it offers an opportunity to exhibit photographs of particular interest to law libraries. Included in the collection are pictures of supreme court justices, historical figures, places, and events pertinent to the law. Law libraries are not overlooked; page 226 provides a picture of the Howard University Law Library, ca. 1900.

The book is a federal depository item and reproductions of photographs may be obtained by writing to the Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Washington, D.C. 20540. Each request should include a brief description of the picture (or a xerographic copy), its page and position in the book, the location of the original item, the lot number, and the photographic negative number. All orders must be prepaid; prices are available from the Prints and Photographs Division or the Photoduplication Service.



A library is an evergreen tree of diabolical knowledge.

Richard Brinsley Sheridan