

SCCLL Bylaws Committee Report  
2012-2013

Committee members this year were Venita Hoover, Oklahoma County Law Library, and Maryruth Storer, Orange County Public Law Library. Holly Lakatos served as SCCLL Board Liaison to the Committee. SCCLL Chair Barbara Fritschel charged the committee as follows:

- Recommend any changes, as needed, to conform to current AALL Bylaws.
- Review SCCLL bylaws each year for compliance with AALL Bylaws.
- Pinpoint areas for revision that would better reflect the SCCLL Strategic Directions.
- Solicit suggestions for changes to the Bylaws from SCCLL Committee Chairs and the Section membership.
- Draft appropriate language for proposed Bylaw changes.
- Forward a redlined version of the proposed language to the Executive Board for consideration.

The SCCLL Bylaws were last amended in July 2007 at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans. We compared them to the Model SIS Bylaws and noted several areas for revision:

- The existing provision regarding dues should be omitted (all aspects of that topic are controlled by AALL, so it does not need to be included)
- Establishing consistency in language, particularly in referring to Officers
- Changing the election procedure in the event of a tie (since the 1990s, AALL has required that SIS elections must be completed no later than 2 months prior to the AALL Annual Meeting)

Late last fall, we posted to the SCCLL list asking for suggestions for Bylaws changes connected to aligning them with the SCCLL Strategic Directions, and we received no responses. We then proceeded to draft proposed revisions to align the SCCLL Bylaws with the Model SIS Bylaws. Those revisions also resulted in re-numbering many of the articles. The draft Bylaws were submitted, as required by AALL, to the AALL Bylaws and Resolutions Committee for its approval, and that committee found nothing substantive in the proposed bylaws that warranted changes.

The SCCLL Executive Committee submitted the proposed amendments to the section membership as part of the spring election process, and the revisions were approved. Amendments to the Bylaws require a thirty (30) day notice to the membership by publication in the Section's newsletter; this requirement was met by an article in the Volume 39 Elections Issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryruth Storer  
Chair