Chair’s Column

Looking Toward Minneapolis

Regina Smith, SCCLL Chair
Jenkins Law Library, Philadelphia, PA

I cannot believe that the AALL Annual Meeting is almost here. Our Committees have been really busy and you can view a summary of their reports for those who will not be attending the meeting on the SCCLL Website at http://www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll.

This issue of the newsletter is late because I did not get my column to our editor in a timely fashion. My apologies to all of you; new realities hit me hard at the beginning of the month, and I took on a new role in my job. Unfortunately, the SIS has suffered as a result. Hopefully, having the newsletter posted on our Website will at least get it to you faster.

Our SIS has received a $25,000 grant from LEXIS-NEXIS to produce resource guides. A representative from the company will be at our business meeting on Sunday, July 15th to accept our thanks. Kudos to the Publicity/Public Relations Committee, under Betsy Vipperman’s guidance, for all of their work on this project.

We were also fortunate to receive donations toward grants and scholarships from William S. Hein & Company, Inc., LEXIS-NEXIS, and CRS, Inc. We are appreciative that they have contributed to our SIS’s efforts to enable librarians to attend the annual meeting. When you visit their booths at the annual meeting, take a few moments to thank them on behalf of our SIS for their contribution.

West Group will again sponsor a reception for SCCLL this year. It will be held at the Federal Courthouse and more information is in this issue of the newsletter. There will be a short program during the reception. Please do your best to attend this special event.

Speaking of events, our annual business meeting will begin at 7:45 a.m. on Sunday, July 15th. We will have a sit down breakfast that begins at 7 a.m. You had to pre-register for the event. We may have a few extra seats, but they will be first-come/first served. If you decide to go this route, you will have to have a check for $20, as we are unable to accept cash.

Our SIS is short on funds and I posted a message on the list-serve last week that we will be holding a silent auction to raise funds to implement some of our initiatives. We have received wonderful contributions and each day there will be an e-mail to the list regarding what will be available. There are some real treasures. So, come to the breakfast/business meeting on Sunday the 15th and have your checkbook ready.

Following our business meeting will be two SIS sponsored programs at 10 am:

A-4: New Opportunities Through Collaboration: The Minnesota Model
MCC-Room 101 (IJ)

A-3: Facing a New Reality: The Law Librarian as Fundraiser
MCC-Room 101 (GH)

The Trustee’s Caucus will meet

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for lunch as will the Attorney General Librarians and we will have another SIS sponsored program at 1:15 pm.

MCC-Room 102 (A-C)

Our SIS is very active and it could not accomplish what it has, were it not for our dedicated committee volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all of the hard work they have devoted to their tasks this year. I have enjoyed being your chair and working with all of you. Special thanks to our super newsletter editor, Lisa Mecklenberg-Jackson, who has done the best job ever with our newsletter. I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks in Minneapolis.

Lemann to Receive the O. James Werner Award at the SCCLL-SIS Annual Meeting

Anne Peters, SCCLL Awards Chair
Social Law Library, Boston, MA

Catherine Lemann, Associate Director of the Law Library of Louisiana, has been selected as the 2001 recipient of the O. James Werner Award for Distinctive Service to Persons with Disabilities. Currently Chairman of the Board of AIDSLaw of Louisiana, Catherine’s support of the information needs of the organization’s clients, its staff and volunteers, and the distinguished leadership she has contributed to the organization, epitomizes the qualities the Werner Award seeks to recognize. The award will be presented at the State, Court & County Law Libraries SIS Business Meeting in Minneapolis on July 15, 2001.

Miller, Fellows, Lemann Win!

Regina Smith, SCCLL Chair
Jenkins Law Library, Philadelphia, PA

Special thanks to the Nominations Committee, to everyone who volunteered to be nominated, to those who voted in the election, and to our Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Welker, for counting the ballots. I am pleased to announce the following results:

Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: Michael Miller, Director of the Law Library, Maryland State Law Library

Secretary/Treasurer: Cynthia Fellows, State Law Librarian, Alaska State Court Library

Executive Board Member, 2001-2004: Catherine Lemann, Associate Director, Law Library of Louisiana

The new Board members will assume their duties on July 15, 2001 at the SCCLL Business meeting in Minneapolis. Continuing on the Board will be: Chair, Anita Anderson, Minnesota Office of the Attorney General; Past Chair, Regina Smith, Jenkins Law Library; Board member (1999-2002) Tim Lewis, Alabama State Law Library; Board Member (2000-2003) Rita Dermody, King County Law Library.

Catherine Lemann Named 2001 Winner of Spirit of Law Librarianship Award

Richard Leiter, Director
Schmid Law Library, University of Nebraska

The award committee is pleased to announce that Catherine Lemann, Associate Director of the Law Library of Louisiana, has been named the 2001 recipient of the Spirit of Law Librarianship Award for her work with AIDSLaw of Louisiana. Since 1998 Ms. Lemann has served as a member of the Board of Directors of AIDSLaw of Louisiana, is the immediate Secretary of the Board, and was recently named by her fellow board members to serve as the Board’s Chair.

The award will be presented on Monday evening July 16, 2001 at a reception hosted by the William S. Hein Company at the Annual Meeting of
the American Association of Law Libraries.

Nominations commend Ms. Lemann’s commitment and dedication to the cause of AIDS Law of Louisiana, which serves low-income victims of HIV/AIDS throughout the state. In addition to serving on the Board, Ms. Lemann’s work has involved extensive research on legal issues faced by victims of the virus. She has also conducted continuing legal education programs to teach lawyers how to research these issues. In addition, Ms. Lemann has guided the development of the group’s Website and been an important voice in their decisions about cases to pursue and has given significant input into the operation of the organization. Ms. Lemann was nominated by colleagues at the Law Library and fellow members of the Board of Directors.

Ms. Lemann joins a distinguished group of award recipients that includes:

* SCALL Inner City Youth Program Committee, for its work offering inner-city youth the chance to learn new skills and meet new challenges by training, mentoring and hiring them to intern in law libraries and law firms;
* Marvin Anderson, Minnesota State Law Librarian, for his work with the “Everybody Wins” reading program at the Benjamin E. Mays Magnet School in St. Paul, Minnesota;
* David Gunn, Law Librarian at the Hunton & Williams law firm in Washington D.C., for his work with Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic;
* Professor Mickie A. Voges of IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law for her work with the ExTEND program;
* Professor Frank Liu of Dusquene University School of Law for his work facilitating cross-cultural and academic exchanges with the academic community in China;
* The late Jessie L. Matthews, of Rutgers University School of Law, for her work with the Patient Learning Resource Center at the Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia;
* Deanna Harragarra Waters, for her work with the Native American Rights Fund libraries; and,
* Professor Wes Daniels of the University of Miami School of Law for his work with the homeless.

This award is given to a law librarian, or group of librarians, who have used the position and skills of a law librarian to make a meaningful contribution to a social cause, or have used their professional training in service of others in some significant way. The award was established by Roy M. Mersky and Richard A. Leiter, in lieu of royalties from their book, The Spirit of Law Librarianship. The publisher of this book, Fred B. Rothman & Co. (now William S. Hein & Co., Inc.) also participated in the founding of this award. Mr. Mersky is the William Stamps Farish Professor of Law and Director of Research at the Jamail Center for Legal Research, Tarlton Law Library, at the University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Leiter is the Director of the Schmid Library and Professor of Law at the University of Nebraska College of Law.

**Editor’s Etchings**

It’s been an Adventure...

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

...serving as your SCCLL News editor for the last three years. But now I bid you farewell. I’m off to find other projects for myself. The editor term for the newsletter is two years. Because there was some trouble finding a newsletter editor last summer, in what would have been the end of my two-year term, I agreed to stay on for another year. That year is up. I have really enjoyed serving as the editor for SCCLL News. It was great to keep up with everything that is happening within our SIS. And to be one of the first to find out about it! There are some very talented, creative people within our ranks, and I have certainly enjoyed working with all of you.

Within the last year, the newsletter has seen some pretty radical changes. For the first time ever, we have had advertising in our newsletter! We’ve had four or five different advertisers and the revenue is certainly a welcome addition to our SIS coffers. It is my hope that the new editor will really work on getting us more advertising, as it does bring us funding, as well as enhance the look and appearance of our newsletter.

Pictures, pictures, pictures. Last year was the first time we included photos in our newsletter. Nice to actually put a face with the names you hear so much about! We also changed the format of the newsletter to a booklet form. As each newsletter became longer, with all the great articles submitted, the need for a thicker, more durable format was apparent.
You are a major contributor to the legal community. Information is your challenge and your goal. West Group’s Librarian Relations Key Relationship Program offers you the keys to information management by providing opportunities for:

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ANNE ELLIS LAW LIBRARIAN AND DIRECTOR, LIBRARIAN RELATIONS.

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The May 2001 meeting of the Membership-Subscription Law Librarians Roundtable was hosted by Shirley David in Sacramento. The group of 12 law librarians enjoyed meeting in the new Sacramento County Law Library, a beautifully restored beau arts building. The accompanying photos feature Roundtable members in front of the area that was used at one time for line-ups of criminal suspects.
And the major biggie—this year, we went electronic with our newsletter. The primary reason for this change was to save our SIS printing and mailing costs, which amount to about $1,000 per issue. While having the newsletter available via our Website may not be as convenient as having it slide across your desktop, it’s really quite aesthetically attractive on the Webpage. Very convenient and very readable. And we have the added distinction of being one of the first SISs to move with the technological times!

So, thanks to all of you who assisted me with the SCCLL newsletter in the last several years, by offering me both copy and encouragement. It’s been a great adventure. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at AALL. Please look throughout this issue for the many SCCLL activities taking place during the annual meeting.

On the lighter side: Here is Lisa’s dream car!

Charley’s Corner
What, Me Worry?

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

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

Just recently, I got a fortune in a fortune cookie that said, “You do not need to worry about the future.” While I am sure the author of this little enigmatic gem meant it to be comforting, it wasn’t. Indeed, it seems that to live the life of a public law library director automatically implies that one must worry. Let’s see: There’s the ever continuing need for more funds, the need for more and better space, the low salaries, the difficulty in recruiting, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera. So perhaps it was a sign that my impending doom is nigh.

Of course, one could take the long view: Will anything I do mean anything in five hundred years, or perhaps even in a hundred years? How about thirty?

The next week, at the same small Chinese eatery, I got the following fortune: “You are going to make a great change.” Choosing to avoid the issue of my own death, that this one, along with the first one, implied, I decided that either something really good was going to happen to my library or I was going to be getting a new job. I have not been looking for a new job, but sometimes these things are foisted upon you.

As with most of the county law libraries in California, ours is going through a particularly hard financial time. Civil court filing fees are dropping once again, and I soon must present a budget to my board that may even call for closing one of our branches. We had recently taken the plunge and purchased a new automated library system—we are now becoming an Innovative user—and that has sucked up a lot of our fund balance. Will my timing be considered too bad? Perhaps, coupled with our revenue problems. The bearer of bad news often fares badly, so maybe I will be in line for a job change after all. (Actually, I have a very fair and intelligent board, so if you see me at the Placement Office in Minneapolis, you can rest assured that I deserve to be there).

As I mulled over these messages from who knows where (I think the cookies are made in Los Angeles), with my wife teasing me over my angst, I get the news that Roberta Shaffer, former law librarian and current dean at the library school at my alma mater, Texas, is going to become the executive director of the Special Libraries Association. Roberta had recruited me for the advisory council for the library school, and I had recruited her for my program in Minneapolis. (That’s “K-3: New Realities: Forward Thinkers Will Point the Way.” Be there. It’ll be worth it). But Roberta will still be on the program. So that’s not the problem.

As Legislation Committee chair for the Council of California County Law Librarians, I have been spending a lot of time lobbying in Sacramento,
trying to get an appropriation from the State’s General Fund. You may recall that California had a $12 billion surplus until the State started buying electricity on behalf of the power companies. Everyone except the people who count have been telling me that all that work will be for naught. Lobbyists and legislators aren’t quite so negative, surprisingly, but we will have to lower our sights, they say. Enough good news to keep me busy lobbying; enough bad news to make us plan for cuts as well.

We are also about to have our main library remodeled. The county government (which is separate from us politically) was supposed to have contracted to have the work done last December, but there have been delays. So it happen in August, and, of course, be scaled down a bit. Today, I went to a program on employing new technology in library buildings, so now I am aware of all the things we will have to take care of after the remodel in order to get things working because the county couldn’t afford them in the first place.

Today, we also had a staff appreciation luncheon, planned and paid for by the senior managers at our library. A good time was had by all. (Not bad, considering they are looking at a remodel on top of a new library system installation and perhaps a branch closing). Then tomorrow I have to write up the agenda for the board meeting for our affiliated charitable foundation, before I leave town the next day, going back to Sacramento for another meeting. Next week, I have an out-of-town meeting on Monday and leave Tuesday for Austin for a couple days, for that advisory council and for Mother’s Day. (Mom lives just outside of Austin. First time to see Pop since his heart attack and triple bypass. He’s doing okay).

In these times, I wonder if being a public law library director would make a good plot for another Survivor series.

To top off my running flirtation with angst, both existential and “librarian,” I got another fortune cookie with another perplexing statement: “You are having a great dinning (sic) experience.” At first I laughed, as I was sure that the word “dining” had simply been misspelled. Given the rather low-brow eatery I was in, calling it a great dining experience was also a bit nerver.

Upon returning to the office, I looked up “dining,” which is the participial form of the verb “dine.” It has two meanings: 1. To stun with deafening noise. 2. To impress by wearying repetition. Well, what do you know. I think the spelling is right after all.

So lately, I have been having a great dining experience. So many things are coming my way all at once, both good and bad, and the good can often be as stressful as the bad.

Did I fail to mention that I am also getting physical therapy for my shoulder, and we got a new drummer for our little amateur band, and the librarian that I mentor is also going through some stressful times, and please don’t ask about the in-laws. Of course, the worst was when GTE sold our cell phones lines to AT&T, and we had to get new phones. Imagine three days without voice mail. Thought I was going to die.

If any of this busy-ness sounds familiar to you, then perhaps you, too, are having a great dining experience. What’s the old Chinese curse: “May you live in interesting times.”

By the way, my wife and I are bringing our fourteen-year-old and ten-year-old grandsons to Minneapolis with us. We thought we’d take them on a nice car trip this summer to get them away from the hustle and bustle of their busy lives. (Bought a new Jetta, with “Monsoon Sound,” i.e., eight speakers). They need some quality time, we said. Who am I fooling? They’re the ones giving us some quality time. Maybe that’s what that first fortune meant: We don’t need to worry about our grandchildren. They’ll do quite well. That would be a nice thing to know.

And maybe I can make a great change that lasts for many years, with a little quality time with the boys. And maybe, just maybe, my dining experience will be no worse than the music I will have to suffer through on this car trip. Eight speakers!!! Egad.

Check out the SCCLL Website at www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll for a complete listing of SCCLL programs and meetings to be held at the annual meeting in Minneapolis.
Law Librarians from Across the Country to Meet in MN
Marvin Anderson Honored

Reprinted from the Minnesota Lawyer, April 9, 2001, by Barbara L. Jones

Although all the hoopla this year has been over Minnesota scoring the Final Four, another nationally important event will take place in the Twin Cities in 2001 — the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Conference.

About 2,500 law librarians are expected to travel to the Twin Cities for the conference, which will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center from July 14-19. The theme of the conference is “New Realities, New Roles.”

And appropriately enough to this year’s theme, Minnesota State Law Librarian Marvin Anderson has announced he will soon be taking on a new role — retirement. Anderson, who has headed the State Law Library for 21 years, has decided to wrap up his tenure sometime in the late summer or fall of this year.

Although the retirement timing is not yet set, Anderson told Minnesota Lawyer. “This will be my last convention in an official role for sure. Anderson said that he is pondering writing a book on the law library’s history.

Host city

The annual AALL Conference has been held at cities throughout the country. The last annual conference was held in Philadelphia, and the one before that in Washington, D.C.

The AALL convention was last held in Minnesota in 1990, when the theme was “Beyond Excellence.” “[This year’s] theme reflects what is going on in our profession,” said Patricia Cummings, the president of the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries (MALL). Cummings, a law librarian at the firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard, is, along with Anderson, co-chair of the convention’s local advisory committee.

Cummings noted that “librarians’ traditional duties have greatly changed. Technology is part of that.” Aimée Blatz, managing librarian at West Group, said the convention will examine both the present state of the profession, including computerized information systems, and future trends. Bob Oakley, vice-president and president-elect of AALL, stated on the association’s Website, “A major emphasis [of the convention in 1990] was to focus on law librarians as legal information specialists by identifying our roles as important components in the legal as well as general library communities. The 2001 meeting will provide members with an opportunity to reexamine and reflect on some of those concepts and trends discussed in 1990.”

Oakley further observed: “The recent trend of business literature is to examine the ‘blur’ resulting from an inter-connected economy as well as the changing expectations of information seekers. As librarians, we are confronted with many challenges as we re-think our libraries, re-define our positions and duties in our parent organizations, and re-invent the profession. In order to be fluid, flexible and focused professionals, librarians must concentrate on the contemporary questions pervasive in business and information-related fields in accordance with their own realities and changing roles.”

The conference will include a wide variety of workshops as well as featured speakers at plenary sessions, tours of local libraries and social events. The featured speakers include Stanford Law School Professor Lawrence Lessig and University of Minnesota Professor Arthur M. Harkins. Lessig, who will speak on “The Law of Cyberspace,” is the author of Code: And Other Laws of Cyberspace. In his address — “Roles for Legal Knowledge Workers” — Harkins will discuss how new technologies — will shape the workforce.

About 76 programs are currently scheduled, according to Cummings. The selections are divided into the following five concentrations or tracks:
• agents of change
• globalization
• partnership
• practitioner’s toolkit and
• reinventing law librarianship.
In addition workshops will be offered on complementary topics.
Welcome to Minnesota

Anita Anderson, AALL Local Advisory Committee & SCCLL Vice-Chair
Minnesota Attorney General’s Office, St. Paul, MN

The Minnesota Local Advisory Committee has been working for many months in preparation for hosting the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting. To help you plan what to do and what to see in the Twin Cities, please visit the Local Advisory Website at http://www.aallnet.org/events/local01/. Developed by our publicity group, the Website has lots of ideas for a memorable trip “Up North.” We have also included a special letter of greeting from our governor.

One of the areas of the Website that deserves return visits is our “Local Favorites.” Chapter members of the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries (MALL) are submitting their recommendations of things to do, places to eat, and sites to visit. We are adding these personal suggestions regularly. Check out this area of the Website for ideas in planning a memorable outing.

Our children’s activities group has planned a family social hour on July 14 with entertainment, activities, and snacks. The group has also added some great links to the Website specifically for family fun. They have included suggestions for kid friendly restaurants and a list of varied activities throughout the metro area.

Library tours during the annual meeting include three SCCLL libraries: Minnesota State Law Library, Hennepin County Law Library, and the U.S. Courts Branch Library. See the preliminary program for details. A library tour for Attorney General librarians has been scheduled for Tuesday morning. Please contact me if you would like additional information.

On behalf of MALL and the Local Advisory Committee, I look forward to welcoming you to Minnesota this summer!

SCCLL Silent Auction

Extra excitement at the SCCLL annual business meeting on July 15th includes the first-ever SCCLL Silent Auction. Beginning at 7 am, you can bid on wonderful items including a weekend at a beachfront house. Bids will close at 8:45 am. Bring your checkbook and support our SIS!

SCCLL Reception in Minneapolis

Anita Anderson, SCCLL Vice-Chair
Minnesota Attorney General’s Office, St. Paul, MN

A reception for SCCLL members will be held in Minneapolis during the AALL Annual Meeting. It will be on Tuesday, July 17, at the lovely Federal Courts Library, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Invitations were mailed to all SCCLL members in early June. Be sure to bring your invitation to the reception - they will be required by the federal courts security guards. If you haven’t received an invitation, please contact me at anita.anderson@state.mn.us.

I would like to make sure that our Section’s VIPs and other special guests are invited to the reception. If you know of someone in this category who is not a member of SCCLL, please contact me. I will add their name to our invitation list.

The U.S. Courthouse is within walking distance of the Convention Center. However, it is a nine block walk. If you decide to make the trek, you can chose either an outdoor route or inside via the skyway. West Group will be providing transportation from the Hilton to the U.S. Courthouse. The mini-coaches will begin departing from the hotel at 5:15 pm and leave every 30 minutes to take those who choose to ride back and forth from the hotel to the reception.

Please mark your calendar now to join our hosts West Group for an evening of fun and refreshments. This will be a perfect opportunity to
visit with librarians who share common experiences and concerns.

**Attention all Attorney General Law Librarians**

Georgiana Welford, Director  
Office of Attorney General, Richmond, VA

Mark your calendars for two events especially for you during the AALL Annual Meeting.

1. The Attorney General Law Librarians luncheon will be on Sunday, July 15 from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Our speaker will be Anne V. Ellis, Director of Librarian Relations, West Group. Her presentation will focus on Intranets and Technology.

2. A tour of the Minnesota Attorney General Library is scheduled for Tuesday morning, July 17. Our bus will leave the Convention Center at 9 am and will return before noon. The AG library staff will showcase their recent Intranet project. Please RSVP to Anita Anderson.

**Hot Stuff for Trustees at AALL**

Shirley Hart David, SCCLL Trustee Development Committee  
Sacramento County Public Law Library, Sacramento, CA

The SCCLL-SIS Trustees Development Committee is pleased to announce the following AALL Annual Meeting activities of particular interest to library trustees and library committee members and the librarians who manage their libraries.

**Saturday, July 14**

- **Tours of West Group headquarters** in Eagan from 2:30-5:30 pm. For government librarians and other SCCLL members. Also for trustees who cannot make the Tuesday private tour. Tours last 90 minutes. Buses departing every 10 minutes. The first bus will depart at 2:30 pm from the convention hotel and the last bus will leave West Group at 5:30. Pre-registration required (RSVP to government@westgroup.com).

**Sunday, July 15**

- **SCCLL-SIS breakfast & business meeting** 7-9 am
- **Librarians & Trustees Luncheon** 11:45 am-1 pm  

- **Trustees Caucus Roundtable** 1-2 pm  
  Follow-up to the luncheon. Orientation to annual meeting and AALL and small group roundtable discussions of topics of interest to library boards and trustees.

**Tuesday, July 17**

- **Special tour of West Group headquarters** in Eagan for library trustees and library committee members and their librarians and Administrative Office of the Courts librarians in D.C. Bus leaves the Hilton Hotel at 9 am and returns to hotel at 11:30 am. Pre-registration required (RSVP to government@westgroup.com).

- **SCCLL SIS reception** at U.S. Courthouse Library 5:30-7:30 pm. Sponsored by West Group. Invitation required to enter courthouse. Contact Anita Anderson at anita.anderson@mn.state.us if you do not receive an invitation.

The Trustee Development Committee is a subcommittee of the State, Court & County Law Libraries Special Interest Section. Members of the committee for 2000-2001 are: Chairperson, Jean Holcomb, Director, King County Law Library, Seattle, WA; Members: Shirley David, Director, Sacramento County Public Law Library, Sacramento, CA; Sara Galligan, Manager, Dakota County Law Library, Hastings, MN; and Sandra Marz, Director, Washoe County Law Library, Reno, NV.

**Trustee’s Tips**

**Strategic Planning: A Role for Trustees**

Jean Holcomb, Chair, Trustee Development Committee  
King County Law Library, Seattle, WA

Whether your library fits within the organizational structure of a large parent organization or stands alone as an independent entity, attention must be given on a regular basis to preparing a roadmap for the library’s future. Many libraries create an active planning culture that involves all levels of library staff as well as the members of the library’s governing body. Rather
than adopting a plan created by an outside consultant or drafted solely by the library’s staff, these libraries invest time, energy, and resources to create a collaborative planning process.

The creation of a plan for the library’s future can be quite stressful for an organization. By its very nature, an examination of the role of the organization against the backdrop of an uncertain future calls for ongoing change and learning at all levels. While trustees may be comfortable in discharging their legal and fiduciary responsibilities, many may not believe that they possess adequate knowledge about the future of legal information service to become full partners in the strategic planning process.

To help members of the library’s governing body feel comfortable in their role as an equal planning partner, the library staff can take a variety of steps to demystify library management. Possible strategies include providing ongoing information about topics being discussed in the library literature. Circulate articles about how technology impacts the options for information delivery on a regular basis along with other materials regularly distributed for a board meeting. Use budget sessions as a chance to educate about the costs and dynamics of the legal publishing arena. Enroll trustees as members of AALL and SCCLL, and encourage them to read the SCCLL newsletter, Spectrum and Law Library Journal. Foster discussion about the role which new technologies could play in the library by providing demonstrations at board meetings. Encourage attendance of board members at library conferences and join them in a tour of the vendor area for a preview of new products.

In addition to providing background information about library management on an ongoing basis, trustees will be encouraged to become full partners in the planning process if the process itself is a democratic one. The library’s parent organization may prescribe the format and timeline for the planning process. Because the library owns the method by which the substantive elements of the plan are created, however, the potential exists to follow planning steps in a fashion that can be individualized to meet the library management team’s culture.

While the planning effort required to set a course for the future may be called many different things depending on the library’s individual situation, all efforts have a set of elements in common. As a partner in this process, the library’s governing body will be involved and contributing at each stage of the process. The planning team will do their groundwork to assess the library’s existing environment. Efforts will be made to solicit information from library users. Trustees will also add to the planning mix their perspectives as representatives of the library’s core user constituencies.

In a democratic planning model, the members of library governing body will be involved in drafting, in establishing priorities, in funding, and in monitoring the implementation of the plan. To foster an open planning process, all members of the planning team could engage in a shared activity. While a planning retreat might be beyond the budget possibilities of a publicly funded law library, low cost and no cost substitutes for a retreat include viewing and discussing a video about envisioning the future such as “Discovering the Future, the Business of Paradigms.” Another possibility would be for the planning team to select a book about change and planning the future to read. Lively discussion would be fostered by two books on opposite ends of the management literature range: Spencer Johnson’s Who Moved My Cheese and Watts Wacker and Jim Taylor’s The Visionary’s Handbook: Nine Paradoxes That Will Shape the Future of Your Business.

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Strategic planning defines the vision and creates the road map for the library’s future. If strategic planning happens only once every few years, chances diminish that the plan created will function as a tool to assure that the library’s objectives are met. Leadership and shared decision making by trustees and library staff during the planning process ensures that the planning process becomes an integral part of the library’s day to day operation.

**New Realities, New Roles**

**Focus on Practitioner’s Toolkit**

*Scott G. Burgh, a member of the 2001 Annual Meeting Program Committee, is Chief Law Librarian for the City of Chicago Department of Law Library and a member of the Social Responsibility SIS and the State, Court & County SIS. He is also Treasurer of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries.*

One of the five tracks developed for the educational programs for the 2001 Minneapolis meeting is Practitioner’s Toolkit. As our profession evolves, we need to keep current with the tools that are the nuts and bolts of our everyday work. The Practitioner’s Toolkit track focuses on the means and implementation of our proficiencies as professional librarians.

While many of the themes overlap, 24 programs are offered in the Practitioner’s Toolkit track that speak to specific applications in our profession. Themes addressed in this track cover many of our day-to-day work lives of cataloging, teaching, publishing, specific subject areas of reference and research, time management, technology applications, Web searching, and Web page design.

**Programs in the Practitioner’s Toolkit Track**

**Sunday, July 15**

“Power Search—Strategies for Successful Internet Searching”  
_**Addresses hands-on techniques to fine tune Web searching.**_

“The Young and the Restless: What Are the Realities of Professional Growth for New Academic Librarians”  
_**Plan your career path more successfully.**_

“Using Metadata to Increase Visibility: The GPO Access Search Engine Project”

**Monday, July 16**

“Maximizing the Firm’s Technology Investment: Creative Intranet Applications”  
_**Learn about information dissemination within the firm environment via an Intranet in another hands-on session.**_

“Put a CORC in It: The Cooperative Online Resource Catalog’s Attempt to Control the WWW Information Flow”  
_**A must session for any user of OCLC.**_

“When to Pay the Piper: The Copyright Clearance Center—the Robin Hood of the 21st Century, or Robbing Peter to Pay Paul?”  
_**Keep current with changing copyright law.**_

“Cataloger’s Dilemma: When and How to Use Law Uniform Titles”  
_**A must for catalogers which addresses specific applications of AACR2 25.15 and 25.16.**_

_**Turn your work efficiency into work effectiveness.**_
“American Indian Law: The New Reality of Native Sovereignty”
Introduces federal Indian law and tribal law.

**Tuesday, July 17**

“We’re Hiring: Designing IT Job Descriptions to Attract the Very Best”
Provides useful tools to help write job descriptions and to conduct a meaningful job analysis.

“Implementing the MARC 21 Format for Holdings Data: The New Frontier in Technical Services”
Identify specific fields of USMARC format for Holdings Data in another session for catalogers.

“Time Management: There Really Are Enough Hours in the Day”
Prioritize and set effective time management goals.

A must for those who need to locate and navigate state and local government information.

“Legal Research for the Xers and Nexters: Redesigning a Program”
An excellent segue from the 2000 session on teaching legal research to the MTV generation.

**Wednesday, July 18**

“Getting Published: A How-to Discussion for the Hesitant Cyber Writer and Paper Writer”
Learn the premier writing venues for law librarians in this session.

“Prometheus Unbound: “Firing Up” United Nations Legal Researchers”
Addresses UN legal research, the UNBIS database, and the UN’s Official Documents Search (ODS) Website.

“And You Thought Gadgets Were Only for the Kitchen! 60 Technology Gadgets in 60 Minutes”
Highlights new products that can help in our daily lives.

“What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You: Essential Technical Services Knowledge for Public Services Librarians”
Highlights technical services policies that impact the catalog.

“World Wide Website Design and Management Considerations”
Explains Website composition and diagnostic tools, as well as color, text, graphic, and navigation guidelines.

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

**Business Meeting Minutes**
Sunday, July 16, 2000, Marriott Salon I-J
Philadelphia, PA

**CALL TO ORDER:**
The business meeting was called to order by Shirley David, SCCLL Chair, at 7:40 am.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
Margie Axtmann announced the creation of the Institute Court Management Scholarship established through a donation from Marcia J. Koslov, that will provide the opportunity for law librarians to attend courses presented by the Institute. This scholarship will be jointly administered with AALL.

Peggy Rogers announced the upcoming National Center for State Courts Fall Institute for Court Management Workshop scheduled for November 2-4 in Williamsburg. Jan Peters announced the upcoming State Court Historical Conference scheduled for September 21-23 in New Orleans.

**REPORT OF SECRETARY/TREASURER**
The Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Welker, presented a report of Board Action during the Year and also presented the SIS Financial Report.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT AND VOTE ON PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS:**
John Eichstadt, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, moved for the adoption of the amendment to Article IX. The revision of Article IX passed. He then moved for the adoption of the amendments of the
Bylaws. The Bylaws revision was passed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND SUBGROUPS:
The full committee and subgroup reports are
being posted on the SIS Website so the follow-
ing members gave oral summaries of their reports:
Attorney General’s Roundtable-Georgiana Wellford
Awards-Michele Finerty
Education-Kathy Carlson
Grants-Donna Bausch
Membership & Mentoring-Kathy Carlson, Tim Lewis
Model City. Law Library Working Code-Michael Miller
Newsletter-Lisa Mecklenberg
Nominations-Shirley David (for Judy Meadows)
Publicity/Public Relations-Gail Warren
Standards-Elizabeth Peterson
Strategic Planning-Jean Holcomb
Trustees Development-Pamela Gregory, Alison Alifano
Website/Listserv-Anita Anderson

NEW BUSINESS:
Shirley David reported on SCCLL Executive Board
Actions at their July 15, 2000 meeting. This in-
cluded the approval of the report of the Nominat-
ing Committee and appointment of the 2000-
2001 Nominations Committee members including
Donna Bausch, Chair, Cossette Sun and
Marvin Anderson. She announced the board ap-
proval of the “Interim Report” of the SCCLL Work-
ing Group titled “Drafting a Model County Law
Library Code” and dated May 15, 2000. Shirley
David also presented a report on the SCCLL time
capsule.

Michele Finerty presented the Bethany L. Ochal
Award for Distinguished Service to the Profes-
sion to Marvin Anderson and Jacqueline Wright.

Kathy Carlson and Tim Lewis presented 20-year
pins to members. They also requested that, if
there were other members who had reached this
important milestone but for whom historical
records were not available, someone notify the
committee regarding other long-term members.
It is the committee’s goal to honor every 20-year
member, if at all possible.

Donna Bausch introduced the member Grant
recipients and the Trustee grant recipients.

Shirley David led the members present in rec-
ognizing outgoing board members Alison Alifano
and Jean Holcomb for their outstanding service
to the SIS. She also presented two Chair’s Awards
for Exceptional Service to SCCLL. The two rec-
cipients were Anita Anderson for her work on
the SCCLL Website and Michael Miller for his
work on the Model County Law Library Code Re-
port. Shirley David then presented the “Chair’s
Report.”

INSTALLATION OF NEW AND CONTINUING OFF-
ICERS:
The installation of new and continuing officers
was officiated over by Harold Cramer, Esq., Chair-
man of the Board, Jenkins Memorial Library.
Installed officers were as follows:
Regina Smith-Chair
Anita Anderson-Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Kathy Joyce Welker-Secretary/Treasurer
Shirley David-Immediate Past Chair
Lisa Mecklenberg-Newsletter Editor
Board Members:
Michele Finerty (1998-2001)
Tim Lewis (1999-2002)

RECOGNITION OF IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:
Following her installation as Chair, Regina
Smith, announced her theme for the upcoming
year-“Time is most valuable and perishable of
our possessions” - and asked that SIS members
give of their time to support SCCLL. She then
thanked and recognized Shirley David for her out-
standing leadership and her gift of time to the
organization.

ADJOURNMENT:
Regina Smith, SCCLL Chair, adjourned the Busi-
ness Meeting.

Program Proposals for AALL 2002
– Yikes!!! Already???
Sandy Marz, Trustee Caucus/Trustee Dev. Committee
Washoe County Law Library, Reno, NV

It seems too soon to think about 2002 but programs for the AALL
2002 meeting are selected in the
fall of 2001. The Trustee Caucus
is encouraging our membership
to submit proposals specifically aimed at
trustees and governing boards. I asked some
members of my Board what topics would be of
interest to them at an educational meeting for
trustees. I’ll pass along a few of their thoughts:

- Address perception by higher administration
  such as County Commissioners that libraries can
be “electronic” so that space and staff needs can be reduced in the digital age – fact or fiction.

- The law library as a public institution – not solely the territory of the legal profession - how do we make sure we meet the needs of John Q. Public.

- Long Distance Legal Research Opportunities – links to other law libraries on our Website, etc.

- Evaluation of Director – Criteria

- “How to” on fundraising using foundations for big projects

These topics may be familiar to us but are obviously relatively new territory for a board member or at least require further discussion. Put yourselves in the shoes of your trustees or members of your governing bodies and create some program proposals of interest to them. As there is a very short time before the program proposals are due after the July annual meeting, please have these ideas/proposals ready for the Minneapolis meeting. The Trustee Caucus would like to submit these proposals to our SIS Education Committee so they can be sent with others from our section to be considered for the educational program in 2002.

**SCCLL Member News**

The **Arkansas Supreme Court Library** recently moved to its temporary location (Aegon Building, Ste. 210, 501 Woodlane Drive, Little Rock, AR 72201-1025) while the Justice Building is undergoing renovation. Because the Aegon building was not built to support the load of library shelves, for the next year we are forced to endure five and seven foot aisles between all the stacks. The library should return to the Justice Building in about one year. The Arkansas General Assembly recently approved a new position for the library, Technical Services Librarian. The library is currently accepting applications for this position. This is the first full-time staff increase at the library in 15 years. Tim Holthoff, Director, is taking a temporary leave of absence from his library duties to serve as director of the Arkansas Court Automation Project, the goal of which is to provide an integrated case management system for all general jurisdiction courts in Arkansas. Ava Hicks, whose title will change July 1 from Assistant Librarian to Coordinator of Public Services, will be the acting director while Tim is automating courts. Tim will be interviewing for the Technical Services Librarian position at AALL in Minneapolis.

**Gail Warren**, State Law Librarian, Virginia State Law Library, and Sarah K. (Sally) Wiant, Director of the Law Library at Washington and Lee University, spoke about the implications of the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act in “UCITA: A Reality” at the recent VALL Annual Conference. Their presentation engendered a great discussion about the effects this act will have on access to online databases, circulation of CD-ROMs and participation in interlibrary loan when it takes effect in Virginia on July 1, 2001. Gail and Sally are well-versed in this act and were both actively involved in Virginia’s UCITA study committees. For more information on UCITA and VALL’s advocacy efforts, visit the Legislative Awareness section of the VALL Website at: law.richmond.edu/vall/LegAwareness.htm.

**New Members of SCCLL** *(since April 1, 2001)*

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3723 Vision Blvd.
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Kimberly Ann Ositis
King County Law Library
W621 County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

David Oberholtzer
San Diego County Public Law Library
1105 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92101-3999
Therese Perreault
Centre De Documentation
445 Boul. Saint-Laurent Suite 6.02
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Abraham Reich
Jenkins Law Library
841 Chestnut St., Suite 1220
Philadelphia, PA 19107-4429

William Simmons
Cobb County Law Library
12 E. Park Square
Marietta, GA 30090

Jeffrey Spalding
Supreme Court of Florida
500 South Duval St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1926

Jacqueline Stern
San Diego County Public Law Library
1105 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92101-3999

Kathy Thomas
Toledo Law Association
Family Court Center
905 Jackson St.
Toledo, OH 43624-1546

Roblyn Walker Schwelm
1120 Rodney Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Standards Committee Meeting
7:00-8:45 am
AG Librarians Site Visit
9:00-11:30 am
Trustees West Group Headquarters Site Visit
9:00-11:30 am
SCCLL Recognition Reception
5:30-7:30 pm

And don’t forget about the SCCLL table in the exhibit hall!

Remember the SCCLL Reception on
July 17 from 5:30-7:30 pm
at the beautiful Federal Courts Building
(Pictured below)

SCHEDULE OF SCCLL MEETINGS & EVENTS
AT AALL IN MINNEAPOLIS

Saturday, July 14
Tour of West Group Headquarters in Eagan
2:30-5:30 pm
2000-2001 Executive Board and Committee Chairs
3:00-4:00 pm

Sunday, July 15
Breakfast and Business Meeting
7:00-9:00 am
Attorney General Law Librarians Roundtable Luncheon
11:45-1:00 pm
Librarians and Trustees Luncheon
11:45-1:00 pm
Trustees Caucus Roundtable Discussions
1:00-2:00 pm

Monday, July 16
2001-2003 Strategic Plan Implementation Meeting
7:00-8:45 am
2001-2002 Committees Meeting
5:15-6:15 pm

Tuesday, July 17
Program Committee Meeting
7:00-8:45 am