Thanks!

Anita Anderson, SCCLL Chair
Office of the Attorney General, St. Paul, MN

In my last newsletter column as SCCLL Chair, I want to give my thanks to our very supportive section and its members. Your dedication to our profession shows in all the ways you share your talents, experience, and knowledge. I want to thank our terrific Executive Board members who helped me throughout the year with quick and thoughtful answers to questions that perplexed me. Thanks to each of you who volunteered to chair or to work on a committee and the support you gave to the section this year. Committee work is an important way that our group makes progress on projects, recognizes our members, and provides the backbone for our many activities and programs.

In addition, I want to thank each of you who helped our section in other, non-traditional ways. Thanks to those who:

- **Posted a message** on our listserv seeking help, asking for advice, or making an announcement. Opening a dialog with other members can be difficult but the rewards are great for everyone. It is often the start of a new kinship with someone else "in the same boat."
- **Answered a message** on our listserv. Taking the time to share your knowledge with colleagues goes to the heart of organizations such as ours.

Another way to share your knowledge or to seek advice is to participate in AALL’s Mentoring Project. This effort brings together newer members with more experienced members giving them the opportunity to build new relationships and support networks. I give my thanks to our members who have already volunteered to participate in this important program. Consider becoming a part of this project. More details are in a separate article on page 16 of this newsletter.

I also want to thank members for participating in our silent auction at last year’s annual meeting in Minneapolis. A special thanks goes to Regina Smith for organizing that effort. As a result, we were able to significantly increase our funding for travel grants this year to the AALL Annual Meeting. Our grant recipients will be named soon and we are pleased that they will be able to join us in Orlando.

Strategic Planning

The AALL Executive Board has asked me to encourage our members to review the 2000-2005 AALL Strategic Plan (http://www.aallnet.org/about/strategic_plan.asp). I personally would also like all of us to scrutinize the SCCLL 2001-2003 Strategic Plan (http://www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll/strp0103.pdf). Earlier this year, I talked with AALL Executive Board member Alvin Podboy about how SCCLL is helping AALL meet its strategic plan goals. In our work toward our own goals we are also meeting a number of AALL’s stated goals - happy chance or was it cleverly planned?

We will soon be at the mid-point of our 2001-2003 Strategic Plan. At this stage, we need to recognize what has been accomplished and address goals that are still pending. Our committees’ reports will be featured at the SCCLL business meeting in Orlando and will be posted at the SCCLL web site. They will

(View from the Chair continued on page 13)
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Editor’s Etchings
Reviewing for Pleasure

Mary Ann Parker, Editor
Department of Water Resources Law Library
Sacramento, CA

“Let’s face it. Most law librarians end up in the profession by accident.” (Maya Norris in AALL Spectrum, March 2002, P. 26) That pretty much sums up my experience, although I must add that it was a happy accident. Continuing with my theme of “Starved for Content”, I am devoting this column to persuading our membership to contribute to librarianship in general by volunteering to review books for Library Journal. I started in 1991 because I enjoyed reading reviews and I appreciated the focus of the LJ reviews, which was collection development, not necessarily literary quality. After all we know that Danielle Steel is never going to get a bad LJ review, nor is an Oprah book, but there are many other books by first time authors or on unusual topics that are unlikely to be reviewed in the New York Times Review of Books. Unlike Kirkus Reviews, which uses professional reviewers of general interest books, (see kirkusreviews.com) LJ depends on the — shall we say — “disinterested” reviewer who wants to add to the body of professional literature, 125 words at a time. (The approximate length of an LJ review.) Each issue contains a box asking for reviewers for particular subjects. In the April 1 issue, the call was made for reviewers of child rearing books; in the March 15 issue, it was for business books. You don’t have to do books about law. My specialty (ahem!) was travel and historical fiction.

No money changes hands. Reviewers usually get a trade copy of the reviewed book after publication and the pleasure of seeing one’s name in print in a national trade publication. They also get an invitation to the LJ Reviewers reception held every year at the ALA Convention. And there is the satisfaction gained by contributing to the world of librarianship at large. If you found the reader’s advisor part of librarianship to be one of the best things about library school, then contact Library Journal and offer your expertise. The address is 245 W. 17th St. New York, NY 10011 or ljquery@cahners.com. You can also read about it at http://libraryjournal.reviewsnews.com/.

In other news, I’d like to thank Gail Warren again for sending me a CD of photographs that she took at the SCCLL Business Meeting and the Reception in Minneapolis. I was able to download them easily into the Fall issue of the newsletter. Consider this a request to interested volunteer photographers to send me electronic photos from Orlando for the next issue.

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Charley’s Corner:
The Queen of Chula Vista and other Tales

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

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

Epistemology is the study of knowledge, one of the fields of study of philosophy professors, occasionally of psychology professors, rarely, but once in a while, of library science professors, and even more rarely of practicing librarians. By study of knowledge, I mean the study of how we come to know that which we claim to know. Dictionaries refer to epistemology as the division of philosophy that studies the nature of knowledge. But most writers in the field spend a consider amount of time studying the “knower,” as well as the “known.”

Truth is a big issue in this field. How do we know what is true? How do we know that what is true is true, or rather that what we believe to be true is true? There are, of course, different kinds of truth: scientific truth, religious truth, and so on.

Librarians, bless their hearts, make epistemological decisions every day. As we collect the “right” materials for our libraries, collection development (also know as advance selection, because it anticipates the needs of the user) becomes the manifestation of collective decisions about the supposed truth of the works. We use such things as the original of the material, such as primary sources in law or respectable publishers, an assessment of the author, and an assessment of the topic. We also make such decisions when giving reference service, or immediate selection. We help patrons decide what is the good stuff and what is not.

(Charley’s Corner continued on page 4)
TRULY BELIEVED SHE WERE THE QUEEN OF A PARTICULAR CHULA VISTA. IT OCCURRED TO ME THEN THAT, IF ONE BENEFITS OF HER SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE "KINGDOM OF CHULA VISTA," SHE COULD REAP THE MANNER TOWARDS WHICH ONE COMES TO KNOW IT, AND THE FRAMEWORK IS PREDOMINATELY CULTURAL IN ORIGIN. WITHOUT LANGUAGE, IT IS HARD TO EXPRESS TRUTH.

PHRENIC. SHE IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE PRE-RÖYALITY AT ALL? HOW WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN RECOGNITION AS QUEEN USING LAWS THAT FLAT OUT DON'T RECOGNIZE ANY ROYALTY AT ALL?

BUT ALL OF US REQUIRE SOME BIT OF CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE, TO WHICH WE ADD OUR DELUSIONS, IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT OUR PERSONAL REALITIES. WE, ALL OF US, EXIST ALONG A CONTINUUM OF PEOPLE WHOSE PERSONAL REALITIES ARE CLOSER OR FARTHER AWAY FROM THE SOCIETALLY ACCEPTED TRUTHS. I KNOW SEVERAL MUSICIANS, WHO, IN SPITE OF THE LAW, BELIEVE THAT MARIJUANA IS LESS HARMFUL THAN ALCOHOL. THEY KNOW BETTER THAN TO SMOKE IT IN FRONT OF POLICEMEN THOUGH. THEY ARE CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE SOCIETALLY ACCEPTED TRUTH TO BE ABLE TO GET BY.

THEN YOU HAVE THE SPOUSE ABUSER WHO PROCLAIMS, "THE BITCH MADE ME DO IT." HE PROCLAIMS THAT WORDS SHE UTTERS SOMEHOW CAUSE HIM TO STRIKE BLOWS, OFTEN WHEN SHE SAYS NOTHING AT ALL. SUBCONSCIOUSLY, HE TRANSFERS BLAME TO HIS WIFE FOR HIS MISFORTUNES AND HIS POWERLESSNESS. HE STRIKES HER OUT OF ANGER BECAUSE HE CANNOT STRIKE AT "THOSE" WHO REALLY CAUSE HIS PROBLEM. WHAT HAS REALLY HAPPENED IS THAT HE HAS ACCEPTED A PORTION OF SOCIETALLY IMPOSED TRUTH THAT SAYS HE IS A "NOTHING" BECAUSE OF HIS LACK OF SUCCESS. HE ACCEPTS THAT PORTION OF CULTURE THAT ALLOWS BAD ACTS BY SUPPOSED VICTIMS, WHILE FAILING TO ACCEPT THAT PORTION OF CULTURE THAT SAYS THAT GOOD, BRAVE MEN DO NOT HIT INNOCENT PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY LOVED ONES THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT.

I WAS ONCE KICKED OFF A JURY PANEL BECAUSE MEMORIES OF MY OWN STEPDUGHTER'S ABUSIVE SITUATION RENDERED ME INCAPABLE OF GIVING AN IMPARTIAL EAR TO TESTIMONY IN A SPOUSE ABUSE CASE. I ALSO HAVE A REALITY DISCONNECT WITH THE NOTION OF A "DEATH QUALIFIED JURY," I.E., ONE WHEREIN THE MEMBERS ARE CAPABLE OF GIVING THE DEFENDANT THE DEATH PENALTY. IF SOME MEMBERS OF SOCIETY ARE OPPOSED TO THE DEATH PENALTY PER SE, HOW DOES ONE GET A JURY OF HIS PEERS WHEN THEY ARE EXCLUDED? THAT IS BECAUSE, IN THE PRAGMATIC WORLD OF LAW, IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT THE JURY CONFORM TO THE SOCIETALLY ACCEPTED RULE CREATED THROUGH LEGISLATION AND UPHOLD BY THE COURTS. MY OWN DISGUST WITH THE DEATH PENALTY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY GET ME KICKED OFF A JURY, TOO, BUT IT DOES NOT HAMPER MY ABILITY TO BE A LAW LIBRARIAN.

THAT IS BECAUSE, UNLIKE SCIENTIFIC TRUTH OR EVEN THE TRUTH OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, THE "TRUTH" OF LAW IS, AS APPLIED, UNIQUELY AND TOTALLY A HUMAN CONSTRUCT. WE CAN INCLUDE SCIENCE IN MAKING THE CHOICES, BUT THE NEED TO APPLY THE LAW REQUIRES THAT A DECISION BE MADE, EVENTHOUGH SOCIETALLY ACCEPTED TRUTHS OR BELIEFS ARE SUPPORTED OR DENIED, WE CAN DISCOVER NEW CONCEPTS TO APPLY THEM IN A MORE SUBSTANTIVE MANNER.
West Group Librarian Relations invites you to meet with our Customer Service colleagues for a luncheon update on current Customer Service initiatives. Based upon input solicited from the membership by SCCLL officers, our presentation will focus on the issues of most concern to those involved directly in acquisitions, billing, and other operations of the library.

Speakers will include:

- **Anne Ellis**, Senior Director, Customer Programs
- **Judy Cowden**, Manager, Federal Government Account Services
- **Kristine Keller**, Senior Director, Product & Pricing Services
- **Mary Ellen Marlowe**, Vice President, Customer Operations
- **Mark Witzany**, Director, Customer Service

Please RSVP to Lori Hedstrom, Manager, Librarian Relations at lori.hedstrom@westgroup.com by June 28, 2002.

If you have a specific question you would like addressed, please so indicate at that time or contact your SCCLL leadership.

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when science or facts are in doubt. So, is it the job of law librarians to help their patrons find the truth? Actually, no. Not the true truth, just the legal truth—that truth that will be applied in the patron’s case. We need to train our patrons to become pragmatists, to accept the legal truth once they find it and to conduct themselves accordingly so they can achieve, as close as they can, the results they want. Law is the ultimate example of social epistemology. When library science professors look for that special case, that case wherein all the pesky variables are removed so that one can get to the core of a theory, they should look at law libraries. It is all our little human constructs, our additions to the knowledge of the senses, in other words, our laws, they are the determinate of the social reality that our patrons must learn.

These professors should study us. They should study how law librarians come to make a patron understand not only what the law is, but that there is, and certainly always will be, a certain amount of disconnect between that reality and the patron’s own personal reality.

I remember a pro se litigant who refused to pay a bill for Lexis research because our reference librarian could not find any cases that were decided in a way that would help her own case. I stood firm behind my reference librarian. Her search strategy was good. She had to pay the bill, I said. I gave her the example of the Queen of Chula Vista, saying that we all can be deluded to some degree. The law was just not in her favor. I don’t know if she really understood the analogy to her own situation, but she eventually did pay the bill. After all, she had to do more research to figure out what to do next. It’s funny how things like money and liberty can bring out the pragmatist in all of us.

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On another note: While writing this column, I just found out that I had been elected as your new Vice Chair - Chair Elect. While running unopposed, I wish to thank all who voted for me. I did not hear what the tally was for write-ins, but I still thank you for your confidence in me. So, having just read my column, if you don’t want just a bunch of very esoteric (shall we say weird?) program ideas for the 2003 AALL Meeting, you had better send in to me some good ideas yourself. cdyer@sdcll.org

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AALL 2002 ANNUAL MEETING

SCCLL Announcements

Susanne Dyer
Alameda County Law Library, Oakland, CA
Education Committee Chair

A-4  “Crack in the First Rung on the Ladder of Justice – Can a Model County Law Library Code Reinforce our Legal Information Gateways?”
Coordinator: Anne Grande

B-6  “Value-added or Value-denied: John Q. Public and the Legal Information Marketplace”
Coordinator: Sara Galligan

D-5  “Creating Connections with the Courts: Electronic Filing”
Coordinator: Anne Morrison

Programs Coordinated By State, Court or County Law Librarians but not Sponsored by the Section

C-6  “Law Firm Mergers: A Roadmap through the Minefield”
Coordinator: Cornell Winston

Coordinator: Kathy Carlson

E-6  “Breaking Connections or Making Connections – Prison Law Librarians and AALL Five Years after Casey v. Lewis”
Coordinator: Karen Westwood

J-4  “Election Reform: Repairing a Loose Connection in the Democratic Process”
Coordinator: Carol Billings

J-6  “Here Comes the Judge: Law Librarians Evaluate Online Services”
Coordinator: Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson

Silent Auction

2002

Regina Smith
SCCLL Silent Auction Chair

Last year, SCCLL held a Silent Auction during its business meeting and raised over $1,500 for our SIS. Items ranged from a week in a Montana cabin with one gourmet breakfast and one gourmet dinner, with a starting bid of $200, to a set of postcards with Audubon bird prints offered for a $4 minimum bid. We had several donations that had a “state or origin” theme, such as New York maple syrup. We also had jewelry items, pottery, several books – legal and fiction, and fun type tchotchkes. We had a lot of fun and the money was used to implement the strategic directions set forth in our section’s Strategic Plan.

We are going to do it again this year. Now that we have one year’s experience, and we have reminded you in previous newsletters to squirrel things away that might be good for our auction, let the fun begin. Be sure to bring cash or your checkbook, as we don’t take VISA or MasterCard!

Please complete the form on the following page if you plan to contribute something to the auction. The auction is easier to administer if we know in advance how many items are going to be offered. The week prior to the Annual Meeting, we will post a description of the auction items on our list serve so that you will have an idea of what is available. Also, we need volunteers to help set up and collect funds at the end of the auction. If you wish to volunteer, please let me know at rsmith@jenkinslaw.org and I will get back to you with instructions.

Thanks in advance for your help. I am really looking forward to this year’s auction, because last year I was at the podium chairing the meeting and was unable to bid competitively.
Contribution Form for the 2002 SCCLL SIS Silent Auction

Yes, I have something to contribute to the SCCLL SIS 2002 Silent Auction!

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Item Description:

Minimum Bid: $________________________________________________
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Please bring the gifts with you to the Breakfast/Business Meeting on Sunday, July 21 at 7 a.m.
If you wish to donate, but will not be at the Annual Meeting, please send an e-mail to Regina Smith and she will make arrangements to get your contribution to the meeting
Please submit this form via e-mail to rsmith@jenkinslaw.org
Questions? Contact Regina.
And THANKS!

Deadline for accepting forms is July 5, 2002

We will post a description of all auction items the week before the AALL Annual Meeting. Watch the SCCLL List for the announcement.
2000-2001 SCCLL Secretary’s Annual Report

Cynthia S. Fellows
SCCLL Secretary

Actions of the Executive Board between the last annual meeting on July 14, 2000 and July 14, 2001:

- Encumbered $1,000 received from Court Record Services for travel grant(s) for Orlando 2002 meeting
- Approved implementation of online newsletter
- Approved, with reluctance, 2 SCCLL programs on same Sunday time slot; recommended against doing so again
- Adopted the 2001-2003 Strategic Plan as amended.

Report on the SCCLL Business Meeting, Minneapolis, July 15, 2001

At the opening of the meeting, Greg Lambert, a member of the Future of Law Libraries in the Digital Age Special Committee, solicited comment from the membership on the changing role of law librarians. Regina Smith gave the Treasurer’s Report, followed by reports from the Bylaws, Awards, Education, Membership and Grants committees, the Model Trial Court/County Law library Working Group, the Newsletter, Nominations, Publicity/Public Relations, Standards, Strategic Planning, and Website/Listserv Committees. Reports from all committees and the Model Trial Court/County Law Library Working Group are posted on the SCCLL web site.

As the meeting progressed, thanks to the creativity and efforts of Regina Smith, members participated in a silent auction which was a tremendous success, bringing in $1,528 of revenue to our SIS.

New business: Regina Smith reported on the refreshed strategic plan, a “living document”. Catherine Lehmann was presented the O. James Werner Award for Distinctive Service to Persons with Disabilities. Accepting the award, Catherine impressed upon the membership that “It doesn’t take a lot of time to make a difference”. Kathy Carlson presented 20 year pins to members who were eligible both in 2000 and 2001. Regina Smith commended all who served as committee chairs and members. In lieu of Rolex watches, she presented tokens of appreciation in “thanks for lending SCCLL a hand”.

At the close of the meeting the 2001-2002 executive board was sworn in by the Honorable Jeffrey L. Gunther and Regina Smith passed the gavel to our incoming Chair, Anita Anderson. Anita announced this year’s theme, “Lighten the Load”, and encouraged the membership to volunteer for SCCLL committees and their projects.

If you’re able, able, able
Help maintain the table, table, table

The SCCLL SIS will be hosting a table in the Activities Area at the AALL Annual Meeting in Orlando. At the table will be the first SCCLL Resource Guide, designed to illustrate the role law librarians play as “partners in justice.” Entitled How to Hire a State, Court, and County Law Librarian, the Guide was made possible through a $25,000 grant from Lexis-Nexis. The Resource Guide has come together nicely with articles from SCCLL members Charley Dyer, Mike Miller, Pat Parker, and Donna Bausch, to name a few. Decision makers and those who hire law librarians will definitely want a copy of this important, informative guide.

There will be other exciting activities at the table, including a drawing for a fabulous prize—a $50 Amazon.com gift certificate. The winner will be announced at the SCCLL reception on Tuesday evening. Anyone who expects to have some free time at Orlando and would like to help “staff” the SCCLL table for an hour or two, please contact SCCLL Publicity Chair, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, at Ljackson@state.mt.us.

Susan Szymula reminds us that the SCCLL-SIS Sourcebook for Law Library Governing Boards and Committees revision is underway, but volunteers are still welcome. Anyone interested can contact her at:
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Member News

In January, Kay McClain was honored for 30 years service as the first law librarian to the Indiana Attorney General’s office. The Attorney General presented Ms. McClain with a certificate making her an "Honorary Attorney General and Advocate of the State of Indiana" and a representative from the Governor’s office presented her with the “Distinguished Hoosier Award.”

Also in January, Rebecca Richie began work as the Law Library Manager for the Murphree Law library in the Alachua County Courthouse in Gainesville, Florida. Rebecca previously worked as Reference and ILL Coordinator for St. Johns River Community College Library.

In April, the Indiana Attorney General’s Office Library celebrated Law Library Week. Highlights of the celebration included daily contests requiring both print and online research and a spectacular grand finale in which teams arranged library books in rows and knocked them down domino style. The winning entry spelled out USA in red white and blue books with the loose-leaf Indiana Register serving as the white.

Connie Von Der Heide, Reference/Outreach Services Librarian at the Wisconsin State Law Library, begins duties as incoming president of Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin on June 1, 2002.

Kathy Carlson, the Wyoming State Law Librarian, has been awarded the first ever Excellent Service Award by the Wyoming Supreme Court. She was recognized for her endeavors in spearheading the effort to have Universal Citation Format adopted in Wyoming and in assisting the State Public Defender to build small law libraries for public defenders’ offices around the state in a cost-effective manner.

The Solano County (CA.) Law Library along with 10 other county law libraries received an Info-People grant this year for a public online access computer. This grant not only provides a computer, printer, and training, but also one year’s support. This will be the first public online access that Solano County Law Library has been able to offer its patrons. The other California county law libraries that received and are very appreciative for the InfoPeople grants are: Alameda (South County Branch), Marin, Plumas, Riverside (2 branches), San Diego (4 branches), San Joaquin, Siskiyou Family Court Services Branch, Sonoma, Yolo, and Yuba.

On June 3 Meredith Hoffman leaves her position as reference librarian at the State Law Library of Montana to become the new Director of the Spokane County Law Library in Spokane, Washington.

The Johnson County Law Library in Olathe, Kansas has recently had success in the Kansas legislature with the amendment of one of the state’s county law library statutes. K.S.A. 20-3126 (c) has been amended to grant authority to the trustees of the Johnson County Law Library to charge an attorney law library fee of up to $125 per year. The current fee is $75, which was the prior maximum allowable authorized fee. Johnson County, now the largest county in the state, is one of two counties authorized to charge up to $125. The other county is Sedgwick County (Wichita). These attorney law library fees account for about one-third of the library’s revenue and are assessed on attorneys who reside in or have their primary office in Johnson County. The remaining two-thirds is generated from filing fees.

On May 2, the Sacramento County (CA) Public Law Library celebrated Law Day by joining forces with the Sacramento County Bar Association to dedicate the new Sacramento County Public Law Library. The dedication, initially planned for September 13, was postponed due to the tragic events of September 11.

April and May were quite busy for the Maryland State Law Library in Annapolis. The week of April 15th the library presented a self-guided legislative history exhibit entitled "Legislative History in Maryland: What Were They Thinking?" in celebration of the Tenth National Legal Research Teach-in Week. May 3,

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2000-2001 SCCLL Treasurer’s Annual Report

Cynthia S. Fellows
SCCLL Treasurer

Note: Article IV, Section 2 of the SCCLL Bylaws states: “The fiscal year shall be the same as that of AALL, October 1 through September 30.” The following report reflects SCCLL revenues and expenses from 10/01/00 through 9/30/2001. Because the last treasurer’s report submitted to the membership reflects revenues and expenses through 7/16/00 only, I have appended (See next page) a second report reflecting revenues and expenses from 6/01/00 through 9/30/00.

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(2) Includes $1,528.00 in proceeds from silent auction
(3) Includes revenues from Annual Meeting Breakfast & Luncheons
### State, Court and County Law Libraries SIS

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2002 found the library co-hosting the Second Annual Law Week Poster Contest Awards Ceremony at which eight middle and high school students were honored for their artistic variations on the theme “Assuring Equal Justice for All.” This event was co-sponsored by the Maryland Center for Civic Education. On Friday, May 10, Library Director Michael S. Miller, spoke at the Maryland Library Association Conference. His talk was entitled *You Can Lead a Horse to Water, But... Re-Focusing on Multiplying Access Points to Library Information Services.*

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### Trustees Column

**Trustees and Librarians Make Connections at the Annual Meeting in Orlando**

*Shirley David, Sacramento County Public Law Library Chair, Trustees Committee*

**Saturday, July 20, 2002, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Trustees Caucus Roundtable**

The roundtable orientation session of the Trustees Caucus has been dubbed a mini-CONELL for trustees. Our orientation session is only two hours, just enough time to learn about the association activities before the conference is in full swing and to share our challenges and successes as trustees or board members at our local libraries. Learn more about AALL, and share tips on making the annual meeting a rewarding experience.

Carol Avery Nicholson, incoming President of AALL, will share her tips for managing the multiple activities at the Annual Meeting. Anita Anderson, SCCLL Chair, will invite you to participate in the section’s programs and activities.

The Section is currently developing a Model County Law Library Code and revising the Standards for County Law Libraries. Representatives from the...

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committees developing these will be on hand to discuss them and get your input. You can find these documents on the Section’s website at www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll/. The Model Code and Standards will be further discussed at the Sunday morning 10:00 – 11:20 program: A-4 A Crack in the First Rung on the Ladder of Justice – Can a Model County Law Library Code Reinforce Our Legal Information Gateways?

Come early and connect with other Trustees and AALL leaders!

Sunday, July 21, 2002, 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. – SCCLL – SIS Librarians and Trustees Luncheon. Each year a trustee addresses the group. This year we are fortunate to have the Honorable Gill Freeman from the Florida 11th Judicial District in Miami as our speaker. Judge Freeman is President of the Dade County Law Library. The luncheon is another good opportunity to meet each other and discuss common areas of interest on an informal basis.

The luncheon is a ticketed event. YOU MUST REGISTER AND PAY FOR THIS EVENT BY JULY 1. The luncheon charge is $39. The main course is penne pasta with grilled shrimp. Or you may wish to choose a vegetarian or kosher option.

Trustees Caucus Committee
Jean Holcomb, King County Law Library
Regina Smith, Jenkins Memorial Library
Robert Riger, Dade County Law Library
Claudia Jalowka, Connecticut Judicial Branch Library of Hartford

Connie E. Bolden Publications Award Recipient Announced

Peggy Rogers, Chair, Award Committee

The Awards Committee is pleased to announce that Gail Warren, Virginia State Law Librarian, will receive the Connie E. Bolden Publications Award at the SCCLL business meeting in Orlando. Gail will be recognized for her development of the “Court Library Management” course notebooks for the Institute for Court Management from 1999 through 2001.

SCCLL SIS Awards Committee members are Donna Bausch, Judy Meadows, and Ted Smith.

Planning for Orlando

There are programs, meetings, and special events especially for our SIS during the Orlando meeting. Many of these are described in this issue. Be sure to also check the SCCLL web site for a complete list.

Our Sunday morning breakfast and business meeting will again include a silent auction. See Regina Smith’s article on page 7 to find out how you can participate. During the business meeting we will be voting on a bylaws change. Please review the text and explanation of the change on beginning on page 14 to prepare for the vote. During the meeting, SCCLL will be honoring one of our members, Gail Warren, with the Connie E. Bolden Publications Award. Additionally, our 20-year pins will be given to those qualifying members. Be sure to register for the breakfast and business meeting on your AALL registration form before the June 10 deadline. Don’t miss this opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues, to make new acquaintances and to have a bit of fun too.

We anticipate having copies of the first in a series of SCCLL publications available at our activities table. “How to Hire a State, Court or County Law Librarian” has been a labor of love by many SCCLL contributing authors coordinated by Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson. I want to thank all who participated in this project and give special thanks to Lexis-Nexis for their very generous gift to underwrite the series.

Two special events will take place on Tuesday. First, West Group Librarian Relations is sponsoring a “Customer Service Update” luncheon meeting. This will be an opportunity for members directly involved in technical services, acquisitions, and other operations of the library to discuss areas of concern with West Group Customer Service representatives and to find out what steps are being taken to respond to those concerns. Second, the SCCLL evening reception will be at the Orange County Regional History Center in their historic court room, generously funded by West Group.
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Thanks Again!

Finally, I want to give my thanks to all of you for the opportunity to chair SCCLL-SIS. This has been a terrific experience and a great opportunity to work with colleagues new to me and others I have known through the years. I appreciate the efforts you have all made to lighten my load this year by sharing your ideas and your time. Thank you.

On the behalf of the Committee on Diversity, I would like to encourage SCCLL members to attend this year’s Diversity Symposium: Understanding Islam and Contemporary Muslim Societies on Saturday, July 20th from 1-4 PM. The speaker is Dr. Ali Asani of Harvard. Those of us in the public sector will appreciate this learning opportunity. You may register by circling the box on the AALL registration form or contact me personally at amcdonald@riag.state.ri.us. Thanks.

Anne McDonald
R.I. Dept of Attorney General

Travel Grants Awarded

Ana Hinman, Chair

The SCCLL Grants Committee received a record number of 11 grant applications for the AALL Annual Meeting Travel Grant this year. We are pleased to announce that 4 applicants were given grant awards: Kerry Fitz-Gerald, Susan Szymula, Karen Westwood, and Janet Zigadto. The recipients will be honored at the annual meeting SCCLL-SIS reception on Tues. July 23rd from 6-8pm and will contribute articles about their annual meeting experience in upcoming issues of the SCCLL newsletter.

Model Trial Court/County Law Library Code to be discussed in Orlando

Anne Grande, Chair

For the past three years, an SCCLL Committee called the Working Group on a Model County Law Library Code has been studying the need for a model code relating to the organization and funding of local public law libraries and then actually drafting the text of the code. The current draft, which is available on the SCCLL website, will be the topic of a Sunday morning program in Orlando that immediately follows the SCCLL breakfast and business meeting. Come hear about the circumstances that led to the formation of the first Working Group and what the Group has learned about the current status of trial court/county law libraries nationwide. Join in a discussion about where we should go from here.

Speakers at the Orlando meeting are Anne Grande (Hennepin County Law Library), Michael Miller (Maryland State Law Library), Maureen Well (Connecticut Judicial Branch Library System), and Karen Westwood (Minnesota State Law Library).

Proposed Bylaws Change

Rita Dermody
Bylaws Committee Chair

The Bylaws Committee of the State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section wish to propose amendments to the Bylaws of this Section. The purpose of the amendments is to clarify that the Newsletter Editor is appointed by the Chair of the Section during even numbered years, serves as an ex officio member of the Executive Committee and serves for a two year term. The current bylaws state that the Newsletter Editor is elected by the membership. Proposed amendments to Article VI. Section 4.E. and Article VI. Section 5.C. to reflect these changes are set out on the next page.

The Bylaws Committee also recommends amending

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Article VII. Section 2 to clarify that the slate of candidates elected each year is for the positions of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer and Member-at-Large. The current Bylaws state we also elect the Chair and Past Chair each year. The Bylaws also state that the people holding those positions move up from one position to the next.

American Association of Law Libraries
STATE, COURT AND COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION
BYLAWS

Article VI: OFFICERS

Section 4. The Officers shall be:

A. Chair. Shall serve for one year and automatically become Past Chair.
B. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. Shall serve for one year and become Chair for the following year at the close of the current annual meeting.
C. Past Chair. Shall serve for one year.
D. Secretary/Treasurer. Shall 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 chair.

E. Newsletter Editor. Shall serve for two years and shall issue at least three newsletters to the members per year.

Section 5. There shall be an Executive Committee to conduct the affairs of the Section between membership meetings. It is made up of:

A. The officers of the 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.
C. Newsletter editor, appointed by the incoming Chair during even numbered years, who serves as an ex officio member of the Executive Committee. The editor shall serve for two years and shall issue at least three newsletters to the members per year.

Article VII: ELECTIONS

Section 2. The Committee shall nominate at least one candidate for each office the position of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer and Member-at-Large. All candidates shall be members of the Section.
AALL Committee Announcements

AALL Mentor Project

The AALL Mentoring Committee is interested in promoting the Mentor Project to newer law librarians. The purpose of the project is three-fold, to provide:

1. an informal, personal source of information for newer members
2. an avenue by which experienced law librarians may meet promising new members of the profession
3. a network for members who are contemplating a move to another type of library.

The Mentor Project is open to librarians from all types of libraries. Each participant will be assigned to a member whose profile matches, as closely as possible, his or her request. Applications will be reviewed by the Committee on Mentoring, Retention, and CONELL, which includes representatives from a wide range of employer categories.

Interested librarians should visit the Committee’s website at http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/mentor_project.html and submit an application by June 1, 2002. The site also has a selection of articles and tips on mentoring.

Books are Needed
Social Responsibilities SIS is Making the Call

Karen Westwood
Minnesota State Law Library

Don't forget about "Connecting With Kids" at the AALL Meeting in Orlando this summer. Once again the Social Responsibilities SIS is giving back to the community that hosts the annual meeting by conducting a book drive for a local school system. The New Beginnings Educational Complex in Kissimmee, Florida houses two programs, Crossroads Center and Cornerstone. These two programs educate children in all grades who have behavioral and academic problems that jeopardize their success in traditional schools. Although media centers are present in all of the regular neighborhood schools, New Beginnings is just beginning to build one this year.

The complex can use all types of books, but will certainly need dictionaries, atlases, and other basic reference sources. Most of the students read below a fifth grade reading level.

Are we up to the challenge? I think so! New or gently used books are accepted. If you would prefer to send books directly to Florida, Anna Marie Johnson has graciously agreed to accept them. Please send them to:

Anna Marie Johnson
Cataloging Librarian
Barry University School of Law Library
6441 E. Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32807-3650
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STATE LAW LIBRARIAN*
Saint Paul, Minnesota

DESCRIPTION: The Minnesota Supreme Court is looking for an innovative and highly responsible Law Librarian to manage the daily operations of the Minnesota State Law Library (MSLL). This executive role will oversee MSLL fiscal, human, administrative and technological resources. Work involves providing leadership and accountability to professional and non-professional staff. This position is given wide latitude in managing library services and programs. Performance is subject to general administrative review by the Minnesota Supreme Court Law Library Committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Defines, establishes and implements overall philosophies, objectives, policies and procedures for MSLL services and programs. Develops strategies and action plans to address problems and goals. Directs MSLL strategic plan development and monitoring to assure it is aligned to and furthers judicial branch policies. Provides direct and indirect supervision of professional and non-professional staff. Creates performance and development plans for direct reports, conducts periodic discussions on progress and performs annual reviews. Oversees the development and presentation of MSLL biannual budget appropriation. Monitors day-to-day expenditures. Develops and presents policy recommendations to the Supreme Court Law Library Committee as needed. Represents MSLL to external customers, including other branches of government, professional associations and citizen groups.

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor’s Degree supplemented by a Master’s Degree in Library Science from an ALA accredited school. Law Degree and Admission to a state bar. Extensive professional level administrative experience with increasing responsibility including a minimum of 5 years progressively responsible law library managerial experience in a library comparable in size and service responsibilities to the Minnesota State Law Library.

SALARY RANGE & BENEFITS: $62,201-$96,422, depending upon qualifications. State of MN benefits package, and low cost convenient parking! For benefit information visit www.doer.state.mn.us

APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 15, 2002
Interviews: July 21, 22, and 23, 2002 at AALL Annual Meeting, Orlando Fl.
Early August in St. Paul, MN. Call (651) 297-2084 for details.

TO APPLY: Download an application from www.courts.state.mn.us, or obtain by calling 651-297-3430. Submit a completed application form, cover letter and resume to:

Minnesota Supreme Court POS #01063740
Human Resources Room G27
25 Constitution Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155

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