CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETINGS

Sunday, July 6, 1986

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The following answers from Mary K. D. Pietris of the Subject Cataloging Division at the Library of Congress to Carol Shapiro of Benjamin N. Cardozo School Law Library are reproduced here to help others who may have experienced similar problems:

1. Prepaid legal services and/or group arrangements in the KF state table is found under special topics, legal profession, while in the general U.S. schedule this topic is under Legal ethics and etiquette, special topics (77.2.G7 vs. 310.G7). Why?

   Answer: This is a situation that exists frequently in the KF federal and state tables. The federal area is more developed and hierarchical while the state tables provide for special topics by cutter in a somewhat random order. The article by Dr. Ellinger in Law Library Journal, v. 61, no. 3., Aug. 1968, p. 224-235, discusses the differences between the federal and state tables. His article is a good description of KF.

2. What is the difference between KF...47 and KF...57 in the U.S. states and territories schedule? Is the latter to be used for non-official items?

   Answer: KFA-KFW,KFZ 47 is for law reports of various courts. The difference between 47.1, digests, and 57, digests of various reports, can be a problem. 47.1 would be for a digest of a specific title classed in 47. 57 is for a digest that digests several different titles of court reports, such as the West's digest of various states.

3. If the FTC can have its own number, then where to place Federal Energy Regulatory Commission?

   Answer: Some of the older and more prominent agencies have their own class numbers. Whether or not we establish a specific number of an agency depends on whether we have a book about the agency. Many of the smaller agencies are classed in the subject number that best covers the agency's functions. Currently, we only have hearings about the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

4. KP5601-05 indicates use of table VI, which seems irregular for a five number spread. Usually II or IV is specified. Perhaps a typo?

   Answer: It appears that you have found an error in a commercial version of the KF schedule, since in our edition the table is correctly cited. Please direct your question to the compiler of the commercial edition.

Editor's note: This error has been forwarded and corrected by commercial edition per Shapiro.

5. No place yet for the U.S. court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the successor to the U.S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals (KF125...)? We just received the first volume of its reports, perhaps you have too.

   Answer: We have not received the decisions of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit for subject cataloging. I really would hesitate to even make a guess as to where the decisions would be classed.
6. KF8745 is for individual Supreme Court Justices. Biography, however is not provided for there, but seems to have to be in KF 358. Where do items on nomination and appointment of the justices go? In the general number?

Answer: KF 8745 is for the individual Supreme Court Justices. Since this is indented under biography, this is where biographies of individual justices should class. KF 8745 does include appointments and nominations. We will propose adding after KF8745.A41-49, .A6-Z Biography and criticism. Would that be clearer?

7. KFC, California, seems to have no place for legal encyclopedias, such as Cal Jur, comparable to New York Jur. Both the general states and the New York schedules have place for such titles: 65. Florida Jur 2d, 77-82023r843 was, however, assigned to 80, treatises!

Answer: Cal Jur was classed in KFC by LC. I, too, found it surprising that no encyclopedia number was established in KFC. Given the size and age of our set, we will leave it in KFC80 rather than create a new number and reclass the set. KFF65 would be preferable to KFF80 for Florida jurisprudence, I think, although again we would probably not reclass our set.

8. KFN5994 provides for reports of decisions, civil procedure, but there is no comparable provision for criminal procedure. A matter of materials?

Answer: KFN does provide for a specific number for civil procedure decisions. I believe that decision was based on the number and importance of NYS civil procedure decisions. New York criminal procedure decisions would class in KFN6155 (VI) and would use the form numbers .A5-519+.

9. KFN5994.A4 needs indication of subdivision procedure—I assumed by editor or title as in 5051.A4 and 5045.

Answer: KFN5994.A4 Others, defunct. .A4 would be divided by editor or title. We will add that to the schedule. LC Classifications—Additions and Changes, Lists 179 and 180, contain most of the court decisions titles for which we established specific numbers.

10. Index to BL, BM, BP, BQ has no listing for the Six hundred and thirteen commandments (Mitzvot), 520.7ff, although there is a listing for Urim and Thummim, a more minor matter.

Answer: The indexing of the schedules is a matter of judgment. You should add any index entries that you think are lacking; we do not correct index entries through Additions and Changes.

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On Description and Entry
Melody Lembke and Rhonda Lawrence Mittan
Los Angeles County

Please send any questions you may have about descriptive cataloging to the editors of this column.

These questions were sent to Ben Tucker, Office for Descriptive Cataloging Policy at the Library of Congress. The editors extend their appreciation to Mr. Tucker for responding to our inquiries.

Question no. 1

The form of entry for the United State's courts of appeals has followed a pattern of using a parenthetical qualifier for the circuit following the entry, e.g., "United States. Court of Appeals (9th Circuit)." The list of these headings is from the RLIN Library of Congress name authority file.

A noticeable exception to this pattern was the form of entry for the Federal Circuit. Both the authority file and the bibliographic file used the form "United States. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit." When we send this heading to Mr. Tucker with questions about the form of entry, he responded that the heading would be changed to "United States. Court of Appeals (Federal Circuit)." As of this column, LC has added a note to the original authority record, but the new form of entry has not been established in the authority file, nor has it yet been applied to any of the GPO records in the bibliographic file.
Question no. 2

Our second question was similar to the first; form of an entry. Library of Congress had established the form of entry for the ABA's Tort and Insurance Practice Section as "American Bar Association. Section of Tort and Insurance Practice." In searching the bibliographic file, as well as our library's publications, we discovered that only 1 of 15 records used the form "Section of Tort and Insurance Practice." When we reported this to Mr. Tucker, he replied that the heading would be changed. As the updated authority record included here shows, the revised heading now appears in its predominant form: "American Bar Association. Tort and Insurance Practice Section."
Subject Cataloging
Peter Enyingi
Los Angeles County

The following questions arose during routine updating of the subject authority file in the Los Angeles County Law Library.

1. **Question:** The subject heading INFORMATION STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS--JUVENILE JUSTICE, ADMINISTRATION OF appearing on MARC records 77357144 and 77369175 is still not printed in LCSH.

   **Answer:** The note under Information storage and retrieval systems allows valid subject headings to be used as a subdivision of Information storage and retrieval systems without the subdivision being established editorially.

2. **Question:** TOWING (MARITIME LAW)--CONGRESSES appears on 80482025 but not in LCSH. (LCSH has TOWING (INTERNATIONAL LAW) only)

   **Answer:** Towing (Maritime law) is not a valid LCSH heading. 80-482025 has been corrected.

3. **Question:** Vocational training is a see reference in LCSH to OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING - yet it appears on three MARC records: 80498047; 6866457 and 77561646.

   **Answer:** Vocational training is not a valid LCSH heading. The 3 records with that heading have been corrected at LC.

4. **Question:** REGIONALISM (INTERNATIONAL LAW) is assigned on 77572935 - but LCSH has only the heading REGIONALISM (INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION).

   **Answer:** Regionalism (International law) is not a valid LCSH heading. 77-572935 has been corrected at LC.

5. **Question:** The following headings have the subdivision LAW and LEGISLATION added on MARC records but have not been established in LCSH:

   UNITED STATES--OCCUPATIONS--LAW AND LEGISLATION--CONGRESSES 8023205
   AIRPLANES--MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR--LAW AND LEGISLATION--UNITED STATES 76373113
   EYEGLASSES--LAW AND LEGISLATION--UNITED STATES 81600519
   CONTACT LENSES--LAW AND LEGISLATION--UNITED STATES 81600519
   DRUG ABUSE--LAW AND LEGISLATION--BRAZIL 84129308
   83129992
   81170667
   and numerous others
   DISCLOSURE IN ACCOUNTING--LAW AND LEGISLATION--ITALY 81122834
   HORSE INDUSTRY--TAXATION--LAW AND LEGISLATION 83103989
   INSURANCE, ACCIDENT--LAW AND LEGISLATION--GERMANY (WEST) 83233444
   PEDDLERS AND PEDDLING--LAW AND LEGISLATION--ITALY 81468051
   RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES--TRANSPORTATION--LAW AND LEGISLATION 82135071
   81480007
   81600847
   and others
Answer: --Law and legislation was a freefloating subdivision for a year or so during late 1980 and early 1981. Many of the records you questioned were probably cataloged during that time. We have not and will not make an effort to track down these records. We will establish --Law and legislation after many of the headings you listed when a new work warrants it.

United States--Occupations--Law and legislation--Congresses 80-23205
This was probably freefloating usage. I have removed the heading from 80-23205 because the work appears to deal with licenses. Occupations--Law and legislation will be established when the need arises.

Airplanes--Maintenance and repair--Law and legislation
76-373113 was cataloged in 1977 and --Law and legislation should have been established after Airplanes--Maintenance and repair at the time of cataloging. The subject heading will be established.

Eyeglasses--Law and legislation; Contact lenses--Law and legislation
Both of these headings were used during the freefloating period. The headings will be established when the need arises.

Drug abuse--Law and legislation
I found 9 records with the heading Drug abuse--Law and Legislation. It is not a valid heading and all the records I found are better covered by either Narcotic laws or Drugs--Law and legislation.

Disclosure in accounting--Law and legislation
This heading was used during the freefloating period.

Horse industry--Taxation--Law and legislation
This heading would be covered by H1153 (pattern heading for industries)

Insurance, Accident--Law and legislation
This heading has not yet been established.

Peddlers and Peddling--Law and legislation
Freefloating usage

Radioactive substances--Transportation--Law and legislation
Freefloating usage

Taxation of bonds, securities, etc.--Law and legislation
This is not a valid heading and the subdivision --Law and legislation has been removed from Taxation of bonds, securities, etc. on 83-178221.

Rape--Law and legislation
This is not a valid heading. The subdivision --Law and legislation will be removed from Rape. We are not establishing --Law and legislation after crimes.
Advertising--Insurance--Law and legislation
This heading was established in 1969 but was never printed. It will be reestablished.

6. Question:

WAR CRIMES--PHILIPPINES
WAR CRIMES--UNITED STATES

LCSH does not have (Indirect) 8217024

Answer: War crimes does not divide (Indirect). MARC record 82-17024 was corrected by removing the 2 War crimes headings and replacing them with World War, 1935-1945--Atrocities.

7. Question: The heading ADVERTISING--OPTOMETRY--UNITED STATES 80602861 has not been established.

Answer: This is not a valid LCSH heading. The heading on 80-602861 was changed to Advertising--Optical trade.

8. Question: The additional subdivision --REPORTING has not been established under DRUGS--SIDE EFFECTS--REPORTING. See MARC records: 80121181, 80601728, 8521707.

Answer: This is not a valid LCSH heading. The Physical Sciences Section will either establish the heading or correct the records.

9. Question: We have several problems with 81185628 and 80132545 (different editions of the same work). SELF-EMPLOYED--UNITED STATES--PENSIONS--TAXATION on the second record has the subdivision order mixed up. SELF-EMPLOYED--TAXATION--LAW AND LEGISLATION--UNITED STATES on the first record has not been established. Shouldn't the correct heading SELF-EMPLOYED--PENSIONS--TAXATION --LAW AND LEGISLATION--UNITED STATES be for both records and the heading established?

Answer: Self-employed--Taxation--Law and legislation is a valid heading and is in the 1981 LCSH supplement. 80-132545 has the subject in the order Self-employed--Pensions--Taxation--United States. LC has not established any [subject]--Pensions--Taxation headings. Currently we use [subject]--Taxation--Law and legislation for taxation of income of any group of people no matter if the income is from salaries, pensions, or whatever.

10. Question: MARC record 76459051 has two subject headings, both subdivided by --GERMANY, WEST. The book is about Swiss law and therefore should be subdivided by --SWITZERLAND.

Answer: The record was corrected by changing both geographic subdivisions to --Switzerland.

11. Question: MARC records 79640392 is an LC authenticated CONSER record. The second subject heading is LABOR LAWS AND LEGISLATION--UNITED STATES--RECOGNITION--CASES--INDEXES. The question concerns the subdivision --RECOGNITION which has not been established by LC. We have problems often with CONSER records, namely just how much "authority" does it carry when authenticated by LC?

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Subject Authorities Products

The Library of Congress has announced the following major changes in subject authorities products:

* A weekly Subject Authorities tape service will be added to the MARC Distribution Service.

* A newly revised, 10th edition of the Library of Congress Subject Headings was published in Spring 1986. Beginning in calendar year 1987, this publication will be issued annually, in fully cumulated editions.

* The Library of Congress Subject Headings in Microform quarterly cumulative microfiche publication, will continue to be issued.

* The LC Subject Headings Weekly List will continue to be issued as a monthly update service in paper format.

* Publication of the Supplements to the Library of Congress Subject Headings will be discontinued.

If you have any questions or comments regarding Library of Congress subject headings publications please write or call:

Customer Services Section
Cataloging Distribution Service
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20541
(202) 287-6171

The latest addition to the AALL Pub. Ser. is no 26, Legal L.C. Subject Headings Weekly Lists: Cumulation, compiled by Peter Enyingi. This new publication is a selection of legal subject headings made from the L.C. Subject Headings Weekly Lists consisting of legal or other terms commonly assigned to the literature of law and materials in closely related areas. In case of doubt the compiler has opted for the inclusion of a heading. The primary purpose of this volume is to provide a cataloging tool to facilitate the use of LC's Weekly Lists. It provides quarterly cumulations of selected subject headings listed in a single alphabetical order. In addition to the obvious advantage of only one list to consult, the compiler designates every new entry with an asterisk and by
doing so provides a current awareness tool. This feature should be useful to public services librarians. The issue number of the LC weekly list is indicated after each entry as reference to the original document if verification is needed by the user. The recent announcement by the Library of Congress that it will no longer publish Supplements to the Library of Congress Subject Headings should make this Cumulation even more useful.

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Subject Headings
John Hostage
Harvard University

This is my first column as TSLL Subjects Contributing Editor. I hope to answer readers' questions, often in consultation with LC, as well as keep you up to date on new developments in the field. Please send your questions, etc., to me.

A number of useful tools for subject catalogers have appeared recently. The tenth edition of Library of Congress Subject Headings has just been published and may have been received in your library by the time you read this. It contains headings established through December 1984, and thus includes all the changes wrought by AACR2 and other clean-up projects at LC since LCSH 9, which covered headings through 1978. It will be updated by the 1985 annual supplement. LCSH 11, covering headings established through 1986, will be the product of LC's new subject authorities system. A full cumulation will be issued annually beginning in 1987. The quarterly supplements will be discontinued, but the "Weekly Lists" will still be issued monthly. The quarterly microfiche cumulation will continue.

The "Weekly Lists" issued by LC have been difficult to use because of their lack of cumulation. However, other publishers have stepped into the breach. Gale Research Company began publishing L.C. Subject Headings Weekly Lists: a Working Cumulation, apparently in three cumulating issues per year. This puts all weekly lists for the year in a single alphabetical list. The latest issue available at this writing covers 1985 lists 1-34, through August 19, 1985.

A similar publication of special interest to law catalogers is Legal L.C. Subject Headings Weekly Lists, compiled by Peter Enyingi (AALL Publication Series, no. 26). The initial cumulation of this loose-leaf publication covers 1985 lists 1-38 (through Sept.) and is thus a month more current than the Gale publication. A broad interpretation of "legal subject heading" has been used, and the number of the weekly list where the heading was found is indicated.

Another valuable resource is Cataloging Legal Literature: a Manual on AACR2 and Library of Congress Subject Headings for Legal Materials, by Peter Enyingi, Melody Busse Lembke, and Rhonda Lawrence Mittan (AALL Publication Series, no. 22). It was published in 1984. The section on subject cataloging is 75 pages long and includes discussions of certain legal subject headings and subdivisions.

LC's Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings was issued in a revised edition in 1985. The large loose-leaf publication replaces the preliminary edition of 1984. According to the preface, more than half the existing pages were revised and about 150 pages were added. Among the important changes are a list of "Free-floating subdivisions used under names of persons" to replace various
pattern headings, and a single list of "Free-floating subdivisions used under names of places," with footnotes to indicate restrictions to certain kinds of names. The new policy on making hierarchical "see-also" references is set out in detail.

A new form subject heading of special interest to law librarians was announced in weekly list no. 48 (Nov. 25, 1985): "Session laws (Indirect)." This has begun appearing on some LC records.

The heading "Law--Periodicals (Indirect)" has long been a source of confusion, probably because the form subdivision usually comes as the last part of a heading. The 1980 Supplement to LC Subject Headings contained this scope note: "This heading is locally subdivided by country of publication (or first order political subdivision in the case of Canada, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and the United States). Periodicals limited in subject coverage to the law of a particular jurisdiction are assigned the additional heading 'Law--[place]--Periodicals.'"

However, there are many older records in the databases, including some from LC, that deviate from this policy and should be watched for. Some of these subdivide by "United States" instead of by state. A recent query to Mary K.D. Pietris, Chief of LC's Subject Cataloging Division, prompted the reply that they try to follow the guidelines "whenever it makes sense to do so." Accordingly, the heading "Law--Periodicals--United States" is used when the state of publication is unknown or when the heading is further subdivided by "--Indexes" or "--Bibliography" or similar subdivisions. If the place of publication changes, LC changes the subdivision only if a new record is made, but Ms. Pietris recommends that each library follow its own corrections policy.

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TS-SIS Acquisitions Committee
Margaret Maes Axtmann
Cornell University

CONVENTION NEWS: Acquisitions librarians attending ALA might be interested in the Pre-Conference on Technical Services Costs, June 26-27, sponsored by the Resources and Technical Services Division. Also at ALA will be a day long series of book industry tours on Monday, June 30. Further information is available from ALA headquarters, 312-944-6780. The AALL meeting will feature several meetings of interest to acquisitions librarians, including: (1) Rare Law Book Dealers and What They Do, Monday, July 7, 8-9:30 P.M.; (2) Vendors and Their Salespeople: How to Use Them (Effectively), Tuesday, July 8, 4-5:25 P.M.; and (3) The FTC Guides for the Law Book Industry: Have They Worked?, Wednesday, July 9, 9-10:25 A.M. Don't forget the all-day Workshop on Acquisitions on Thursday, July 10. Places are still available—contact Margie Axtmann at 605-255-5862 if you're interested.

NEW PUBLICATIONS: On Cassette is a new publication from R.R. Bowker that is an "in-print" listing of over 11,500 audiocassettes (0-8352-2034-6, $59.95). Publishing in the Third World: Knowledge and Development, ed. by Philip Altbach, Amadio A. Arboleda, and S. Gopinathan, discusses the publishing industry of countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. Published by Heinemann, this book was favorably reviewed in a recent RTSD Newsletter (0-435-08006-7, $35.00). The 5th edition of International Subscription Agents lists and describes nearly 300 subscription agents throughout the world. Available from ALA (0-8389-3326-2, $12.95).

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"Replacement Volumes: Perplexities and Prescriptions," a Serials Committee-sponsored program, is scheduled for Monday, July 7, from 2:30 to 3:55 p.m. The first part will be a discussion in question-and-answer format with coordinator Kaye Stoppel (Drake) querying panelists Richard Amelung (St. Louis University), Mary K. Dzurinko (Covington and Burling) and Janis Johnston (Indiana University) about the handling of replacement volumes in their libraries. Aspects will include identifying the volume when received, routing, shelving, recording, alerting the patron and deciding what to do with the replaced volume. Cataloging will be the final emphasis with Adele Hallam (Descriptive Cataloging Specialist, Library of Congress) discussing the Library of Congress draft for the bibliographic description of titles with replacement volumes. Adele was on the faculty for the Cataloging Institute in 1985 where she presented a similar draft for looseleaf publications.

The second program sponsored by the Serials Committee is entitled "Point/Counterpoint: Successive vs. Latest Entry Cataloging for Serials" and will be held from 2:30-3:55 on Wednesday, July 9. Using a discussion format, Priscilla Andre (Northwestern University) and Judith Cannan (Library of Congress) will address the merits and problems associated with each form of cataloging. Questions covered will include which format is better suited to legal materials, which is more efficient in an on-line system, and the importance of standards in a shared bibliographic database environment. Betsy Ginkel (Maine) will serve as moderator.

The following serials changed title recently and were caught by the Cornell Law Library acquisitions staff:

   Changed to The official guide to U.S. law schools: prelaw handbook.
   1986/87-

Business law memo.
   Changed to Business lawyer update. v.5, no.6- July/Aug. 1985-

Columbia law alumni observer.
   Changed to The Observer (New York, N.Y. : 1985). v.15, no.1- Oct. 1985-

   Changed to Corporate practice series. BNA's corporate counsel weekly. v.1, no.1- Jan. 8, 1986-
Crime and traffic enforcement statistics.
   Changed to Canadian crime statistics. 1983-

Empire State report weekly.
   Changed to Changing faces. v.1, no.1- Sept. 30, 1985-

Entertainment legal news.
   Changed to Entertainment law & finance. v.1, no.1- Apr. 1985-

Federal court directory.
   Changed to Want's Federal-state court directory. 1984-

Federal tax handbook.
   Changed to Prentice-Hall federal tax handbook. 1985-

Federation of Insurance Counsel quarterly.
   Changed to Federation of Insurance & Corporate Counsel quarterly.
   v.36, no.1- Fall 1985-

The Forum (Chicago, ILL.).
   Changed to Tort & insurance law journal. v.21, no.1- Fall 1985-

Justice expenditure and employment in the U.S.
   Changed to Justice expenditure and employment extracts. 1980/1981-
   (published March 1985)

Maine bar bulletins.
   Changed to Bar bulletin. v.17, no.1- Jan. 1983-

South Texas law journal.
   Changed to South Texas law review. v.27, no.1- Spring '86-

Trends in expenditure and employment data for the criminal justice system.
   Changed to Justice expenditure and employment in the United States.

Ulrich's quarterly.
   Changed to Bowker International serials database update. v.1, no.1- Dec. 1985-

University of Detroit journal of urban law.
   Changed to University of Detroit law review. v.62, no.1- Fall 1984-

*****TSLL Editor's note: The "Serials Title Changes" column in vol.11, no.3 of the newsletter was incorrectly attributed to Betsy Ginkel. Jean Pajerek and the acquisitions staff of the Cornell Law Library were responsible for the column.

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Since my last report, the following news items from RLG have come up:

In her February 11 message to RLG Board of Governors and RLG Coordinators, Elsa Henderson (BL.ELH) refers to new guidelines and procedures concerning the RLG Directory. She urges all users who report changes in committee appointments, coordinators, etc., to use a copy of the Correction/Addition form at the back of the RLG Directory or to send her the correction via electronic mail. The new revised version of the directory was mailed out to members on April 11.

A February 14 Memo to RLG Conspectus On-Line users announced special database changes to be put into production on March 2, 1986. The contents of the Memo updates The Conspectus On-line: User's Manual, 1st ed., Oct. 1982, and is to be filed with the manual until the changes are permanently incorporated into the publication. The changes include new indexes (KW-keyword index; CON-command index; AREA-area studies index) and changes in the record displays. If you are a Conspectus On-line user and have not received this Memo, request a copy from RLIN User Publications.

A February 26 Memo to RLIN users announced a revision of the entire Searing Folder to be completed and distributed to all RLIN users in late spring. The revised Searching Folder will include not only MARC updates 9 through 11 but also system changes resulting from the implementation of Cyrillic and authorities in RLIN.

A Press Release, dated March 20, announced that OCLC and RLG have begun exchanging machine-readable tapes containing cataloging records of preservation master microfilms and microform sets. Until recently RLG and OCLC acquired and loaded each other's records for individual institutions; this is the first time they are engaged in a cooperative exchange of records. In the Press Release, RLG President, Richard McCoy, is quoted as saying that "in time, the Linked Systems Project will enable such exchanges to be made directly between the host computers of our respective data bases" (p. 3).

Summary minutes of the last RLG Board meeting (Feb. 27-28) were mailed out March 13. The President's Report focused on financial matters, membership, debt conversion, RLIN system performance, RLIN Aspen and the Van Houweling report, BNB agreement, agreements with OCLC, and LSP agreements. James Michalko and John W. Haeger presented a report on the implications of strategic directions recommended for 1986-1990. The four committees followed with their respective reports and recommendations. The next Board meeting is scheduled in June.

For all of you who will be able to attend the AALL meeting in Washington, D.C.: The tentative meeting time of the RLIN Subcommittee is scheduled for Sunday, July 6, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., and is to be followed by the OBS-SIS business meeting. The agenda will include a report by Jan James from RLG on the latest developments. Prior to the meeting, I will send her a list of questions which I would like her to elaborate on. (There were several items in the minutes of the Board meeting that I would like to have clarified, for example.) If you have any specific questions that you would like Jan to answer, please send these questions to me no later than May 15, 1986. My electronic mail account number is: BM.MNA; my mailing address is: 120 Law Center, University of Minnesota Law Library, Minneapolis, MN 55455.
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Message from the Chair

Suzanne Harvey
University of Puget Sound

The OBS-SIS is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates for the 1986 election of officers:

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Margaret Maes Axtmann, Cornell
Susan Roach, Dept. of the Navy, JAG

Secretary/Treasurer: Toni J. Forrester, University of Oklahoma
Elizabeth Matthews, So. Illinois University

Advisory Committee:
Renee Chapman, State Univ. of N.Y. at Buffalo
Gretchen M. Hatt, Dorsey & Whitney, Minneapolis
Bob Menanteaux, University of Puget Sound
Sue Welch, College of William & Mary

OBS-SIS Nominating Committee members, Cecilia Kwan, chair, Suzanne Thorpe, Kay Stoppel, and Ben Cole, are to be congratulated for their fine work in putting together this slate of candidates.

Final arrangements for the 1986 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. are being made. Please note the schedule of OBS-SIS meetings, which is included in this issue of TSLL. Section members and prospective members are encouraged to attend the meetings, including the Board meetings, where future programs and projects of OBS-SIS will be discussed. This year's programs sponsored by OBS-SIS are:

Robert H. Connell and Dennis C. Benamati are coordinating the program entitled Creating and Maintaining Local Online Databases. Guest speaker for the program is Robert M. Mason, author of the "Mason on Micros" column in Library Journal. Mason will present an overview of the elements of database management that should be considered in developing a microcomputer library applications program. Dan J. Freehling, Law Librarian at the University of Maine, will share his experiences in creating an acquisitions system. Suzanne Harvey, Bibliographic Systems Librarian at the University of Puget Sound, will discuss the development of a management system for course reserve materials.

Microcomputing with the Utilities is intended to present a comparison of the major bibliographic utilities with regard to their use of, and support of, modified IBM-PCs. The speakers, Gary Hartman, University of Texas at Austin Law Library (RLIN), Aimee Rusicka, Alaska Court Libraries System (WLN), and Christine Corcos, Case Western Reserve University Law Library (OCLC) will address the potential uses and problems associated with these microcomputers, used both as utility terminals and as personal computers. Christine Corcos and Margie Axtmann are the program coordinators.

The third program, MARC Holdings Format, is also sponsored by TS-SIS, and coordinated by Evelyn Smith, of the University of Michigan. This program will discuss the new MARC holdings format,
a standard format for online serial holdings records. Gary McConne, Data Base Manager at the National Agricultural Library, will describe the format in general terms and tell how it came to be. Kathy Bales, an RLIN Senior Systems Analyst and active member of committees working on the format, will explain why we should adopt the format. Naomi Ronen, Serials Project Librarian at Harvard Law Library, will demonstrate the use of the format with several legal serials.

OBS-SIS will be participating in the SIS Council's publicity booth in the exhibit area. Please stop by to see the section's new publicity pamphlet, which will be available at the booth.

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OBS-SIS WLN Committee
Ruth Funabiki
University of Idaho

The committee held a mid-year dinner meeting on October 17, 1985, during the joint WESTPAC/NOCALL conference. The members agreed to sponsor a legal materials cataloging workshop in 1986, provided that there was sufficient interest among non-law librarians.

Announcements of the proposed workshop appeared on the online WLNews on November 18 and 26, 1985, and a sufficient number of librarians responded, indicating that they would attend. The workshop is being planned for Friday, Sept. 12, 1986, at the University of Washington in Seattle.

A committee meeting has been scheduled for Washington, D.C. during the AALL meeting.

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NEW NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SEeks CANDIDATES FOR 1987/88 ELECTIONS

By now, the membership is familiar with the list of those nominated for the 1986/87 election. The election will be held by mail ballot in May.

The new Nominations Committee for 1986/87 has already been appointed. The Committee wants to begin early to seek candidates for vacancies on the 1987/88 election slate and invites the membership to submit names of potential candidates. This will be the first election covered by the revised Art III of the AALL Bylaws, which require a slate of two candidates for each position. The Committee seeks two nominees for Vice-President/President Elect, and four Executive Board candidates.

If you have any suggestions for nominees for 1987/88, please complete the form below and mail it directly to the Chairman or to any member of the 1986/87 Committee. You are encouraged to provide as much information as is possible on each person's qualifications.

The 1986/87 Nominations Committee is composed of:

Kathy Carrick, Chairman
Wes Daniels
Jack Ellenberger
Jim Hambleton
Liza MacMorris
Jenni Parrish
Jill Sidford (formerly Mubarek)

CANDIDATES FOR THE 1987/88 ELECTION

Name of Nominee:_______________________________________________
Institution/Firm of Nominee:_____________________________________
Office Suggested:______________________________________________
Have you advised the person that you are submitting his/her name:
yes ___ no ___
Association Activities and Service of Individual:

Professional Experience and Accomplishments of Individual:

If you have additional suggestions, please provide the same information on another copy of this form or on another sheet.

SEND YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO:
Kathy Carrick
AALL Nominations Committee Chairman
Case Western Reserve University Law Library
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