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EDITOR’S NOTE

I have scheduled an open forum for Sunday 21 July from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to discuss the future of Technical Services Law Librarian.

If you have been following the discussions in the past few issues of TSLL, including the minutes of the TSLL Editorial Board and the Editor’s Notes, you would be aware that TSLL is at a crossroads. Since we will have no more subscription monies coming in and we will need to send TSLL to every member of TS and OBS, there are many unanswered questions concerning the future viability of the newsletter. Many of the other SIS newsletters are much smaller and their SIS’s can afford to pay all the expenses. But that simply is not possible for us. In fact, we can barely keep our heads above water with a $6.00 subscription fee. If newsletters were not to be a benefit of SIS membership in the fall, it would have been necessary for TSLL to raise its subscription price.

Members of the TSLL Editorial Board feel that they cannot alone make the decisions which must now be made. All the members of the TS and OBS SIS’s must be made aware of all of the issues involved. That is why I have scheduled the open forum. We will present the options and ask for discussion.

In a nutshell, these are some of the options being explored by the Board:

* Advertising
* Issue sponsorship/underwriting
* Eliminating one or more issues per year
* Cutting down on the size of the issues
* Requesting additional subsidies from TS and OBS
* Continuing to publish TSLL as a subscription item, in addition to smaller newsletters from TS and OBS which would be sent to all members (this would need to be approved by the AALL Executive Board)

Between now and July I will be contacting the editors of the other SIS newsletters to find out how they are presently financed. If they accept advertising, I want to know how much they charge and how much on average they take in from ads per issue. I want to know which ones are underwritten by vendors and what that means financially and which are principally subsidized by their sections. I will be able to present the results of my findings at the open forum.

I strongly urge you to attend the open forum on Sunday at 11am. We want to hear your views about the future of TSLL. If you are unable to attend, please send your opinions to me or any other member of the Editorial Board.
TS AND OBS
ANNUAL MEETING
BUSINESS MEETINGS

Saturday, July 20

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. OBS-SIS Outgoing Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. OBS-SIS Program Planning Meeting
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. TS/OBS/RS Joint Reception

Sunday, July 21

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. TS-SIS Outgoing Board Meeting
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon TSLL Open Forum
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. OBS-SIS Local Systems Committee
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. TS-SIS Acquisitions Committee
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. TS-SIS Roundtables: Cataloging/Classification and Preservation
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. TS-SIS (CIPO) Committee to Investigate Publishing Opportunities
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. TS-SIS Exchange of Duplicates Committee
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. TS-SIS Business Meeting
2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. OBS-SIS Business Meeting
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. TS-SIS Roundtable: Technical Services Librarians in Law Firms
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. OBS-SIS OCLC Committee
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. OBS-SIS RLIN Committee
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. OBS-SIS WLN Committee
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. TS-SIS Roundtables: Acquisitions, Heads of Technical Services, Binding, and Heads of Cataloging in Large Law Libraries

Tuesday, July 23

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. TS-SIS Cataloging/Classification Comm.
7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. TS-SIS Preservation Committee
7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. TS-SIS Serials Committee
7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. TSLL Editorial Board Meeting
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. TS-SIS Incoming Board Meeting
5:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. OBS-SIS Incoming Board Meeting
TS AND OBS
ANNUAL MEETING
PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Saturday, July 20
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Administering the Library Preservation Program (Workshop)

Monday, July 22
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Another New Hat to Wear: Law Librarian/Computer Programmer

Tuesday, July 23
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Retrospective Conversion Revisited: How to Proceed Once the Money Has Dried Up
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Understanding USMARC: Bridging the Gap for Public Services and Library Administrators
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Bridges to the Past: Looking After Older Legal Materials (Rare and Historical)
1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - Law and Legislation: Is There a Future?

Wednesday, July 24
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. The Nuts and Bolts of Developing a CD-ROM-Based Union Catalog
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. To Buy or Not to Buy, That is the Question: Looseleaf Treatises and Their Upkeep
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. National Standards: Who Is Doing What?

Thursday, July 25
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Making the Transition to Middle Management (Workshop)
This is the last issue of Technical Services Law Librarian prior to the AALL annual meeting. It has been a busy and successful year for the SIS. We are represented at the New Orleans meeting by two workshops and six educational programs. In addition, TS-SIS has an astonishing number of committee and roundtable meetings scheduled (see p. 20 of the preliminary conference program). The full schedule appears on page 5.

Voting on changes to the TS-SIS bylaws will take place at the business meeting in July. Watch for the text of the changes which I will send to all TS-SIS members prior to the meeting.

The joint reception with the Readers Services and the Online Bibliographic Services Special Interest Sections will be held on Saturday, July 20 from 6:00 to 7:30. This is a wonderful way to begin the annual meeting. It is a casual get-together where you can touch base with those friends you may see only once a year or people which whom you’ve had telephone contact and will finally get a chance to meet face-to-face! Plan on attending the reception, which will once again be generously underwritten by Innovative Interfaces.

A handbook for use by the officers and chairs of TS-SIS is being completed. It will be ready for use by the 1991/92 executive board. We hope that the creation of this document will better prepare the leadership of the SIS for the work it needs to do. Also, it may make it easier for members considering accepting leadership positions. Often, people are reluctant to volunteer when they aren’t sure of everything involved.

I would like to offer some personal words about volunteering. If you think you will have some time, don’t hesitate to offer your help with a committee, an educational program, or as a possible candidate for the Board (even as Chair!). The responsibilities will keep you busy at certain times of the year, but are not overwhelming year-round. If you are organized and reach out to other members when you need assistance, the time requirements are reasonable. An organization is most healthy when there is a broad base of active involvement. So, consider becoming a leader in TS-SIS!

I look forward to seeing everyone in New Orleans. The educational programs look excellent and we are fortunate to have many choices for Technical Services. As usual, the problem will be deciding which ones to attend.

As I come to the end of my term as Chair, I want to say how impressed I am with the membership of the Technical Services SIS. Ours is one of the most active SIS’s and it has been a challenge and education to keep up with everyone! I hope that you have been satisfied with the accomplishments of the SIS this year. I have enjoyed representing this outstanding group of law librarians.
As I write this it's a beautiful spring day outside and I have spring fever. I would like to bring to your attention the various activities we have planned for the convention. Among the programs we're sponsoring are one on Tuesday morning from 8:30 to 10, Understanding US Marc: Bridging the Gap for Public Services and Library Administrators and another on Wednesday, also from 8:30 to 10, The Nuts and Bolts of Developing a CD-ROM Based Union Catalog. These should be exciting programs and we would like good turnouts!

Carol Allred and her nominating committee have been working very hard on getting a slate together. It's been a particularly difficult task this year but I think you will be pleased. The slate is given below. Look for your ballots soon.

There will be a number of meetings this year. The SIS business meeting will be from 2:45 to 4:15 on Sunday afternoon. It falls just after the TS SIS business meeting again this year, so we hope that a number of you will turn out for both. We are also planning a number of committee meetings on Sunday afternoon (RLN, WLN, OCLC, and Local Systems). This year we managed to get the OCLC meeting changed to Sunday afternoon, so that it won't conflict with the TS Subject and Classification meeting.

Again this year we are sponsoring a joint reception on Saturday night with Tech Services SIS and Reader Services SIS. Look for this in your convention package. This is a good way to see friends and start the convention off with a bang.

I know that it seems very early to start thinking about the program at the San Francisco convention. However, the board will be having a program planning meeting from 5:30 to 6:00, as part of the 1990/91 board meeting, on Saturday at the convention. We would like to have people bring their ideas to that meeting. If you can't make it but have ideas, please get in touch with Alva Stone, the incoming chair, or me. We'd be glad to hear any suggestions. Alva, by the way, tells me that she got some very good suggestions in response to the survey she recently sent out.

As you know, there has been a good deal of discussion about Technical Services Law Librarian this year. Pat Denham is having a forum at the convention, on Sunday from 11 to 12 noon, about the newsletter's status. If you can, please come and share your thoughts. Also come to the business meeting and share there too! We need your input greatly. If you can't come to the convention, send us your comments in writing. We want to hear very much.
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TITLE STAYS!
Kaye V. Stoppel
Drake University Law Library

At least for the immediate future, Technical Services Law Librarian will retain the title it has held since Vol. 5. A decision about a possible title change has been put on hold pending full discussion of how TSSL is to be handled at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

Incidentally, of the responses directed to me, opinion was running two to one to retain the title of Technical Services Law Librarian. One individual felt that it was a "generic term for librarians working in the technical services section of a law library or having an interest in the technical services activity of a library." Serials catalogers object to another title change, and it was pointed out that "initials and slashes, particularly at the beginning, seem particularly infelicitous from the point of view of both cataloging and searching."

The ad hoc committee comprised of the Editorial Board with me acting as Chair is continuing its work on revising "TSSL Structure and Policies." These changes reflect policy decisions made by the Board and impending subscription and production changes. If you cannot make it to the Annual Meeting or wish to comment on any aspect of TSSL, please contact the Editor, Pat Denham, other members of the Editorial Board or me.

PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT...
COMPUTERS TALKING TO COMPUTERS
Janice Snyder Anderson
Georgetown University Law Library

For quite a few years now, libraries have been putting information about their holdings into machine-readable form. Many were using the utilities to build databases of bibliographic records in MARC format before they had any possibility of using that information, and before some even recognized the utility of those records. A number of changes of vital importance are now occurring in the area of computerized formats. To enable us to learn more about these changes, a program has been planned for New Orleans that will deal with new standards. It is intended to serve as a basic guide to what is happening, rather than as a detailed explanation of technical matters. The speakers are all noted experts in their fields, and they should be able to give valuable information as to what has been developed thus far, where things are going, and why we should care.

Those on the program, entitled National Standards: Who is Doing What, and their topics:

SANDRA K. PAUL, President of SKP Associates
SICI (Serial Issue and Contribution Identifier)
The SICI encodes the information of a unique title and a unique issue of that title into a single data string. It can be used to standardize interchange between libraries and others, and would be the fastest, most accurate way to enter information about an issue into a computer (for check-in, binding, etc.). Convincing publishers to use it will be a challenge.
FREDERICK E. SCHWARTZ, The Faxon Company
EDI (Electronic Data Interchange)
EDI has been rapidly changing fundamental business practices in the greater
business community. It represents machine-to-machine communication between
"trading partners." EDI has the potential to provide real-time publication
and shipping notification and to create cost savings for all parties by
stemming the flow of paper documents back and forth (orders, claims, etc.).

STEPHEN PAUL DAVIS, Assistant Director for Library Systems, Columbia
University Libraries
USMARC Format for Holdings and Locations
Information describing a library's materials is being created in machine-
readable form in 3 standard categories: bibliographic, authority, and local
holdings formats. The USMARC Format for Holdings and Locations defines data
relating to copy- and institution-specific holdings and specifies tags to
identify them. It can be used to support the functions of, e.g., serials
control and circulation control.

Mark your calendars: this program will be held on Wednesday, July 24, from
1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Get your sightseeing out of the way early and plan to
attend.

CONFERENCE REPORT
Jack G. Montgomery, Jr.
University of Cincinnati Law Library

Acquisitions '91, held at the Radisson Hotel in Minneapolis on April 9-11
and sponsored by Genaway and Associates, was attended by approximately 150
librarians, consultants, administrators, and vendors from all over the United
States, Canada, and Great Britain.

The central theme of the conference was the relationship between
acquisitions and access. The opening address was given by Marilyn Gell
Mason, Director of the Cleveland Public Library. Ms. Mason's presentation
focused on the changing environment within the library and the increased
expectations of patrons based on an awareness of increased access to
information sources beyond the confines of the library's holdings. The
change in information formats now acquired by libraries in great profusion
will continue to impact in various ways on acquisitions budgets, collection
development policies and traditional conceptions of the library as
information center.

In the individual sessions that followed, topics of presentations ranged
from further discussions of access, budget development and maintenance,
securing grant proposals to supplement special programs and projects. One
particular presentation focused on a comparison of the acquisitions process
in Great Britain and the United States. Anthony John Kidd of the University
of Glasgow, now on an exchange program at Iowa State University, addressed
the recent change in the "net book agreement" which will allow book suppliers
to offer titles at discount for the first time.

Thursday's plenary session was a lively discussion with Richard M.
Dougherty, President of ALA, speaking on the future of the library. He
focused on what he called the two and one half myths of librarianship:
1. That bigger libraries are better libraries,
2. Faculty and students know how to use the library, and
3. Libraries are easy to use.

In addition, Dougherty encouraged the conferees to make themselves aware of the impact changing formats are making on institutional policies concerning the library’s role in the educational process. He indicated that we as librarians must work to make our patrons and institutional administrations aware of the valuable role and services we provide. In short, we must learn to market ourselves and take on leadership roles within the educational community.

The Thursday afternoon sessions focused on a variety of topics from out-of-print acquisitions, Online Interactive Approval Databases, to the issues of new formats, including pricing, hardware implications and bibliographic access of new formats with an emphasis on CD ROM.

At the final discussions, the conferees and presenters attempted to put perspective on the Access or Acquisitions theme. If there was a consensus, it was that current trends towards budgetary restrictions will force the further development of cooperative collection development and an increasing emphasis on new and enhanced systems of access. We must learn to evaluate new and emerging technologies and formats which are being developed at a pace without parallel in recent history. We must develop an ongoing product awareness in order to properly allocate our fiscal resources and provide the widest and yet the most efficient range of services to our patrons.

ACQUISITIONS
Joyce Manna Janto
University of Richmond Law Library

Automation of the Acquisitions Process, Part IV

As I stated in my last article, I feel that one of the major changes that automation is bringing to the library world is the breaking down of the barriers between the different departments. An automated environment changes the relationships between departments. Tech services is no longer the mysterious "back room," our work is on display to all. Conversely, it is now just as easy for someone in tech services to check the circ file to track down and put a hold on a book that needs to have a pocket-part inserted. As new technologies are introduced, procedures are changed as never before. Automation brings about changes in routines that may affect other departments' ability to work in ways that were not foreseen. Information that you may have considered marginal, may have been important to another department.

A good example from my situation is the placing of the price of the book on the purchase order. In the past, when we used the 4-part order forms, cataloging received a carbon of the form that was sent to the publisher. With our automated system, cataloging does not receive a purchase order. They receive a workform generated by the system. This workform does not duplicate the purchase order. It includes what the system thinks is the relevant information needed to catalog a title. The cataloging department was aghast. Where was the price? Unbeknownst to acquisitions, the cataloging department had been marking the shelflist card with the purchase price of each book. And why had they done this? Because the circulation staff had requested this information be included. They found
it useful when calculating fines for lost books.

Based on this experience, the acquisitions, cataloging and circulation staffs sat down and reviewed acquisitions procedures. We discussed how each department used the different pieces of information generated during the ordering process. The product of this meeting was a re-design of our workform and a change (once again) of procedures. It was unanimously agreed upon by the staff that this meeting was productive. It was a great help to the acquisitions staff to hear exactly how other departments use the information we created.

Most libraries do not automate their acquisitions systems in a vacuum. While some "stand alone" automation does exist, typically automation occurs in an integrated environment. And even those libraries with stand alone acquisitions may plan some day going the integrated route. An integrated system means just that: the operations of one department have an impact on another department. Our acquisitions records show up in the OPAC. Our cataloging records, if incomplete, can cause trouble for the circulation department. Because of this, we can no longer set our policies in a void. We must now solicit the views of people out of our departments before making policy decisions. I realize that this means that it will take more time to come to a decision, but with this extra work you may eliminate the need to go back and change procedures.

Finally, I think that this cross pollination between public and technical services will bring new ideas into both areas. Just because someone does not work full-time in a department does not mean that they have no good ideas on how that department could operate. We must never forget that the hallmark of a true professional is someone who takes an interest in the entire library operation. Sometimes it is the outsider, with a fresh viewpoint and no turf to protect who comes up with the best ideas.

CLASSIFICATION
Cecilia Kwan
University of California at Davis Law Library

If you are going to the convention in New Orleans, remember to attend the Library of Congress Update scheduled for July 23, 1:15pm to 2:45pm. Jolande Goldberg, Law Classification Specialist from the Library of Congress will be giving a report on her work with the LC law classification schedules during that session. Fellow panelists will include Kathleen Price, Law Librarian of Congress and Catherine A. Jones, Chief Congressional Reference Division, Congressional Research Service. The program will be moderated by Laura Gasaway.

Jolande is progressing well on the development of the KL-KW, (Law of Asia and Eurasia, Africa, Pacific Area and Antarctica schedule) which will total about 700 pages. It will be in two parts, the first being the jurisdictions table and the second the civil and common law tables. She is also currently working with the Social Science Section of LC to clean up the J schedule. JX may be taken out and put into a new KZ schedule for Law of Nations.

Be sure to get an official update from Jolande by attending the upcoming program on the Library of Congress.
I have a few notes about binding this time. I was informed recently of a law school whose binding contract was put out on bid and awarded to a bindery without any notification or input from the law library or their university library. The purchasing department of the university took the initiative in the matter and notified the libraries after the fact. As if that were not enough, the bindery which was chosen is not a member of the Library Binding Institute, uses overseeing almost exclusively, discourages tours of its plant, and seems to have a staff which is inadequate to handle the work. Needless to say, the purchasing department was most interest in the per volume price. The library's previous binding contract included standard specifications but these were ignored in the new contract. The binder is not capable of using double-fan adhesive binding which is the preferred binding method in volumes which are less than 2" thick with non-stiff or glossy paper. Volumes which have been adhesive bound are more "user-friendly" (i.e., they stay open without holding them open and they can be photocopied much more easily.) This library probably is stuck with the binder for at least a year.

You need to be involved as much as possible when your binding contract is due to expire. If you are with a university, contact the appropriate librarians at your university library. Together, you should negotiate for a new contract. The purchasing department should be notified of the process but they should not be the ones to initiate it and to handle it exclusively. The libraries should always be involved in the process. (The book described in the next paragraph would be very helpful, especially the appendix with key elements of a binding agreement.)

The American Library Association has published Guide to the Library Binding Institute Standard for Library Binding, written by Jan Merrill-Oldham and Paul Parisi. The 62-page Guide thoroughly explains each section in the LBI Standard for Library Binding published in 1986. The three sections of the Guide explain terms, technical specifications, and materials specifications. It is designed to be a supplement and complement to the LBI Standard, not a replacement. The numbering of the sections in the two is the same so they can be used side-by-side. In the 1986 Standard, the section on attaching the leaves is 4 pages but the explanation in the 1990 Guide is 21 pages long. In addition, there are numerous illustrations which greatly enhance the usefulness. The appendixes describe binding decision trees, inspecting library bound volumes, non-standard library binding, supplementary products and services offered by library binders, and key elements of a binding agreement. The Guide is available for $17.50 from ALA Books; American Library Association; 50 East Huron Street; Chicago, Ill. 60611. The LBI Standard is available for $5.00 prepaid from the Library Binding Institute; 8013 Centre Park Drive; Austin, Texas 78754 (512-836-4141).

Another new booklet is Preserving Library Resources: A Guide for Staff. It has been designed for staff who may not otherwise receive training in preservation. Full and part-time staff in circulation, reference, periodicals and stack maintenance can benefit from this guide. Terminology, the history of acidic paper, physical environment, shelving, physical treatment, and
emergencies are explained for paper and nonpaper formats. Complete with a 10-item bibliography and an index, this 24-page booklet should prove to be very useful in explaining what preservation of library materials is all about. It is available for $9.00 prepaid from Oakland Library Consortium; Hunt Library; Room 302; Carnegie Mellon University; Pittsburgh, Penn. 15213 (412-268-2890).

This from a recent Northeast Documents Conservation Center Newsletter: "the paper in "Post-it Notes" is potentially acidic, the color can transfer to originals over time, and the adhesive remains when the note is removed. All of these qualities will cause irreversible damage, according to the National Archives." "Post-it Notes" should be removed from books in stack areas and from books returned to the library.

SELECTED SERIAL ARTICLES ON PRESERVATION

Librarians who contract with micropublishers to microfilm parts of their collections often have to put blind trust in their capabilities to produce good quality film with proper storage for the master negatives. Moreover, for most librarians, preservation microfilming is an area with which they are unfamiliar. The author mentions the pretest of micropublishers which was completed last year by Willis Meredith and Naomi Ronen of the Harvard Law Library. The Commission on Preservation and Access contracted with AALL and the Research Libraries Group to pretest a survey form which is to be used for companies which produce microfilm worldwide. Mr. DeCandido is strongly in favor of some sort of regulations to observe production and storage facilities to assure that they meet preservation microfilming standards.

Ms. Nainis, former Assistant Law Librarian for Collection Management at Georgetown University Law Library, describes the project which Georgetown undertook in 1988 to preserve Federal Cases. Since a microfilm copy was not acceptable, Georgetown, along with more than 40 other law libraries nationwide, arranged with LBS Archival Products in Des Moines, Iowa to photocopy the 31-volume set which was originally published in the late 1890s. (Other law libraries may purchase the set. Archival Products is awaiting more orders before reprinting immediately.)

Although most the article pertains to recycled papers, the author states that most book paper manufacturers have converted their mills to produce alkaline paper, finding it is cheaper to produce. The only papers that are not acid-free are brightly colored papers for end leafs; lighter colors are acid-free.
The following serial title changes were recently caught by the Cornell Law Library acquisitions staff:

New York (State). Division of Probation. Annual report of the State Division of Probation
   Changed to: New York (State). Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives. Annual report. 1985-

United States. Dept. of State. The Department of State bulletin
   Changed to: US Department of State dispatch. Vol. 1, no. 1 (Sept. 3, 1990) N.B. This title had previously been reported as a cessation.

Utility Section newsletter

The Subject Analysis Committee (SAC) of ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Section met three times at ALA Midwinter. Here are some of the news and discussions relating to subject headings which may be of interest to law libraries:

A new edition of Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings will be issued this spring--for this update you cannot order only the revised pages. The June 1990 ed. of LCSH Microfiche is expected in early 1991. This summer when the hardcopy of LCSH 14th edition is published, it will still be in 3 volumes, but thinner paper will be used. Libraries involved in cleaning up outdated headings may be pleased with a forthcoming LC publication, Revised Library of Congress Subject Headings: Cross-References from Former Headings. It will list 1976-1990 headings changes, including old headings that were replaced by free-floating subdivisions. A new edition of Free-Floating Subdivisions: An Alphabetical Index will be available soon (this is now an annual publication). LC Period Subdivisions is published irregularly; it is not an annual, as had been previously indicated by the Cataloging Distribution Service.

Several of the NCCP (formerly "NACO") libraries are now submitting new subject heading proposals and suggested LC Classification revisions to the Library of Congress on a regular basis. (By the way, it was also stated that Subclass KL-KW, Law of Africa, Asia, etc. might be published around the end of 1992.) A discussion paper to be reviewed by MARBI proposes the addition of a new MARC field for expanded subject access (e.g., terms from a book’s table of contents, etc.), based on the need for this expressed in the research of Karen Markey, Pauline Cochrane and others.
SAC's Subcommittee on Online Display of Subject Headings has made several suggestions to LC for changes that would improve online access to subject information. One recommendation is that all period subdivisions with text-plus-dates (e.g. Civil War, 1861-1865) be changed so that the dates appear first, and that centuries (like 19th century) be changed to actual years (1800-1899).

Some time was devoted for reactions to the four proposals written in preparation for the Library of Congress Subject Subdivisions Conference, an invitational conference to be held May 9-12 in Arlie, VA. The Library of Congress hopes to implement recommendations for changes, especially those that might simplify procedures without adversely affecting the catalog user. Current subdivisions practices are overly complicated. For verification, we must often check so many places—LCSH or authority files, free-floating subdivisions, pattern headings, and make note of various "may subd geog" instructions in an attempt to put subdivisions in the correct order. Does the user really benefit from all this trouble we go to, and the resulting often-lengthy subject strings? Some of the proposals made would basically keep the current subdivision models, but expand the number of authority records for established strings, decrease the number and variety of form subdivisions allowable, and/or cut down on instructions in the SCM. Other proposals called for reducing the subject headings to topics only, and using machine manipulation of other fields to narrow the focus to a certain place, format or time period (i.e., let the user construct his own "post-coordinated" search).

This last approach was generally favored by an Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Alva Stone, Martha Childers, John Hostage and Jean Pajerek) of the AALL TS-SIS Cataloging and Classification Committee, which reviewed the 55 pages of proposals earlier this year. Our strongest support was given to these ideas: 1) establish topical subdivisions explicitly under individual main headings, rather than relying on patterns and free-floaters. 2) Remove genre/form, time period and geographic subdivisions from the subject string and store this information elsewhere in the record ("direct" subdivision might be used for cities and counties, but larger jurisdictions can be placed in 043 fields, and "form" subdivision data can be placed in 655 or certain fixed fields). 3) Avoid use of topical subdivisions in instances where a phrase headings would reflect "natural language." 4) If use of form subdivisions is to be continued, ambiguous or inconsistent terms should be normalized and redundant or overlapping terms eliminated.

It is not possible, because of TSLL space limitations, to adequately explain the pro-and-con arguments on the various subject subdivision proposals. However, AALL members who attend the Annual Conference in New Orleans will have an opportunity to learn more about the issues. At a program being coordinated by Marie Whitely, entitled "Law and Legislation: Is There a Future?," we may get the inside scoop on the directions LC will take in simplifying subject heading practices. The program is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 1:15 - 2:45 p.m. See you there!
The Local Systems Committee will meet in New Orleans on Sunday, July 21, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Both the format and discussion will be informal. Whether you already have, are planning to install, or are just curious about, a local system, come and join us! I know it will be a busy day of meetings, so feel free to bring lunch with you. Beverages will be available.

One item for discussion will again be the Local Systems survey project. Carol Nicholson at Chapel Hill has offered to coordinate it, and will be looking for your insight and assistance as we prepare to take the proposal to the Executive Board for funding. There are several publication options available that we will be exploring.

Users of Innovative Interfaces and NOTIS local systems should have noticed that their users group meetings were announced in the March convention mailing. III users are meeting on Sunday July 21 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. NOTIS users meet on Sunday July 21 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. This is the first year that this information has been confirmed and included this early in the year, and represents new awareness by the Association of the value of these users groups to AALL members. If you have a local system from another vendor, and either plan, or would like, to meet with other users of that system in New Orleans, please let me know. Best bets are by phone at 617-353-4790 or e-mail at lawi2hn@buacca.bu.edu.

My thanks to all of you who helped this year. Any and all help is welcomed as we continue to work on the survey, so feel free to drop in on the New Orleans meeting and help us take the next step. We hope to see, and hear from, you there!

The RLIN Committee will meet at the AALL convention on Sunday July 21 from 4:30-5:30. Unfortunately, we were not able to change last year's SIS meeting schedule. This means that the RLIN meeting conflicts with several Technical Services SIS committee meetings or discussion groups.

As most of you have probably heard by now, the RLG Board of Governors, at its March 7-8 meeting, authorized a series of changes that will affect RLG's direction in the future. The change that is probably the one that has caused the most discussion in recent weeks is the plan to discontinue support for mainstream technical processing on RLIN.
Until the Board of Governors meets again in June there are few, if any, details on how we can expect the transition away from use of RLIN for technical processing to take place. The time frame for this is still unclear, so I don't want to spread any new rumors by putting something in print that is not official. You all know the rumors you've heard!

La Vonne Gallo will still attend our meeting at the convention. At that time, she will be able to bring us up to date on any new developments that may come out of the Board of Governors June meeting or ALA. Please bring your questions and concerns to that meeting.

According to Patti McClung, in her memo to the RLG Law Program Committee, RLG staff "will be seeking your advice on what directions RLG might pursue that would be most advantageous and compelling to your institutions and your non-RLG colleagues. In particular, we are interested in exploring what types of law information resources and services you would want included in a refocused RLG/RLIN environment." Patti also asked me to let everyone know that Win-Shin Stella Chang has just started work at RLG as Senior Program Officer for Law. Over the next few months, she and other RLG staff members will be working on services and products geared particularly for the law library community.

If there are any cooperative projects that you would like to see undertaken or continued, please bring your ideas to the meeting. I know that it is difficult to think beyond the changes we are all going to have to make related to RLIN processing, especially since we don't know yet what is going to happen to the RLIN database as it exists today, but there may be some specifically law-related projects we would like to initiate.

If anyone did not receive the original electronic mail announcement about the future directions of RLG and would like a copy, please contact me at (215) 898-7062.

I want to announce to those members of the committee who are planning to attend the Acquisitions Roundtable that Elaine Sciolino of Simpson, Thacher, & Bartlett in New York City has consented to chair the Acquisitions Roundtable in New Orleans this year. The Roundtable is scheduled for Sunday the 21st at 4:30 p.m. and, if past years are any indication, promises to be an interesting forum for the exchange of information. Anyone who wishes to contact Elaine may reach her at (212) 455-7300. I would like also to extend an invitation to the general membership with questions or comments concerning acquisitions and related topics to join us at the Roundtable.
Committee members have been involved in a number of projects over the past months, some of which are carry-overs from last year and some of which surfaced during the current year. A brief summary of these activities follows. Committee members will receive a mailing in the near future with the complete texts of the reports mentioned below.

1. Working Group on Administrative Regulation
   Diane Hillmann, Chair
   The final report incorporating some suggestions for revisions was completed by the Group. The Canadian approach to dealing with administrative regulations was examined and recommended for adoption. They can be as follows:
   1. Enter single regulations of a jurisdiction under the heading for the jurisdiction. Make a uniform title for an enabling act if one is cited;
   2. Enter collections of regulations of a particular jurisdiction under the heading for the jurisdiction and add the uniform title;
   3. Use the qualifier "(Regulations)" after "Laws, etc." and after the uniform title for individual laws.
   Comments in opposition to the report have been submitted by Melody Lembke. She argues that because administrative regulations are legally different in different jurisdictions, in some having the force of law, in others not, treating them all as Laws is an attempt to enforce a false structure of consistency. Objection was also raised to the use of "Regulations" in the uniform title.
   The final report and comments in opposition have been forwarded to Ben Tucker and Adele Hallam.

   Ben Tucker submitted a request to Regina Wallen, AALL CC:DA Representative, for an additional statement of support of the proposal to change AACR2 Rules providing added entries for other parties to treaties to cross references for other parties. An Ad Hoc Workgroup appointed by the Chair prepared a statement for CC:DA strengthening the argument for references.

3. Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Library of Congress Subject Subdivisions
   Alva Stone, Chair
   The chair appointed an Ad Hoc group to examine and comment on the four position papers prepared for presentation at the May 1991 Library of Congress Subject Subdivisions Conference. The comments of the Subcommittee were submitted to Glenn Zimmerman of the Library of Congress for distribution to the authors of the position papers.

4. Proposal to appoint an AALL representative to the ALA Cataloging and Classification Section Subject Analysis Committee
   The Executive Board deferred discussion of the proposal from the Fall meeting to the Spring meeting. Results are not yet known.
5. 1991 Programs
   Several programs and a workshop for middle managers proposed by the Committee are on the program for New Orleans. The programs are:
   Another New Hat to Wear: Law Librarian/Computer Programmer
   Retrospective Conversion Revisited: How to Proceed Once the Money has Dried up!
   --Law and Legislation: Is There a Future?
   The Workshop: "Making the Transition to Middle Management" will be held on Thursday July 25th.

6. Cataloging Roundtable
   TSSIS has scheduled time for a cataloging roundtable discussion on Sunday July 21 from 12:00-1:00, just before the TSSIS Business Meeting. The chair hopes that this additional time outside the regular committee business meeting will allow for in-depth discussions of cataloging issues and problems. Anyone interested in serving as coordinator for the Roundtable please contact the Committee chair.

COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS
Melody Lembke
Los Angeles County Law Library

I have shared my thoughts on the recommendations of the Working Group on Administrative Regulations with the Chair of the Working Group, Diane Hillmann, and with Adele Hallam of the Library of Congress, Office for Descriptive Cataloging. I am issuing my comments for publication for two reasons: the original recommendations were published in TSLL; due to time constraints there was not enough time at the Cataloging and Classification Committee meeting to thoroughly discuss the recommendations.

Remember that AACR2 21.32 is a compromise rule. AACR1 had entered all regulations under administrative agency (except for collections of more than one agency). This was obviously difficult for Great Britain and Canada because often no responsible agency is identified in the text of the regulations. This also completely ignored the legality of the regulations and the control over them by the Canadian and British legislatures. AACR2 recognizes the "legal nature" of regulations in Canada, Great Britain, and other countries of the world. Administrative regulations are legally different in different jurisdictions. The Subcommittee's suggestions would swing the opposite direction from AACR1 and treat all regulations as laws. I am totally opposed to a rule that would treat American administrative regulations as laws. The "legal nature" of certain publications is a consideration of numerous of the special legal rules. Are the decrees decree-laws? Are the court rules laws or are they promulgated by a court?

AACR2 21.32 requires judgments and decisions to be made by catalogers. We cannot get away from such judgments. We cannot force a structure of consistency on a world that is not consistent. Ben Tucker once advised me not to "strain for consistency." The recommendations made by the Subcommittee "strain" to make an inconsistent world consistent.
As for the suggestions for "Laws, etc.," I do not advocate any changes that would appear to be an attempt to revive "Laws, statutes, etc." by just moving it into the 240 field. "Laws, etc." should be used only for general collections of laws. "Laws, etc." is also so complicated I think we'd be on our way to anarchy if we assigned it any more duties! We could spend many hours discussing whether or not a qualifier like "Regulations" (and "Session laws" or "Compiled Statutes" as a matter of fact) are an attempt to add or improve subject access.

While I understand that one of the group's goals is to improve access to administrative regulations, I question that any of the recommendations accomplish this. In terms of a manual file, more works entered under jurisdiction/laws, etc. would not be an improvement; it would dilute the effect of that form of entry for general collections of laws. Just as I opposed suggestions to treat loose-leaf publications as serials based on the argument that certain serial check-in systems could not handle them if cataloged as monographs I oppose suggestions that would supposedly improve access for on-line systems that lack certain features such as key-word searching.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Los Angeles County Law Library is pleased to announce the availability of its online catalog, Themis, to dial-up users. Themis contains over 70,000 bibliographic records, representing about 40% of the library's collection. Themis uses OPAC software developed by Carlyle Systems of San Mateo, Calif.

To access Themis, set your telecommunications software to 2400 or 1200 bits per second, TTY emulation, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit and dial (213) 617-1475. No password or account is required. For further information contact Ed Schander or Diane Reynolds at (213) 629-3531 (voice.)

INNOVATIVE INTERFACES, INC. USERS GROUP

Linda Davis of Georgetown University Law Center Library has asked me to include an announcement of the Innovative Interfaces, Inc. Users Group in New Orleans. It will be on Sunday, July 21, 1991 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; the location will be announced in the program. Ms. Davis is the chair of the group.

SEMINAR ANNOUNCEMENT

The Basch Associates seminar, "Negotiating Services and Fees with Subscription Agencies," will be held on 28 June 1991 in Atlanta, Georgia, which is immediately preceeding the ALA conference. The seminar offers a unique opportunity for librarians to explore techniques to:
* improve productivity in serials acquisition and processing,
* improve communications with serial suppliers,
* obtain additional services from vendors at no extra cost, and
* increase the reliability of serials receipt and reduce the need to claim missing issues

Contact Basch Associates at 860 North Lake Shore Drive; Apt. 7J; Chicago, IL 60611 for information. Phone: 312-787-6885 Fax: 312-943-0025
UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6-7  "Business of Acquisitions," Institute, Boston, Mass. Focus will be on basic acquisitions of monographs, serials, and media and the relationships among librarians, library booksellers, subscription agents, and publishers. Sponsored by ALA/ALCTS. Contact: Alex Bloss, Deputy Executive Director, ALA/ALCTS, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611 Phone: 312/280-5034 or 1-800/545-2433 ext.5034.

June 14-17 North American Serials Interest Group, Sixth Annual Conference, "A Changing World," Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas. The three plenary sessions will pertain to changing technologies, changing information worldwide, and strategies and responses. These are a few of the eighteen workshops, from which two could be attended: locating replacement issues, conversion to automated serials control systems, preservation microfilming of brittle serial issues, and acquiring and cataloging elusive Latin American serials. Contact Teresa Malinowski, NASIG Secretary. Phone: 714/773-3713; Fax: 714/449-7135.

June 27-28 "AACR2 Revised: A Practical Update," Atlanta, Georgia. An ALA Preconference sponsored by ALCTS where the major changes in AACR2 since 1978 will be reviewed. Registration is $160 for non-ALA members. Contact ALCTS Preconferences; ALA; 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611

June 28 "The Dual-Role Collection Development Librarian," Atlanta, Georgia. This one-day ALA preconference will focus on the challenges confronting librarians with collection development responsibilities in addition to other assignments in public, technical, or administrative services. Registration is $155 for non-ALA members. Use address in previous listing for information.

June 28 "Preservation Filming: Getting it Started and Keeping it Going," Atlanta, Georgia. This one-day preconference will cover the many components that comprise a filming project, from grant writing to bibliographic control. Registration is $165 for non-ALA members. Contact ALA at the above address for information.

June 28 "MARC Holdings Format: All You Need to Know," Atlanta, Georgia. This is a LITA Pre-conference in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conference. For more information, contact LITA at 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. Phone: 312/280-4270.

June 28 "Networking CD-ROM: Technologies and Copyright Issues," Atlanta, Georgia. This is also a LITA Pre-conference to the ALA Annual Conference. The program will feature expanded coverage of copyright and licensing issues presented by Arthur Fakes, computer law specialist. Contact: LITA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. Phone: 1-800-545-2433 ext. 4270.