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Chapters

Arizona Association of Law Libraries

¶1 UCITA! I thought it sounded like another new southwestern salad just as much last summer as I do now, but UCITA now rolls through librarian conversations like the latest bestseller.

¶2 AALL's guidelines for proactive participation in this important legislation came from "UCITA: A Guide to Understanding and Action," the December 2000 satellite teleconference cosponsored by AALL and several other library associations. We were told to: "Learn about UCITA's supporters. Find out who is sponsoring this legislation in your state and find out why they are in favor of it. Learn all you can. Identify key issues. Ask questions of both proponents and opponents." AzALL Programs Chair Mary Johnson contacted Jeffrey Hatch-Miller, chair of the Arizona House of Representatives Committee on Energy, Utilities & Technology, and invited him to speak to us about UCITA. Representative Hatch-Miller was interested in solutions from the library community. Several AzALL members attended a very crowded hearing on February 28, 2001, where the Arizona state librarian represented the library community, offering solutions to

the fair use portion of UCITA. Various others from industry and educational institutions addressed other issues of concern and, ultimately, the legislation was returned to NCCUSL for revision. It isn't over in Arizona, but we have managed to hold the tiger at bay for the time being.

¶13 But dealing with UCITA was only a portion of a busy year for AzALL. In July 2000, AzALL participated in the time-capsule event at AALL's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, depositing a history of the association along with a CD of our "Legal Resources Can Be Murder!" program, various Arizona Internet resources, and other items that may be of interest to the curious when the time capsule is opened in many years. The well-attended December 2000 holiday banquet was held at the Hard Rock Café and sponsored by Westlaw. The annual Legal Research Institute took place in February–March 2001 at Arizona State University's Ross Blakley Law Library. In April, the premiere electronic issue of the chapter's newsletter appeared, thanks to the hard work and dedication of Christine Moore. AzALL also held its first videoconference meeting with Tucson members in April with a program on the legal research training programs at the Arizona State and University of Arizona law libraries. The association sponsored a brick for the new Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Courthouse, part of the effort to restore the old courthouse begun three years ago. Finally, the annual May banquet was held at A League of Our Own restaurant in Phoenix, partially sponsored by LexisNexis. Guest speaker Maryruth Storer addressed the membership on behalf of AALL.

¶14 We had a very eventful year and, to borrow from a colleague, in AzALL's case "Now UCITA; now you don't!" But let's keep informed and keep asking those questions.

¶15 The AzALL Board members for 2001–02 are Marianne Sidorski Alcorn, President; Corrine Guthrie, Vice President/President-Elect; Sharon Bundy, Treasurer; Mark Bartlett, Secretary; Charlotte Graesser Henderson, Past President; Marcy McCahan and Sarah Reneker Andeen, Members at Large.

Charlotte Graesser Henderson
President, 2000–01

Chicago Association of Law Libraries

¶1 CALL had a very busy year again in 2000–01. There were five business meetings during the year, one of which was held jointly with the Special Libraries Association. There were a variety of speakers at the meetings: the Honorable Brian Barnett Duff; AALL Executive Board member Ruth Fraley; Cheryl German of NetLibrary; Carolyn Shapiro, former law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Breyer; and U.S. Attorney Scott Lassar. Continuing education programs presented included a Dotcom Bake-off and a repeat of a successful program titled "Just the Facts, Ma'am (both presented at LegalTech); "HR Dos and Don'ts"; and "Local Government Resources on the Web."

¶2 CALL has migrated its membership directory to the AALL membership database. As of May 15, 2001, CALL had 309 members, with 13 new members since July 2000. CALL's Web site was successfully migrated to its new host, AALLNET. CALL's electronic discussion list is increasingly becoming the chief means of communication with CALL members. The *CALL Bulletin* was published four times; the first three issues were theme issues, devoted to Core Competencies, Library School Revisited, and The Virtual Law Library. The spring 2001 issue was the first issue produced totally electronically for the printer, in contrast to camera-ready copy.

¶3 As coordinated by CALL's Community Services Committee, volunteer activities this spring included work at the Old Town School of Folk Music, Recording for the Blind, and a food bank in the suburbs. The Placement Committee posted six new job offerings on the CALL listserv. Placing job offerings on the CALL Web site is being investigated. CALL was represented at Dominican University's Career Day; a career in law librarianship was discussed with fifteen individuals.

¶4 CALL's Relations with Information Vendors Committee actively disseminated information concerning vendors of interest to the Chicago law library community. The committee also arranged for a "reverse site visit" where CCH personnel visited four different types of law libraries.

¶5 CALL's Public Affairs Committee led an aggressive advocacy campaign supporting Illinois legislation to improve funding of county law libraries. Also, in conjunction with AALL's Washington Affairs Office, the committee closely monitored progress of UCITA in Illinois. CALL's Executive Board sent a letter to *Crain's Chicago Business*, correcting a misrepresentation about the role of libraries in today's private law firms.

¶6 CALL awarded five grants: one to attend the AALL Acquisitions Institute, and four to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. In addition, free registrations and discounts to programs were brokered by the Grants Committee.

¶7 CALL presented two awards at the annual business meeting: D'Ancona & Pflaum was awarded the Outstanding In-House Publication Award, and Janet Wishinsky was presented with the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award.

¶8 The election for the 2001–02 CALL Board resulted in the following new officers: Christina Wagner, Vice President/President-Elect; Naomi Goodman, Secretary; and Pegeen Bassett, Director. Continuing on the Board are John Klaus, President; Scott Burgh, Treasurer; Jean Wenger, Director; and Frank Drake, Past President.

Frank Drake, President
2000–01

Colorado Association of Law Libraries

¶1 CoALL was fortunate once again this year to have the services of enthusiastic and resolute members who gave unselfishly of their time and talents.

¶2 We had a full repertoire of programs ably organized by Vice-President Druet Cameron Klugh who brought the membership such diverse offerings as a

joint meeting with SLA at NetLibrary in Boulder, a presentation by author Stephanie Kane from her new book, *Blind Spot*, a talk on “Change Management” by former CoALL member Richard Jost, and our annual holiday party. The annual institute featured Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory J. Hobbs as keynote speaker, and presentations by Brenda Bailey of the Colorado State Library, Marcy Dunning of Access Information, Wanda McDavid of NetLibrary, and Steve Rosas of Arthur Anderson, LLP.

¶13 CoALL undertook two major projects this year. We began the process of examining our archival materials and organizing our files, creating a retention policy for many of the categories. Our proposed change in tax status to 501(c)(3) necessitated a bylaws revision that is being aided by two attorneys from Holme Roberts & Owen. We also voted to raise dues for the first time in our history. The extra money will be spent to improve programming and facilitate our scholarship and grants program.

¶14 Other highlights included facilitating the teleconference on UCITA by members Rob Richards and Tom Seward; a presentation by Lois Calvert, Marcy Dunning, and Mary Clifton for Continuing Legal Education of Colorado; and a program on the Colorado legislative process by Al Dong at the annual Colorado Library Association meeting. CoALL again participated in the Colorado Marketing Council, the “Prez Group” (a quarterly meeting of the five major library organizations), and the Colleague Connection, an annual educational dinner program for all Colorado librarians.

¶15 Officers for 2001–02 are Druet Cameron Klugh, President; Holly Kulikowski, Vice President/President-Elect; Rob Richards, Secretary; Nancy Sensel, Treasurer; and Gay Ellen Roesch and Mariann Storck, Members-at-Large.

Linda Rose, President

2000–01

Dallas Association of Law Librarians

¶11 DALL had an excellent year with many outstanding programs. Members were treated to a variety of timely topics during general meetings, plus they were able to talk to two of the three deans of Texas library schools. Some of the programs were “Delegation”; “Automation Software Fair”; “Lawfully Hiring and Firing Employees”; and “Finding Information, Managing Results for Different Web Search Engines.”

¶12 Average attendance at general meetings rose from twenty-five-plus to forty-plus this year. DALL initially had experienced a decline when the meeting schedule was changed from monthly to semimonthly, but it gradually increased as the Program Development Committee was able to concentrate on filling fewer program slots. It did an excellent job in finding speakers who could address not only the immediate professional concerns of members, but could also answer questions on how future members were being educated.

¶3 Joan Jarosek continued to work with SIMA, Inc. in negotiating the terms of the Web-based *DALL Union List* that SIMA will administer for the chapter.

¶4 DALL did have one rough spot this year when Second Vice President/Newsletter Editor Judy Stark accepted a transfer from Dallas to Chicago. Within a few weeks, however, several volunteers stepped forward, and Angela Kubala was chosen by the Board to serve the remainder of Judy's term. Angela had a smooth transition, aided by several volunteers, and was subsequently elected Second Vice President/Newsletter Editor for 2001–02.

Jennifer S. Stephens, President
2000–01

Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association

¶1 In its thirty-first year, GPLLA was able to capitalize on the excitement generated by hosting the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. The year was notable for the improved variety and frequency of programs, increased attendance at regular and special events, and contact made with a number of area groups that had not been member institutions before.

¶2 GPLLA had programs on new SEC rules presented by GSIOOnline, a Christmas party sponsored by LexisNexis, and the annual institute at the University of Pennsylvania. The latter featured an excellent session by West's Thompson University on working in groups and a lively discussion with AALL Board member Elmo Dattalo. For the second year, we collaborated with the Philadelphia Area Chapter of SLA for a joint program, this year a tea given by the British Library. New offerings included informal get-togethers such as happy hours at various locations around the city for members to network in an informal atmosphere. The increased variety of programming resulted in more participation across the board, particularly at GPLLA First Fridays, monthly informal lunches held to discuss topics of interest or general library matters in an unstructured setting.

¶3 The year ended with a Meet-the-Board Happy Hour for anyone interested in becoming more involved with the association. Attendees could speak informally with Board members about specific responsibilities, expectations, and time commitments related to serving on the Board or as a committee chair. For the first time in years, we had a surplus of members who wanted to be on the Board. Additionally, we had strong participation from our Delaware members, increased interest in organizing central Pennsylvania programs from our state capital-area members in Harrisburg, and interest from several Drexel University Library School students, who are invited to all of our programs free of charge.

¶4 Thanks to the efforts of Board members and the committee chairs this year, particularly Programs, Membership, and the Delaware Group, we were able to keep the momentum from the AALL Annual Meeting going throughout the year. We look forward to an even stronger thirty-second year!

Alisann M. Smeck, President
2000–01

Law Librarians of New England

¶1 Thanks to the hard work, creativity, and enthusiasm of its members, the past year has been another busy, productive, and fun one for the Law Librarians of New England. However, there was one sad note—for personal reasons, Timothea Frost chose to resign her position as president in February 2001. She was replaced by Vice President/President-Elect Darcy Kirk. Once the slate of officers for 2001–02 was elected in March, Michael Hughes, elected as vice president/president-elect, agreed to take on his duties early. Past President Ann Deveaux was of great assistance to me in my early transition to president.

¶2 The death penalty was the topic of the fall 2000 LLNE meeting hosted by Western New England College School of Law Library in Springfield, Massachusetts. Conference speakers covered various aspects of the subject, including history, statistics, U.S. Supreme Court cases, and international treaties. The issues of age and race as well as the role that the death penalty plays as a deterrent were discussed. Speakers included faculty, law school students who presented the results of a clinic project, attorneys, and a state representative.

¶3 In December, the staff of the Suffolk University Law School Library hosted a site for the satellite teleconference “UCITA: A Guide to Understanding and Action.” Kelly Browne, chair of the Government Relations Committee, organized and promoted the teleconference.

¶4 The spring meeting of LLNE was hosted in March by the New England School of Law Library in Boston. Since New England School of Law was originally founded as Portia Law School, the first all-women law school, it was fitting that the topic was Women and the Law. Issues presented ranged from history of women in the law and international women’s rights to a panel of women (attorney, professor, judge) who talked of the ongoing difficulty for the advancement of women in various types of law careers.

¶5 Committees and officers alike were active this year. Chris Swan, treasurer and Membership Committee chair, completed culling the membership list so that it now accurately reflects current members. In addition, she added new information to the membership records so that the list can be sorted by type of library. The Newsletter Committee continued to provide LLNE members with a wonderful publication. The newsletter staff underwent several changes. Sue Drisko and Amy Lannon began the year as co-editors, but when Lannon changed jobs and resigned, John Pedini stepped in. Then, late in the year, Sue Drisko resigned in order to begin law school and Michelle Pearse took her place. Joan Shear chaired a special committee responsible for writing and distributing a survey to members that sought their comments about topics, frequency, and length of chapter meetings. The results of the survey should be available early next year.

¶6 Finally, the Nominating Committee, composed of Cathy Breen, Judy Gire, and Joan Shear, did a magnificent job of bringing us a great slate of new officers. For 2001–02, the officers are Darcy Kirk, President; Michael Hughes, Vice

President/President-Elect; Brian Harkins, Secretary; Cynthia Landau, Treasurer; and Jeff Flynn and Susan Sullivan, Education Directors.

Darcy Kirk, President
2000–01

Law Librarians of Puget Sound

¶1 Through the hard work and creativity of the LLOPS committees, the chapter had a very educational and productive year. Under the leadership of Jan Lawrence, the Program Committee presented several informative and fun brown-bag lunches. We had a presentation on UCITA and what its adoption would mean for librarians. Another presentation was on the “effects of change.” In January, a representative from Seattle’s Public Library gave us great recommendations for our pleasure reading. The Internet SIG offered an informative presentation on e-books in April (postponed from its original February date because of the earthquake). The Professional Development Committee hosted a presentation on knowledge management in March, and it was an honor to have Margie Axtman, AALL Past President, on the panel.

¶2 LLOPS was very active in providing assistance to attend local and national library programs. Two grants were awarded for attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. We also awarded one grant to attend CONELL and one grant to attend the LLOPS Professional Development Workshop.

¶3 *LLOPCited*, the chapter’s quarterly newsletter, had a brand new committee this year. Rachelle Pacchiano served as editor and Brendan Starkey as layout editor. With the help of the Internet SIG, the newsletter is now available on the LLOPS Web site.

¶4 The Membership Committee reported a total of 124 members for the 2000–01 membership year. LLOPS awarded a lifetime membership to Rena Boyd, bringing the total of lifetime members to five.

¶5 The chair of the Marketing Committee, Ellen Bowman, was very busy this year. She created a new LLOPS brochure and new bookmarks. She made sure we had a presence at the Washington State Bar Association annual conference, the “Law Office EXPO, Management and Technology Institute” held in Seattle in March, and the University of Washington’s Student Résumé Night. Ellen received the LLOPS President’s Award this year for hard work and initiative.

¶6 The chapter year ended with a business meeting on June 25, 2001. New officers installed for 2001–02: Karen Helde, President; Jill Allyn, Vice President/President-Elect; Rita Kaiser, Treasurer; Linda Tobiska, Secretary; and Katherine Foster, Past President.

Katherine Foster, President
2000–01

Law Librarians’ Society of Washington, D.C.

¶1 LLSDC hosts three societywide meetings each year: the Opening Reception, a

Town Meeting, and the Closing Banquet. The Opening Reception/Banquet, sponsored by LexisNexis, showcased speaker John Morreall on “Humor in the Workplace.” This spring we conducted our Town Meeting over a lunch for members. Called “An Inside Look at LLSDC,” it included the president discussing responses to questions from a March 2001 membership survey that was conducted using software on the society’s Web site. Hot topics included: changes to current committees, member and nonmember rates and benefits, societywide meetings, jobline facts, and volunteerism. The year ended with the Closing Banquet in May at which AALL Executive Board member Frank Y. Liu spoke. The society was grateful to WDS-Choicepoint for its sponsorship of the evening which included an outdoor cocktail reception.

¶12 During the year, all six SISs were very active, offering programs on a variety of topics. These included educational sessions, brown-bag lunches, happy hours, and picnics. The Academic SIS held a book-repair workshop and organized an outing to see a BaySox baseball game. The Federal SIS held programs on many topics, including intranets, public access and ILL policies at member libraries, and how to streamline acquisitions in federal libraries. The Foreign and International SIS began its year with a lunch meeting that addressed the topic of international law on the Web. It also presented a series led by specialists from the Library of Congress, which included discussions on the fundamentals of legal research in Canada, Russia, Greece, and the European Union.

¶13 The Interlibrary Loan SIS held monthly meetings on topics such as copyright and ILL, distance learning and the MLS degree, and resumé. The Legislative SIS kicked off its year with a “Welcome Back to Congress” party, hosted a program on Maryland legislative history, and offered a vendor presentation of GalleryWatch.com. It also produced a new edition of the *Union List of Legislative Histories*. The Private Law Libraries SIS hosted several social events, as well as educational programs on topics such as home offices, “The Gumshoe Librarian,” and “You Want Me to Do WHAT? The Skills You Need Today.”

¶14 LLSDC has two focus groups. The Franklin Square Focus Group consists of librarians who work for law firms within a six-block radius of each other near the McPherson Square metro downtown. They host monthly brown-bag meetings to network and to learn about new products. The group hosted presentations by BNA, Bernan, and Law.com. A new focus group was established this year, Legal Research Training, led by Cindy Curling. The group held brown-bag lunches on various training issues.

¶15 LLSDC’s committees were also active. The Public Relations Committee presented a writing workshop. As a direct result of this workshop, several LLSDC members are writing federal government agency pathfinders for a future issue of *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*. Under the auspices of the Education Committee, LLSDC sponsored the 2001 Legal Research Institute. More than one hundred attended the two-day institute which featured hands-on programs aimed at those with limited experience using legal resources. LLSDC also served as the

lead group for the Joint Spring Workshop held in April on “Professional Development in a Technical Age: Skill Building to Increase Personal and Team Effectiveness.”

¶16 Regular society business continued as usual this year with monthly board meetings; publication of the society’s newsletter, *LIGHTS*; and the printing of a new edition of the *General Union List of Legal Publications* and our local serials union list, *COUNSEL*. The Scholarship Committee awarded \$14,000 during the year and plans to increase that amount for next year.

Ann Clifford Green, President
2000–01

Law Library Association of Greater New York

¶11 LLAGNY enjoyed a busy and productive year. It began with an inspiring leadership training session led by Past President Michele Falkow, filled with practical tips on how to manage time and coordinate an event, including advice on diplomatic skills worthy of a U.N. secretary-general. LLAGNY also sponsored a variety of educational programs, including “How the Web Has Changed Legal Research,” “Managing the Virtual Library in the New Economy,” “Best Practices in Knowledge Management in Major Law Firms,” “In-Depth Legal Research for the Information Professional,” and the eighth annual “Bridge the Gap” legal research program for law students.

¶12 Board member Preston Marshall arranged a “New Librarians Roundtable” to bring together new members to share ideas and discuss developments relevant to their professional growth.

¶13 The Fall Soiree was “out-of-this-world” literally, as we were entertained by extraterrestrials and other unidentified objects at Mars 2112. For those members who preferred elegance, Karen Provost, our Special Events Chair, arranged our January meeting at the 3 West Club and the June annual meeting at Tavern on the Green.

¶14 This year, the Pro Bono Committee celebrated its tenth anniversary. Founded in 1990 by Jeff Trigger and chaired for many years by Eric M. Kaufman and currently by David Merkin and Sylvia Siegel, the committee has helped hundreds of people over the past decade, including several foundations, prisoners, and other needy individuals.

¶15 The year-ending meeting in June afforded us the opportunity to meet our newly elected Executive Board members: Alma de Jesus, Vice President/President-Elect; Heide-Marie Bliss, Secretary; and members Mary Cosgrove, Ben Toby, and Emily Moog.

¶16 I close with my appreciation and admiration to the entire Executive Board, especially Janet Pinkowitz who served four years as secretary. All of them have served with great distinction and supported me with valuable advice and insight.

John W. Lai, President
2000–01

Law Library Association of Wisconsin

¶1 During the past year, LLAW's Program Committee provided the membership with excellent learning opportunities and the chance to have some fun together. In November 2000, Ted Potter of Marquette University Law Library spoke on "Teaching Legal Research." In February 2001, Keith Findley and John Pray, University of Wisconsin law professors, spoke on Wisconsin's Innocence Program, which was instrumental in freeing an innocent man from a Texas jail. In April, LLAW's first Spring Conference offered excellent educational opportunities. Genie Tyburski's keynote address, "How to Be Successful with Web Research," focused on the misconception that research on the Web is free and easy to do. Other topics covered during the conference were UCITA, Wisconsin Circuit Court Access, Adult Learning Styles, and Change Management and Self-Development.

¶2 Our membership was busy during the year. Members were presenters at the Wisconsin Law and Technology Show. Others worked with the state bar to provide a seminar on Wisconsin resources on the Internet. Their work was ultimately rewarded when the chapter received the 2001 AALL Excellence in Marketing Award for the best use of technology. The State Bar of Wisconsin asked for two members to serve on its Staff-Client Education Committee.

¶3 On a lighter note, LLAW participated in the Hein-sponsored ping-pong tournament. The ping-pong table put on a few miles with practice sessions held in both Madison and Milwaukee. The table will be donated to a local organization this fall.

¶4 LLAW Board members for 2001–02 are Amy Bingenheimer, President; Connie Von Der Heide, Vice President/President-Elect; Kathryn Hensiak, Secretary; and Candace Hall, Treasurer.

Patricia A. Ellingson, President
2000–01

Michigan Association of Law Libraries

¶1 The year began with the annual ORALL/MichALL gathering at AALL in Philadelphia. After years of meeting very early over breakfast, we were delighted to find that the luncheon hosted by ORALL was much better attended. This tradition will continue with MichALL sponsoring the luncheon in Minneapolis.

¶2 In November chapter members gathered for a dinner meeting in Ann Arbor to meet and learn about Michigan's newest law school, Ave Maria. Mitch Counts, director of the law library, introduced his staff and briefly told us about the law school and the library. This social event gave us time to renew old friendships and make new ones.

¶3 The major project of the year was to finally bring the chapter's Web site online. Michael Samson and Mary Lou Calvin worked with the Board to bring this project to realization by December 2000. The chapter's newsletters were posted to the site as well as being mailed to members this year. Photographs of the spring meeting were posted to the site so that those who were unable to attend could do so vicariously.

¶14 Another major project was revising the chapter constitution. A committee chaired by Kathleen Gamache worked on this revision, reporting back to the Board and sending the revisions to the AALL Bylaws Committee. The work was completed in a timely manner, making it possible to approve the amendments at the annual meeting.

¶15 Our annual spring meeting and twenty-fifth anniversary party was held on May 4, 2001, at Fairlane, Henry Ford's estate, in Dearborn. The Education Committee, chaired by Mary Karpinski, arranged a program titled "A Celebration of the Past and the Future." During the morning speakers from the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society reviewed the colorful history of that institution. Attention was turned to our own history and future in the afternoon with a review of MichALL's past by a panel of former presidents and founding members. A tour of the beautiful estate followed the program.

¶16 The business portion of the annual meeting included an historical review of the chapter's newsletters by Linda D. Smith, and presentation of two travel grants to the AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis to Patricia Parker and Michael Samson. The officers for 2001-02 were also announced: Mary Karpinski, President; Duane Strojny, Vice President; Michele Howard, Treasurer; Hildur Hanna, Secretary; Rita Marsala and Michael Samson, Members at Large; and Joan Byerly, Past President.

Joan Byerly, President
2000-01

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries

¶11 MALL members began the year by affirming a new mission statement developed from our strategic planning efforts of last year. MALL's purpose is "to facilitate the administration of and access to justice through the dissemination of legal information and through the education of its members and the public." The focus of MALL's activities for 2000-01 was three initiatives from our strategic vision: (1) expanding our skill set with more educational opportunities, especially in the area of technology; (2) reaching out to the legal community and making our presence known; and (3) strengthening our sense of community.

¶12 The initiatives matched well with MALL's commitment to host the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. More than three-fourths of the MALL membership volunteered to work on local arrangements under the direction of AALL Local Advisory Committee Cochairs (and MALL members) Marvin Anderson and Pat Cummings. Many of these volunteers also served on one of MALL's fifteen committees.

¶13 MALL cosponsored the Minnesota Law and Technology Show in September. Members Carrie Long, Nina Platt, and Mary Wells were panel participants. A group of members staffed an Internet Café. The show's keynote speaker, Rich Wiggins, examined "Portals, Intranets and Digital Libraries" at a MALL evening program.

¶14 The Education Committee continued the tradition of fine programming. On November 30, members and guests gathered to celebrate forty-five years of MALL's service, leadership, and community. It was a delightful evening with several past presidents offering wonderful stories about our culture and history. The February meeting on "Facing the Real World: Preparing Law Students for Legal Research and Writing" brought together representatives from law schools, law firms, law students, and vendors for a lively discussion.

¶15 The theme of the Spring Conference was "Managing Technological Change." Nina Platt served as conference planner with the assistance of the Education Committee. Darlene Fichter delivered the keynote address titled "Clued In: What We Need to Know to Direct Our Future." Other program topics included "Evaluating Electronic Resources and Managing the Purchasing Process"; "Managing Change: The Human Side"; "Creating and Organizing Access"; and "Training Users: Considerations for Teaching the Internet." MALL appreciated the contributions of LexisNexis, West Group, and the William Mitchell College of Law, which helped make this a successful event. MALL's annual meeting was held during the conference. Two retiring members were recognized and given Life Membership Awards—Ardis Jacobson and C. Jean Johnson. Anita Anderson, a dedicated member and an inspiring leader in MALL and AALL, was honored as MALL Law Librarian of the Year. Two new Board members for 2001–02 were announced: Karen Westwood, Vice President/President-Elect, and Carrie Long, Secretary/Treasurer.

¶16 The Internet Applications Committee presented two half-day training sessions for MALL committee chairs and AALL Local Advisory subcommittee chairs. The goal was to enhance their skills in updating the MALL and Local Advisory Web sites. The committee also organized basic and intermediate HTML training for the general membership with the support of West Group. Finally, it drafted an RFP and contracted with a Web designer to develop a new logo and design elements for our Web site. The logo, a major accomplishment, will serve to "brand" MALL in print and electronically.

¶17 The spirit of MALL will be evident at the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting. Four distinguished chapter VIPs will attend through the sponsorship of MALL: Chief Judge Edward Toussaint, Jr., Minnesota Court of Appeals; Mark Cohen, editor-in-chief, *Minnesota Lawyer*; Rachele Drakeford, public defender, Minnesota First Judicial District; and Alison Johnson, executive director, Minnesota Library Association. The Awards and Nominations Committee provided grants for three library students and one MALL member to attend AALL. The committee also administered the AALL grant to the chapter for a newer AALL member to attend the meeting. Over the last two years, MALL's leadership viewed AALL 2001 as an opportunity to further our chapter's objectives. It has also been a chance for AALL to benefit from the involvement of a thriving and creative chapter. MALL is a stronger community for these efforts.

¶18 MALL's Executive Board members for 2000–01 were Pat Cummings,

President; Lori Hedstrom, Vice President/President-Elect; Vicente Garces, Secretary/Treasurer; Sara Galligan, Past President; and Janet Sheets, Member-at-Large.

Pat Cummings, President
2000–01

New Jersey Law Librarians Association

¶1 The New Jersey Law Librarians Association had another fruitful year. The Program Committee presented well-attended programs on “Collection Moving and Rebalancing,” “UCITA and Its Impact on Law Libraries,” and “High Impact Use of E-Mail.” The topic of the annual meeting and workshop was “Advanced Search Engines and In-Depth Research on the Internet.” Four brown-bag luncheons were held with topical discussions on support staff, library manuals, intranets, and dealing with difficult people in the workplace.

¶2 Two special committees will be wrapping up their work later this year. The Union List Committee will issue a revised *NJLLA Union List* in the fall, and the Guidelines Committee will complete the revision of the chapter’s *Guidelines and Procedures Manual*.

¶3 The Newsletter Committee continues to improve the content of NJLLA’s newsletter, *In Brief*, and produces it on a timely basis. NJLLA created a Special Committee on Electronic Publications to investigate solutions for timely delivery of the newsletter, *Union List*, and Membership Directory, including the possibility of distributing them electronically.

¶4 The Grants and Awards Committee coordinated the AALL Annual Meeting grant process and presented two lifetime membership awards to Marjorie Garwig and Bob Bland. The committee also oversees the Virginia Tillman Lemmon Scholarship Grant awarded to a Rutgers SCILS student enrolled in the legal bibliography course.

¶5 The Outreach Education Committee held its Annual Bridge the Gap Program in April; it was generously supported by several New Jersey law firms. More than ninety summer associates attended. Additionally, the committee offered a half-day program titled “Internet Strategies for the Paralegal,” which was held at several sites throughout New Jersey. This workshop was well received and well attended; the committee expects to offer it more frequently next year. The committee will hold its Basic Legal Research course in Newark in fall 2002.

¶6 The Government and Legal Affairs Committee continued its efforts to get the *New Jersey Administrative Code* and New Jersey Attorney General opinions published on the Web. This committee continues to track New Jersey’s UCITA developments as well.

¶7 The Public Relations and Placement committees worked to provide more timely dissemination of meeting notices and job postings both to legal newspapers and on the NJLLA Web site.

¶18 The Nominations Committee provided the association with an excellent slate of officers to continue NJLLA's work in 2001–02.

Johanna C. Bizub, President
2000–01

Northern California Association of Law Libraries

¶11 It was a very productive year for NOCALL, starting with a wonderful joint reception at AALL in Philadelphia with the other California chapters, SCALL and SANDALL.

¶12 In September, we hosted a planning meeting in San Francisco for all committee chairs and members. It was a great time to brainstorm ideas between committees. We also held our September business meeting at the University of California's Boalt Hall. A reception and tours followed the meeting.

¶13 In October, the Education Committee, chaired by Erika Wayne, conducted a workshop titled "New Choices: Legal Research Tools for Today and Tomorrow" at Stanford University. The well-attended event included presentations by representatives of CourtLink, Findlaw, LoisLaw, QuickLaw America, and VersusLaw.

¶14 In December, the Government Relations Committee, chaired by Sam Trosow, sponsored the AALL telecast on UCITA. The informative session attracted more than twenty-five participants.

¶15 Our January business meeting was held at the Marines' Memorial in San Francisco. Speakers were Cossette Sun, AALL Executive Board member, and Howard Mintz, a journalist with the *San Jose Mercury News* specializing in law-related coverage.

¶16 The 2001 NOCALL Spring Institute, "A Capitol Odyssey," was held in Sacramento and focused on a legislative theme. Vice President Sue Welsh and her committee did a fantastic job in organizing the entire institute. We were extremely fortunate to have AALL President Bob Oakley join us, not only as the keynote speaker, but also as the "murderer" in our Dinner Theater Murder Mystery! With the joint sponsorship of the SCALL and SANDALL government relations committees, we also conducted a Legislative Day before the institute. We were briefed in the morning on issues such as UCITA and funding for county law libraries. Participants met with their representatives in the afternoon and got back together after the meetings to discuss the experience. It was a huge success; in fact, as Bob Oakley was getting ready to meet with California Governor Davis regarding UCITA, there was another group in the governor's office discussing UCITA as well! Great timing!

¶17 Also in March, Public Access Chair Coral Henning presented a workshop, titled "Introduction to Legal Research and Citation Form," to the Sacramento Area Legal Secretaries. Eighteen people attended and Coral received a glowing response.

¶18 NOCALL's May business meeting was held in San Jose at the California Court of Appeal. The guest of honor was Shirley David who received the

NOCALL Professional Achievement Award for Outstanding Service. The guest speaker was Presiding Justice Christopher C. Cottle who discussed issues faced by today's judges.

¶9 Ongoing activities during the year included a makeover and continual updating of the NOCALL Web page by the very involved Web Committee, chaired by Leslie Ann Forrester. Public Relations Committee Chair Paula Lichtenberg did a great job in submitting a monthly column to the *San Francisco Daily Journal*. Placement Committee Chair Mary Staats had a constant stream of people contacting her on both sides of the job hunt. Academic Relations Chair Jenny Kanji helped to set up receptions at both U.C. Berkeley SIMS and SJSU, Department of Library Science.

¶10 NOCALL officers for 2001–02 began their terms on June 1, 2001: Sue Welsh, President; Ellen Platt, Vice President/President-Elect; Erin Murphy, Secretary; Marlowe Griffiths, Treasurer (completing the term of Debi Mazor); Todd Bennet, Mary Hood, Executive Board members; and Donna Williams, Past President.

¶11 All in all, NOCALL was very busy in 2000–01. It's been such a great experience and an honor being president of NOCALL. I encourage everyone to get involved in their local chapter. You and your employer will benefit! The more effort you put into something, the more you'll get out of it!

Donna Williams, President
2000–01

Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries

¶1 ORALL started the year by saying good-bye to an old tradition and welcoming a new one. Instead of the usual ORALL/MichALL Joint Breakfast at the AALL Annual Meeting, we experimented with a luncheon to accommodate AALL scheduling changes. It was a success and our members were glad to sleep in! We will continue our new tradition of a joint lunch event during AALL in Minneapolis.

¶2 Members enjoyed the ORALL Annual Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, October 18–20, 2000. Under the leadership of Chair Herb Cihak, the Local Arrangements Committee did a superb job in hosting the conference, leaving no stone unturned in providing members with a memorable setting to complement the great educational programs. During the business meeting and luncheon, AALL Past President Margie Axtmann spoke to the members, and a life membership was awarded to Carol Meyer. The Outstanding Service Award was presented to Jodie Beal for her many significant contributions to ORALL, including preparation of the chapter's history, *The First Fifty Years of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries*. Special thanks were given to Shaun Esposito, who was leaving the region, for his dedication to ORALL as its first webmaster and Co-vice-president with Nancy S. Clark. The meeting concluded with outgoing President Richard Humphrey presenting Nancy with a plaque for Service Above and Beyond the Call of Duty as secretary and co-vice-president in 1999–2000.

¶13 The ORALL Board members for 2000–01 were Nancy S. Clark, President; Ellen Quinn, Vice President/President-Elect; Richard Humphrey, Immediate Past President; Thomas Hanley, Treasurer; Claudia Zaher, Secretary; and Billie Grey and Michael Whiteman, Members- at-Large.

¶14 Kurt Metzmeier, ORALL’s new webmaster and chair of the Internet Committee, registered the domain, www.orall.org, for the chapter. He also coordinated the move of the ORALL discussion list from Cleveland State University to the University of Louisville.

¶15 The ORALL Spring Retreat, held March 9–10, 2001, at Hueston Woods State Park, College Corner, Ohio, offered many opportunities for networking and learning. Retreat coordinator Richard Humphrey created a great icebreaker called “How Well Do You Know Your Colleagues?” Members had all day to share, learn, and fill out the sheet before a gift certificate was awarded to the member with the most correct answers. The County Law Librarians SIG held an open forum on county law library issues. It is working with the Ohio State Bar Association to draft a proposal for an Ohio County Law Library network. Jan Morley coordinated a County Law Librarians SIG meeting at Atwood Lake Resort and Conference Center in May; it included presentations by representatives of Ohionet, a division of OCLC, and the State Auditor’s Office on current issues. The Ohio Law Library Information Network and Consortium proposal was revisited and discussed at length.

¶16 ORALL continues to provide its members with scholarship opportunities for professional development. Two scholarships, totaling \$1590, were awarded to help defray costs for attendance at AALL in Philadelphia. Three more, totaling \$900, were awarded to attend the annual meeting in Lexington.

¶17 The Nomination Committee created a great slate of candidates for the 2001–02 Executive Board: Beth Langton, Vice President/President-Elect; Thomas Hanley, Treasurer; and Kurt Metzmeier, Board member. Finally, ORALL is very proud to have one of its own, Al Podboy, elected to the AALL Executive Board.

Nancy S. Clark, President
2000–01

San Diego Association of Law Libraries

¶11 In its third year as an official AALL chapter, SANDALL maintained an active schedule of educational and social programs while beginning to plan for its future.

¶12 SANDALL’s membership remained steady with more than one hundred members and nine standing committees: Archives, Bylaws, Employment Liaison, Grants, Membership, Newsletter, Nominations, Programs, and Internet. The SANDALL Board for the 2000–01 term: John Adkins, President; Joan Allen-Hurt, Past President; Carol Hyne, Vice President; Pat Lopez, Secretary; and Harry Loren Stamper, Treasurer.

¶13 Financially, SANDALL had a very good year, with a net increase of more than \$3000 in its treasury. The end-of-the-year balance of \$9270.48 allowed the

board to discuss the possibility of investing a portion of SANDALL's funds to help build a sound financial base for the organization's future.

¶14 In June the chapter was pleased to welcome AALL Executive Board member Cossette Sun for the annual AALL visit. She spoke about a number of library and information issues being addressed at the national level, and encouraged chapter members to become involved in AALL. We thank Cossette for taking the time to come to San Diego for the day to address our group and to preside over the installation of the new Executive Board officers.

¶15 SANDALL was honored to sponsor two VIPs for the 2001 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis: Judge Jacqueline M. Stern, San Diego Superior Court, and attorney David B. Olberholtzer of Post, Kirby, Noonan & Sweat. Both have a strong commitment to law libraries and are currently serving on the Board of Trustees for the San Diego County Public Law Library. For the third year, SANDALL, NOCALL, and SCALL members enjoyed a joint reception at the Annual Meeting, generously sponsored by Martindale-Hubbell, a division of LexisNexis.

¶16 For the past year, SANDALL Secretary Pat Lopez has been participating in a task force chaired by Martin Kruming of the *Daily Journal*. Its primary purpose is to better inform high school students about job opportunities in the legal profession. To that end, the task force, now called LEAP (Legal Employment Awareness Program) and consisting of representatives from several San Diego legal professional organizations, plans to create a video to show that there is more to the legal profession than just being an attorney. Script production has been completed and LEAP is currently searching for sponsors to fund the video production.

¶17 Also during this past year, the SANDALL Board approved plans to develop its own Long-Range Planning Committee for addressing future issues. These might include developing strategies for problem solving, reaching out to members committed to the future of law librarianship, examining pipeline issues for the profession and its need for more diversity, facilitating feedback between the educational system and its graduates, creating opportunities for education advocacy, and strengthening the position of law librarianship within the library and legal communities.

¶18 An educational highlight was the fall workshop, a full-day of fascinating lectures at Qualcomm Library on the topic "Bordering on Insanity: Finding Your Way through the Maze of Sovereignty Issues in U.S./Mexican Border Questions and Native American Law." Speakers included University of San Diego Law School professors Jorge Vargas and Nancy Carol Carter; Native American attorney Colin Cloud Hampson; and Immigration and Naturalization Service attorney Martin D. Soblick.

¶19 The elected officers for 2001–02 are Mary Garcia, President; Amy Hale Janeke, Vice President; Sushila Selness, Secretary; and Donna Gagnon, Treasurer.

¶10 I would like to express my appreciation for the tremendous efforts of the SANDALL Board, committee chairs and members, volunteers, and members whose support and strong attendance at chapter events all contributed to making

our third year so memorable. It was an honor to serve as SANDALL's president.

John W. Adkins, President
2000–01

Southeastern Chapter of AALL

¶1 SEAALL began its year by sponsoring Thomas Galligan, dean of the University of Tennessee School of Law, as our chapter VIP at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Dean Galligan was impressed by the educational presentations and enjoyed meeting SEAALL members at our Annual Meeting reception.

¶2 The balance of the year was a busy one as members planned for the 2001 Joint Annual Meeting in Atlanta, April 18–21, 2001, with the SWALL and ALLA chapters. “Librarian’s Odyssey: Southeast meets Southwest” was the theme of the meeting. As usual, Thursday was devoted to an institute. This year’s topic, “Electronic Delivery and Web Products: Integrating and Managing a Hybrid Collection,” proved extremely popular as many of us struggle with this issue. Friday and Saturday mornings were devoted to fifteen educational programs, six of which were sponsored by SEAALL. The Program Committee and its chair, Vice President Herb Cihak, worked through the year to create interesting programs, with such topics as “Grantsmanship: The ABCs of Finding Grant Opportunities and Writing a Successful Grant Proposal”; “Managing People: Leadership Strategies throughout the Organization,” an entertaining presentation by Joan Howland and Herb Cihak, ably assisted by some problem personnel; and “Why Johnny Can’t Research: Preparing Law Students to Perform Legal Research in a Law Firm or Court Setting.” The plenary session was a preview of the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting presented by Barbara Bintliff. JoAnn Pindar, director of Gwinnett County Public Library, spoke to us about the effects of being named *Library Journal*’s library of the year. As usual for SEAALL, the social events complemented the educational programs. Rhea Ballard-Thrower, Nancy Johnson, and the Local Arrangements Committee had much to live up to after the 2000 meeting in Puerto Rico, but they pulled it off in style. The Opening Reception at the Carlos Museum on the Emory Campus provided an opportunity to visit with old friends and tour the interesting exhibits.

¶3 SEAALL committees were active during the year. The Membership Committee, chaired by Terry Long, finalized procedures for approving life membership in the chapter. One nomination was received this year and Betty Kern was awarded life membership. Scott Childs and the Placement Committee presented opportunities for employers and employees at the annual meeting. The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Nancy Johnson, awarded \$4600 to all six applicants, although one recipient had to decline. The Service to SEAALL Committee recognized Bill Beintema, host of the 1999 SEAALL meeting who also prepares an annual salary analysis for southeastern academic law libraries. The newsletter, edited by Sue Burch, continued to provide a meaningful opportunity to share information among members located in eleven states, Puerto Rico, the District of

Colombia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Thanks to Paul Birch, the SEAALL discussion list was made an opt-out list that we hope will enable us to disseminate information to our members more efficiently.

¶4 At the close of the Atlanta meeting, the 2001–02 Executive Board assumed their offices: Herb Cihak, President; Terry Long, Vice President/President-Elect; Catherine Lemann, Immediate Past President; Georgiana Wellford, Secretary; Deborah Jefferies, Treasurer; and Hope Breeze and Pedro Padilla-Rosa, Members-at-Large.

Catherine Lemann, President
2000–01

Southern California Association of Law Libraries

¶1 Program Chair Cindy Spadoni began the year with an October meeting that featured Sam Lipsman, publisher of the *LA Lawyer*; speaking about legal publishing. An October workshop about government information on the Internet was well attended. In April, the program featured Professor Donald Biederman speaking about entertainment law.

¶2 The annual SCALL Institute was held in San Marcos on March 2–3, 2001, and titled “That’s Entertainment: New Media and Technology Law.” New this year were a box lunch and break-out sessions, along with karaoke as evening entertainment. There were more than twenty exhibitors. The hard-working Organizing Committee, chaired by Carole Levitt, donated countless hours to planning the event.

¶3 The Library School Liaison Committee, chaired by Kevin Gerson, awarded \$1500 scholarships to three library students. Members also served as mentors to library students through UCLA’s mentor/mentee program. The committee is working on a similar program with Fullerton library school students.

¶4 The Awards Committee, chaired this year by Laura Cadra, is charged with selecting recipients for the Rohan Award, given to an individual member for outstanding service, and the Vendor Service Award, given to a vendor for outstanding service. Karla Castetter was this year’s recipient of the Rohan Award in recognition of her service as chair of the PALI Committee and, particularly, completion of a two-year project to publish a new edition of *Locating the Law*. No Vendor Service Award was presented this year.

¶5 The Archives Committee, chaired by Ralph Stahlberg, added current issues of the *SCALL Newsletter*, *Membership Directory*, and audiotapes from the 2000 AALL Annual Meeting to the archives. A SCALL time capsule, part of a national project, was prepared for the 2000 AALL Annual Meeting. Several requests for SCALL historical information were received.

¶6 The PALI Committee accomplished its goal of producing the fourth edition of *Locating the Law: A Handbook for Non-Law Librarians*. Patrick Meyer worked with the committee to mount the handbook on the SCALL Web site. A print version is also available for purchase.

¶17 The Government Relations Committee, chaired by David McFadden, monitored federal and state legislation, opposed the introduction of the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act, sent representatives to the NOCALL Pre-Institute Workshop on Legislative Advocacy and the first all-California law library legislative day on March 15, 2001, and worked with members of other California law library groups to successfully amend language related to law librarians in AB 1083, a paralegal regulation cleanup bill. Other priorities included efforts to provide budgeted funds to supplement filing fees as a source of income for county law libraries and support of AB 1103, a bill changing the composition of the county law library boards of trustees.

¶18 The Inner City Youth Committee, cochaired by Francine Biscardi and Maria Garcia, started the year by participating in job fairs sponsored by the Los Angeles Public Library, which provided inner-city students with an opportunity to meet employers. Maria and Francine spoke with hundreds of students about internship positions and distributed brochures and applications. In January, the SCALL Executive Board approved the committee's proposal to increase the interns' salary from \$6.50 to \$7.50 per hour. In the spring, the committee interviewed eighteen candidates and many were placed in paid summer jobs. The committee also presented workshops that included instruction in library and office procedures, writing for college, the Internet, LexisNexis, Westlaw, resume writing, and job interviewing. This comprehensive orientation program ensures that well-trained students will fill the summer positions.

¶19 The Newsletter Committee, chaired by Victoria Williamson, produced five issues that featured articles showcasing the creative talents and professional expertise of our members, providing encouragement for members to attend seminars and conferences, and profiling various members deserving of recognition.

¶10 The Grants Committee, chaired by Jacqueline Ayala, awarded four grants to support attendance at the 2001 SCALL Institute, and ten grants for professional development opportunities were awarded. Of the ten, one is attending a pre-conference seminar and Association of Records Management and Administrators annual conference in October 2001, and nine are attending the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting. For the first time, an application form in PDF was provided on the SCALL Web site.

Anna M. Delgado, President
2000–01

Southern New England Law Librarians Association

¶11 SNELLA continued to advance into the twenty-first century during 2001–01. The association now has a Web site, and it also converted its newsletter to an electronic form, thereby saving printing costs and reducing delays in getting information to the members. The electronic newsletter also allowed for the archiving of past newsletters, and provided the ability to link to photos and other information.

Another technological improvement was to e-mail the treasurer's report and secretary's minutes to all Board members several days before meetings so that time could be used more efficiently during the meeting.

¶12 In terms of educational programming, SNELLA joined forces with SLA in September to present Arlene Bielefield addressing the topic of "Understanding Copyright/Current Trends in Copyright Law." The program, offered at St. Clement's castle in Portland, Connecticut, was sponsored by LexisNexis and Westlaw. On November 13, SNELLA participated in the first-ever "Futurelaw" to be held in Connecticut. SNELLA member Lawrence Cheeseman taught a class on "Finding Law on The Internet," and SNELLA maintained a booth.

¶13 SNELLA held its annual holiday party on January 6 at the Hawthorne Inn Restaurant in Berlin, Connecticut. Favorite gifts at the gift exchange, known as the SNELLA Yankee Swap, included movie tickets with candy treats and several lottery tickets. SNELLA took advantage of Hein Publishing Company's offer of a ping-pong table and held its first-ever ping-pong contest. Afterwards, the table was donated to Middletown Youth Center.

¶14 The SNELLA legal research course was held at Quinnipiac College School of Law Library and was well attended.

¶15 SNELLA officers for 2001-02 are Linda Mellick, President; Christopher Roy, Vice President/President-Elect; Susan Scoville, Secretary; Theresa Baylock, Treasurer; Sandi Phillips and Caroline Grillo Benoit, Members-at-Large; and Cathy Capuano and Susan LaPointe, Nominating Committee.

Jeffrey J. Dowd, President
2000-01

Southwestern Association of Law Libraries

¶11 SWALL and SEAALL held their second joint meeting April 18-21, 2001, in Atlanta. Kicking off an outstanding slate of educational programs was an institute on "Electronic Delivery and Web Products: Integrating and Managing a Hybrid Collection." At the joint chapter breakfast on Saturday morning, AALL chapter visitor and in-coming President Barbara Bintliff announced her theme for the AALL Annual Meeting in 2002, "Creating Connections."

¶12 In July 2000, SWALL began a new tradition: a business meeting during a joint reception with HALL and DALL. This replaced the traditional early morning breakfast meeting and resulted in better attendance with less expense to the chapter and individual attendees. This reception also included a fund-raiser that brought in more than \$250 for the SWALL grants fund.

¶13 SWALL's Grant Committee awarded four grants totaling \$3000 to attend the AALL Annual Meeting and the SWALL/SEAALL meeting.

¶14 In 2000-01, SWALL went electronic, publishing both the newsletter and the chapter directory in electronic format only.

¶15 The officers for 2001-02 are Beth Youngdale, President; Kathryn Fitzhugh, Vice President/President-Elect; Susan Spillman, Secretary; and Joan O'Mara,

Treasurer. The 2002 meeting will be held in Ft. Worth.

Mark E. Estes, President
2000–01

Virginia Association of Law Libraries

¶1 Under the able leadership of President Donna Bausch, VALL enjoyed a productive and interesting year.

¶2 In fall 2000, a joint meeting with LLSDC and VASLA in Arlington, Virginia, drew one hundred members and guests to hear speakers Cheryl Jackson on “Researching Legislative History in Virginia” and Rick McKinney on “Federal Legislative History.” In winter 2001, attendees heard Marcia Koslov speak on “Knowledge Management” at the National Center for State Courts. The annual meeting, held spring 2001 in Richmond, Virginia, focused on the impact and application of technology in law libraries and included technology demonstrations and a book repair workshop.

¶3 VALL sponsored several chapter VIPs to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis: Mary Mayer Hennelly, Norfolk Public Library support services administrator and member of the Board of Trustees of Norfolk Law Library; Deborah Elkins, editor, *Virginia Lawyer*; and Martha Rollins, Norfolk Deputy City Attorney and member of the Board of Trustees of the Norfolk Law Library.

¶4 Other VALL activities included raising \$240 for the chapter’s grants program at a hotly contested (and hilarious) Hein chapter table-tennis tournament coordinated by Jim Heller; creating a task force to write librarian job descriptions, with the goal of encouraging salary survey committees of the Virginia chapters of the Association of Legal Administrators to add librarian job descriptions to ALA Annual Salary Surveys (the job descriptions were included in two surveys); completing the archival set of first edition volumes of *Virginia Reports* to be housed at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond; hosting a well-received recruitment event in Richmond, “Librarians Bring You the World”; cosponsoring a program at the Annual Meeting, titled “Capital Punishment: Is a Moratorium a New Reality?” and awarding two grants to the VALL annual meetings and four for the AALL Annual Meeting to members and students attending law or library school.

¶5 VALL continues to enjoy active participation and a high standard of professionalism in every facet of the organization from its 180 members. We look forward to another busy and productive year with a variety of programs, projects, and activities.

¶6 For the 2000–01 year, Board members were Donna Bausch, President; Gail Zwirner, Immediate Past President; Jill Burr, Vice President/President-Elect; Cindy Smith, Secretary; Bonnie Gates, Treasurer; and Cathy Palombi and Alyssa Altshuler, Directors.

Jill Burr, President
2001–02

Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association

¶1 The opening reception of the Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association for 2000–01 was held at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association. Janis L. Johnston, AALL treasurer, was our guest for the event. She presented an informative review, especially in the financial area, of the current activities of AALL. The reception was a wonderful beginning for a very successful year for WPLLA.

¶2 Vice President/Program Committee Chair Kristin Morton Kozusko planned a series of outstanding educational programs for the year. The November meeting on licensing issues proved to be very informative for those attending. Attorney Jeffrey M. Gitchel noted the key issues involved in licensing and then answered numerous questions.

¶3 In February, Tom Sullivan, Loislaw territory manager, and Tom Balaban, RegScan COO, presented their products during lunch at the Harvard-Yale-Princeton Club. The lunch was excellent and so was the program. At another event in March, attorney Mary Jo Dively gave a thorough review of the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA). She then led a discussion on how UCITA will affect libraries.

¶4 The programming for the year concluded with the closing banquet at Caffé Amante where Larry Slater, research director of the *Pittsburgh Business Times*, was the guest speaker. The event was a perfect ending to a year of great programs for professional development and social networking. The closing banquet was also the occasion to present John DiGilio, former WPLLA webmaster, with an award honoring him as “WPLLA Librarian of the Year.” John was not only responsible for the creation of the chapter’s Web site, but also faithfully maintained it for more than a year.

¶5 Although the educational programs for WPLLA ended with the closing banquet, a special new project of the association was still underway. While researching material for an article I was writing, I was impressed by the legal research programs for summer associates that many of the AALL chapters described to me. The sessions seemed to be a great help to law students “bridging the gap” between law school and the practice of law. I recruited members of WPLLA and the Barco Law Library of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law to collaborate on a project for new associates in the Pittsburgh area. The program occurred in May. Joel Fishman, Barbara Alexander-Klein, Kristin Morton Kozusko, George Pike, Marc Silverman, and I presented a seminar, “Survivor Skills,” to more than fifty new and summer associates. The program not only reviewed research skills that the new associate might be expected to know, but also included a panel of newer associates who discussed their experiences and answered questions from the audience. The project was so successful that the group is planning to present it again next spring, possibly expanding it from a half- to a full-day program. The program was a great ending to a very successful year for WPLLA!

Susan Broms, President
2000–01

Special Interest Sections

SIS Council

¶11 Special Interest Sections are in many ways the life force of AALL. It is within the SIS structure that AALL members benefit most from creating and participating in a strong, multifaceted, vibrant community that is a core of their professional lives. Remembering this, the Council spent the 2000–01 year building upon the SIS purpose statement created by last year’s Council: an SIS “serves as a forum, contributes educational value, serves as a resource for expertise, advocates, and provides leadership growth opportunities” for its members within the larger AALL organization. This statement served as a guide for the Council as it met various challenges and opportunities during 2000–01. The remainder of this report outlines some highlights of the Council’s year.

¶12 First, using the “SIS Meeting Matrix,” the Council was able to schedule 108 functions in fourteen time slots during the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. The matrix allowed SISs to avoid the worst conflicts for their members with varied interests.

¶13 Second, after discovering that there was no policy to handle interim membership dues, a policy was created to credit SISs for dues received after the September 30 accounting deadline. New language, drafted by Steve Ligda, AALL director of finance and administration, will be added to the Association’s financial materials and the *SIS Handbook*, indicating that in addition to receiving its usual September 30th credit, each SIS will also receive a May 31 credit for those who join in the middle of the year.

¶14 Third, the Executive Board adopted new policies and procedures for soliciting and coordinating corporate sponsorship of SIS events, particularly those held at the Annual Meeting. These new “AALL Annual Meeting & Conference Sponsorship Options” are included in the 2001–02 edition of the *SIS Handbook*.

¶15 Fourth, the Council worked with Amy Eaton, editor of the “SIS News” column in *AALL Spectrum*, to coordinate SIS-related public relations efforts. Throughout the year most of the sections provided news and information for the column.

¶16 Fifth, at the suggestion of AALL systems administrator Reggie Swanigan, the Council agreed to sponsor a new SIS Listserv Training Session and Roundtable in Minneapolis. This session provided a forum for SIS discussion list managers to become acquainted with their responsibilities and the resources available to them and an opportunity to discuss common issues.

¶17 Sixth, the Council continued its efforts to recruit and retain SIS members. All thirteen SISs participated in the CONELL Marketplace by sending representatives to greet CONELL participants and answer their questions.

¶18 Seventh, in response to a meeting between SIS leaders and then-President-Elect Robert Oakley at the 2000 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, the Council undertook a yearlong discussion of a possible change in AALL structure

that would convert the three “library-type” SISs to “divisions” of the Association. The Council formally asked the Executive Board to consider this idea during its fall 2000 meeting. While no decision has been reached to date, the Board is actively considering the advantages and disadvantages of such a change.

¶9 Eighth, a new chair of the SIS Council was elected from among the Council’s members. Ruth Johnson Hill, 2000–01 chair of the Academic Law Libraries SIS, will be chair of the SIS Council during 2001–02.

¶10 Ninth, a thirteenth edition of the *SIS Handbook*, revised to include the SIS sponsorship solicitation policy adopted by the Executive Board, a clarification regarding SIS newsletter advertising, and updates to individual SIS profiles and bylaws, was distributed to SIS leaders during the annual leadership training session in Minneapolis.

¶11 Tenth, leadership training was held for SIS leaders in Minneapolis. The training session included a review of the SIS Mission and Vision statements and a discussion of some of the more difficult problems of chairing an SIS. An introduction to the *SIS Handbook* made the new chairs aware of all the information available within that source, and remarks from some of the senior AALL staff helped to acquaint them with personnel who could provide information and assistance throughout the year. The leaders also heard from other AALL leaders who outlined their relationships with Special Interest Sections. Following the training session, SIS leaders joined chapter leaders for the annual Chapter/SIS Leaders Luncheon. This year’s luncheon was generously sponsored by LexisNexis. President-Elect Barbara Bintliff was the featured luncheon speaker.

Kristin Gerdy, Chair

Academic Law Libraries

¶1 The officers of the ALL/SIS for 2000–01 were Ruth J. Hill, Chair; Rosalie Sanderson, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Beth Smith, Secretary-Treasurer; Paul George, Member-at-Large (appointed for a one-year term); and Victoria K. Trotta, Past Chair. For 2001–02, Merle Slyhoff was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Bonnie Koneski-White was elected Member-at-Large for a two-year term.

¶2 The goals for the year were to continue strengthening the section infrastructure begun by recent executive committees and to increase membership involvement in section activities. Most of the committees, roundtables, and special project groups were active this year.

¶3 The Awards Committee selected Frank Houdek as the 2001 recipient of the Hicks Award for outstanding contributions to academic law librarianship. The committee also submitted a proposal for a new award: ALL/SIS Outstanding Article Award. The details of this award will be distributed to the membership during the coming year. The Bylaws Committee proposed a bylaw change to deal with succession of office in the event of the disability or withdrawal of the chair. This proposal was discussed at the business meeting and the membership will have an opportunity to approve the change during the spring election in 2002. The

CONALL Committee continued to plan activities of interest to newer academic law librarians. The committee presented a roundtable at the Annual Meeting addressing the various publication opportunities for academic law librarians. The Membership and the Public Relations committees were responsible for the section's presence in the activities area at the Annual Meeting exhibit hall. The ALL/SIS Web site editor, David Burch, maintained the site by posting all relevant section documents. Shaun Esposito assumed the editorship of the newsletter and produced three timely issues. Leah Sandwell-Weiss was responsible for mounting the newsletter on the section's Web site.

¶14 The ALL/SIS Annual Meeting activities included an executive committee meeting, a formal business meeting, a directors' breakfast, and a middle-managers' breakfast. The section luncheon, partially supported by a generous contribution from LexisNexis, was well attended. A wonderful evening reception, fully sponsored by BNA, was held at the Elmer L. Andersen Library of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Joan Howland and the staff of the University of Minnesota Law Library did an outstanding job of hosting this event. Of special note were the string quartet, the tours of subterranean storage caverns, and the Sherlock Holmes exhibit.

¶15 The section presented four educational programs: "David In, Goliath Out? Do We Need Larger Libraries to Accommodate More Books?"; "The Young and the Restless: What Are the Realities of Professional Growth for Newer Academic Law Librarians?"; "Wireless Network: Is It Time to Untether Users?"; and "Alternatives to 'Putting It on Reserve': The Role of Faculty Web Sites and the Reality for Libraries." Thanks to Dwight King, education chair, and his committee for a job well done. Along with educational programs, the section presented six roundtables covering continuing status/tenure, strategic planning, publication requirements, legal research, statistics, and CALR vendor dialog.

¶16 Volunteers are the lifeblood of ALL/SIS. Its success is largely due to the willingness of so many of its members to say "yes" when called upon. Thanks are extended to all ALL/SIS volunteers for their contributions to the work of the section.

Ruth J. Hill, Chair

Computing Services

¶11 The Computing Services Special Interest Section enjoyed a productive year marked by two overall themes. The first focused on efforts to increase visibility within AALL and among CS-SIS members. The second was to continue successful projects and activities developed in recent years.

¶12 In terms of increasing visibility, the greatest accomplishment was the resurrection of the CS-SIS newsletter. The Publications Committee, chaired by James Duggan, served as an advisory committee for the editors of the newsletter, Liz Glankler and Sandra Braber-Grove. The committee sponsored a "Name the New Newsletter" contest with an award of \$50 (generously donated by Duggan) to the

successful submission. The winning entry was *Connecting*. . . . The newly named newsletter was published twice this past year, both in print to all CS-SIS members and simultaneously on the section's Web site. Each issue included section news and informative articles about technology. Two recurrent columns were "Ask the Guru," with responses to technology-related questions sent to the editors, and "On the Front Lines," with Ken Hirsh reviewing the past, present, and future of law library computing.

¶13 CS-SIS also achieved greater visibility within AALL by frequent inclusion in the SIS column of *AALL Spectrum*. The section was also featured in two articles in *News From Up North*, the Minneapolis Annual Meeting newspaper.

¶14 CS-SIS expanded its schedule of events for the AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. It offered two roundtables to provide section members more opportunities for professional development through discussion of topics of interest. One was on "Web Design and Maintenance," coordinated by Barbara Ginzburg and Dominick Grillo. The second, coordinated by Kris Niedringhaus and Vicki Szymczak, was on a topic of interest to many members, "Technology Competencies." It followed a CS-SIS-sponsored program, "Key Competencies for the Key Cogs in Your Value Network: Your IT Staff." More than eighteen months ago, CS-SIS developed, through the creativity of Robert Linz and Don Arndt, the Job Descriptions Database. It serves as a repository of technology-related law positions offered in both a searchable and browseable interface. The creators have continued to improve upon this database and sought to publicize it with an educational program in Minneapolis: "We're Hiring: Designing Job Descriptions to Attract the Very Best."

¶15 The second theme for CS-SIS this year was the continued, and improved, status quo of several ongoing functions. One example was the third annual CS-SIS Breakfast. Originally instituted in 1999, the breakfast has created a less formal, more collegial social event for section members attending the Annual Meeting. Following upon the successful inclusion of a featured speaker in Philadelphia, the Minneapolis affair featured Mark Folmsbee, who shared his experiences in a talk titled, "The Dirty Little War of Strategic Planning and Other Tales of an AALL Executive Board Veteran."

¶16 CS-SIS also continued its success in developing educational offerings for the AALL Annual Meeting. The Program Committee, chaired by Sheri Lewis, submitted ten program proposals. In addition to those named earlier, two other programs were selected for Minneapolis: "Using Metadata to Increase Visibility: The GPO Access Search Engine Project"; and "New Roles: Hitching Reference Librarians to the Web Rocket."

¶17 The successful grants program from last year continued for a second year under the stewardship of Chair Jean Willis. The program was advertised on the CS-SIS Web site, through discussion list postings, and in *AALL Spectrum* articles. Law librarians awarded full grants toward a member program registration at the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting were Amy Moberly, D.J. Morrison, and Chris Tighe.

¶18 CS-SIS adopted its first Strategic Plan on July 20, 1999. That two-year plan was ripe for reexamination in 2001, so a special committee was formed last fall. Strategic Planning Committee Chairs Mark Folmsbee and Kris Niedringhaus reviewed and revised the previous plan and conducted a membership survey to better inform the CS-SIS leadership on the interests of the section's members.

¶19 Finally, the Nominating Committee, chaired by James Duggan, worked to attract a fine group of candidates for the three offices in contention this year. Following the passage of a bylaws amendment last year, the section elected the second of its two members-at-large this year, Susan Boland. Other officers elected were Liz Glankler, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Dominick Grillo, Secretary/Treasurer. They will join James Duggan, Chair; Sheri Lewis, Past Chair; and Jean Willis, Member-at-Large, to comprise the 2001–02 Executive Board. Leaving the CS-SIS Board this year, with many thanks for their excellent contributions, are Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Past Chair, and Don Arndt, Secretary/Treasurer.

¶10 The Computing Services Special Interest Section has concluded a year of growth and stability. With the continuation of strong leadership and active participation and enthusiasm, the section is poised to continue as one of the dynamic special interest groups in AALL.

Sheri Lewis, Chair

Foreign, Comparative, and International Law

¶11 Congratulations to the FCIL's newly elected All Stars: Tracy Thompson, Chair; Ken Rudolf, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect; and Mirela Roznovschi, Secretary/Treasurer. They will step up to the plate in July 2001.

¶12 Many thanks to my current team, Executive Committee members Christine Corcos, Katherine Topulos, and Tracy Thompson, and Publications Committee Chair Anne Burnett. These are sluggers who put Mark McGwire to shame!

¶13 Major league scouts recruit worldwide, and so do we! At the FCIL business meeting and reception on July 16, 2001, section members were pleased to meet our MVP, Sania Battalova, the first recipient of the new Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian's Grant. She is the specialist for information and computer technologies at the National Library Center for Legal Information in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic. The purpose of the Schaffer Grant is to provide financial assistance to ensure the presence and participation of foreign librarians at the AALL Annual Meeting. Foreign attendees enrich AALL events by sharing global perspectives which benefit all participants. The FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant Committee received eleven applications from librarians in Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Kyrgyz Republic, the Philippines, New Zealand, Nigeria, and Norway.

¶14 Creating the Schaffer Grant was a superb team effort. Generous section leader Ellen Schaffer and the AALL Executive Board established the grant. The FCIL-SIS Executive Committee wrote the grant application, publicized the new

opportunity, and worked to obtain supplemental funds. Thomson Legal & Regulatory, International Sales & Marketing became the inaugural corporate sponsor of the grant. Piloted by Tracy Thompson, the Schaffer Grant Committee carefully reviewed the grant applications and selected the first recipient.

¶15 The FCIL-SIS Executive Committee greatly appreciates the support of LexisNexis for the section's Teaching Interest Group activities and the support of Thomson Legal & Regulatory and West Group for our reception at the AALL Annual Meeting.

¶16 Griffey may be iffy, but the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee and Anne Burnett are ready to post our goals on the section's Web site. Strategic Planning Committee Chair Stefanie Weigmann contacted committee members and interest group chairs who gave comments following the fall 2000 planning meeting. The proposed goals and methods of implementation were made available to members for ranking and comment prior to the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting. Knowing what is most important to members will help our officers establish an agenda.

¶17 The Red Sox have Japan's Nomo and we have Ireland's John Furlong! Many AALL team members attended BIALL Chair Furlong's exciting presentation on the Irish legal system, informally known as "Bailey's, Beer *and the BIALL Chair*," on July 17, 2001. The FCIL-SIS Executive Committee was honored to host Mr. Furlong during the section's meeting time. Both the CIS and East European Law Interest Group and the African Law Interest Group also featured marquis players during their meetings in Minneapolis. Finally, there were seven FCIL-sponsored (or cosponsored) programs at the Annual Meeting.

¶18 As Jeter and Stanton are propelling the Yankees toward the pennant, Ken Rudolf and Dennis Sears are powering our section's 2002 educational planning. Like El Duque, who crossed the Caribbean to spark the pitching staff of the Bombers, Heather Worledge-Andrew hopes to cross the Atlantic in 2002 to boost our knowledge of Scotland's devolution.

¶19 Many new recruits are leading section activities. Candidates for "Rookies of the Year" include: Michael McCarthy (supervisor of the project to revise the list of Foreign and International Law Librarians Willing to Help Nonexperts); Dana Neacsu (Blue Helmet Research Team member who discussed United Nations sources for asylum law research at a roundtable in Minneapolis); Mary Rumsey (program coordinator of "Prometheus UNBound: Firing Up United Nations Legal Researchers"); and Bea Tice (who will be the new member representative on an expanded FCIL-SIS Education Committee).

¶10 Pinstripe heroes McCarthy and Grace Lee have created a revised list of Foreign and International Law Librarians Willing to Help Nonexperts (<http://www.nyls.edu/library/FCIL.html>). AALL membership is not a requirement—Mr. McCarthy welcomes submissions from all librarians. At the American Society of International Law conference, I was pleased that newer team members like Tracy Bridgman, Krista Lindhard, and Mabel Shaw expressed interest in this project.

¶11 This year, the team submitted presentation binders titled “Marketing the FCIL-SIS at the AALL Annual Meeting” for the Excellence in Marketing award. Although our team did not win, we were finalists in the competition.

¶12 After carefully considering all responses to a survey, the FCIL-SIS Executive Committee and Anne Burnett decided to produce a “primarily electronic” *FCIL Newsletter*. Beginning with the October 2000 issue, the *FCIL Newsletter* is now available in HTML and PDF formats on AALLNET. Section members with barriers to electronic access may contact the *FCIL Newsletter* editor to obtain print copies.

¶13 This is my last report as chair, but I am still working hard to prepare for our Minneapolis meetings and programs. As Yogi Berra said, “It ain’t over till it’s over.”

Jean Davis, Chair

Government Documents

¶1 Officers of the GD-SIS for 2000–01 were Greta Boeringer, Chair; A. Hays Butler, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Rob Richards, Secretary-Treasurer. New officers for 2001–01 will be A. Hays Butler, Chair; Katrina Stierholz, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Colleen Manning, Secretary-Treasurer.

¶2 During 2000–01, the section’s discussion list moved from the Polecat server in Indiana to the AALL server in Chicago. Marianne Mason resigned as the list owner and Michael Samson took over. The new setup has many advantages but, unfortunately, limits the list to GD-SIS members only. The GD-SIS Web site was updated and improved by webmaster Eric Parker. *JURISDOCS* is now distributed via the Web site in Adobe Acrobat format to save postage and photocopy expenses.

¶3 The travel grant to the Annual Meeting was named for Veronica Maclay who passed away in 2000. Scott Matheson, a student at the University of Washington, received the grant. At the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, the section’s Public Relations Committee sponsored a “Welcome to GD-SIS” breakfast. It was funded in part by LexisNexis Academic Solutions.

¶4 GD-SIS sponsored eight educational programs in Minneapolis: “Legislative History Primer”; “Using Metadata”; “Preserving Government Documents”; “Legislative and Regulatory Update”; “New Agency Roles, Parts I and II”; “New Electronic Resources”; and “Integrating Federal Documents Collections.”

¶5 Three new committees were formed this year. Rob Richards is leading a Fugitive Documents Committee that is monitoring agency Web sites, reporting fugitive titles to GPO, and coordinating its efforts with the Depository Library Council. Hays Butler formed an Advocacy Committee to assist librarians in effectively communicating with their congressional representatives, particularly regarding funding of the Depository Library Program. In years past, the vice chair began to plan programs for the following year’s Annual Meeting immediately upon being elected. In order to ease the pressure generated by this approach, a

committee was formed—consisting of the nominees for vice chair, the current vice chair, and the chair—to get the ball rolling and to share the experience. This worked well and we suggest the section continue this approach.

¶16 Thanks to all the officers, past officers, committee members, *JURISDOCS* contributors, and members for making this year a success.

Greta Boeringer, Chair

Legal History and Rare Books

¶11 During 2000–01, the section tried to reinvigorate itself. It started several new projects. A new newsletter committee was organized under the editorship of Mark Lambert, and the assistance of Warren Billings, Janet Sinder, Mark Podvia, and Kurt Metzmeier. Mark Lambert also offered to chair an archives committee to see what the section should do about this neglected area of our profession. Cynthia Arkin, Laura Bédard, and Kurt Metzmeier agreed to serve on the committee. The active Kurt Metzmeier is also to be congratulated for setting up the section's new Web site.

¶12 Joel Fishman proposed creating a new State Legal Biography Web site. The section approved the creation of the site at its meeting in Philadelphia, with Joel and Kurt Metzmeier to serve as the site's codirectors. The section also funded a student internship from the University of Pittsburgh School of Information Sciences to assist in the preparation of the site. The purpose is to provide biographical and bibliographical information on judges and lawyers historically throughout the country. It will expand upon the Federal Judiciary Center's Judges Web site by providing additional information about the individuals, including publications and, possibly, court decisions. The database has been developed and a demonstration of the Web site will be presented at the business meeting in Minneapolis.

¶13 Two programs were accepted for the AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. Joel Fishman organized a program titled "Celebrating John Marshall: The Two-Hundredth Anniversary of His Elevation to Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court." Professor Herbert A. Johnson, University of South Carolina Law School, will deliver a paper on Marshall, and Joel will speak on law reporting in the early nineteenth century. In addition, Mark Lambert organized a program titled "Legal Historical Materials in a Nutshell: An Introduction to Legal Archives and Manuscripts."

¶14 The section donated \$250 to the Pace University Law School Library in memory of Nicholas Triffin who had previously served as chair of the section.

¶15 Officers for 2001–02 will be Katherine Hedrin, Chair; Kurt Metzmeier, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Lucia Diamond, Secretary-Treasurer.

Joel Fishman, Chair

Micrographics and Audiovisual

¶1 Despite its small size, the Micrographics/AV SIS was actively involved in the 2000 Annual Meeting, with section members participating in the following programs: John Pedini, speaker, “Greeting our Lay Patrons at the Gateway: Who They Are and How Can We Help Them?”; Troy Johnson, moderator and speaker, “Electronic Book Readers: Law Libraries Need to Take a Leading Role”; and Laura Ray, coordinator and speaker, “Distance Learning: Educational Design and Applications.”

¶2 For the 2001 Annual Meeting, members of M/AV-SIS will be even more involved. John Pedini will be a speaker at “Teaching Roles and Realities: Choosing the Legal Text That Is Right for You.” M/AV-SIS members will provide all the speakers at “Reinventing Micrographic Services: Digitalization Technologies and Applications”; speakers will include Terrence McCormack, Jerry Dupont, and John Pedini. Other members involved in programs are Laura Ray, “World Wide Web Design and Management Considerations”; and Troy Johnson, who is involved in two programs—“Hot Topic,” a program focusing on the Nicholson Baker book *Double Fold* relating to microfilm and preservation, and “The New Reality of Integrating and Acquiring Electronic Book Readers into the Legal Information World.”

¶3 During the year, John Pedini continued to edit *The Viewfinder*, the newsletter of M/AV-SIS. Gary Bravy continued as treasurer and helped the section purchase an electronic book reader that will be used in a program to allow libraries to experiment with it and learn about this technology. With the assistance of many section members, Troy Johnson worked to create a content-rich Web site that will allow other members of AALL to learn about important issues raised by micrographic technology. Another goal for the site is to provide information about how old and new audiovisual equipment can be used to further the missions and goals of AALL member libraries.

¶4 Troy Johnson will continue as chair in 2001–02. He wants to continue to add members to the SIS. The M/AV-SIS works with technologies, both older (microfilm) and newer (electronic book readers), that will significantly affect the member libraries of AALL in the coming years. More than half of these libraries have large holdings of microfilm that make up 20 to 50% of their historical collection. When one medium comprises such a large percentage of the collections of so many libraries, it is crucial for librarians to understand the issues that are raised by these media. One way librarians can educate themselves (and others) is to become involved in the M/AV-SIS.

Troy Johnson, Chair

Online Bibliographic Services

¶1 The OBS/SIS had another busy year in 2000–01. Strategic planning was a central focus, as was outreach and communication building, evidenced by the updated OBS Web site and increased use of the section’s electronic discussion list.

¶12 The leadership of OBS for 2000–01 consisted of officers Ellen McGrath, Chair; Ismael Gullon, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Cindy Cicco, Secretary/Treasurer; Georgia Briscoe and Susan Chinoransky, Members-at-Large; Brian Striman, Past Chair; and committee chairs Susan Goldner (Local Systems), Michael Maben (OCLC), Anne Myers (RLIN), Maria Okonska (Web Advisory), Jack Bissett (Nominations), Corinne Jacox (Joint Research Grant), Ismael Gullon (Education), and Sally Wambold (Strategic Planning). In midyear, the co-coordinators of the Research Roundtable stepped down and Brian Striman assumed that role.

¶13 A number of OBS's program proposals were accepted for the 2001 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis: "Everything Old Is New Again: Second- (or Third-) Generation Automated System Challenges"; "Put a CORC in It: The Cooperative Online Resource Catalog's Attempt to Control the WWW Information Flow"; "New Roles? Retooling Yourself for Work in the Twenty-First Century"; "Implementing the MARC 21 Format for Holdings Data: The New Frontier in Technical Services"; "What You Don't Know CAN Hurt You: Essential Technical Services Knowledge for Public Services Librarians"; and "Subject Authority Cooperative Project (SACO) Workshop" (cancelled due to low registration).

¶14 Under the guidance of new webmaster Maria Okonska, significant improvements were made to the OBS Web site. The design was updated and more content dealing with the work of OBS was added. A future goal is to provide more links to other sites that support the interests of the section's Local Systems, OCLC, and RLIN committees. Georgia Briscoe and Karen Selden collaborated to post a "Web Site-of-the-Month" to the OBS electronic discussion list. OBS reached beyond its own membership by having an item about OBS in every "Special Interest Section News" column in the *AALL Spectrum*.

¶15 The quality of the *Technical Services Law Librarian* continued at a high level, thanks to its editors, Anna Belle Leiserson and Linda Tesar, and the assistance of Cindy May (business manager), Martin Wisneski (webmaster), and a long list of dedicated contributing editors. Anna Belle and Linda have now completed their tenure as co-editors and Joe Thomas will become editor of *TSLL* beginning with the September 2001 issue. Linda will move into the role of layout editor. OBS extends its sincerest thanks to Anna Belle and Linda for their three years of excellent work and welcomes Joe as editor!

¶16 *TSLL* provides a valuable record of the activities and interests of OBS and the Technical Services (TS) Special Interest Section and fosters communication with the members of both sections. Richard Jost completed his term as one of the OBS representatives to the *TSLL* Board; the other, Ruth Patterson Funabiki, will be joined by Corinne Jacox in the coming year. The OBS/TS joint research grant was awarded at the close of the year to Susan Goldner and Lorraine Lorne to purchase software that will enable them to create a twenty-five-year index to *TSLL*.

¶17 Ismael Gullon conducted the annual OBS membership survey and reported the results in the combined March/June 2001 issue of *TSLL*. The survey was avail-

able on the OBS Web site in an interactive format for the first time, as was the OBS volunteer form. The survey results were also shared with the members of the Strategic Planning Committee.

¶18 Strategic planning was a major initiative of OBS this year. Sally Wambold and the members of the Strategic Planning Committee worked diligently throughout the year—conducting an environmental scan of OBS members, developing a mission statement, and writing the plan itself. Gail Warren continued in her role as consultant and offered excellent advice that assisted the committee in staying focused on their task. As mentioned in last year’s OBS annual report, all talks of a possible merger were put on hold until this new OBS plan is in place.

¶19 The section is fortunate to have a core of active, enthusiastic members who spend a lot of their time and energy on OBS work. I want to thank them for their contributions. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to serve as chair. OBS is a great SIS!

Ellen McGrath, Chair

Research Instruction and Patron Services

¶1 The 2000–01 Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS officers were Kelly Browne, Chair; Marc Silverman, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Kristin Gerdy, Immediate Past Chair; Melissa Serfass, Secretary-Treasurer; and Deanna Barmakian, Newsletter Editor. Jean Wenger and Gail Partin served as Members-at-Large of the RIPS Executive Board.

¶2 This year RIPS focused on five of the initiatives from its 1999–01 strategic plan. Among them was to update and publish *Core Legal Research Competencies: A Compendium of Skills and Values as Defined in the ABA’s MacCrate Report*, a responsibility transferred to RIPS from the Research Instruction Caucus in 1997. Under the leadership of Darcy Kirk, the Research Instruction Committee submitted the *Core Competencies* to AALL’s Publications Committee. After a review by the full committee, RIPS was invited to resubmit the proposal with some additional information and changes, specifically the addition of a preface or introduction and a table of contents. In addition, the Publications Committee was not persuaded that it was more advantageous to publish the *Core Competencies* as part of the AALL/Hein Publications Series, which the Research Instruction Committee had suggested, than to update and enlarge upon the publication as it currently exists on AALLNET. The committee requested that RIPS present a persuasive argument that the *Core Competencies* should be part of the AALL/Hein Series, considering the authors, AALL, and the audience. Members of the Research Instruction Committee are already updating the document and revising the publication proposal.

¶3 A second initiative sought to increase participation in the section’s activities by members from all types of law libraries. Matthew Wright, chair of the Volunteerism Committee, compiled and analyzed the results of a survey distributed to the entire membership to assess what members feel are advantages of

belonging to RIPS and what projects members want it to sponsor. The results of the survey were published in the spring 2001 issue of *RIPS Law Librarian*.

¶14 A third initiative was to build connections with other AALL entities around areas of interest to RIPS. To that end, RIPS has established liaison relationships with the Private Law Libraries SIS; Document Delivery Caucus; Professional Development Committee; State, Court and County Law Libraries SIS; Foreign, Comparative, and International Law SIS; and Computing Services SIS. The liaisons publicize RIPS events to their respective constituencies and alert the RIPS Executive Board to any activities their groups are conducting that may be of interest to RIPS members.

¶15 The Newsletter Task Force, cochaired by Melissa Serfass and Gail Partin, was charged with investigating whether RIPS members would be adequately served if the newsletter were published electronically. The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter is the section's biggest expense, and a reduction would allow funds to be set aside in order to pay for a small grant or scholarship each year. In addition, the task force is polling the membership on whether RIPS should accept advertising in the newsletter, which would also help to offset the cost of printing and distribution. The task force's survey appears in the spring 2001 issue of *RIPS Law Librarian*. Its report will be submitted to the RIPS Executive Board at the Annual Meeting.

¶16 Because RIPS's first strategic plan was for 1999–01, incoming chair Marc Silverman has formed a new Strategic Planning Group. It will evaluate AALL's 2000–05 Strategic Plan and build selected initiatives into RIPS's 2001–03 Strategic Plan. One initiative that will definitely be included is working with the Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee (AELIC) to establish standards of excellence for Internet legal information resources. AELIC plans to design evaluation criteria and a scoring system; interested RIPS members will then "test the test" and evaluate sites of their own choosing.

¶17 The Ninth Annual Legal Research Teach-In was a huge success. The Teach-In Kit focused on bringing together traditional legal resources and the newest electronic sources in one convenient package. With support from West Group and LexisNexis, hundreds of kits, promotional bookmarks, and notepads were distributed during National Library Week in April 2001. Gail Partin, Karen Brunner, and Kristin Gerdy coordinated this event.

¶18 The RIPS Program Committee, chaired by D.R. Jones, submitted six program proposals to the Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee for the 2001 AALL Meeting. Five were accepted for presentation in Minneapolis: "Facing Reality: The Death of the Reference Desk"; "Teaching Roles and Realities: Choosing the Legal Research Text That's Right for You"; "New Roles for Law Librarians in Applying the ADA: Services for Disabled Patrons and Staff"; "Two to Tango: The Following Part of Leading in Library Relationships"; and "Legal Research for the Xers and Nexters: Redesigning a Program."

¶19 It has truly been a great year and a great beginning to the new millennium. RIPS members have continued to contribute to furthering our mission of expanding opportunities and resources for legal research instruction, reference, and all patron services.

Kelly Browne, Chair

State, Court and County Law Libraries

¶11 The State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section has completed the first two-year cycle of its strategic plan, accomplishing many of its objectives, with some still underway.

¶12 The substance of the section is the work conducted by its committees and in 2000–01 they accomplished a great deal. The Awards Committee selected Catherine Lemann as the recipient of the O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities. The Education Committee submitted seven program proposals for the Minneapolis Annual Meeting and three were selected; they also cosponsored four additional programs. The Grants Committee obtained \$1600 in contributions and awarded \$600 to Connie Von Der Heidi of the Wisconsin State Law Library. The Membership Committee continued the “Each One Reach One” campaign to increase membership, and the Mentoring Committee had more volunteer mentors than those seeking a mentor this year. The committee awarded thirty-four membership pins and certificates to those who are ten-year members of SCCLL and twenty-year members of AALL.

¶13 The Model County Law Library Code Working Group developed a draft code that will be presented to the section’s membership for discussion. The Newsletter Committee published three issues of the *SCCLL Newsletter*; the last two were published in electronic format and posted on the section’s Web site. The Nominations Committee presented a strong slate of candidates for office. The Publicity/Public Relations Committee had a banner year. They were awarded a \$25,000 grant from LexisNexis to develop a publication series to educate our users and governing bodies about who we are and what we do. Members of the section also contributed articles to *AALL Spectrum* about SCCLL libraries and librarians. They also maintained a table in the activities area of the exhibit hall at the Annual Meeting where they solicited committee members for the upcoming year.

¶14 The Standards Committee focused on technology and electronic services and an overall review of the existing standards for county law libraries. The section’s Strategic Plan was refreshed, and since the section achieved its objective of improving communication among its members, committees will maintain this in the future. A new strategic objective was introduced, that of exploring and implementing additional funding sources. To this end, a silent auction was held during the section’s business meeting in July 2001 and approximately \$1500 was raised. The Trustee Development Committee sponsored a luncheon for trustees attending the Annual Meeting; they held a roundtable discussion for them afterward and also arranged a trip for them to WestGroup. The Web Site/Listserv Committee provided

electronic access to the section's Newsletter, added pictures to the site, posted current information, and expanded its efforts to keep SCCLL members up-to-date.

¶5 Officers for 2000–01 were Regina Smith, Chair; Anita Anderson, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Kathy Joyce Welker, Secretary/Treasurer; and Michele Finerty, Tim Lewis, and Rita Dermody, Board members.

Regina Smith, Chair

Technical Services

¶1 The Technical Services Special Interest Section this year used two projects to reach out to its underserved members. The TS-SIS Mentoring Program matches the novice librarian with a more experienced cataloger, acquisitions, or serials librarian, with the mentor serving as a one-on-one counselor, answering questions and giving advice. As of spring 2001, there were twenty-four members participating as mentors or mentees. Another new program is designed to assist our members who have not had the opportunity for more formal professional growth. The section has now developed criteria and procedures for awarding educational grants to members to provide financial assistance for attending AALL workshops. The first grants are to be awarded in 2001–02.

¶2 TS-SIS officers took an active role this year in recruiting volunteers to submit proposals for three different workshops approved by the AALL Professional Development Committee: "Managing Technical Services," "Basic Law Cataloging," and "New Perspectives on Law Library Acquisitions and Collection Development." In addition, the TS-SIS Education Committee proposed (or joined in proposals on) seven educational programs that were accepted for the 2001 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.

¶3 On the national scene, the TS-SIS Preservation Committee has been involved in drafting a National Plan for the Preservation of Legal Materials that will ultimately be considered for adoption by the AALL Executive Board. A report by a task force of the TS-SIS Cataloging and Classification Committee was submitted to the Library of Congress about the use of "England" as opposed to "Great Britain" in subject heading subdivisions. LC approved the task force suggestions, adding scope notes to *LCSH* and new instructions in the *Subject Cataloging Manual*. The Acquisitions Committee reports that there are 190 subscribers to the LAW-ACQ discussion list and that it is considering some joint projects with AALL's Committee on Relations with Information Vendors. The TS-SIS Exchange of Duplicates program had fifty law library participants this year.

¶4 Three other projects were directed at improving the administration of the section. Following a survey of the members in early 2001, the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee completed its work, and the Executive Board made further revisions resulting in a draft Strategic Plan for the section that will be presented at the Annual Meeting. The Bylaws Committee has developed several proposed revi-

sions that will be voted on in July. The committee also examined and suggested various updates and additions to the TS-SIS *Procedures Handbook*, which we expect to execute before the end of 2001.

¶15 TS-SIS Board members may come and go, but there are some members whose service to the section and to the profession in general have been consistent and enduring. This year we honored Regina T. Wallen with the Renee Chapman Award for Outstanding Contributions to Technical Services Law Librarianship. Reggie has been a frequent speaker and program coordinator at AALL, chair of the TS Cataloging and Classification Committee, member of the AALL Program Selection Committee, two-time officer on the TS-SIS Executive Board, a columnist for *Technical Services Law Librarian*, and AALL's official representative to the ALA/ALCTS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access. The TS-SIS is also grateful to Anna Belle Leiserson and Linda Tesar for the excellent work they have done for three years as co-editors of *TSSL*; this newsletter is perhaps the best benefit of being a member of the TS-SIS, and much of its professional appearance and useful content has been due to their leadership. In addition, we also say goodbye to Rhonda Lawrence in her official capacity as representative to MARBI. Although this is an AALL position, the section provides oversight for it, and Rhonda's efforts to keep members informed of MARC format issues have been commendable.

Alva T. Stone, Chair

Committees

AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers

¶11 The primary mission of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is to "promote the writing of scholarly papers and the development of creative works for presentation at the Annual Meeting." The committee commenced its efforts by meeting during the 2000 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia at which plans were made to: (1) carry out a publicity campaign to inform both AALL members and library students about the competition and the annual monetary award; and (2) submit a proposal for the 2001 Annual Meeting to present a program designed to encourage AALL members to write for publication in the various venues available to them.

¶12 In addition to several AALL press releases and articles in chapter newsletters explaining the competition and laying out the deadlines, the committee wrote an article for the December issue of *AALL Spectrum* titled "The Write Way: Past 'AALL Call for Papers' Winners Advise the Hesitant Writer." The committee also contacted library schools to encourage their students to submit papers to the competition; and the committee was represented at the CONELL and CONALL meetings in Minneapolis.

¶13 The committee's proposal for a program on writing, "Getting Published: A 'How-to' Guide For the Hesitant Cyber Writer and Paper Writer," cosponsored by the *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* Editorial Board and Advisory

Committee, was presented in Minneapolis with great success. Speakers Frank Houdek, A. Michael Beaird, and Cella Mitchell provided advice about writing for various venues, including the Web, bar publications, and academic journals.

¶14 All of the committee's efforts to publicize the competition came to fruition with the submission of more entries for 2000–01 than in recent memory. After careful review of each of the thirteen papers, the committee agreed to recognize three papers: the winner in the open category was Nancy Carol Carter for her paper titled "American Indians and Law Libraries: Acknowledging the Third Sovereign." Co-winners in the new member category were Kristin B. Gerdy for "Teacher, Coach, Cheerleader, and Judge: Promoting Learning through Learner-Centered Assessment"; and Robert Mead for "'Unpublished' Opinions as the Bulk of the Iceberg: Publication Patterns in the Eighth and Tenth Circuit United States Courts of Appeals."

¶15 Call for Papers winners receive a cash award of \$750 each, generously donated by LexisNexis. Winners are recognized during the Annual Meeting Association Luncheon and their papers are forwarded to the editor of *Law Library Journal* for publication consideration. Continuing a tradition inaugurated by the 1998–99 committee, during the program at which the winners presented their papers, other librarians offered comment and analysis of each author's work: George Grossman (Carter), Kathleen Vanden Heuvel (Mead), and Susan Sullivan (Gerdy).

¶16 The chair wishes to thank members Maria Protti and Karen Beck for their extremely hard work, diligence, and patience in carrying out the responsibilities of the committee. The chair would also like to acknowledge the support and guidance of the committee's Executive Board liaison, Karl Gruben. The committee also thanks LexisNexis for its continued support and recognition of the scholarly efforts of the members of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Adeen Postar, Chair

AALLNET

¶1 The AALLNET Advisory Committee was created in spring 2000 at the recommendation of the AALLNET Task Force. Among its accomplishments in 2000–01 were working with AALL headquarters to establish categories for the AALL Marketplace section of AALLNET; developing a copyright policy for AALLNET; establishing contact between the committee and the entities that utilize AALLNET to host their Web sites and discussion lists; initiating development of a priority list of AALLNET enhancements; and creating the first-ever webmasters workshop during the 2001 Annual Meeting. As needed, the committee has also provided day-to-day advice to AALL headquarters staff regarding AALLNET issues and worked with the *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* Editorial Board and Advisory Committee regarding issues related to providing access to *Law Library Journal* on AALLNET.

Hazel L. Johnson, Chair

Access to Electronic Legal Information

¶1 The committee continued to work toward its primary mission of improving public access to legal materials and information posted at government Web sites. It focused on finding ways to inform government Web site developers and their administrators about “best practices.”

¶2 Members contacted several government Web site managers to determine how we might better connect with them. We asked about information sources, including Web-related electronic discussion groups, print publications, and professional meetings. Unfortunately, no consensus about commonly used sources emerged.

¶3 Delivering presentations at professional meetings has been an effective approach for reaching large numbers of our target audience. In the past year, the chair has addressed judges and court administrators at the following meetings: 2001 Mid-Level Management Conferences sponsored by the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, Rohnert Park, April 26, 2001, and Long Beach, May 17, 2001; California Judicial Administration Conference, San Diego, February 1, 2001; Technology for Justice 2000, sponsored by the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration, Melbourne, October 9, 2000; and National Association for Court Management, Symposium 2000, Meeting the Justice Needs of a Multi-Cultural Society in the 21st Century, Atlanta, August 14, 2000. The chair also spoke to librarians about legal information on government Web sites at the annual meeting of the New Zealand Law Librarians’ Group in Christchurch, October 20, 2000. Additional presentations are scheduled for August 2001 at the Seventh Court Technology Conference (CTC7) sponsored by the National Center for State Courts and at the National Conference of State Legislatures annual meeting. At CTC7, several law librarians from the Baltimore area will provide on-site court Web site reviews for interested court staff.

¶4 Committee members discussed revising and enhancing the Web site evaluation criteria, replacing the exhibit equipment, and updating the committee’s own Web site. At the request of the AALLNET Advisory Committee, we reviewed AALLNET by applying the evaluation criteria.

¶5 In December 2000, AALL Vice President/President-Elect Barbara Bintliff made a special charge to the committee. In cooperation with the Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section, the committee shall develop a plan to address item 1D (1) of AALL’s 2000–05 Strategic Plan to “establish standards of excellence for Internet legal information sources that are used by consumers and librarians for law-related research.” Our recommendations are due to be presented at the April 2002 meeting of the Executive Board.

Cheryl Nyberg, Chair

2001 Annual Meeting Program

¶1 The theme of the 94th Annual Meeting—“2001: New Realities, New Roles”—was selected by President Robert Oakley and the Annual Meeting Program

Committee to encourage members to discuss and examine the profession and their roles in it within the context of rapidly changing legal, technological, and library environments.

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

¶13 The committee designed program tracks and topics reflecting these challenges. Tracks were Agents of Change, Partnership, Practitioner’s Toolkit, Reinventing Law Librarianship, and Globalization. From the nearly 150 program proposals submitted in August 2000, seventy-six educational sessions and three workshops were selected for presentation. More than three hundred speakers were involved in the production of the programs, and all major membership constituencies and Association partners were represented in the final program.

¶14 Members of AMPC were Connie Dickson, Jean Davis, Scott Burgh, Lisa Mecklenberg, Ellen McGrath, Peggy Jarrett, and Cindy Spohr. Victoria Trotta, chair of the 2002 AMPC, served *ex officio*. It was an honor and a pleasure to serve as chair of this committee.

Kathie J. Sullivan, Chair

Awards

¶11 The Awards Committee selected recipients for all but one of the AALL awards this year (the Public Access to Government Information Award was not presented). In addition, the committee finalized subcommittee procedures for the Law Library Publications Award and provided input on a proposed new award, the Chapter Professional Development Award, now under consideration by the AALL Executive Board.

¶12 The following fourteen individuals, organizations, and products were selected to receive the 2001 AALL awards:

AALL *Spectrum* Article of the Year Award: Ann Walsh Long, *Get Your Library Ready for Distance Education*, AALL SPECTRUM, May 2000, at 12

AALL/Findlaw Excellence in Marketing Awards: Jenkins Law Library, *Image Brochure* (Best Brochure); Abigail F. Ellsworth, *Wilkes Artis Library Information Connection* (Best Newsletter); Justice Libraries, U.S. Department of Justice, *Taking the First Steps* (Best Campaign); Justice Libraries, U.S. Department of Justice (Best Public Relations Toolkit); Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin, Inc., *LLAW Internet Legal Research CLE Seminar & Wisconsin Resources on the Internet Teleseminar* (Best Use of Technology)

Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award: Shelley L. Dowling and Mary C. Custy, *The Jurisprudence of United States Constitutional Interpretation: An Annotated Bibliography*

Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award: Steven J. Melamut, *Pursuing Fair Use, Law Libraries and Electronic Reserves*, 92 LAW LIBR. J. 157 (2000)

Law Library Publications Awards: Heafey Law Library, Santa Clara University, *ClaraNet Postcard Series* (Print Division); Robert Crown Law Library, Stanford University, *Election 2000 Website* (Nonprint Division)

Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award: Marian Boner and Francis Gates

New Product Award: *Hein-On-Line*

¶13 Recipients were honored during the Association Luncheon at the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis on Monday, July 16, 2001. Awards Committee members also participated in the CONELL Marketplace and created an exhibit hall display with information about the 2001 AALL awards recipients.

¶14 As has been the practice in the past several years, much of the work of the committee took place at the subcommittee level, with the majority of Awards Committee members serving on at least two subcommittees. These subcommittees consisted of the following members:

AALL Spectrum Article of the Year Award: James E. Duggan, chair; Melanie Dunshee and Carole Hinchcliff, members (liaison with *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* Editorial Board)

AALL/Findlaw Excellence In Marketing Awards: Carole Hinchcliff, chair; Melanie Dunshee, Amy Osborne, and Deborah Ward, members (liaison with Public Relations Committee)

Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award: Marie-Louise Bernal, chair; Carol Grant, John Hasko, and Carole Hinchcliff, members

Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award: Phyllis Marion, chair; Francesco Gagliardi and Susan Tulis, members (liaison with *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* Editorial Board)

Law Library Publications Award: Mary Ann Nelson, chair; Francesco Gagliardi and Amy Osborne, members

Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award: James E. Duggan, chair; Marie-Louise Bernal, Phyllis Marion, Mary Ann Nelson, and Susan O'Toole, members

Best New Product Award: John Hasko, chair; Susan O'Toole and Deborah Ward, members (liaison with Committee on Relations with Information Vendors)

Public Access To Government Information Award: Susan Tulis, chair; James E. Duggan and Carol Grant, members (liaison with Government Relations Committee)

¶15 The committee publicized the awards program in a number of mediums, including AALLNET, various discussion lists, and chapter and SIS newsletters. An article inviting nominations and applications appeared in the November 2000 issue of *AALL Spectrum*, and West Group sent out Excellence in Marketing Award brochures to the AALL membership. Many excellent applications and nominations were received by the February 1, 2001, deadline, although a few postmarked by February 1 were also accepted, due to a discrepancy between committee procedures and AALL news releases. Next year's committee is advised to standardize the deadline for all awards.

¶16 The Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award engendered some controversy this year when the Awards Subcommittee declined to present the award to the Government Relations Committee's sole nominee, concluding that it did not meet the established criteria for the award. Because the PAGI criteria were interpreted differently by the two committees, next year's Awards Committee is advised to work with the Government Relations Committee to review the criteria and procedures for this award, and revise where necessary.

James E. Duggan, Chair

Bylaws

¶11 The members of the 2000–01 committee were John R. Eichstadt, Chair; Donald A. Arndt, Kris L. Gilliland, Kenneth Hirsh, JoAnn Hounshell, Holly M. Riccio, Linda Stephenson, and Karl T. Gruben, Board Liaisons.

¶12 Proposed changes to chapter constitutions and bylaws from the following chapters were reviewed and approved over the course of the year: Houston Area Law Librarians, Michigan Association of Law Libraries, and Law Library Association of Maryland. Proposed bylaw amendments were reviewed and approved for the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Special Interest Section.

¶13 Other activities of the committee during the year included responding to questions from the Legal History and Rare Books SIS, advising the Technical Services SIS on an interpretation of a bylaw, and performing preliminary work on setting up a Web site to educate chapters and special interest sections on bylaws revision issues. I believe that a Web site will aid in the bylaws revision process and therefore recommend that work toward its creation should continue. In addition, I also recommend that an official hardcopy repository of the current bylaws and/or constitutions of each chapter and special interest section be set up at AALL headquarters to resolve any confusion about what are the most recent versions in existence.

John R. Eichstadt, Chair

Citation Formats

¶11 This year was one of modest but solid progress for citation reform. History was made at the international level, as England adopted a neutral citation system that is substantially similar to that proposed by AALL. Within the United States, results

were mixed. Wyoming adopted the AALL universal case citation, but Tennessee refused to implement a neutral citation until there is “greater consensus” among the national organizations espousing citation reform.

¶12 A convergence of American citation proposals may indeed be in the offing. After years of dormancy, the American Bar Association is resuming its advocacy of neutral citations. In March 2001, four members of the Citation Formats Committee (Lynn Foster, Marcia Koslov, Paul George, and Bruce Kennedy) met with ABA staff members to brief them on citation issues. This dialogue continued at the March meeting of the AALL Executive Board with informal presentations to the Board by committee chair Bruce Kennedy and David Whalen, director of the ABA Legal Resource Technology Center. Judging from these meetings, the ABA seems eager to expeditiously study and eventually support neutral citation standards for legal documents other than court opinions. As to court opinions, the ABA staff believes that the Universal Citation Resolution approved by the ABA House of Delegates in 1996 is so specific that it must be amended before the ABA can endorse a more general case citation standard. Next year should see the formation of an ad hoc committee composed of AALL and ABA members to lay the groundwork for mutually acceptable American neutral citation standards.

¶13 Another factor spurring interest in citation reform is LegalXML, a powerful extensible mark-up language for legal materials. A nonprofit corporation—named LegalXML, Inc.—has been formed to design standards for common legal documents such as judicial opinions, legislation, contracts, and digital envelopes for electronic court filings. Keenly aware that accurate citations are essential to the success of its mark-up language, LegalXML, Inc. has formed an active Citations Working Group. One of its cochairs is John Joergensen, also a member of the Citation Formats Committee. This fortunate overlap has enabled the committee to stay apprised of the working group’s thinking on citation reform.

¶14 Elaborate discussion of the working group’s emerging technical standards is beyond both the scope of this annual report and the expertise of this reporter. However, from the perspective of the Citation Formats Committee, several basic principles regarding citations and LegalXML can be easily stated. First, any standards devised for LegalXML should remain nonproprietary. Second, if possible, LegalXML’s standards should affirmatively favor use of AALL/ABA universal citations. If this is not possible, the LegalXML standards should at least accommodate universal citations. Finally, the LegalXML standards should not crystallize around proprietary citations or a proprietary citation manual such as the *Bluebook* or the *ALWD Citation Manual*.

¶15 The committee also attempted to establish a closer working relationship with editors of the *Bluebook* and *ALWD* citation guides. However, both guides remain aloof to citation reform. Their noninterest is perhaps understandable since both aspire to be the generally accepted citation guide for the legal profession. Given this aim, they are more interested in current citation practices than in implementing the next generation of neutral citations. Their focus on the present under-

scores the need for AALL's continued involvement in this important area of law reform.

¶16 Finally, throughout the year, Emily Carr updated the committee's Web site, which remains a valuable clearinghouse of information on citation reform. Next year, the current version of the *Universal Citation Guide* (supplemented with preliminary chapters on neutral citation standards for court rules, secondary sources, and administrative decisions) should be mounted on the Web for global comment.

Bruce Kennedy, Chair

Copyright

¶11 At the request of the AALLNET Advisory Committee, the Copyright Committee drafted an AALLNET Copyright Policy. The policy addressed issues such as liability for Web site content, monitoring and removing infringing material from AALLNET, and reproducing materials found on AALLNET without permission for teaching, scholarship, or research, including multiple copies for classroom use. The Executive Board approved the policy at its fall 2000 meeting.

¶12 The committee also revised two policies drafted in the mid-1990s: "AALL Guidelines on the Fair Use of Copyrighted Works in Law Libraries" and the "Model Law Firm Policy." The fair use guidelines were crafted originally by the Special Committee on Electronic Fair Use and adopted by the Executive Board in 1997. The 2000-01 Copyright Committee felt it important to update the 1997 document because of subsequent federal legislation and case law. The guidelines are intended to provide guidance to law librarians on copying by library staff and by users under the fair use library exemptions of the Copyright Act (17 U.S.C. §§ 107 and 108). The "Model Law Firm Copyright Policy," drafted in 1996, also has been updated. It suggests procedures that law firm libraries can use to ensure compliance with copyright law. Both the guidelines and the model policy are available on AALLNET.

¶13 The committee sponsored two programs at the 2001 Annual Meeting. Sally Wiant moderated a debate on the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA) featuring Dan L. Burk, a professor at the University of Minnesota Law School, Carlyle (Connie) Ring, a principle architect of UCITA, and Jonathan Franklin from the University of Washington's Gallagher Law Library. The second program focused on the Copyright Clearance Center and its interaction with libraries in the for-profit sector. Joanne Dugan moderated this session that featured law librarians Gitelle Seer and Mary Ames and Robert Weiner from the CCC.

¶14 AALL decided not to participate in an amicus brief filed by ALA and ARL on behalf of respondent Jonathan Tasini in *New York Times v. Tasini*, a case in which the U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether publishers have the right, after initial publication, to distribute the articles of freelance writers in electronic form.

James S. Heller, Chair

Diversity

¶1 Members of the 2000–01 Committee on Diversity included Iris M. Lee (chair), Christopher Bloodworth, Greta Boeringer, John Joseph Digilio, George R. Jackson, Anne McDonald, Madison Mosley, Jr., Heija B. Ryoo, and Matthew Wright. The committee pursued four main objectives: secure the appointment of an AALL diversity officer, raise awareness of diversity issues among AALL members, revamp the Diversity Symposium, and investigate strategies for the Association to increase scholarship opportunities for minority law librarians.

¶2 **Diversity Officer.** The idea to secure the appointment of an AALL diversity officer emerged at the 2000 Diversity Symposium. Modeled on positions at ALA and ARL, a diversity officer would perform the following functions: (1) formally assess and report on the current diversity climate within AALL and the profession; (2) study and recommend strategies and programs for increasing diversity within the profession; and (3) study and recommend strategies and programs to improve opportunities within the profession for members of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups. To raise awareness of the benefits of a diversity officer, George R. Jackson wrote an article for AALL Spectrum, “A Diversity Officer for AALL.” On behalf of the committee, he also submitted a proposal to the Executive Board seeking the appointment of a diversity officer for the Association. In reviewing the proposal, the committee’s Board Liaison, Cossette Sun, suggested the committee address the financial impact of establishing a staff position. The final proposal requested the position be established initially on a volunteer basis. The Executive Board considered the proposal at its March 2001 meeting. The Board has asked the committee to resubmit the proposal with greater details on the specific duties of the position and a proposed budget.

¶3 **Membership Awareness.** To raise member awareness of diversity issues, the committee submitted several program proposals for the 2001 Annual Meeting. Two proposals were accepted, one on the digital divide, submitted by the committee’s former chair, Yolanda Jones, and another on gender identity, submitted by Matthew Wright and George R. Jackson. Also, Greta Boeringer submitted a list of specific diversity competencies to the Professional Development Committee for inclusion in the final draft of its *Competencies of Law Librarians*. A reference to awareness of diversity issues was included in the final version.

¶4 **Diversity Symposium.** For several years, the Diversity Symposium has served as an important forum for raising awareness and facilitating discussion of diversity issues. In response to feedback provided at the symposium in 2000, the committee revamped the format of the event. An interactive format and a discussion of topics directly related to diversity issues that commonly arise in the workplace were chosen for the 2001 program. With the sponsorship of LexisNexis and the Law Librarians’ Society of Washington, D.C., the committee presented a workshop, facilitated by Claudia Monte of CAM Consulting, titled “Effective Communication in a Diverse Society.”

¶15 Minority Scholarships. For a number of years, the committee has been interested in increasing the availability of minority scholarships for education and professional development. Yolanda Jones suggested a framework for an award that would encourage new minority law librarians to become active members and future leaders of AALL. The West Group's \$150,000 gift establishing the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment made the committee's hopes for increased minority scholarships a viable goal. With the support of the Scholarship Committee, Iris M. Lee proposed that the Executive Board establish the Minority Leadership Development Award to grant the recipient up to \$1500 to attend the Annual Meeting, to provide an experienced AALL leader to serve as the recipient's mentor for one year, and to guarantee the recipient an opportunity to serve the association through a committee assignment in the year following the monetary award. The proposal was approved by the Board with a few requests: (1) modify the criteria for applicants; (2) clarify the educational requirements; (3) require that the recipient be a member of AALL at the time the award is given; and (4) institute and administer the award jointly with the Grants Committee.

Iris M. Lee, Chair

Government Relations

¶11 For the second year, the Government Relations Committee sponsored a highly successful Legislative Advocacy Workshop in Philadelphia, which helped build more member contacts to assist the committee's all-important work against the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA). During 2000–01, UCITA was rejected or stalled in a number of states, most notably Arizona and Texas, where AALL's grassroots efforts and support from a number of other organizations were successful in keeping UCITA at bay.

¶12 Led by subcommittee cochairs Steve Anderson and Larry Meyer, the committee revised the AALL Government Relations Policy for the first time since 1995. The policy's statement of broad principles will inform the legislative agenda of the Association for years to come.

¶13 The committee nominated FirstGov to be the recipient of the Public Access to Government Information Award (PAGI), but the nomination was not advanced by the Awards subcommittee that reviewed the nomination. As a consequence, the PAGI award was not given this year.

¶14 The committee "met" at a monthly conference call throughout the year, and members shared responsibility for writing a monthly update in the committee news column of AALL Spectrum to keep the Association up-to-date on matters of importance.

¶15 Please help our efforts—get involved! Issue briefs and other information are posted at the Washington Affairs Office site on AALLNET, and you can join the Advocacy Listserv there as well.

Keith Ann Stiverson, Chair

Grants

¶1 The seven members of the 2000–01 Grants Committee were Patricia A. Cervenka, Gregg B. Gronlund, Lesliediana Jones, H. Kumar Percy, Georgiana Gekas Wellford, Leonette Williams, and Dwight King (chair). Maryruth Storer was the committee's Executive Board liaison. From July through December, the committee revised the application and rating forms to enhance the professional appearance of the application and to increase the usefulness of the rating form in ranking candidates. Considerable time also was spent revising the internal committee manual.

¶2 During this same period, the committee publicized the availability of the grants by contacting library schools and AALL chapters and by e-mailing library-related electronic discussion lists. It also maintained links from the committee's home page to the pages of other chapters and special interest sections offering grants.

¶3 The committee received thirty grant applications. With a \$5000 allotment, the committee was able to distribute twelve grants to attend the Annual Meeting, seven to library school students, and six to newer law librarians. A thirteenth grant was awarded to a librarian attending the Managing Technical Services Workshop in response to a request from the Professional Development Committee that the committee help promote PDC workshops with a grant for an attendee. Although awards in recent years have only covered the cost of registrations to the Annual Meeting, with this year's success, we will probably continue to award workshop grants as well.

¶4 Funds were provided by LexisNexis, AALL, and AALL individual members, but approximately \$2000 less was contributed this year than last. Securing additional donations will obviously be a challenge for future committees.

Dwight King, Chair

Indexing of Periodical Literature

¶1 The primary responsibility of the committee is to review and recommend journals and periodical titles for indexing in the *Current Law Index*, *LegalTrac*, and *Legal Resource Index*. This year the review of journals and periodicals took place both at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia and through mailings to committee members throughout the year.

¶2 The committee evaluated nine titles during 2000–01. Four were approved for indexing. This includes journals available solely on the Internet.

¶3 The members of the committee serve three-year appointments. Current members and their terms of service are Cornell H. Winston (1999–02), Chair (2000–01); Rita Dermody (1999–02); Judy A. Lauer (1998–01); Kathleen A. McLeod (1998–01); Linda Karr O'Connor (2000–03); Michael J. Petit (2000–03); and Maryruth Storer, Board Liaison.

Cornell H. Winston, Chair

Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum

¶1 The *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* Editorial Board and Advisory Committee had a very busy year in 2000–01. In a typical year there are meetings of both the outgoing and the incoming committees during the Annual Meeting, as well as a day-and-a-half meeting in Chicago in the fall. This year, in addition to handling the normal business, the committee dealt with the departure of Peter Beck, the editor of the *AALL Spectrum*. We were aided in all of our activities by the use of a committee Web site, created and maintained by Janet Sinder.

¶2 The regular business of the committee consists of selecting candidates for the *Law Library Journal* Article of the Year Award, selecting candidates for the *AALL Spectrum* Article of the Year Award, coordinating an authors' reception at the Annual Meeting, and meeting in the fall to discuss editorial direction, content, and other ideas for both publications.

¶3 During the fall 2000 meeting, the following issues pertaining to *Law Library Journal* were considered: peer review (the committee recommended against it at this time); columns in *LLJ*; citation format (after considerable review, the committee determined that *LLJ* should continue to use the *Bluebook* rather than adopt the *ALWD Citation Manual* at this time); how to gauge membership use and views of *LLJ* (the committee decided to conduct focus groups at the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis).

¶4 In addition to these activities, the committee also responded to the following issues on which headquarters or the Executive Board requested comment: proposal from William S. Hein and Company that the *Journal* be included in the Hein Online product (the committee recommended that AALL headquarters negotiate with Hein to include *LLJ* in the Hein Online service through the current complete volume year); a law.com proposal that AALL partner with them in certain publication ventures (as to the proposal to make articles published in *LLJ* and *AALL Spectrum* available on the law.com Web site, the committee recommended that articles *not* appear before they are actually published and available to members; as to the proposal to jointly commission articles on certain topics and by certain authors, the committee recommended against such joint commissioning but thought that the door ought to be left open to other collaborative activity involving other types of publications); a Bell & Howell proposal that it distribute an electronic version of *LLJ* backfiles on nonexclusive basis (the committee recommended accepting the proposal); and whether declining subscription revenue from *LLJ* warranted reconsideration of the decision to make it available to the public on AALL-NET rather than available in the members only section (after reviewing data supplied by headquarters, the committee concluded that evidence of a causal connection was inconclusive and thus the original decision should stand).

¶5 After the departure of Peter Beck, editor of *AALL Spectrum*, a subcommittee was formed at the request of Executive Director Roger Parent to consider options for editing *AALL Spectrum*, to draft position descriptions once those options were articulated, and to work as a search committee for the new editorial

director. This culminated in the selection of Paul Healey for the position, commencing with volume 6.

Rosalie Sanderson, Chair

Membership and Retention

¶1 The committee completed its inaugural year and can report success in meeting the goals set for it by the Executive Board. Specifically, the committee worked with the assistance and advice of consultant Mary McNulty to identify and then telephone two groups of former members to urge that they renew and to inquire as to their reasons if they decided not to do so.

¶2 The first calls were made in the fall and resulted in several renewals by members, some of whom claimed that they either overlooked the renewal notices or thought the matter had been handled. A few of the persons called had actually renewed, but this had apparently been after compilation of the lists from which the calls were made. One suggestion from this initial experience was that the list of persons to be called be prepared very close in time to when the calls are to be made. A second suggestion was that the committee make its calls during a much shorter period of time than the month allotted this first time. The committee felt that, at most, a couple of weeks ought to be enough time.

¶3 The second round of calls was made in early May and went to persons who were really being asked to consider again becoming members following a lapse of this one past year. The time frames between compiling the lists and making these calls were both shortened from those used in the fall. I have not yet received a report of what my fellow committee members learned in making these calls but did note that my own experience was much less successful than it had been when I made calls last fall. Most of the persons I tried to call this time had moved on from the jobs that they held when members. I anticipate that Mary McNulty will prepare a full report of the committee's activities that will be submitted to the Executive Board as appropriate.

Patrick E. Kehoe, Chair

Mentoring

¶1 According to its charge, the Mentoring Committee "shall be responsible for providing information and networking opportunities by advising and mentoring newer Association members or those contemplating job changes or desiring career guidance. To accomplish this goal the committee will plan, promote and present the Annual Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) and pursue additional efforts to orient newer members to the benefits and opportunities of association membership." To complete this charge in 2000–01, the committee met in person, via e-mail, and through telephone conference calls and undertook three major projects.

¶2 The first was a continuation of its successful mentoring project. This year the committee matched fifty-five pairs of mentors and mentees. Pleas for assis-

tance from African-American and gay and lesbian law librarians were answered with such enthusiasm that this year we had a surplus of mentors. As a result, four mentor applications will be forwarded to next year's committee along with eleven mentee applications. In an attempt to improve the initial contact of mentors and mentees, this year's notification letters suggested that mentees contact their assigned mentors if they did not hear from them within a few weeks of receiving the letter. And for the first time mentors and mentees were given the opportunity to meet prior to the opening reception and to attend the reception together.

¶13 As in the past, the committee was deeply involved in planning CONELL. This involved the active cooperation of the whole committee as well as coordination with AALL staff. The program included the opportunity to meet fellow CONELL attendees and to network with various groups of the AALL family, including the AALL Executive Board, the Annual Meeting Program Committee Chair, and the editor of *Law Library Journal*. CONELL attendees also heard presentations giving them career advice, outlining AALL volunteer opportunities, and offering hints on "how to conference." The attendees then had an opportunity to ask questions of experts in various areas of law librarianship and to meet with representatives of all AALL committees and special interest sections. The program concluded with lunch at the Lexington and a "St. Paul's Gangster Tour."

¶14 Finally, the committee also worked to improve its Web site. It now includes the committee charge, its membership, and articles and links that support the committee's projects. Under the mentor project, one can find a description of the project, the mentor and mentee application form, and articles describing the process and giving short profiles of individual mentors. The CONELL section includes an article about an attendee's first impressions of CONELL and AALL. The site also includes several articles about mentoring as well as biographies and resources about the benefits of mentors and mentoring.

¶15 The committee consisted of Herbert Cihak, Thu-Mai Hoang, Mary Hotchkiss, Colleen Manning, Charles Marlor, Frances McEvelly, Annette Souare, James Milles, Suzanne Thorpe, Richard Vaughan, and Frank Liu (Board Liaison). The committee members were extremely active and a fabulous team.

Alvin Podboy, Chair

Price Index for Legal Publications

¶1 The AALL Executive Board approved the charge to the newly formed *Price Index for Legal Publications* Advisory Committee at its March 2001 meeting. For the first year, the newly appointed editor is serving as chair of the advisory committee. The committee met in April to begin the task of designing the second edition of the *Index*.

¶2 Although the *Index* is in the preliminary stages of development, the committee made significant progress in deciding what data to gather, how to work with vendors to get complete and accurate data, and what software to use for inputting and compiling the results.

¶13 It is the committee's intent to try to pick up information from at least two prior years when the *Index* was not published. The results will be placed into more categories of legal materials than the first *Index*. The committee also hopes that it will be possible to provide the opportunity to do subject analysis on the compiled data. Monographs will be excluded from the new *Index* because the data is readily available from other sources. The data will be made available on AALLNET. The goal is to resume annual release of the data within two months of the close of each calendar year.

¶14 Committee members for 2000–01 were Anne Poulter (editor and chair), Mae Clark, Janeen Heath, Betty Roeske, Richard Vaughan, Mary Lou Calvin, Sara Galligan, Ken Svengalis, and Margaret Maes Axtmann, *ex officio*.

Anne Poulter, Chair

Professional Development

¶11 The Professional Development Committee completed several years of work on the *Competencies of Law Librarianship* when the Executive Board approved the document at its spring 2001 meeting. This was a milestone for AALL and the profession of law librarianship. Individual librarians may use the *Competencies* for coordinating their continuing education as they identify areas for professional growth. Employers may use it to make hiring, evaluation, and promotion decisions, and to make recommendations for professional development. AALL already uses the *Competencies* as a framework within which to structure professional development programs, providing guidance to ensure that the programs offered will assist law librarians in attaining and maintaining the skills or knowledge necessary for their current and future work.

¶12 The committee proposed to the Executive Board a new Chapter Professional Development Award, to be presented for the first time at the 2002 Annual Meeting. The award would recognize the AALL chapter that has designed an outstanding professional development program or series of programs for its members. The committee also sponsored a half-day workshop on educational planning for chapters at the Minneapolis Annual Meeting.

¶13 Three new workshops were developed for presentation at either Annual Meetings or regionally: "Advanced Cataloging," "Working with Pro Se Patrons," and "Negotiation Skills for Librarians." Another program, "Basic Law Cataloging," is under review. A new copyright workshop, with James Heller as instructor, was offered, in addition to the many courses presented previously. Eight articles in the committee's Desktop Learning Series were published in *AALL Spectrum*, and five electronic discussions were conducted, with more than twelve hundred participants.

¶14 The committee met with consultant Sarah May on several occasions to assist her in conducting a three-year evaluation of the professional development program for the Executive Board. Anticipating the use of her recommendations in the future and the new leadership of incoming chair Timothy Coggins, I have no

doubt that the committee will continue to improve and expand its outreach to AALL's members in meeting their educational needs.

Judith Meadows, Chair

Public Relations

¶1 The Public Relations Committee continued the activities of the previous year: writing articles for AALL Spectrum, evaluating Excellence in Marketing campaign entries, presenting the Chapter Leadership PR Roundtable, and participating in the CONELL Marketplace. In addition, the committee started a new campaign to capture the essence of law librarianship with the @your.law.library slogans (patterned on the @ your library campaign of the American Library Association). The committee again sponsored the PR Showcase at the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. Finally, another new initiative this year was a campaign to establish a Law Librarian's Day.

¶2 *AALL Spectrum* articles included "New Realities, Old Budgets"; "My Excellent Adventure across the C's of Newsletter Design and Editing"; "Are You PR Impaired? How Would You Know?" "Taxing Times Call for Drastic Measures"; "The How of PR—New Realities, New Roles"; "Show Your Stuff"; "Passing the PR Bar"; "Food for Thought: Issues Raised at the 2001 SEAALL Annual Meeting That Should be Considered Nationwide." Other articles covered curb appeal, marketing, and the @your.law.library slogans.

¶3 A subcommittee of Fran Bertelli, Claudia Jalowka, and Sally Wambold evaluated forty-eight submissions for the Excellence in Marketing Awards. The top-three-rated entries in each category were forwarded to the Awards Committee which chose the following winners: Jenkins Law Library (Best Brochure); Justice Libraries, U.S. Department of Justice (Best Campaign and Best PR Toolkit); Abigail F. Ellsworth (Best Newsletter); and Law librarians Association of Wisconsin (Best Use of Technology). Winners will receive a plaque from AALL and a monetary award from FindLaw, sponsor of the awards.

¶4 The @your.law.library project was coordinated by Cheryl Gritton. Law librarians submitted almost 150 slogans. The winning slogans were "seek.justice@your.law.library" (submitted by Donna Bausch, Norfolk Public Law Library) and "aided.not.abetted@your.law.library" (Nancy Strohmeier, Loyola New Orleans).

¶5 The committee was active during the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. Joan Shear, Fran Bertelli, and Sally Wambold represented the committee at CONELL, distributing FAQ sheets along with the @your.law.library slogans and candy. Fran Bertelli shared pictures of the committee's activities with CONELL participants. The Chapter Leadership PR Roundtable was presented by Carol Bredemeyer, Sue Burch, and Sally Holterhoff. They discussed PR tips and strategies for chapters in various situations, suggesting ways chapters could face different challenges while addressing their chapter's individual needs. Finally, the PR Showcase was organized by Joan Shear, Lucy Curci-Gonzalez, and Sally Wambold. Approximately

twenty law libraries were represented by brochures, bookmarks, newsletters, manuals, posters, and other promotional materials displayed near the activities area.

¶16 The first steps were taken to establish a Law Librarians' Day as a way of publicizing the profession. E-mails were sent to some members of Congress. An initial letter was sent to President George W. Bush. Mary Alice Baish, AALL Washington Affairs Representative, will send a follow-up letter to keep the idea before the president.

¶17 Many thanks go to all of the members of the committee for their hard work this year: Fran Bertelli, Tracey Bridgman, Sue Burch, Lucy Curci-Gonzalez, Cheryl Gritton, Claudia Jalowka, Joan Shear, and Martha E. Thomas.

Sally Wambold, Chair

Publications

¶11 In its charge, the Publications Committee is asked to “focus its work in two areas: the oversight and review of the publications process, and the advancement of the Association’s publications program.” In seeking to fulfill that charge in 2000–01, the committee engaged in the following activities.

¶12 The committee evaluated three new proposals for AALL publications, including two that it recommended for publication by AALL: Joel Fishman, “A Bibliography of State Official Court Reports,” and David Selden, “Top Fifty: A Collection of Significant American Indian Cases from the United States Supreme Court.” The authors of a third proposal were invited to resubmit after further development of their idea.

¶13 The committee also worked with prospective authors and editors to develop several ideas for new publications proposals; for various reasons they chose not to submit proposals. The committee contacted the Research, Public Relations, and Professional Development committees to foster publication of work done under their auspices and to promote the Association as a publisher to non-AALL members and other organizations.

¶14 The committee continued work to create a brochure that could be distributed to potential authors to build interest in and awareness of the Association’s publishing program. The committee is grateful to William S. Hein & Co., Inc., for underwriting the costs of designing and printing the brochure. Michael Lynch created the brochure based on a model developed by Roberta Studwell. Further, the committee, primarily through the work of Paul Callister, maintained a Web site on AALLNET as a way of promoting AALL’s program. It included an interactive publications proposal form.

¶15 The committee evaluated the two existing AALL publications series, AALL/Hein Legal Research Series and AALL/Rothman Publications Series. The committee determined that the Research Series was no longer viable. It recommended grouping the titles in that series with those of the other and renaming the consolidated series the AALL Publications Series (published by William S. Hein

& Co.). This recommendation was approved by the AALL Executive Board at its spring 2001 meeting.

¶16 The committee evaluated the provision in the AALL publications procedures regarding the right of first refusal of a publication proposal. In discussions held at the 2000 Annual Meeting, representatives of William S. Hein & Co. objected to the provision, based on the fact that some individuals with proposals for new titles in AALL-sponsored series present them first to Hein, before they submit them to the Publications Committee or to the general editor(s) of the series. Hein contended that, in these cases, Hein had the right of first refusal. Rob Richards, 1998–2000 chair of the Publications Committee, worked with representatives of Hein to develop a procedure that accurately represents the intent of the Association regarding right of first refusal. The committee has recommended to the AALL Executive Board that this provision of the procedures be amended and the new language adopted.

¶17 The committee also recommends making general editors of AALL-sponsored series *ex-officio* members of the Publications Committee. This change would allow the editors to participate fully in the committee's work of developing new publications ideas, identifying potential authors and editors of new publications, and developing and evaluating new publications proposals.

¶18 In terms of future committee activity, priority should be given to creating written procedures for conducting searches for series general editors. Because the committee was occupied with the consolidation of the two series, it made sense to delay creation of procedures for conducting searches for editors until that matter was settled. Now that they have been consolidated, the committee should make development of written procedures a priority for the new year. Secondly, although the committee encouraged several other AALL committees to develop their projects and ideas into publications, the contacts were not successful. The committee should focus on persistently and thoughtfully liaising with other AALL committees and groups to further the publications goals of AALL.

Gail M. McCain, Chair

Research

¶11 The emphasis of the committee's work was on creating mechanisms and procedures for distributing grant monies from the new AALL research fund, an endowment established by LexisNexis. The AALL Executive Board approved the final version of the revised AALL Research Agenda in November 2000. The committee then set to work marketing the new research grant program. Fifteen applications were received and reviewed by the committee. Two grants, totaling \$10,000, were awarded.

¶12 The first grant was awarded to "Web-based Distance Learning of Principles of American Legal Bibliography." This work aims to utilize modern technology to further the understanding of American legal bibliography and principles of research in American law in a worldwide setting. The reach of the World Wide

Web has already transformed much thinking about knowledge transfer, particularly under the rubric of “distance learning.” This project aims to exploit this technical revolution to make information and instruction in legal bibliography and research in American law available to a domestic as well as a worldwide population. Models will be developed for self-instructional and monitored instructional use of Web-based material and scenarios, and will simultaneously be developed as a teaching module in Chinese for students abroad with Chinese language facility. Continuing attention will be paid to making this instructional module available in other languages. The project will be conducted by Xia Chen, Reference Librarian, and Frederick E. Smith, Librarian Emeritus and Senior Librarian for Graduate and Reference Services, Hugh & Hazel Darling Law Library, UCLA School of Law.

¶13 The second grant recipient, “How Lawyers Do Legal Research,” continues the work of Morris Cohen, Penny A. Hazelton, and Patricia DeGeorges to create a core set of data on how lawyers think about all aspects of legal research. In particular, it will investigate planning, format preferences, secondary source use and preferences, evaluative criteria employed, amount of time spent, and general awareness and familiarity with currently available resources. Kris Gilliland, director of the law library and assistant professor of law, University of Mississippi Law Library, will conduct the project.

¶14 The committee looks forward to expanding the grant program in the coming year.

Kevin Butterfield, Chair

Scholarships

¶11 The 2000–01 Scholarships Committee awarded \$33,000 to thirteen candidates in four categories. Funding was provided through the generous support of West Group, LexisNexis, CIS, AALL, and individual contributors. The Meira Pimsleur Stipend, a scholarship funded by the Arthur W. Diamond Law Library, Columbia Law School, was awarded for the first time in several years. Awards were made to Merrill Chertok, Andrew Larrick, Lisa Wagenheim, Maureen Dunnigan, Krista Lindhard, Rachele Pacchiano, Sarah Yates, Mary McGraw, Gretchen Andry, Greta Boeringer, Tanya Cain, Veronica Foster, and Kristy Moon.

¶12 The bulk of the committee’s work takes place in April and May. During the “off season,” attention focused on promoting scholarships to AALL members. Several articles appeared in *AALL Spectrum* profiling recent scholarship winners. Public relations materials distributed at the 2000 Annual Meeting emphasized the Type V scholarship.

¶13 In February, the committee joined the Committee on Diversity in submitting a proposal to the Executive Board requesting that it institute a leadership development award for newer AALL members. The program would enhance the George A. Strait Minority Stipend to include a mentor, funding to attend an AALL meeting, and more. In April, West Group strengthened its commitment to law librarianship by donating \$150,000 to the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship

Endowment. Future scholarship opportunities are guaranteed due to the generous endowments from LexisNexis and West Group.

¶4 The work of the committee was carried out by members Susana Camargo-Pohl, Yvonne Chandler, Vicente Garces, Anne Klingen, Jennifer Lentz, and Anthony Smith, under the leadership of chair Karen Brunner.

Karen Brunner, Chair

Representatives

ALA/ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Section: Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

¶1 CC:DA had a very active year, with eleven task forces working on different cataloging issues: (1) ISO Harmonization; (2) ANSI/NISO Draft Standard Z39.50 [Dublin Core]; (3) Draft of *Descriptive Cataloging of Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance, and Early-Modern Manuscripts*; (4) Revising AACR2 to Accommodate Seriality; (5) Specific Characteristics of Electronic Resources; (6) Appendix of Major and Minor Changes [requiring creation of a new bibliographic record]; (7) Visual Resources Association Core Categories; (8) ONIX International Standard for Electronic Book Information; (9) The Rule of Three [in the statement of responsibility]; (10) Uniform Resource Identifiers and AACR2; and (11) ISBD(CR)-Continuing Resources. A common theme emerged from these various efforts: it is desirable to move the Anglo-American cataloging community toward a goal of international agreement on descriptive practices and procedures; and with that goal in mind, AACR2 should be revised to reduce the number of conflicts with other cataloging codes.

¶2 The various reports of these committees are available at the CC:DA Web site (<http://www.ala.org/alcts/organization/ccs/ccda/ccda.html>). Some of these documents are in a preliminary stage and are not intended for general distribution, but all are available for anyone who is interested in following the development of any particular issue. CC:DA is an advisory body, with no power to set cataloging policy, so all reports are merely suggestions or recommendations. This annual report will focus on current committee work that is of particular interest to law catalogers.

¶3 The Task Force on Revising AACR2 to Accommodate Seriality (nicknamed “The Task Force That Would Not Die”) continued its work this year by reviewing the decisions on seriality made by the Joint Steering Committee (JSC). During the year the committee issued a final report, a discussion paper, and a report in response to its new charge. Of particular interest to law catalogers is the extent to which a distinction is being made between “serials” and “integrating resources.” There was some discussion of recommending that chapter 12 be split into separate chapters, one dealing with the successive-entry approach to serials and one dealing with the latest-entry approach to integrating resources. The task force’s final recommendation was to treat the two types of resources together in one chapter, but there is likely to be more discussion on the matter.

¶14 The Task Force on Major/Minor Changes had its charge revised and was asked to produce a draft appendix of only “major” changes that trigger the creation of a new bibliographic record. Discussion of the appendix at ALA Midwinter included comments from law catalogers. Rhonda Lawrence noted that the proposed instructions for statements of responsibility would be in conflict with Adele Hallam’s *Cataloging Rules for the Description of Looseleaf Publications, with Special Emphasis on Legal Materials*. The task force chair replied that they had consulted Hallam’s work, but would review the publication again to identify conflicts. The task force was asked to make more explicit distinctions between the terms “significant,” “substantive,” and “genuine” changes as discussed in the proposed appendix. The revised report was approved at the June meeting of CC:DA and forwarded to the JSC.

¶15 The Task Force on ISO Harmonization, including Harvard law cataloger John Hostage, has just begun its work on identifying ISO standards relevant to AACR2. It was formed in response to a proposal from Hostage that the full stop after metric units be removed, treating them as symbols rather than as abbreviations.

¶16 In a discussion at ALA Midwinter of how multipart items should be described, JSC representative Brian Shottlaender asked for a straw poll on whether the description should be based on the latest part, earliest part, or the part with the predominate title. The straw poll chose the earliest part, but Shottlaender suggested that CC:DA should pursue the question with law catalogers and map catalogers, whose collections include many more multipart items than a general library collection. An unidentified member of the audience pointed out a misconception that multipart items are “determinate and therefore finite.” Law collections include publications that are both multipart and integrating (such as codes updated by replacement volumes). She suggested that these hybrid publications should be addressed by the new rules.

¶17 Donald Chatham, ALA Publishing Services, announced at the June meeting that the 2001 revisions to AACR2 will be available in August. Beginning with 2002, ALA hopes to issue a new edition of AACR2 every year. Some committee members expressed concern with the use of the term “edition,” which would require a new cataloging record for the title every year. Chatham agreed to consider calling the new versions something other than “editions.”

William Benemann

***ALA/ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Section:
Subject Analysis Committee***

¶11 Given the levels of hierarchy through which each course of action must be considered, SAC still manages to get a lot accomplished.

¶12 The Subcommittee on Metadata and Subject Analysis submitted its final report to SAC; it will be posted to the SAC Web site (<http://www.ala.org/alcts/organization/ccs/sac/subjecta.html>). This subcommittee was then disbanded; how-

ever, a related committee may soon be constituted to work on issues raised by the interoperability of metadata subject heading lists.

¶13 A new Subcommittee on Guidelines for Application of Genre Headings was formed at ALA Midwinter, but it was renamed the Subcommittee on Fiction Guidelines at the 2001 Annual Conference in San Francisco. I mention this only to remind you why name authority work can be as much of a challenge as subject heading reference structures! Speaking of reference structures, the Subcommittee on Subject Reference Structures in Automated Systems held a very active working session in San Francisco, identifying issues that arise in the automated environment. These will be explored by various subcommittee members, with the final result to be a position paper that should guide systems designers in presenting synthetic structures effectively.

¶14 In my 1999–00 report, I mentioned that SAC had sent a letter to Winston Tabb, associate librarian of the Library of Congress, stressing the need for Web-based access to a thesaurus-style display of LC Subject Headings. His response to SAC indicated that a thesaurus-style display is available through Classification Web, which must be made available on a cost recovery basis. Consequently no free Web access to thesaurus-style display is available at this time.

¶15 One of the most interesting reports of the many liaisons to SAC continues to be that of Lynn El-Hoshy of the Library of Congress. At the Midwinter Meeting, she reported that approximately six hundred subject heading authority records that included the terms Afro-American and Afro-Americans were changed to African American and African Americans. You have probably noticed these changes by now. Watch for other proposed changes such as “Handicapped” to “Disabled persons” and a new heading for “Developed countries.” El-Hoshy explained that Web access to LC authority records would be delayed until after the next upgrade to the Voyager system. LC will probably not upgrade until February 2002.

¶16 At the Annual Meeting much discussion focused on future possible activities for SAC as a result of the draft *Bibliographic Control of Web Resources: A Library of Congress Action Plan* (<http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/bibcontrol/draftplan.html>).

Melody Lembke

American Bar Association Law Practice Management Section

¶1 In addition to traditional American Bar Association section activities, the Law Practice Management Section (LPM) represents the interests of its 15,000 members through its publishing program, its award-winning magazine, its technology conferences (TECHSHOW and a solo-and-small-firm, one-day TECHSHOW during American Lawyer Media’s LegalTech conferences), and educational programming for lawyers in the locales where meetings are held. The section continues to build bridges with other sections of the ABA and to explore its place within the structure of the association. The use of technology in the law firm has grown so large that it can no longer be addressed by a single section. AALL’s relationship with the LPM remains strong and we continually seek to expand our areas of cooperation.

¶12 Highlights of the 2000–01 representation include participation in three section meetings. The winter meeting was particularly interesting as a variety of stakeholders in the future of LPM came to Chicago seeking to find common ground for the future of the section. Representatives from legal publishing, consultants, section and ABA leadership, and other organizations participated with the assistance of a facilitator. A number of areas of concentration were identified, and I believe the section faces the twenty-first century with a grand strategic vision in place. As a member of the section’s Publishing Board this year, I not only brought the law librarian perspective to the attention of the group, but also assisted in the evaluation of potential section publications and shepherded a title into production.

¶13 Michelle Schmidt, incoming AALL representative to the section, attended the spring meeting with me, making valuable initial contacts with the section leadership and ensuring a continuing role for AALL in the activities of LPM in the future. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve in this capacity.

Hazel L. Johnson

Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee

¶11 BASIC (Book And Serial Industry Communications) is a standards forum of the Book Industry Study Group (BISG), a New York City-based not-for-profit research organization supported by more than two hundred publishers, booksellers, librarians, wholesalers, book manufacturers, and suppliers. Founded in 1974, BASIC grew out of industry efforts to develop systems standards and to promote computer-to-computer ordering and fulfillment. The organization originally focused on publicizing the need to use ISBNs throughout the supply chain and the electronic transmission of purchase orders. Evolving over the years, it has played a major role in the development of a wide variety of book and serial industry bar code and EDI standards.

¶12 In fall 1998, the Book and the Serial Industry Systems advisory committees (BISAC and SISAC) were merged. BISAC and SISAC continue to retain their original names in reference to the data interchange formats for books based on the standards created by ANSI-Accredited Standards Committee X12, SISAC Bar Code Symbol, based on the Serial Item and Contribution Identifier (SICI), and SISAC News. The merged group—BASIC—continues the mission of administering publisher/customer and publisher/manufacture electronic data interchange formats for books and serials based on the international EDI standards created by the United Nations in conjunction with other national bodies coordinated by EDItEUR, the international organization coordinating book and serial electronic commerce.

¶13 SISAC also functions as the education committee of BASIC and holds educational programs at both the ALA Annual and Midwinter conferences. My report of the 2000 ALA Conference program is available on AALLNET (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/tssis/commrept/2000/sisac2000.htm>).

¶4 The program at ALA Midwinter in January 2001, jointly sponsored with the National Information Standards Organization (NISO), focused on developing standards for e-books. The very full program featured five speakers discussing international identifiers, ONIX, and the AAP standard for e-books. Pat Harris, NISO executive director, gave an update on the international standards scene, including the International Standards Organization in Geneva that sets computer standards. Regina Reynolds of the ISSN program at the Library of Congress spoke about international efforts to harmonize the ISSN, resulting in fewer ISSNs for minor serial title changes. She also reported on a NISO survey that found that the SICI is not used much. By January 2005, the ISBN will go to thirteen digits, increasing the number of available ISBNs and conforming to international standards. A panel discussion on ONIX (Online Information Exchange) and the AAP Metadata Standards for E-books featured BISG's Sandy Paul; Richard Stark, Barnes&Noble.com, providing the publisher perspective; and Sally McCallum, Library of Congress, providing the library perspective. ONIX was developed by the American Association of Publishers and taken over by BISG.

¶5 The program at the 2001 ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, again cosponsored by NISO/BASIC, was titled "E-journals and the Web: Standards for Tomorrow." It was a forum on the challenges of integrating electronic journals into library collections and the standards now in development that will enable publishers and librarians to deliver better access and more information about these resources. The speakers were Deborah Loeding, H.W. Wilson Company, providing an overview and introduction; Brian Green, managing agent of BIC/EDIteUR (Book Industry Communication), reporting on ONIX, an international standard for communicating a variety of metadata elements; and Eric Van de Velde, California Institute of Technology and chair of NISO's Open URL Standards Committee, explaining how the open URL can connect information seekers to the appropriate copy of any chosen resource by passing along bibliographic or descriptive information about the resource.

Marla J. Schwartz

Washington Affairs Office

¶1 The Washington Affairs Office focused on five important priorities in 2000–01: (1) database protection; (2) digital copyright, including anticircumvention, first sale, and distance education; (3) access to government information; (4) privacy; and (5) the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA). The Office was actively engaged in the work of several formal coalitions, including the Shared Legal Capability, the Digital Future Coalition, Americans for Fair Electronic Transactions (AFFECT), and the new Privacy Coalition.

¶2 **Database Protection.** AALL and the strong grassroots efforts of its members helped stymie efforts to enact database legislation in the waning days of the 106th Congress. We had strongly opposed the House Judiciary Committee's legis-

lation (H.R. 354) that granted new protections to facts and data outside of copyright law and supported the House Energy and Commerce Committee bill (H.R. 1858) that presented a more balanced approach and did not overturn the *Feist* decision. The Office worked in spring 2001 with database coalition partners in a series of eight negotiating sessions with database proponents that were hosted by staff of both House committees. It became increasingly apparent that database proponents want to create a broad intellectual property regime that we believe will stifle the growth of e-commerce and scientific and educational research. The new chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Rep. James Sensenbrenner, has already signaled his intent to move forward quickly on database protection, noting that Congress clearly has the constitutional authority to pass database legislation and that it is under his committee's jurisdiction. Staff of the House Commerce Committee disagree, remaining unconvinced that there exists any market failure in the industry that would necessitate database protection. They also believe strongly that this issue is an important component of e-commerce and, therefore, within their jurisdiction. We will likely witness another jurisdictional battle over database legislation between these two House committees.

¶3 Digital Copyright—Post-DMCA. The enactment of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act in 1998 included language for a unique rule-making proceeding by the Copyright Office to determine what “classes of works should be exempt from the prohibition against circumventing technological measures that control access to copyrighted works.” Librarian of Congress James Billington issued the new rules on October 28, 2000, with only two narrow exemptions of minimal impact. In light of this adverse first rule making (the process is to be repeated every three years), we have begun meetings with the Copyright Office to discuss next steps. We also testified at the Copyright Office's hearing on November 29, 2000, regarding the effect of the DMCA prohibitions on the first-sale doctrine. The testimony of witnesses on behalf of the content community clearly indicated that, in their view, the first-sale exemption does not apply to digital distribution and they would oppose any legislative effort to update the first-sale language of the Copyright Act. In support of one of our legislative priorities, we endorsed S. 487, the Technology, Education and Copyright Harmonization Act of 2001, which provides new exemptions for nonprofit educational institutions to permit the asynchronous use of digital resources in distance education. The bill passed the Senate in early June and has been sent to the House Judiciary Committee whose leadership strongly supports the legislation; it has a good chance of passage in the House and will be derailed only if new contentious amendments are added to the carefully negotiated Senate version of the bill.

¶4 Access to Government Information. In January, the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science issued *A Comprehensive Assessment of Public Information Dissemination*, a report accompanied by draft legislation to establish a new independent agency in the executive branch, the Public Information Resources Administration (PIRA), which would incorporate the

Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) and the National Technical Information Service. I raised serious concerns about the PIRA proposal in oral and written comments on behalf of AALL. I also represented the Association in meetings with GAO staff as they gathered information on how to move the FDLP to the Library of Congress, a study mandated in the FY 2001 Appropriations Act. We were satisfied with GAO's March 2001 report, concluding that there would be many disadvantages were Congress to decide to move the FDLP to the Library of Congress.

¶15 AALL continued its attempts to get Congress and the administration to recognize their responsibility for the entire life cycle of electronic government information, including finding tools, preservation, and permanent public access. To this end, the Office worked with the Office of *FirstGov* at the General Services Administration to improve the taxonomy of this central portal to online government information and services. *FirstGov* facilitates the difficult task of locating federal and state Web-based government resources, and provides mechanisms for the public's transactions with e-government services.

¶16 We issued a press statement on May 1, 2001, at the request of Sen. Joseph Lieberman on his introduction of the E-Government Act of 2001 (S. 803). This legislation creates a federal CIO for the executive branch at the Office of Management and Budget. Key provisions of the legislation would require federal courts and regulatory agencies to establish Web sites and electronic dockets; repeal the statutory authority enabling the courts to charge fees for the PACER system; and establish an advisory board to review existing government standards and practices with regard to inventorying, cataloging, and preserving Web-based government information.

¶17 **Privacy.** AALL submitted comments to the Judicial Conference on January 26, 2001, in response to a *Federal Register* notice regarding privacy and public access to electronic case files (ECFs). Concurrent with AALL's strong commitment to the public's right to access government information is its equally strong belief that public access through the Internet must be tempered by privacy rights concerning personal information held in government files and private sector databases. Our comments stressed the need to determine the proper balance between the responsibility of the courts to provide broad, equitable public access to information and ECFs, and the need to protect citizens from harm that may result from broad public access to personal data identifiers, such as Social Security numbers, that may be contained in these records.

¶18 **Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA).** Last fall our successful anti-UCITA coalition, 4-CITE, received new funding, new vitality, and a name change to AFFECT—Americans for Fair Electronic Commerce Transactions. The scorecard on UCITA this year is impressive: it has been enacted in only two states, Maryland and Virginia. Since January, we have stopped UCITA in the two leading battleground states, Texas and Arizona, and gotten it tabled in a handful of other states. Iowa extended its “bombshelter” legislation to exempt

Iowa residents and businesses from the provisions of UCITA, and even stronger anti-UCITA legislation has been introduced in several other states. Many AALL members were crucial to these efforts; special thanks to Keith Ann Stiverson, Victoria K. Trotta, Diana Gleason, Gail Warren, Sarah K. Wiant, Charlene Cain, Carol Billings, and to all our UCITA state coordinators who have conscientiously monitored legislative activity throughout the year to assist our coalition efforts.

¶19 Finally, I'd also like to recognize Paul A. Arrigo, AALL's nominee who was appointed to the Depository Library Council this spring, joining another former GD-SIS chair, Charlene Cain, who is completing her first year. Last but far from least, AALL's efforts to represent the interests of its members on important federal and state policy issues would not be successful without the tremendous advocacy support from so many who respond quickly, faithfully, and effectively to our calls for action. Thank you.

Mary Alice Baish, Acting Washington Affairs Representative