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Chapters

Council of Chapter Presidents

¶1 Council activities for the 2002–03 year began at the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting with training sessions and the council’s own annual meeting under the direction of outgoing council chair Frank Drake. At the conclusion of the meeting, Lawrence R. (Larry) Meyer became the council chair.

¶2 During the year, most council business was conducted via the chapter leadership discussion list, whose membership consisted of the presidents, vice presidents, and immediate past presidents of the thirty-one chapters. A variety of issues were discussed, including official board visits to chapters, chapter organization and member motivation, the George A. Strait Scholarship Fund, the chapter VIP program, and electronic distribution of newsletters. There were also postings from various AALL entities to communicate with chapter leaders or to request their help in passing information along to chapter members.

¶3 In a friendly competition, other chapters were challenged by the Southern California Association of Law Libraries to contribute to the George A. Strait Scholarship Fund. The Minnesota Association of Law Libraries issued a counter-challenge to further encourage contributions to this very worthy program. As of the filing of this report, most chapters had accepted the challenge by contributing to the fund.

¶4 Five outgoing chapter presidents agreed to run for the position of council chair. Susan Goldner, president of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, was elected by her peers as the new chair for 2003–04.

Lawrence R. (Larry) Meyer, Chair
2002–03

Arizona Association of Law Libraries

¶1 This year’s programming began with a brown-bag lunch meeting teleconferenced and held at Quarles Brady/Streich Lang in Phoenix. Those members who attended the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting in Orlando reported their experiences and the knowledge they received at the conference. September’s topic was the Clean Elections Act, followed in October with “Murder and Suicide at the State

Capitol.” The November meeting addressed the topic of privacy issues and HIPPA. December brought members to a holiday luncheon of Italian dishes and socialization.

¶2 The announcement that the Arizona State Law Library would have to close one library due to the state budget shortage led to a town-hall meeting for the general public and those involved to discuss the impact of such an action on the private and public libraries in the Phoenix area. The topic for the January 2003 meeting, held in Tucson at the University of Arizona, was the librarian’s image. February’s topic was taxes, while the March meeting was used to view the USA PATRIOT Act video. April was elections and committee reports. AALL Vice President/President-Elect Janis Johnston was the guest speaker at the annual banquet held May 15 at the Wrigley Mansion. AzALL ended its year in June with a twentieth-anniversary party.

Corinne V. Guthrie, President
2002–03

Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York

¶1 ALLUNY kicked off the 2002–03 year with its annual meeting held in Rochester on October 18–20, 2002. Highlights from the program included an overview of NOVEL, the New York Online Virtual Electronic Library, by State Librarian Janet Welch; presentations on the New York State Domestic Violence Court restructuring, AACR2 Revised chapter 12, recent developments in school law, and Internet searching; and a comparison of court docket and filing providers.

¶2 In November 2002, a membership survey was conducted to assess how well ALLUNY is meeting the educational needs of its members. The results of the survey were very encouraging and will be used for planning topics and locations of future programs.

¶3 The ALLUNY Spring Institute was held jointly with the Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries on May 25–28, 2003, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. The theme of the program was “New Wine in Old Bottles: Blending Tradition and Innovation.”

¶4 ALLUNY committees were very busy this year. The Public Relations Committee headed by Sally Legendre and Jean Callihan created a new logo and promotional brochure. The chapter newsletter welcomed new co-editors, Nancy Babb and Joe Gerken. The Grants Committee, chaired by Laura Suttell, awarded the ALLUNY Miscellaneous Grant to Ellen McGrath to attend the American Library Association/Canadian Library Association Annual Conference held in Toronto, June 2003.

¶5 In May 2003, Virginia Young, chair of the Membership Committee, reported ninety members, including six new members. ALLUNY mourned the loss of three members during the year: Robert Gutz, Jane Gilbert, and Ellen Rappaport.

¶6 Those serving on the ALLUNY board for the 2002–03 year were Marie Calvaruso, President; Stephen Weiter, Vice President/President-Elect; Wendy

Scott, Secretary; Jean Callihan, Treasurer; Rosemarie Romano, Past President; and Judith Brown, Sally Legendre, and Mary Miller, members-at-large.

Marie Calvaruso, President
2002–03

Atlanta Law Libraries Association

¶1 We kicked off our twentieth year with lofty goals and unstoppable spirit. During our first meeting, held in September 2002, we proposed a dues increase of ten dollars, which members soundly approved. Members also voted to consolidate and rename some of the association's committees. For instance, the Publications Committee was charged with designing a chapter handbook and brochure. To date, the handbook is still a work in progress, but we were pleased to distribute a colorful and informative chapter brochure at the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle. Hats off to Joey Klein for designing a great brochure! Members of the Technology and Newsletter Committee, which included Leslie Thrasher, Kreig Kitts, and Tricia Bond, were sent to a training class to learn more about Dreamweaver, the chapter's software choice for maintaining and editing our Web site. Members of the Scholarship Committee, which included Dionne Lyne-Rowan and Joelle Gresham, were charged with revising the chapter's scholarship application and marketing the scholarship to eligible candidates. Academic scholarships totaling \$1500 were awarded at the May 2003 meeting.

¶2 After the September 2002 business meeting, programs were held once a month. Among the highlights, in October, Julie Colgan of the Cadence Group presented a program titled "Trends and Techniques in Information Management," which explored the traditional methods of organizing and providing information services. The November meeting featured a presentation by ALLA members Tricia Bond, Nola Vanhoy, and Laura Weidig titled "Knowledge Management: What Is It?" Tricia explained how knowledge management is applicable to law librarians, while Nola and Laura detailed the KM initiatives at their firms. The December meeting was our annual ALLA holiday luncheon, kindly sponsored by Global Securities, Inc., whose president, Phil Brown, discussed trends at the SEC and new features of the LiveEdgar Web site. In March, Charles Beard of the State University of West Georgia discussed the importance of acting as an advocate for your library, as well as explaining the many features of GALILEO—Georgia's Virtual Library maintained by the Regents of the University System of Georgia. In April, Deidra Payne of LexisNexis explained the concepts of adult learning and instructed participants on how to communicate more effectively with attorneys and summer associates. Our last meeting, held in May, was a luncheon featuring an AALL chapter visit by Nina Platt, AALL Executive Board member. Nina provided a very informative and inspiring presentation on knowledge management.

¶3 Our committees made a strong showing by enhancing continuing education, volunteering in the community, and embracing technology. Some of our "gems" include the Community Affairs and Outreach and the Legal Research Institute

committees. The former, chaired by Nola Vanhoy, was active in Atlanta Community Food Bank activities and cosponsored a toiletries drive with the Atlanta Bar Association. Participants in the drive collected hotel sample-size shampoos and soaps for women and children who were victims of abuse and living in shelters. The Legal Research Institute, taught by Ruth Fuller, was a six-week program for librarians, paralegals, and other legal professionals seeking to enhance their understanding of legal research techniques.

¶4 We are proud of our accomplishments during our twentieth anniversary and look forward to excelling in many other ways in the years to come.

Belkis Reynoso-Lawrence, President
2002–03

Chicago Association of Law Libraries

¶1 CALL inaugurated its year with a leadership training program. More than thirty members attended the half-day program to discuss: (1) potential topics and speakers for the 2002–03 business meetings; (2) ways to revive and integrate CALL committees; and (3) ways to attract committee members and new CALL members.

¶2 In November CALL cohosted a well-attended meeting with the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, titled “Making the Connection,” held in Urbana, Illinois. The educational sessions covered such topics as international legal sources, electronic filing at the federal courts, and AACR2R. CALL also continued its tradition of having a joint business meeting with SLA Illinois, when more than 140 SLA and CALL members lunched together while a panel of presenters discussed “Analyzing Data and Adding Value.”

¶3 The Corporate Memory Committee, a special committee, was established in 2002 to study ways to ensure the policies set by the CALL Board of Directors are recorded in a permanent and accessible fashion so that future boards can be guided by past actions. As its first order of business, the committee reviewed board minutes from the past three years in order to begin to compile and document policies. It prepared a policy log, suggestions for the board and committees to consider, and suggested additions or changes to the next update of the *CALL Handbook for Officers and Committee Chairs*. The committee will meet for at least another year to continue its work.

¶4 The Internet Committee was very busy in 2002–03, completely redesigning the CALL Web site and producing a new look and navigation system. Content such as a calendar of events, notices and reservation forms, and photos from events was added. The committee’s goal was to make the site the “go to” place for information about CALL.

¶5 The Meetings Committee successfully experimented with eliminating the mailing of announcements for business meetings. The last business meeting of the year was done paperless; the meeting flyer was made available on the CALL Web site, and reminders were sent through the electronic discussion list.

¶6 The Membership Committee reported a total of 294 members in 2002–03—an increase of 9 members from the previous year.

¶7 CALL's Public Affairs Committee was very active this year. Its initiatives were too many and too detailed for this short report, but suffice it to say that the chair and his committee members did an excellent job of keeping the membership updated on national and local issues facing libraries and librarians.

¶8 The CALL board for 2003–04 consists of Betty Roeske, President; Jean Wenger, Vice President/President-Elect; Denise Glynn, Secretary; Nancy Faust, Treasurer; David Rogers, Director; and Julia Wentz, Director.

Christina Wagner, President
2002–03

Colorado Association of Law Libraries

¶1 Celebrating our twenty-fifth anniversary, 2002–03 was a busy year for CoALL.

¶2 Programming for the year was handled by Martha Campbell. We had many events to choose from, beginning with a party held in October at the Denver University Law Library to commemorate our CoALL's silver anniversary. CoALL began in 1977 as CCLL, the Colorado Consortium of Law Libraries, before becoming a chapter of AALL in 1984. Several former members of CCLL and CoALL attended. It was an enjoyable evening, sipping wine out of special CoALL wineglasses provided by LexisNexis and dining on hors d'oeuvres provided by West.

¶3 The annual holiday party was held on December 5 at a new location, the law offices of Dorsey and Whitney. Nadine Ginkel and her staff provided tours of their library and hosted a relaxing evening of food, drink, and conversation.

¶4 On February 27, Pat Wagner of Pattern Research spoke on "Herding Kittens: How to Have Influence When You Don't Have Power or Authority." On April 15, Mark Estes spoke on the subject of "Creativity: Moving Without Changing Your Phone Number—Thinking Outside the Box to Maximize Value." Carol Avery Nicholson, current AALL President, visited Colorado April 30–May 2. She visited the law libraries of Holme Roberts and Owen and the U.S. Attorney's office and the new Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library in Denver before traveling to Boulder to attend our meeting at the Colorado University Law Library. The next morning she toured the National Indian Law Library.

¶5 CoALL once again volunteered at our local PBS station, with eleven members participating in a six-hour fund-raising drive in 2003. Our organization helped to raise a significant amount of money.

¶6 We also developed marketing materials for CoALL, including a brochure to hand out at various events, such as the annual Conference for Newer Law Librarians at the AALL Annual Meeting. The brochure was written with two audiences in mind, potential new members of CoALL and potential recipients of

CoALL services, such as the Speaker's Bureau. CoALL members and officers were invited to provide input, and brochures from other chapters were consulted.

¶7 A dedicated corps of individuals led by Holly Kulikowski and Dan Cordova helped shepherd our second "BRAG: Bridge the Research and Analysis Gap" program in June. The program was attended by forty-two summer associates, including several scholarship attendees from the U.S. Attorney's office. Attendees received course materials, which were printed by IKON, as well as a bag of goodies donated by various vendors, presented in a bag with the CoALL logo. Feedback from participants was very positive.

¶8 Our slate of officers for 2003–04: Martha Campbell, President; Dan Cordova, Vice President/President-Elect; Holly Kulikowski, Past President; Joanne Dugan, Secretary; Goldie Burton, Treasurer; and Matthew Elisha and Holly Hoxeng, members-at-large.

Holly Kulikowski, President
2002–03

Dallas Association of Law Librarians

¶1 DALL had a strong year in 2002–03, with important activities in the following areas: reaching out to others in our legal community, adding value to the membership, and streamlining the administration of the organization.

¶2 *Outreach.* DALL joined others in the local legal community by contributing to the Dallas Bar Association's building expansion program. Although the overall membership decreased slightly this year, the chapter attracted more student members and expanded committee participation to include newer members. We broadened the scope and locations of our bimonthly meetings to appeal to a more varied segment of the membership, including local county and academic law librarians. Meetings featured presentations on the use and persuasiveness of unpublished citations; library education, featuring Dean Laurie Bonnici of Texas Woman's University; the history of the Collin County Law Library; the programs and services available at SMU's Underwood Law Library; and the impact of the USA PATRIOT Act. AALL Board member Al Podboy spoke at the June meeting. DALL also made a commitment to work with other local professional library associations on joint educational events, and joined other local Texas law library associations in registering formal opposition to SB 1088, which proposed the elimination of an official printed version of the Texas session laws.

¶3 *Adding value.* DALL transferred its Web site to a private server to gain greater control over its stored content and to enhance services offered to members. New features include a searchable membership directory, an index of past newsletters, and static e-mail addresses for officers and committee heads. Our Union List Committee worked with Sima, Inc. to transfer DALL's union list to a password-protected, Web-based format, which eliminated firewall problems and resolved other technical issues with the previous Citrix version. The Tech SIS continued to provide an excellent forum for peer education and exchange.

¶4 *Simplifying administration.* The executive board conducted a large portion of its business via e-mail this year to reduce the number of board meetings. The Archives Committee began the task of indexing and inventorying DALL’s official archives at SMU, with an eye toward improving institutional memory and making it easier for board members to determine precedent.

¶5 Some of our problems areas this year were our inability to provide special educational institutes in addition to our bimonthly meetings, to attract grant applicants, to enhance participation in the nominations process, and to garner a statistically meaningful sample for our local salary survey.

¶6 Board members in 2002–03 were Elise Keller, President; Kevin Miles, 1st Vice President/President-Elect; Paula Gehring, 2nd Vice President/Newsletter Editor; Sean Smith, Treasurer; Dawn Chavez, Secretary; and Jeannine Irwin, Past President.

Elise Keller, President
2002–03

Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association

¶1 The Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association kicked off an active year with its annual opening reception, sponsored by George T. Bisel Law Publishers and held at the Union League of Philadelphia. In November, GPLLA sponsored a program on the “Hidden Web,” presented by Dan Giancaterino of Jenkins Law Library. Next was the annual holiday party, sponsored by LexisNexis, where the membership enjoyed terrific food, company, and spectacular views of the city from the fiftieth floor of the Bell Atlantic Tower. In late February and early March, we held a five-week program of legal research classes for paraprofessionals. Attendance doubled from last year. The First Friday Brown-Bag luncheons continued this year, with a monthly roundtable discussion held at one of the local law libraries. Finally, we wrapped up the year with the annual institute and business meeting, which was held in Harrisburg and generously sponsored by Thomson/West. The institute topic was “Life in the Fast Lane,” a Thomson University presentation. The luncheon speaker was Barbara Bintliff, past president of AALL.

¶2 One of GPLLA’s major accomplishments this year was the adoption of the Anna Blackiston Day School, an elementary school in the Philadelphia School District. Due to severe cutbacks, many Philadelphia schools have had to do without libraries and librarians. Through Philadelphia Reads, a program set up by the mayor’s office, professional groups throughout the city have been matched with elementary schools to establish tutoring programs, book drives, and partnerships to further literacy. GPLLA and the principal, teachers, students, and parents of A. B. Day hope to work together to rebuild the library. This partnership resulted from two years of successful book drives at all GPLLA social events.

¶3 We look forward to many more successful years!

Kristin A. Foster, President
2002–03

Houston Area Law Librarians

¶1 HALL's fall seminar in September featured three LexisNexis representatives who spoke about emergency computer repair, demonstrated nifty new software and computer gadgets, and took us on a whirlwind tour of sixty Web sites in sixty minutes.

¶2 Our HALLiday party was held on December 18 at the Fred Parks Law Library of South Texas College of Law. The top floor of the library boasts a lovely balcony with a beautiful view of downtown Houston. We enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and each other's company.

¶3 In March, HALL presented its spring seminar on legal research on the Internet to seventy or so attendees from all walks of librarianship. This has been a popular seminar for us in the past, and for the foreseeable future HALL will continue to focus on Internet legal research, although the specific topics may change.

¶4 Continuing education topics presented at the monthly meetings included stress management, financial planning for women, professional development for law librarians, and petroleum/energy research resources on the Web.

¶5 In April, AALL President Carol Avery Nicholson visited Houston. In addition to addressing HALL at the regular monthly meeting, she visited several local law libraries, including the O'Quinn Law Library at the University of Houston Law Center. In June 2001, when tropical storm Allison hit Houston, O'Quinn suffered the worst natural disaster in the history of AALL. Twelve feet of water filled the library's lower level; the library lost 175,000 books, 4000 cubic feet of archival materials, and 1.2 million microfiche. Recovery has been amazing—the \$42 million Albertus project will replace the library's losses in four years. Everyone in HALL enjoyed hearing Carol talk about issues currently facing AALL and law librarians in general, and professed themselves charmed by her graceful, easygoing manner and her passion for the profession. Carol professed herself charmed by the Magnolia Hotel in downtown Houston, which in turn charmed the heck out of HALL as we are hosting SWALL's annual meeting in 2004 at the Magnolia.

¶6 May was a busy month. Largely as a result of Carol Avery Nicholson's speech at the April meeting, HALL members approved a motion from the board to commit a \$5000 donation to the George Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment. Barbara Szalkowski was presented with the 2003 HALL Volunteer of the Year Award. Barbara is the first recipient of the award and was the only person nominated (by several people)—she has edited and published (and sometimes written, by herself) the HALL newsletter for ten years and is absolutely indispensable to the organization. If she quits, it's over.

¶7 Lastly, HALL elected its new board members for 2003–04: Bethany Bletsch, President; Trisha Fabugais, Vice President/President-Elect; Kim Serna, Secretary; Caren Luckie, Treasurer; Holly Watson, Past President; and Maggie Crowley and Mariann Sears, members-at-large.

Holly Watson, President
2002–03

Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin

¶1 LLAW's twentieth-anniversary year was celebratory and productive, and through the efforts of the Membership Committee, chaired by Carol Schmitt, membership increased from 97 to 110. Highlights included an anniversary celebration complete with cake, recognition of all charter members, and a special chapter history booklet compiled by Patricia Ellingson; and a chapter visit by AALL President Carol Avery Nicholson, which included tours of the Wisconsin State Law Library and Foley & Lardner's offices and library in Madison, and Marquette University Law Library in Milwaukee.

¶2 The Program Committee, cochaired by Ted Potter and Bonnie Shucha, arranged four well-attended chapter meetings. UW Law School Professor Anuj Desai spoke on copyright and its implications for libraries in light of current digital technologies; AALL President Nicholson discussed recent and upcoming AALL activities and events; Jane Colwin, Melissa Kaszynski, and Paula Seeger of the Wisconsin State Law Library and Dane County Law Library, and Chief Judge Michael Nowakowski, Dane County Circuit Court, told of their successful efforts to save the Dane County Law Library from unexpected elimination from the county budget; and Janine Geske, interim dean at Marquette University Law School and former Wisconsin Supreme Court justice, spoke about her career, highlighting the importance of the legal system to the poor, the significance of mediation, and the Restorative Justice program.

¶3 Other LLAW committees were also busy this year. Government Relations Chair Heidi Yelk prepared the Wisconsin portion of the AALL Permanent Public Access Project. The Grants Committee, chaired by Jane Colwin, awarded AALL conference grants to Virginia Meier, Kira Zaporski, and incoming President Bonnie Shucha, and a local professional development grant to Paula Seeger. The Newsletter Committee, cochaired by Bev Butula, Mary Koshollek, and Jim Mumm, implemented full electronic distribution of the *LLAW Newsletter*. The Public Access to Legal Information Committee, chaired by Sunil Rao, revised the LLAW's *Introduction to Legal Materials*, a manual for nonlaw librarians. Public Relations Chair Laura Olsen Dugan coordinated LLAW's activities table in the AALL Exhibit Hall in Orlando and oversaw the activities of our library school liaisons. Several members represented the chapter at the UW-Madison School of Library and Information Studies special libraries career fair. The Website Committee, chaired by Amy Anderson, oversaw the transition of the site from Washburn to the AALL server, and developed a permission policy for posting member photographs.

¶4 Two special committees were created this year. The Special Committee on Digitizing Wisconsin Administrative Code Superseded Pages, chaired by Rebecca Schultz, has just begun exploring that endeavor, and through the Special Committees on Articles, chaired by Carol Bannen, member-authored articles on legal research are now appearing regularly in the *Wisconsin Lawyer* and *Wisconsin Law Journal*. Several LLAW members also wrote articles appearing in AALL

Spectrum and *Law Library Journal*, including Bonnie Shucha's "The Circle of Life: Managing a Law Library Web Site Redesign Project," which won a 2002 AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Award.

¶5 LLAW officers for 2003–04 are Bonnie Shucha, President; Ted Potter, Vice President/President-Elect; Connie Von Der Heide, Past President; Diane Duffey, Secretary; and Patricia Ellingson, Treasurer.

Connie Von Der Heide, President
2002–03

Law Librarians of New England

¶1 The Law Librarians of New England continued to excel in all its endeavors, largely due to the energy and dedication of its members. Thanks to the contributions of Joan Shear and Christine Swan, LLNE received the 2002 AALL Comprehensive Chapter Professional Development Award for its Introduction to Legal Research course. Past presidents Cathy Breen and Darcy Kirk were selected to be cochairs of the AALL Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee for Boston 2004.

¶2 Northeastern University Law Library superbly hosted the fall 2002 LLNE meeting in Boston. "As You Learn It or The Librarians' Lesson in Two Acts" entertained and instructed with techniques for learning, teaching, and training in a very memorable and well-presented program.

¶3 LLNE, along with NELLCO, SNELLA, Suffolk University Law Library, Yale Law School Lillian Goldman Library, cosponsored the December 2002 satellite teleconference on "Safeguarding Our Patrons' Privacy: What Every Librarian Needs to Know about the USA PATRIOT Act and Related Anti-Terrorism Measures" for law and other librarians throughout New England and the United States. This program was a joint program presented by ALA, AALL, ARL, MLA, and SLA.

¶4 Suffolk University Law Library magnificently hosted the spring 2003 meeting on "Digital Libraries: Realities, Myths and Misconceptions" in Boston. Within the context of a digital world, the meeting covered such topics as the future of microforms, copyright and fair use, and virtual reference. Representative authors, professors, publishers, and law and nonlaw librarians presented the outstanding programs.

¶5 The committees, officers, and members were especially active and productive this year. The Service Committee, chaired by Stephanie Burke, provided outlets for members to participate in prison book programs, outside improvement projects along the Charles and Connecticut rivers, the fund-raising Walk for Hunger, donations for the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship, recruiting library school students to law librarianship, and other volunteer efforts. Raquel Ortiz, chair of the Communications Committee, and Michelle Pearse and John Pedini, newsletter co-editors, published updated Web site and newsletter material, includ-

ing a new photo release form and a revised LLNE brochure. Assisting in these efforts were Susan Drisko, incoming education director and layout editor; David Turkalo, outgoing Public Relations chair; Diane Murley, former layout editor; Susan M. Farago, business manager; and Deanna Barmakian, copy editor. Pat Newcombe and Nancy Johnson transitioned the discussion list to a new server. Susan C. Sullivan stewarded several scholarships for the benefit of several LLNE members and turned this worthy function over to Margaret Cianfarini. Megan Carey, Cathy Breen, and Kelly Browne, chairs of the Public Relations, Membership Development, and Government Relations committees respectively, round out the activity of our organization. Cynthia Landau, treasurer, provided the financial means for LLNE to conduct its business.

¶6 The Nominating Committee, chaired by Ann DeVeaux, Lynn Randall, and Cornelia Trubey, admirably selected an excellent slate of new officers. The members of the executive board for 2003–04 are Susan C. Sullivan, President; Raquel Ortiz, Vice President/President-Elect; Michael Hughes, Past President; Jeannine Uppgard, Secretary; Juliana Hayden, Treasurer; and Maureen Quinlan and Susan Drisko, Education Directors.

Michael Hughes, President
2002–03

Law Librarians of Puget Sound

¶1 LLOPS celebrated the completion of its thirteenth year at its annual business meeting on June 25, 2003. Jan Lawrence was installed as the new president, along with Vice President/President-Elect Richard Jost and Treasurer Catherine Horan.

¶2 A very creative program committee treated LLOPS members this year to such interesting programs as visual communication, introducing the U/W I-School, and a four-person panel on library design. Our most popular monthly meeting continued to be the Internet SIG meeting, held in May. This year it focused on law library intranets and the amazing customization options libraries have deployed to make them useful for their institutions. The LLOPS Spring Workshop in March was a very successful (and profitable) event titled “Communication on the Fly: Making Your Point in Half the Time.” A professional workshop leader led participants through writing exercises and taught techniques for a successful thirty second elevator conversation.

¶3 Because the AALL Annual Meeting was held in Seattle this year, most members served on at least one AALL local arrangements subcommittee. Due to this extra service, a few LLOPS committees were not staffed, including the newsletter committee. However, the chapter carried on most of its usual business. Grants were awarded to Sue Bellevue (CONELL registration and AALL newer member grant), and Monica Donovan and Kristin Henderson (AALL registrations). Sue Bellevue, our Government Relations Committee member, had her hands full reporting on the massive cutbacks affecting Washington State libraries.

Membership held steady at 136 people, all of whom were pleased to welcome AALL to Seattle.

Jill Allyn, President
2002–03

Law Librarians Society of Washington, D.C.

¶1 LLSDC officially started the 2002–03 year on October 3, 2002, with its Opening Breakfast. This was the first of three societywide meetings that are held each year, and it gave members a chance to meet committee chairs and catch up with colleagues in an informal setting. A special treat at this event was a reading of “Catalog of Woes,” a short story by society member and author Mindy Klasky that will be published in a forthcoming anthology. Thanks to LexisNexis and its Librarian Relations Group for the sponsorship of this event.

¶2 The Town Meeting, the society’s annual business meeting, was held March 19, 2003. We were fortunate to have both Anne Matthewman, AALL treasurer, and Susan Fox, AALL executive director, attend and give members insight into the workings of the Association. The third of our societywide meetings, the Closing Banquet, was held May 19, 2003. Dean Olsher, host of syndicated radio program “Next Big Thing,” was the guest speaker. Thanks to West, Washington Document Service, William S. Hein & Company, and Emerald for their contributions to this event.

¶3 The society’s SISs and committees held many programs, seminars, and social events throughout the year. Highlights of the Education Committee activities included a program on AACR2, a workshop on treaties and treaty documents, and the annual Legal Research Institute. The Private Law Librarians SIS was also busy with educational programs, including one on library orientations for new attorneys, and social events, including ice skating, book readings, and Scrabble tournaments. The Foreign and International SIS offered many programs on international research and a half-day program on Free Trade and Economic Integration in Asia. The Legislative SIS hosted its annual Welcome Back Congress party as well as a program showcasing Web sites for interesting and unusual sources of legislative information.

¶4 LLSDC members were also busy in the publishing department. Jennifer Korpacz and Tricia Peavler, editor and assistant editor, produced four excellent issues of *Law Library Lights*, the chapter’s newsletter. LLSDC also published a supplement to the *Union List of Legislative Histories*.

¶5 LLSDC sponsored programs with other library societies. In February we attempted several times to hold a program with VALL on information overload, but what seemed like constant snow falls prevented that from actually happening after many valiant attempts to change the date. In April, we cosponsored the Joint Spring Workshop with DCLA, DC-SLA, and FLICC, focusing on the topic of ownership of media.

¶6 Lastly, it is my pleasure to announce that Scott Larson will serve as president in 2003–04, and Steve Mellin as vice president/president-elect.

Lisa Harrington, President
2002–03

Law Libraries Association of Alabama

¶1 LLAA enjoyed another exciting and productive year that was highlighted by two well-attended meetings. Finances and participation remain strong as we continue to focus on providing quality educational programs and statewide networking opportunities.

¶2 Our fall 2002 meeting, held at the state Judicial Building in Montgomery and graciously hosted by Tim Lewis and the staff of the Alabama Supreme Court Library, included an outstanding slate of educational offerings. Jerry Bassett, director of the Alabama Legislative Reference Service, spoke at length about Alabama local legislation and the migration of the LRS's *Local Laws Index* to an electronic format. He also solicited members' opinions on UCITA in his capacity as the state's representative to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. For our second program, John Hightower moderated an insightful and highly entertaining panel discussion on problem patrons. Panel members included Penny Gibson, Linda Hand, Virginia Hare, and Lori Martin.

¶3 Becky Clapp and her staff generously provided support for our spring meeting at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham. Again, the efforts of our programming committee proved the highlight of the meeting. Helen Mellett Walker and Rhoda Fleisig gave a stirring presentation on marketing the law library that traced the similarities between law libraries and shopping malls. Creighton Miller presented a program on education for law librarianship.

¶4 New officers for 2003–04 are Creighton Miller, President; Becky Clapp, Vice President/President-Elect; and Ruth Weeks, Secretary. Gary Lewis will continue to serve as Treasurer.

Creighton J. Miller, Jr., Vice President/President-Elect
2002–03

Law Library Association of Greater New York

¶1 The Law Library Association of Greater New York is working toward a milestone birthday. On November 17, 2003, LLAGNY will celebrate its sixty-fifth anniversary! On that date in 1938, eleven law librarians volunteered their time and energy to found the association. Sixty-five years later, those librarians who volunteer their time and energy are still empowering LLAGNY. No thoughts of retirement for this sixty-five-year-old; 2002–03 will go down forever in LLAGNY annals as the "Year of the Volunteer."

¶2 What did volunteers do for LLAGNY this year? In September, LLAGNY and SLA joined forces to present "Loss and Recovery: Librarians Bear Witness to

September 11, 2001,” an ALA-produced documentary that chronicled the personal stories of librarians who were simply doing their jobs on that tragic day. In October, the ever-popular evening at the Manhattan Chili Company, aka the “Fall Soiree,” was a roaring success due to the hard work of our Special Events Committee, Jill Gray and Tom Tatarian. In November, Ralph Monaco, who besides being our Public Relations cochair also happens to be the director of library services at New York County Lawyers’ Association, generously opened attendance to the NYCLA’s three-hour basic legal research course to LLAGNY members. We thank both Ralph and the NYCLA for their collaboration in making this learning opportunity available to LLAGNY members. In January, the Education Committee was at it again with its program “Notary Law: How to Become a Notary Public.” In March, the Education Committee presented “International and Foreign Law Series: Introduction to European Union Research” at Fordham University Law School.

¶3 The LLAGNY educational program that has been running longer than most Broadway shows is “Bridge the Gap.” This annual legal research program for law students planning to be summer associates or interns celebrated its tenth year in March 2003 with a day-long seminar hosted by Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson. Ralph Monaco was the emcee, and the day could not have existed without the efforts and commitment of the MCLE Committee, cochairs Patricia A. Kasting and Sandra Deane, and many other volunteers (there’s that word again). In April, the Student Relations Committee, chaired by Megan Von Behren, sponsored the annual Student Luncheon and Law Library Tours. The tours were conducted at two law firms, Debevoise & Plimpton and Schulte Roth & Zabel. Also in April, many LLAGNY volunteers participated in the SLA New York Chapter “Career Day 2003” to impart their valuable knowledge and experience to attendees who were examining different aspects of library and information management careers. “Collaboration and the Web: The Wiki, Blog, and Webboard” might have been a “blog” of confusion without the expertise and humor of Technology Committee Chairs Sarah Kagen and Sharon Lai, who coordinated and presented this successful program in May.

¶4 In a fitting ending to an active year, the June Dinner was one in which volunteers were fully recognized. AALL Executive Board member Karl T. Gruben presented his vision of legal research education in his talk to those in attendance. A special pro bono award was presented to Sylvia Siegel in recognition of her work in legal research for those truly in need. We know of no one more deserving of this award. Marty Needleman gave a moving speech on her behalf during the presentation.

¶5 We are pleased to announce our incoming officers for 2003–04: June Berger, President; David Merkin, Vice President/President-Elect; Alma De Jesus, Immediate Past President; Patricia A. Kasting, Secretary; Patricia E. Barbone, Treasurer; and board members Toni L. Aiello, Karen I. Heusel, Andrew Tschinkel, Kimberly N. Council, and John W. Lai.

¶6 Once again, thanks and appreciation to all those LLAGNY volunteers whose contributions fueled the programs this past year, who so readily answered the ever-present call of “LLAGNY Wants You!” which, more importantly, could not exist without you.

Alma De Jesus, President
2002–03

Law Library Association of Maryland

¶1 After the twentieth-anniversary hoopla for the Law Library Association of Maryland subsided, work quickly began on our second score of years. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our previous president, Elizabeth Rhodes, LLAM was in a much improved financial state to begin my term as president. Nevertheless, cost was always in our minds as we planned activities for 2002–03.

¶2 Jim Gernert, vice president and program chair, provided a full slate of educational programs and two outstanding soirees. The year’s first program, “Tech Tips and Browser Hints,” dealt with the latest in content management and effective use of Internet browsers. In October, LLAM visited the newly renovated University of Maryland Thurgood Marshall Law Library in Baltimore. Library Director Barbara Gontrom discussed the challenges of building a new library as well as demonstrating some of its innovative features.

¶3 The LLAM holiday party was held at the Baltimore Public Works Museum at the Baltimore Harbor. We held our second annual silent auction, providing everyone with a chance to get last-minute holiday gifts and also help LLAM raise some much needed funds.

¶4 In January, LLAM members gathered to view the ALA video about the experiences of librarians who were at or near the site of ground zero on September 11, 2001. LLAM purchased a copy of this video, and it is available to other groups for viewing. LLAM’s February program starred Avery Aisenstark, director of the Baltimore City Department of Legislative Reference, who explained new developments related to the Baltimore city code online. In March, members tried to “Brush Up on Our Business Research Skills” with Lucy Holman, assistant head of reference at the University of Baltimore’s Langsdale Library. The program year ended on a truly high note with a collaboration with the Maryland State Law Library titled “A Brief History of Law Libraries.” We were privileged to have Shelley Dowling, librarian of the court for the Supreme Court of the United States, as our speaker.

¶5 With the exceptional assistance of a brand-new LLAM member, Scott Lindsey-Stevens, we were able to produce three newsletter issues this year. This is quite a time-consuming task, but Scott jumped in and got the printing presses moving. We salute him for his patience and dedication. Kathie Sweeney, in her second year as LLAM treasurer, did her usual outstanding job. Also kudos to Andy Zimmerman for taking the reins as secretary of LLAM. Besides being the note taker at board meetings, he was also the election purveyor.

¶6 I want to mention all the other committee chairs and board members without whom I would have been up the proverbial creek without that paddle. They are our LLAM Archivist, Beverly Rubenstein; Jean Hessenauer, captain of Membership; Janet Camillo, Placement chair; Anne Morrison, Public Relations chair; and Sue Edmondson and Carol Mundorf, board members. I want to thank all LLAM members for their support in making this year a success.

¶7 Lastly, I would be remiss in not mentioning the retirement of two longtime members, Kai-Yun Chiu and Emily Greenberg. They have served LLAM well over the years, Kai-Yun as president *twice*, and Emily as cochair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the the 1997 AALL Annual Meeting in Baltimore.

¶8 With great pleasure, I pass the president's gavel to new President Jim Gernert who will take us to even greater heights.

Ruth A. Hodgson, President
2002–03

Michigan Association of Law Libraries

¶1 The Michigan Association of Law Libraries had another successful year. Although the membership level has remained relatively constant, MichALL has been able to attract a number of student members by offering free membership during the time they are enrolled in library school. Four executive board meetings provided us with the opportunity to conduct our day-to-day business and address some of the long-standing issues an organization of our small size and scattered membership faces. Discussions on attracting a wider variety of members, reaching out to subsets of our current membership, and dealing with the impact of technology on our organization were regular topics. However, the most dramatic accomplishments may have been the revitalization of our newsletter in an electronic format and the shift of our statewide electronic discussion list to the AALL mainframe.

¶2 Our annual meeting took place May 16, 2003, at the newly opened Michigan Hall of Justice, new home to the state supreme court, court of appeals, and the state court of appeals library. Entitled "Minimize Today, Envision Tomorrow," the daylong program centered on what libraries are doing to prepare for legal researchers of tomorrow. Speakers from a firm library, an undergraduate library, and a special library presented an array of possibilities about what libraries of the future may look like. Participants had the opportunity to share their current experiences and ask questions. The day ended with a behind-the-scenes tour of the dramatic facility that has pulled together all the appellate courts in the state for the first time in history.

¶3 Once again at the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle, MichALL members joined with ORALL members to network and create new connections. A \$1000 travel grant allowed one of our new members to attend AALL for the first time and experience the value of what the Association can do for its members. As MichALL

continues to evolve, its outreach to members and new membership groups will play a vital role in the success of the organization.

Duane Strojny, President
2002–03

Mid-America Association of Law Libraries

¶1 “Making the Connection” was the theme of this year’s MAALL annual meeting. It was held November 7–9, 2002, in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, as a joint meeting with the Chicago Association of Law Libraries. The program of concurrent sessions included topics spanning many areas of the library including foreign and international legal research, marketing, recent cataloging changes, and several aspects of technology. Bob Berring spoke at the opening lunch and Dr. Leigh Estabrook, dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois, gave a plenary presentation comparing library education today with that of thirty years ago. The program was enriched with presentations by several local library school faculty members and by an introduction to the rare books collection at the University of Illinois Law School Library. In addition to having MAALL’s own Janis Johnston serve as our AALL chapter visitor, we were fortunate to have Susan Fox, the brand-new AALL executive director as our guest.

¶2 Events in the spring and summer of 2002 took a toll on MAALL officers. First the vice president/president-elect, then the treasurer, and finally the president resigned for a variety of reasons. Janet McKinney was appointed as treasurer, and Susan Goldner, appointed as vice president, moved into the president’s slot. After the November elections, Kay Andrus became vice president/president-elect and Charlie Condon became secretary. All the officers and a few committee chairs met for a planning session prior to the annual meeting.

¶3 MAALL adopted an archives policy to guide retention of chapter records. We discontinued publication of the directory in printed form. The online directory resides in the newly formed members-only section of the MAALL Web site.

¶4 Some of the MAALL committees were reorganized. Both the Resource Sharing Committee and the VIP Selection Committee were discontinued as standing committees. Their tasks will be handled by the board or by ad hoc committees as needed. The Directory Committee was discontinued since the directory is now on the Web. Instead, the treasurer and webmaster will work together to produce the online directory. The secretary, who was in charge of the directory, is now chairing the Archives Committee and will be responsible for maintaining the physical and online archives. The Pro Bono Committee was renamed the Service to the Public Committee to give it a broader focus. A new group, the Government Relations Committee, will monitor proposed federal and state legislation that affects law libraries and will make recommendations for appropriate responses.

¶5 MAALL awarded travel grants of \$300 to four members who used them to attend the Champaign-Urbana meeting. In addition, six library graduate students

received free one-day registrations. As part of an AALL program, we awarded a full, free registration for the Seattle Annual Meeting to a one of our members.

Susan Goldner, President
2002–03

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries

¶1 MALL focused on education during 2002–03. The fall education and business meeting featured speakers on the art of negotiation. At the winter meeting we welcomed AALL Secretary Catherine Lemann and heard speakers discuss the use of online legal databases other than LexisNexis and WestLaw. The spring all-day meeting offered a plethora of speakers on everything from the state of libraries in Minnesota to the status of unpublished decisions.

¶2 But two educational efforts stood out. MALL President-Elect Vicente Garces coordinated the MALL Legal Research Institute. This institute is offered every two to three years and features a series of classes for new law librarians, public librarians, students, and anyone else who might be interested. It is the premier educational offering of the association, and this year's institute was no exception.

¶3 The second effort was an LSTA Grant Project shepherded from application to conclusion by Aimee Blatz. This grant funded a series of workshops titled "Legal Research@Your Library" and was targeted toward public librarians in Minnesota. Workshops were offered around the state (Wadena, St. Cloud, Austin, and Mankato) and were led by AALL (and former MALL) member Paul Healey. The workshops addressed how to handle legal reference questions in a public library setting, how legal materials are organized, and what legal information is freely available on the Internet. Not only were they well attended and well received, but the project has opened the door for MALL to participate in a Gates Foundation Grant to deliver workshops in spring 2004. These workshops will be directed toward libraries that have received Gates Foundation computers and will focus on Internet legal research.

¶4 This year MALL awarded its first scholarship to library school student Sheri Brenden. The Awards and Grants Committee also set a new precedent by awarding all available grant money to this year's applicants.

¶5 Finally, MALL officially voted longtime members Marvin Anderson, Ann Carter, and Nancy McCormick to life membership. We thank them and the many active members of MALL for their unfailing service to the association and the law librarianship profession.

Karen Westwood, President
2002–03

New Jersey Law Librarians Association

¶1 NJLLA's fifteenth year was extremely productive. The association began the year by establishing a new Technology Committee to replace the Special Committee on Electronic Publications that had been formed to determine how

NJLLA would transition from print to electronic publication of its important documents (e.g., newsletter, membership directory, union list, etc.). This new standing committee has already outsourced the creation of a new association Web site and overseen the newsletter from the print *NJLLA In Brief* to the electronic *NJLLA In-Site*.

¶2 The Program and Outreach Education committees were as busy as ever. Throughout the year, the former offered members approximately eight educational opportunities, including a presentation by Dr. Yvonne Chandler from the University of North Texas, School of Library and Information Science, on librarianship and the PATRIOT Act; a lecture by Rutgers-SCILS Professor Ross Todd on evidence-based practice in law librarianship; Thomson University's "Life in the Fast Lane"; and a program titled "Rediscovering Newark: Legal Center and Literary Landmark" held at the Newark Public Library during the NJLLA annual meeting. The Outreach Education Committee offered the following programs to the legal and librarian communities: the twelfth annual "Bridge the Gap," a legal research program for law school students embarking on their summer associate positions; "Basic Legal Research," a one-day program geared toward paralegals and nonlawyer librarians; and, for the first time, "Legal Reference for Public Librarians," a one-day program presented to the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative to educate public librarians on the basics of legal reference and research.

¶3 NJLLA made great strides with publicity this year. Several events were written about or advertised in local legal and librarian newspapers. The publicity chair established contacts with many members of the media, both legal and nonlegal. And, most important, several NJLLA members were interviewed for and quoted in a *Star-Ledger* (the major New Jersey nonlegal newspaper) article about libraries transitioning from print to electronic resources.

¶4 The Government and Legal Affairs Committee began talks this year with the New Jersey governor's office in an attempt to require that all state agencies make their regulations and opinions available free of charge on the Internet. Given current publishing contract issues, the state was not in a position to grant the request. Further talks are planned, and the committee will continue to pursue this worthwhile cause.

¶5 NJLLA ended the year with its annual meeting. Aside from the aforementioned presentation about the history of the Newark Public Library, NJLLA was honored to host and hear from AALL Board member Sally Holterhoff, who offered members guidance and support from national headquarters. At the end of the meeting, outgoing President Emma Williams turned over leadership of the association to incoming President Stephanie Fox Pierson.

Emma Williams, President
2002–03

New Orleans Association of Law Librarians

¶1 The 2002–03 year for NOALL members included education, outreach, and fun!

¶2 The October meeting, held at the Law Library of Louisiana, featured a presentation by Herb Cihak titled “Books, Bytes and Budgets: Acquisition Considerations for the 21st Century.” Mark Fernandez, associate professor of Early American and Southern History, Loyola University, New Orleans, spoke at the November meeting about his upcoming book on the life of Edward Livingston, a lawyer and congressman who helped shape the legal system in Louisiana.

¶3 Library students in the graduate program at Louisiana State University were the focus of the February program, cosponsored by the Baton Rouge Area Association of Law Libraries. The students were the guests of NOALL for the day in New Orleans, beginning with breakfast at the Law Library of Louisiana. Members of the library staff described their various duties, and then the students were given a tour of the library. AALL Secretary Catherine Lemann spoke about the advantages and opportunities of AALL membership and encouraged the students to join. NOALL members and their guests then gathered at the Jones, Walker law firm for lunch, followed by a panel discussion featuring Tina Gambrell, director of the Jones, Walker library; Anne Middleton of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Library; and Katie Nachod of Tulane University. They shared with students the challenges faced by law librarians in different settings.

¶4 The annual business meeting was held in May for the primary purpose of electing new officers. The officers for the 2003–04 year are Elizabeth Moore, President; Trina Robinson, Vice President/President-Elect; and Adrienne Gilmore, Secretary. Georgia Chadwick continues her two-year term as treasurer. Catherine Lemann served as the AALL chapter visitor at the meeting, reporting on AALL’s plans for the future. The membership agreed to donate \$1000 to the George A. Strait Scholarship Fund. Carol Billings announced that a NOALL scholarship had been awarded to Miriam Childs of the Law Library of Louisiana to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle.

¶5 In other matters, the NOALL Web site was updated this year, thanks to the efforts of webmaster Brian Huddleston. Beginning this year, NOALL dues will be collected in the spring instead of in the fall to assist the executive board in planning programs and providing scholarships.

¶6 2003 marks the twentieth anniversary of the founding of NOALL. The members are looking forward to a celebration next fall as well as to the next twenty years!

Denise Uzee, President
2002–03

Northern California Association of Law Libraries

¶1 NOCALL members were saddened by the loss of two longtime members this year, Beverly Lipton and Lydia Freeman.

¶2 The year began with the traditional joint reception of the three California chapters at the AALL Annual Meeting in Orlando. West Group generously underwrote the cost of the event.

¶3 In September, the incoming board met for lunch to become better acquainted with each other. The business meeting followed at Santa Clara University. During the fall months, the Academic Relations Committee, chaired by Karen Lutke, coordinated several career days at the local library schools, including one held in conjunction with SLA.

¶4 The January luncheon and business meeting were held at the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco. In addition to the usual business, representatives from West Group, which sponsored the event, described the upcoming "Life in the Fast Lane" workshop planned in conjunction with the Joint California Institute.

¶5 In addition to coordinating the annual Legislative Day in Sacramento, the Government Relations committees of the three California chapters (with Michelle Finerty chairing NOCALL's group) and the California Council of County Law Libraries were very busy this year, successfully fending off legislation that would have damaged funding for county law libraries and monitoring other bills that affected public law libraries. The coalition has been very effective and will continue to work together in the future.

¶6 The First Tri-Chapter California Institute (NOCALL, SANDALL, and SCALL) was held March 13–15, 2003, in San Luis Obispo, with approximately 170 attendees. Our AALL Executive Board visitors were Past President Barbara Bintliff and Associate Washington Affairs Representative Mary Alice Baish. Programs covered a broad range of topics related to change and professional challenges, including a panel discussion on effective lobbying techniques.

¶7 In May, the business meeting was in Old Town Sacramento at the Rio City Café on the river, following a luncheon sponsored by the Daily Journal. The NOCALL Professional Achievement Award was given to Mary Ann Parker of the California Water Resources Department, a charter member who has made many contributions to NOCALL over the years. NOCALL's new officers were sworn in by the Honorable David DeAlba of the Sacramento County Superior Court: Susanne Pierce Dyer, President; Tina Dumas, Vice President; Jackie Grossman, Treasurer; Diane Rodriguez, Secretary; Eric Wade and Wynne Dobyns, board members-at-large; and Ellen Platt, Past President.

¶8 Over the year the board spent much time and energy on issues related to budget and the association's monetary health, efforts that paid off in a sleeker treasury and a better awareness of spending habits and income at the end of the fiscal year.

¶9 Finally, my heartfelt thanks to the members who volunteered to serve NOCALL this past year as committee members and chairs. My special thanks to those folks who served on the board, particularly outgoing board members Sue Welsh, Erin Murphy, Yvonne Boyer, and Coral Henning.

Ellen Platt, President
2002–03

Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries

¶1 ORALL and MichALL continued the tradition of holding a joint chapter event at the AALL Annual Meeting with a luncheon, subsidized in part by ORALL, on July 23, 2003, at the Peabody Hotel in Orlando. Forty-five attended, thirty-eight ORALL members and seven MichALL members.

¶2 ORALL held its fifty-third annual meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Akron, Ohio, on October 16–18, 2003. There were 109 persons representing fifty-three libraries in attendance. The Education Committee, chaired by Beth Langton, planned the conference around the theme, “The Challenge of Change.” Programs included sessions on business etiquette, job transitioning, effective listening, group dynamics, managing change, accounting research, foreign law resources, and investment and retirement options. The speakers were Dick Blake, Janis Johnston, Sandra Yancey, Tracy Fitzpatrick, Andrew Dorchak, and Martin Wiesberg. The Local Arrangements Committee was cochaired by Rosemarie Chrisant and Roberta Robertson. The Opening Reception was held at the National Inventors Hall of Fame, and members enjoyed a performance by the highly acclaimed and widely recognized University of Akron Steel Drum Band. AALL Executive Board member Karl Gruben spoke briefly about issues of concern to AALL during the luncheon.

¶3 The new ORALL executive board for 2002–03 was installed at the meeting in Akron: Beth A. Langton, President; Suzanne F. Young, Vice President/President-Elect; Miriam Murphy, Secretary; Thomas Hanley, Treasurer; Ellen M. Quinn, Immediate Past President; and Kurt Metzmeier and Marcus L. Hochstetler, executive board members.

¶4 The ORALL archives, which are housed at Ohio State University’s law library, were assessed, organized, and indexed. In an effort to further improve the organization’s institutional memory, ORALL is collecting materials from past officers for placement in the archives.

¶5 ORALL awarded four scholarships to help defray the costs for attendance at the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting. Four scholarships were also awarded to members for attendance at the 2002 ORALL Annual Meeting. In March 2003, ORALL made a \$1000 donation to the George Strait Minority Scholarship. The ORALL Membership Committee sent letters to the deans of regional library schools to encourage students to apply for the scholarship.

¶6 Members were given the option to receive the *ORALL Newsletter* electronically. The newsletter is being distributed electronically to 136 members and 75 nonmembers. Over the course of a year, the anticipated savings in printing and postage costs is \$1500.

¶7 In April 2003, the ORALL Government Relations Committee discovered that the language for H.B. 145, the Electronic Government Services Act, was included in the State Budget Bill (Am. Sub. H.B. 95). H.B. 145, as it stated, would “prohibit a government agency from providing duplicative or competing electronic commerce services with the private sector . . . unless the government agency complies with procedures established by the Act.” Concerned that this legislation was

not in the interest of either the state or the public and would be very detrimental to the free flow of government information upon which our democracy is based, ORALL promptly wrote letters to the leadership in Ohio, as did AALL, to urge their support in removing the amendment from the budget bill. As of this writing, Am. Sub. H.B. 95 and H.B. 145 are still viable, but the language for H.B. 145 is no longer included in Am. Sub. H.B. 95.

Beth A. Langton, President
2002–03

San Diego Area Law Libraries

¶1 In its fifth year as an official AALL chapter, SANDALL maintained an active and ambitious schedule of educational and social programs.

¶2 This year SANDALL membership grew to ninety-nine members. The board for 2002–03 included Tracey Pardo, President; Sushila Selness, Vice President; Sheila Corman, Secretary; Owen Smith, Treasurer; and Mary Garcia, Past President.

¶3 The big issue the chapter faced this year was a review of the bylaws and reworking of some parts to better reflect the changes in membership. The proposed changes failed to obtain the two-thirds vote necessary to pass, so for the foreseeable future the bylaws will remain unchanged.

¶4 SANDALL had a very energetic and hardworking program committee this year. The highlight this year was the Joint Institute held in San Luis Obispo. For the first time ever, the institute involved all three AALL chapters in California—NOCALL, SCALL, and SANDALL. Another important activity was a silent auction held in conjunction with the Spring Social. It raised quite a bit of money, enabling SANDALL to award a grant to one member to cover the cost of registration for this year's AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle. Special thanks to Sushila Selness who did a remarkable job putting on programs and activities in a tough economic climate.

¶5 SANDALL's liaison to the AALL Government Relations Committee, Joan Allen Hart, kept us informed this year regarding several legislative issues. In collaboration with other organizations in California, letters were sent to California Governor Gray Davis to ask him to veto AB 2648, which he did, thereby saving funding for the San Diego Public Law Library and avoiding setting a terrible precedent for other public law libraries.

¶6 The new executive board for 2003–04 consists of Liz Carroll, President; Laurel Moran, Vice President; Sheila Corman, Secretary; and Nanna Frye, Treasurer.

¶7 I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to SANDALL's executive board, committee chairs, members, and volunteers who give of their time to keep our organization running. It was an honor and a pleasure serving as your president.

Tracey M. Pardo, President
2002–03

South Florida Association of Law Libraries

¶1 For the 2002–03 year, Lisa Smith-Butler became SFALL’s twenty-sixth president, while Janet Reinke served as outgoing president. Liz Chifari was elected vice president/president-elect. and Katherine Rosin became treasurer. Patricia Pardo completed her two-year term as secretary.

¶2 SFALL Program Committee Chair Monica Wilson ensured that a variety of interesting programs were scheduled for the year, beginning with two meetings in October. SFALL joined with the Florida State, Court and County Libraries for a daylong workshop in Fort Lauderdale presented by Rita Vine and titled “Working Faster, Working Smarter.” Later in the month, a meeting was held at the Miami Dade County Law Library with Robert Riger providing information about the services offered by the library and a tour of the facilities.

¶3 In December, the annual holiday party was held at Sundays in Key Biscayne. In February, Bloomberg Financial Services provided a demonstration of its product at the Miami office of Shook, Hardy & Bacon. In early April, Roy Balleste, Donna Struthers, and Brian Williams demonstrated Virtual Reference with the Convey software, while LexisNexis provided a demonstration of soon-to-be-released products. In June, AALL Past President Barbara Bintliff spoke at the annual business meeting held at Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, in Fort Lauderdale.

¶4 SFALL members engaged in activities other than educational meetings, including joining a letter-writing campaign to Governor Bush, opposing the dismantling of the State Library of Florida. SFALL also researched and shared information about this matter with SEAALL and AALL. SFALL donated \$100 to the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship and provided a \$500 scholarship to Liz Chifari to attend the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle.

¶5 SFALL published four issues of its newsletter with assistance from editors Diane Altimari and Roy Balleste. Newsletters as well as information about programs, events, and scholarship applications were posted to the SFALL Internet site by Robin Schard, Web Page Committee chair.

¶6 Terry Seale and Doug Jones continued recruitment efforts as cochairs of the Membership Committee, visiting local area library schools. Local area academic libraries and firm libraries also hosted student interns. SFALL members pulled together a one-day CLE for the Florida bar, “Cost-Effective Legal Research Strategies for the Florida Legal Professional.” Linda Datko, Archives Committee chair, continued collecting SFALL materials to add to the SFALL archives. Wanda Gozdz, Placement Committee chair, saw that job openings were listed in the newsletter as well as on the SFALL Internet site.

¶7 Clare Donnelly Membiela did double duty, serving as chair of both the Nominations and Public Relations committees. Clare pulled together a slate of officers that resulted in Gordon Russell becoming the vice president/president-elect and Robert Riger the secretary for 2003–04.

¶8 SFALL thanks the following vendors for their support: Bloomberg Financial Services; Holland & Knight; LexisNexis; Miami Dade County Law Library; Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Law Library & Technology Center; Shook, Hardy & Bacon; St. Thomas University School of Law Library; and Westlaw.

Lisa Smith-Butler, President
2002–03

Southeastern Association of AALL

¶1 In 1953 the Carolinas chapter of AALL was reorganized as the Southeastern chapter, and consequently it was decided to make the 2003 meeting SEAALL's golden anniversary meeting. Throughout 2002–03 articles were published reminding the membership of the special event and providing them with the association's history.

¶2 SEAALL committees involved seventy-five of its five-hundred members. Webmaster Roy Baleste continued to improve the SEAALL Web site. The Government Relations Committee monitored state and federal legislation affecting members and wrote a letter to Governor Bush protesting the dismantling of the Florida State Library. The Membership Committee sent welcome letters to new members, set up and maintained a table in the activities area at the AALL Annual Meeting in Orlando, and further refined the life membership policy. The newsletter continued to be published in print form, but Michael Klepper, its editor, has proposed making it a Web-based product with the fall 2003 issue. The Scholarship Committee awarded three grants to attend the association's annual meeting, one grant for a library school student's tuition, and one grant for a member to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle. The Golden Anniversary Committee, chaired by Jim Heller, did an impressive job of helping members celebrate fifty years of SEAALL history. The Local Arrangements Committee did a great job of providing the membership with fun events to complement the marvelous educational opportunities provided by the Program Committee. Finally, the Service to SEAALL Award was presented this year to Donna Bausch of the Norfolk Law Library.

¶3 In November SEAALL cosponsored with AALL's Professional Development Committee "Boot Camp for Teachers of Electronic Research" at Wake Forest University.

¶4 SEAALL's annual meeting was held in Lexington, Kentucky, April 10–12, 2003. Fourteen educational programs were offered, as well as a one-day institute on project management led by Filippa Anzalone. A highlight of this meeting commemorating the fiftieth anniversary was a game show modeled after "Family Feud" to teach us our history. We owe Hazel Johnson and Tim Coggins a debt of gratitude for their hard work in creating such educational entertainment.

Terry Long, President
2002–03

Southern California Association of Law Libraries

¶1 SCALL completed a busy fiftieth year, highlighted by a fiftieth anniversary gala which was attended by almost two hundred individuals. Held in December at the University of Southern California's Town & Gown, the site of the chapter's very first meeting, the event featured AALL President Carol Avery Nicholson as the chapter's special guest. In attendance were two former SCALL presidents who also served as AALL president, and several retired members and guests.

¶2 SCALL participated in the first California Tri-Chapter Institute on March 13–15, in San Luis Obispo, California. Titled "Meeting the Future: Dynamic Law Librarianship in the 21st Century," the institute was held jointly with the Northern California Association of Law Libraries and the San Diego Association of Law Libraries. Almost 175 individuals attended this event.

¶3 SCALL is proud to be the first chapter to agree to make an initial contribution of \$1500 to the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship and to issue a challenge to the other AALL chapters to match our initial contribution. SCALL has continued to support the educational opportunities of those joining the law library profession.

¶4 The *SCALL Newsletter* is now published in electronic format. This will not only reduce costs, but also enhance its quality and design.

¶5 Members of the SCALL board for 2002–03 were Cornell H. Winston, President; Diana Jacque, Vice President/President-Elect; Jennifer Hill, Secretary; Robert A. Wright, Treasurer; Lawrence Meyer, Past President; and Jacqueline Ayala and Patrick Meyer, board members.

Cornell H. Winston, President
2002–03

Southern New England Law Librarians Association

¶1 Educational programs, social events, marketing activities, and a milestone made 2002–03 a successful year.

¶2 Education Committee Chair Claudia Jalowka, organized SNELLA's two programs. Both the autumn program, "Legal Publishing in the 21st Century," and the spring program, "Negotiating Online Service Contracts," were well received. Each in its own way provided practical advice concerning collection development considerations in the context of an increasingly consolidated legal publishing industry. Specifically, attendees gained a better understanding of purchasing and licensing strategies.

¶3 SNELLA's annual legal research course was held in March at the Quinnipiac School of Law. The intensive one-day workshop covered case law, statutes, administrative law, and secondary resources. Thanks must be given to all of the SNELLA members who have dedicated their time and effort to make this course a continual success.

¶4 Scholarship Committee Chair Sandee Molden took the lead in revising SNELLA's scholarship guidelines. The amended guidelines became effective in

May. In addition, several scholarships awarded this year underscored SNELLA's commitment to making continuing education more accessible. Members were able to attend the AALL Annual Meeting as well as other programs and workshops throughout the year because of the association's financial assistance.

¶5 Members also enjoyed many social activities. In August, member-at-large Caroline Benoit organized a wine-tasting event. In January, the association's holiday dinner was held at the Sans Souci Restaurant in Meriden, Connecticut. SNELLA continued the tradition of having its spirited Yankee Swap gift exchange at the holiday dinner. In June, the Annual Meeting and Dinner, held at Angelo's in West Hartford, was well attended. The evening's highlight was the vote making Martha Sullivan a SNELLA life member.

¶6 SNELLA continued to market itself this spring by staffing exhibit booths at the Connecticut Library Association Annual Meeting and Connecticut Bar Association Annual Meeting. New brochures, designed by Past President Linda Mellick, were used with other promotional materials at both of the meetings. This year also marked the twentieth anniversary of *Obiter Dicta*, the association's newsletter. As editor Lawrence Cheeseman explained: "The articles for that first issue were all typed on a typewriter, headings were rub-on-letters (Prestype), and the ornate border was cut out of a book with scissors and pasted onto the newsletter page." *Obiter Dicta* has gone through various production and format changes since its initial publication. The newsletter is now published exclusively in electronic format, e-mailed to members, and posted on SNELLA's Web site. Fittingly, producing the newsletter still involves some cutting and pasting.

¶7 The officers for 2003–04 are Susan Scoville, President; Hilary Frye, Vice President/President-Elect; Janet Zigadto, Secretary; Theresa Baylock, Treasurer; and Caroline Benoit and Sandra Phillips, members-at-large. Doug Apicella, Nancy Marcove, and Lawson Ward will serve as the Nominating Committee.

Christopher Roy, President
2002–03

Southwestern Association of Law Libraries

¶1 SWALL held its forty-fifth annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 3–5, 2003, with "New Paths, New Destinations" as its theme. SWALL's Legal Information Services to the Public preconference program, "Basic Legal Research for the Nonlaw Librarian," kept its usual place in being the first event.

¶2 The annual meeting presented several speakers of interest. Dean Stephen McAllister of Kansas University School of Law served as the plenary speaker at the opening lunch. AALL Executive Board member Ann T. Fessenden served as a speaker and delivered the AALL chapter report at the SWALL breakfast and business meeting. Sylvester James, Jr., a personal injury and nursing home negligence specialist, served as the keynote speaker, addressing the topic of tort reform.

¶3 Electronic publication of the *SWALL Bulletin*, one of the true jewels of the association, continued with the Publications Committee serving as editors—H.

Kumar Percy, chair, John Conger, and Karyn Webb. They published three issues during the year as usual.

¶4 The Grants Committee, headed by Jill Henderson, revised the grant procedures and application form. The committee awarded \$3000 in four travel grants for recipients to attend the SWALL annual meeting. The committee offered one AALL travel grant as well as administering one free registration for a SWALL member to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle.

¶5 The officers for 2003–04 are Sharon Wayland, President; Susan Phillips, Vice President/President-Elect; Susan Spillman, Secretary; and Joan O'Mara, Treasurer. The 2004 annual meeting will be held in Houston.

Kathryn C. Fitzhugh, President
2002–03

Virginia Association of Law Libraries

¶1 VALL held its annual fall meeting, "Exploring Connections at VALL—2002," at the University of Richmond. More than twenty members participated in planning and presenting the program that included sessions on law library ethics and professionalism, electronic resources, filtered access to the Internet, specialized legal research, license agreements, basics of negotiation, and negotiating in a difficult economy. VALL was chosen as the recipient of AALL's 2003 One-Time Chapter Professional Development Award for the program.

¶2 A joint VALL/LLSDC winter meeting was planned and more than eighty registered to attend. Unfortunately, the meeting was cancelled due to snow. VALL's spring meeting, "A Day with Jefferson," was held on the grounds of Monticello at the Jefferson Library. VALL posted announcements of its meetings on library student discussion lists at nearby universities and also awarded grants to students to attend VALL meetings and the AALL Annual Meeting.

¶3 VALL members connected with other professional groups, including the Virginia State Bar (VSB) and the Virginia Library Association (VLA). VALL members wrote articles for the annual librarians' issue of the *Virginia Lawyer*, VSB's official publication. The VSB's 2003 annual meeting included a program presented by VALL members. An article about VALL was published in VLA's *Virginia Libraries*. A joint VLA/VALL meeting is planned for fall 2003, with several VALL members scheduled to participate as speakers.

¶4 Charles Oates provided outstanding leadership as VALL's president. During his tenure, the *VALL Newsletter* became available electronically, a VALL handbook was compiled, and a public relations committee was established. Jill Burr, Charles Oates, Bobbie Denny, Tisha Zelner, Lyn Warmath, Barbie Selby, Allen Moye, Margaret Christiansen, and Marie Hamm served on VALL's executive board. Other members who gave presentations, wrote articles, chaired committees, and coordinated events for VALL included Luis Acosta, Kathleen Alexander, John Barden, Rae Ellen Best, Lisa Blackwell, Evelyn Campbell, Timothy Chinaris, Tim Coggins, Barbara Cumming, Robert Davis, Taylor Fitchett, Jane Harrison, Jim

Heller, Joyce Janto, Hazel Johnson, Victoria Kahn, Nancy Loewenberg, Bill Magee, David Mason, Cathy Palombi, Isabel Paul, Mari-Jana Phelps, Jennifer Sekula, Roger Skalbeck, Cindy Smith, Jeanne Ullian, Gail Warren, Chris Watson, Sally Wiant, and Gail Zwirner. As a result of active participation by members, VALL enjoyed a successful year with many opportunities for members to connect professionally.

Bobbie Denny, President
2003–04

Western Pacific Chapter

¶1 Westpac held the first of two business meetings of 2002–03 in Orlando at the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting. In the absence of President Mary Unruh, the meeting was chaired by Vice President/President-Elect Mary Clayton. Treasurer Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson and Secretary Stephanie Midkiff gave reports; Stephanie announced that WestPac had 183 members. The primary business item was a consideration of whether Westpac should change to an online newsletter. After discussion the members present voted overwhelmingly to continue distributing the newsletter in print.

¶2 The second business meeting was WestPac's thirty-fourth annual meeting, held in Anchorage in September 2002. Alaska was beautiful, the weather was perfect, and the speakers were informative, interesting, and funny. The program was very much a group effort, initially based on the planning done for the fall 2001 meeting which had been canceled, and then modified to take advantage of some new ideas and opportunities for speakers. Cynthia Fellows and Jessica Van Buren made a great local arrangements team, moving attendees smoothly to the Anchorage Museum of History and Art for the opening reception and to Alyeska for the business meeting. At the business meeting Francis Gates, Mary Edith Gilbertson, Ann Karlen, Crystella Kauka, Bethany Ochal, Larry Piper, Anita Steele, and Gary L. Stromme were named life members. Grants to attend the meeting were given to Randy Snyder, DJ Morrison, Rick Visser, and Stacey Gordon.

¶3 Spring 2003 was busy as Angus Nesbit was elected Vice President/President-Elect and Buck Sterling was elected Treasurer, WestPac's executive board voted to donate \$500 to the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship program, and the Grants and Awards Committee awarded an AALL registration grant for the Seattle meeting to Catherine Thomas. WestPac cosponsored a joint reception in Seattle with NOCALL, SANDALL, SCALL, and LLOPS. And also this spring WestPac was notified that AALL will be in Portland, Oregon, in 2008, which will be a wonderful location for the Annual Meeting.

Mary Clayton, President
2002–03

Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association

¶1 WPLLA celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding at its June 2003

banquet. The association has a concentration of members in the Greater Pittsburgh area, but has members throughout the region. Memorabilia, recollections of high points such as hosting the 1995 AALL Annual Meeting, and reflections on our changing profession helped make for a memorable evening.

¶2 This event ended a year in which WPLLA continued to offer members educational programming such as "Medical Reference on the Web." WPLLA also had general interest programs, including a tour of a recently expanded and renovated law school library. As in prior years, it participated in joint social programs with other local professional library associations.

¶3 WPLLA continued to benefit from the support of its members, who produced an updated print directory, worked on electronic discussion list policy and procedure issues, maintained its Web site, and served on various committees.

¶4 WPLLA's successful Summer Associate Training Program was on hiatus in 2003, but the organization hopes to revive it again in 2004, if given enough advance planning and support.

¶5 At WPLLA's spring business meeting, initial plans were discussed for strengthening the organization. First, a Planning Committee will survey members to determine which activities and services are most appreciated and desired. The committee's report on the survey results and its conclusions should help WPLLA concentrate its efforts in those areas that would best serve the members. Second, the Programming Committee will work on a slate of programs that reflect the recommendations of the Planning Committee.

Ann Unger, President
2002-03

Special Interest Sections

SIS Council

¶1 The Special Interest Sections Council, comprised of the chairs of the thirteen SISs, provides a forum for discussing matters of common interest and a unified voice for the variety of perspectives in our diverse association. The council was able to meet during the 2002 Annual Meeting in Orlando and via the council discussion list throughout the year.

¶2 During the late summer, a lively council e-mail discussion continued a debate begun at the council business meeting in Orlando on the possibility of scheduling SIS meetings and roundtables opposite educational programs. The council was interested in providing additional time slots for meetings other than early morning and late afternoon. The council chair provided a report for the AALL Executive Board fall meeting which outlined several scenarios to attain this goal. The resulting Board action directs future Annual Meeting Program Committees (AMPC) to "provide membership entities with more flexibility for holding small meetings during educational programs, and to accommodate the needs of membership entities as much as possible, while respecting the AALL no-

conflict hours, and to develop and communicate new scheduling guidelines for all entities well in advance of the 2004 Boston Annual Meeting.” The council met with the Boston AMPC chair during the 2003 Annual Meeting in Seattle to discuss the logistics for this recommendation.

¶3 To improve communication and to help vice chairs prepare for their duties in the following year, SIS Council members recommended that the council discussion list include both chairs and vice chairs. This was implemented early in the year.

¶4 Once again this year the scheduling matrix was used to plan SIS events for the Seattle meeting. By distributing copies of the matrix via e-mail as meetings were scheduled, the council was able to schedule 109 SIS events while preventing major conflicts between sections with common memberships.

¶5 Amy Eaton, editor of the SIS News column in *AALL Spectrum*, regularly contacted the SIS chairs to help coordinate public relations efforts for the council and each section. The SISs took the opportunity to submit news about their section for the column.

¶6 The *SIS Handbook* and the SIS section of AALLNET were revised this year. The revisions brought the material up-to-date and ensured that the information in the *Handbook* and the Web site are consistent. I am grateful for the support from headquarters on this project, particularly Heidi Letzmann and Arek Tarasiewicz.

¶7 A call for volunteers for the 2003–04 SIS council chair resulted in the election of D.R. Jones. She began her duties early by attending the April 2003 Executive Board meeting in my place.

¶8 Leadership training was offered to incoming SIS chairs and vice chairs in Seattle. Eighteen officers from eleven SISs participated. There were presentations from AALL Executive Board members, the AMPC chair for Boston, and AALL headquarters staff. Time was allotted for discussion of common interests among the SIS officers. Following the training session, SIS leaders joined chapter leaders for the Leadership Luncheon. The luncheon was generously sponsored by LexisNexis and featured remarks by President-Elect Janis Johnston.

Anita Anderson, Chair

Academic Law Libraries

¶1 The Academic Law Libraries SIS had an extremely productive year thanks to the hard work of its committee and task force chairs and the members of their respective groups.

¶2 There were three major focuses this year. One was to have the Membership and the CONALL (Conference of Newer Academic Law Librarians)/Mentoring committees take a more active role in recruitment to the section and to help foster the development of its newer members. Under the guidance of their respective chairs, Arturo Torres and Ruth Levor, the committees created a more formal ALL-SIS mentoring program. The SIS’s Tuesday night reception and awards presentation in Seattle also was used to honor the CONALL attendees and the mentors and mentees.

¶3 Liaisons to RIPS-SIS, CS-SIS, and TS-SIS were established this year to help bridge the gap between the job-related sections to which academics belong and ALL-SIS. The liaisons were a component of the Membership Committee.

¶4 Another focus was to make the SIS's Web page a more dynamic and integral part of our members' daily work. A Web Content and Redesign Task Force, chaired by Dan Campbell, surveyed members to determine if the page meets their needs and how it can be improved. Their work will continue next year with a redesign effort. New additions to the page include contributions from the Legal Research Committee, chaired by Beth Smith, such as Sibyl Marshall's compilation of law library exhibits; "Jump Start/Bridge the Gap Program Materials"; and Jennifer Murray's "Print Citators: First Year Law Curriculum Instruction Chart." Also new to the Web page is a document titled "Qualities of an Ideal CALR Vendor-Library Relationship with Benchmark Signs of Success," the product of the Relations with Vendors Committee chaired by Nancy McMurrer. The Committee on Continuing Status and Tenure, chaired by Robert Hu, compiled "Librarian Employment Status (Other Than Director) at U.S. Law Schools," also available on the page.

¶5 The last focus was alternative forms of education. Realizing that all members of the SIS are not able to attend the AALL Annual Meetings, an Education Task Force was created to investigate alternative methods of presenting educational information outside the confines of the Annual Meeting. The Legal Research Committee's contributions to the Web page are an example of alternative formats. The task force's work will continue next year.

¶6 Other committees and groups worked on important projects as well. For instance, the BNA Task Force, chaired by Suzanne Thorpe, met in Washington with BNA representatives to discuss the company's price schedules for academic law libraries; the Support for Law Journals Task Force, chaired by Paul George, presented a program on the topic, and statistics from the survey will be compiled and posted on the Web page; and the Program Committee, cochaired by Ajaye Bloomstone and Carole Hinchcliff, oversaw four programs at the Seattle Annual Meeting. The Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship was presented to Robert C. Berring, University of California, Berkeley. In 2004, the SIS will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary, and a task force, chaired by Frank Houdek, was created to plan activities. In direct response to an AALL initiative, a Toolkit Task Force, chaired by Barbara Bintliff, will help the section develop a toolkit to promote the value and competencies of academic law librarians.

Merle J. Slyhoff, Chair

Computing Services

¶1 The Computing Services Special Interest Section had a successful year in 2002-03. The section continues to be one of AALL's more active ones with 542 members and remains a strong organization that provides a voice for law school and law library personnel active in the information technology field.

¶2 This year the executive board consisted of Liz Glankler, Chair; Don Arndt, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Dominick Grillo, Secretary/Treasurer; Susan Boland and Kris Niedringhaus, Members-at-Large; and James Duggan, Immediate Past Chair. James Duggan and his nominating committee gave us a great slate of candidates for this year's elections. Joining us next year will be Susan Boland, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Victoria Szymczak as a member-at-large.

¶3 Most of the member involvement centered on the section's educational programs. Coordinating and moderating programs at the 2003 Annual Meeting in Seattle were the following: Don Arndt introduced Leonard Steinback from the Cleveland Museum of Art who spoke on "Envision the Possibilities: Using Wireless and PDAs to Instruct." Eric Young and Bonnie Schucha showed us "Redesigning Your Web Site: Managing, Implementing, and Testing." This year AALL began offering thirty-minute time slots. Such programs involving members of the section were "Is Someone Stealing Who You Are?" (Dominick Grillo and John Nann); "When You Can't Wait Until Tomorrow—How to 'Borrow' Someone Else's Code" (Dominick Grillo); "Using NetMeeting to Work More Effectively" (Kristina Niedringhaus, Ken Hirsh, and Mark Folmsbee). Proposals for programs were also submitted by Hadi Amjadi, Robert Linz, Jim Milles, Mark Folmsbee, and Vicki Szymczak.

¶4 Two other popular features of the Annual Meeting were the fifth annual CS-SIS Breakfast and the Karaoke Evening. The breakfast featured Gail Warren who discussed *Beyond the Boundaries*, the report of the AALL Special Committee on the Future of Law Libraries in the Digital Age. The report describes possible models of academic, private, and government law libraries of the future, analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of each model. The annual karaoke evening was the highlight for many CS-SIS members (and guests), who got together at a local club to sing, dance, and have lots of fun.

¶5 A number of committees were active this year. The section recently formed an Awards Committee to investigate the possibility of creating a recognition award. The committee compiled a brief survey to gather information from the membership. The Recruitment Committee, chaired by June Liebert, distributed phone cards emblazoned with the CS-SIS logo to CONELL participants at the CONELL Marketplace. Visitors to the SIS table in the Activities Area of the Exhibit Hall had the opportunity to register for a raffle contest for a handheld PDA. Susan Boland and her Grants Committee advertised in various venues, including law-lib, the section's discussion list, and *AALL Spectrum*. During 2003, two program registration grants were awarded to Deborah Ginsberg and Akram Pari. Cynthia Lewis was awarded a grant covering the cost of the workshop for academic library IT members and the one-day program registration. Under the competent direction of Don Arndt and Robert Linz, the Job Description Database has become very successful. It has grown to 545 postings, more than one hundred more than last year. It has become a useful collection of job descriptions used by librarians from all over the country.

¶6 Finally, the section's twice-yearly newsletter, *Connecting . . .*, continued to be published by Liz Glankler. The newsletter was produced on the CS-SIS Web page and offered in Adobe Acrobat, PDF format.

Liz Glankler, Chair

Government Documents

¶1 The officers of the section in 2002–03 were Susan Lyons, Chair; Chris Anglim, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Colleen Manning, Secretary-Treasurer; and Sue Kelleher, *JURISDOCS* editor.

¶2 As we end another year, the government documents community faces serious challenges as the Government Printing Office accelerates its transition from distributing documents in tangible formats to mostly electronic formats. As law librarians we are comfortable with searching for material on the Internet or in the many electronic databases available to our libraries. Yet we also recognize that documents in tangible format are critical to the Federal Depository Library System (FDLP) and long-term access and preservation of government information. This year the documents community welcomed a new public printer, Bruce James, and a new superintendent of documents, Judy Russell. As they seek input from the depository community on the future of the FDLP, it is essential that law librarians communicate to them the importance of the maintenance of core documents in print and bibliographic control and preservation of electronic documents.

¶3 The Government Documents SIS has responded to the challenges of electronic documents in part through the work of the Fugitive Documents Committee. Founded in 2001 by Rob Richards, the committee has identified 150 fugitive documents since its inception. Committee members currently monitor the Web sites of seventy-seven federal agencies and departments. Richards did an excellent job of recruiting members for this committee, establishing procedures for reporting documents, and working with GPO. Mark Bartlett took over the position of chair in January of 2003 and is continuing Rob's fine work.

¶4 Communication and outreach to our membership was greatly facilitated by Eric Parker, who has done an excellent job as the GD-SIS webmaster, and Sue Kelleher, who completed her second year of outstanding service as editor of *JURISDOCS*. Hays Butler will serve as editor for 2003–04. The SIS discussion list was ably administered by Michael Samson.

¶5 Two grants were awarded this year. Member Frank Richardson received a grant to attend the fall 2002 Depository Library Conference in Washington, D.C. Jaye Anne Barlous received the Veronica Maclay Student Award to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle. Michael Samson, as chair of the Grants Committee, did an excellent job of publicizing the grants, generating six applications for the fall grant and fourteen applications for the Maclay student grant.

¶6 The Publications Committee, chaired by Kevin Fredette, published three new state bibliographies over the past twelve months—for Pennsylvania, Idaho, and Maine—and they can be ordered through the SIS Web site. Committee mem-

ber Hays Butler has continued his efforts to update this valuable series and has commitments from librarians in thirty-one jurisdictions to produce new or updated bibliographies.

¶7 In Seattle, the GD-SIS Annual Meeting activities included the GPO update, a welcome breakfast, a meeting of the Fugitive Documents Committee, and the annual business meeting. In addition, the SIS sponsored the following programs: “On the Loose, On the Run: Fugitive Federal Government Documents”; Electronic Archives and Partnership—Preserving Government Information for Tomorrow”; and “A Tragedy or a Farce: Preservation of Electronic Government Publications in the Post-9/11 World.”

¶8 The new officers of the section for 2003–04 are Chris Anglim, Chair; Cecily Giardina, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Colleen Manning, Secretary-Treasurer; and A. Hays Butler, editor of *JURISDOCS*.

¶9 I want to thank all of the committee members for their hard work this year. It has been a privilege to serve as chair of the SIS.

Susan Lyons, Chair

Online Bibliographic Services

¶1 The section kicked off the 2002 Annual Meeting with the traditional TS/OBS/RIPS/CS-SIS Joint Reception at the Orlando Convention Center.

¶2 The executive board of OBS-SIS for 2002–03 consisted of Mary Jane Kelsey, Chair; Kevin Butterfield, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Ismael Gullon, Past Chair; Richard Jost, Secretary/Treasurer; and Judith A. Vaughan-Sterling and Ruth Funabiki, members-at-large.

¶3 The committee chairs were Kevin Butterfield, Education; George Prager, Local Systems; Ellen McGrath, Nominations; Michael Maben, OCLC; Brian Quigley, RLIN; and Anne Myers, Web Advisory. Eloise Vondruska chaired the Joint Research Grant Committee, and Chris Long served as Research Roundtable Coordinator. Susan Goldner served her second year as MARBI representative. Mary Jane Kelsey served as chair of the Education Committee for Seattle (2003), and Kevin Butterfield continues to serve as chair for Boston (2004).

¶4 In her column in the *Technical Services Law Librarian* (TSL), the chair continued to advance the OBS strategic directions, particularly education and communication. In response to the West challenge grant, OBS donated \$200, 12% of its income, to the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship.

¶5 OBS sponsored five programs at the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle: “Envisioning Tomorrow’s Catalog: A View for Outside the Library”; “Open Linking and E-Journal Management: Strategies for Maximizing Your Investment in Electronic Resources Today”; “Connected to the Future: OCLC’s Connexion”; “Two Stepping with Technology”; and MARBI Report, cosponsored with TS-SIS.

¶6 Kevin Butterfield conducted the annual membership survey via the OBS Web site; results were published in the March 2003 issue of TSL and were also

posted on the Web site. Richard Jost, secretary/treasurer, posted biographical information on the OBS slate of candidates on the Web site. New officers for 2003–04 are Georgia Briscoe, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Michael Maben, Secretary/Treasurer; and Andrea Rabbia, member-at-large.

Mary Jane Kelsey, Chair

Research Instruction and Patron Services

¶1 The 2002–03 RIPS-SIS officers were D.R. Jones, Chair; Melissa Serfass, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Marc Silverman, Immediate Past Chair; Pamela Melton, Secretary/Treasurer; and Lynn Hartke, newsletter editor. William Draper and Suzanne Miner served as executive board members.

¶2 Upon the approval of the executive board, RIPS-SIS contributed \$500 to the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship fund.

¶3 RIPS-SIS members presented three excellent programs in Orlando. For the Annual Meeting in Seattle, the program committee, chaired by Jesse Cranford, submitted nine programs, including two thirty-minute programs, and two workshops. Four programs and one workshop were accepted (although the workshop had to be cancelled).

¶4 The RIPS-SIS executive board approved a model ADA policy for possible adoption by AALL. The Patron Services Committee, chaired by Gary Hill, drafted this policy, which was based on an ALA policy. When appropriate background information is prepared, the policy will be submitted to the AALL Executive Board for consideration.

¶5 The Legal Research Teach-In entered its eleventh year in 2002–03. Once again, West and LexisNexis provided financial support for this wonderful event. Coordinators for this year's Teach-In were Gail A. Partin and Karen Brunner.

¶6 Changes in the section's bylaws have been reviewed by the AALL Bylaws Committee. The changes, which focus primarily on clarifying some procedures during elections, will be submitted to the members for approval.

¶7 There were considerable delays and problems in producing the RIPS newsletter this year. A move to electronic-only publication is likely, as well as a review of the newsletter editor position. Melissa Serfass did an excellent job this year of redesigning the RIPS-SIS Web site and redeveloping the content of the site.

¶8 The RIPS Research Instruction Committee carefully reviewed the status of "Core Legal Research Competencies: A Compendium of Skills and Values as Defined in the ABA's MacCrate Report," which is posted on the RIPS-SIS Web site. The committee concluded that (1) "RIPS could choose not to revise this document, beyond its current publication on the Web site, and keep it as an historical reflection of the core competencies during the mid-1990s"; (2) "RIPS [could] choose to update the document, with an eye towards publication, and enlist those who were involved in the original drafting in that effort"; or (3) "RIPS could decide to proceed in the first instance with respect to this document, leave it as an historical electronic-only publication, but also enlist a new group to draft a core

competencies document for the 21st century, somewhat guided by the original and the suggestions made by the AALL Publications Committee.” These recommendations are under study.

D. R. Jones, Chair

State, Court and County Law Libraries

¶1 One of AALL’s most senior and diverse special interest sections, SCCLL has grown to an all-time high membership of more than 550 law librarians from a cornucopia of library types. This makes for continuing challenges of how to effectively focus on the needs of its dues-paying members. The attention paid to the strategic planning process throughout the year, utilizing environmental scans, surveys, and discussion list dialogue, has helped an energetic team of volunteers make the SIS a responsive advocate for its members by drafting a new two-year strategic plan.

¶2 SCCLL officers for 2002–03 were Mike Miller, Chair; Charles R. Dyer, Vice Chair; Anita Anderson, Immediate Past Chair; Cynthia Fellows, Secretary/Treasurer; and Rita Dermody, Cathy Lemann, and Sara Galligan, board members. They were ably supported by a hard-working team of standing and special committee chairs and their respective staff.

¶3 The Education Committee, under the productive leadership of Marcus Hochstetler, fielded an amazing offering of fifteen diverse and well-documented program proposals of which six won acceptance by the Seattle Program Committee. Topics covering disaster planning, participatory management, Web-based appellate briefs, reference interview tricks, legal research training centers, continuing strategic planning alive, and teaching basic legal research skills to customers, all made the cut.

¶4 In the all important public relations/marketing effort, the PR/Publicity Committee in concert with various SIS officers finalized and published the first in a four-part series of resource guides and identified the three remaining guides to be published. Through the generous sponsorship of LexisNexis, the SIS completed “How to Hire a State, Court or County Law Librarian,” and the second guide, “The Value of a Public Law Library,” is planned for a September 2003 release. The remaining two guides in the “Law Library Insights” series will cover management essentials in the public law library and playing the role of access providers for pro se litigants.

¶5 The Awards Committee presented the Bethany J. Ochal Award for distinguished service to the profession to recently retired law library leaders Kai-Yun Chiu of the Baltimore Bar Library, Paul Fu of the Ohio Supreme Court Library, Kay Schlueter of the Texas State Law Library, and Shelley Dowling of the United States Supreme Court Library. This committee, ably chaired by Pamela Gregory, was also instrumental in winning the prestigious Marion Gallagher Distinguished Service Award for our longtime friend and visionary, Marvin Anderson, former director of the Minnesota State Law Library.

¶6 SCCLL's silent auction, a popular fund-raising effort, once again was a success, bringing more than \$1600 into the SIS coffers for future travel grant recipients. Regina Smith, a former SIS chair, has spearheaded this effort since its inception. The Grants Committee diligently worked their way through numerous applicants and was able to provide Annual Meeting travel grants to Jeffrey Dowd, Zoya Golban, Ana Hinman, and Akram Pari.

¶7 The chair created a Special Committee on Marketing, with a two-year life span, to address the growing importance of selling the value of our libraries to internal and external customers. A concept paper titled "Marketing the Law Library to Traditional and New Library Users in the 21st Century" was prepared to provide a road map for the ultimate creation of a practical marketing plan for all SCCLL libraries. Maureen Well and Marnie Warner are leading this effort.

¶8 The revised county public law library standards won the approval of the AALL Executive Board in November 2002, and the Standards Committee continues to fine tune this guideline document, as well as work on a revision of the appellate court library standards.

¶9 Communicating with 100% of our membership remains an illusive goal—discussion list administrator Karla Gedell, webmaster Joelle Gresham, and newsletter editor Mary Ann Parker deserve special recognition for their tireless efforts in improving our technologies to better inform all our constituents and involve them in planning for the future focus of SCCLL.

Michael S. Miller, Chair

Technical Services

¶1 The 2002–03 officers were Christina Tarr, Chair; Gary Vander Meer, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; JoAnn Hounshell, Past Chair; Patricia Sayre-McCoy, Secretary-Treasurer; and Kathleen Pecarovich and Lorraine Lorne, members-at-large.

¶2 Last year's survey revealed that, next to *Technical Services Law Librarian*, the section's newsletter, the service the membership valued above all others was the programming offered at the Annual Meeting. With this in mind, the section proposed for Seattle one preconference workshop, nine full-length programs, and five of the new thirty-minute programs. Six full-length programs were accepted: "Maximize the OPAC—Is FRBR in Your Future?"; "Integrating Resources: Or What Do We Do Now That We Have (Almost) What We Wanted"; "Is There a Book Doctor in the House? Assessing Preservation Priorities and Options"; "Judaic and Islamic Classification: Envisioning Access and Order for Legal Topics of International and Nonjurisdictional Scope"; "Negotiating Licensing Agreements Revisited"; and "Managing Support Staff in Technical Services." Two thirty-minute programs were accepted: "Thirty Sites in Thirty Minutes: Favorite Acquisitions Web Sites"; and "What's Happening at ALA: CC: DA and SAC Reports." In addition to these eight programs, the Professional Development Committee is offering an advanced cataloging workshop. We hope that our proposed workshop on serial holdings will be presented next year in Boston.

¶3 Vice Chair/Chair-Elect Gary Vander Meer conducted the annual membership survey, which focused on the membership's interest in the newsletter and educational programs and workshops. Respondents expressed enthusiasm for the Seattle programs. Respondents also liked the roundtables at the Annual Meeting, noting that they can be more important than actual programs and can provide a place for the section to slip in a "hot topic" program that develops too late for the normal programming process. In Orlando, a Cataloging and Classification Roundtable on the subject of revisions to Chapter 12 of AACR2 drew over a hundred participants. The membership indicated that they would prefer the scheduling of TS meetings to be more flexible and would be willing to stay to Wednesday to attend TS meetings. Membership noted the importance of our liaisons to other SISs. TS can credit some of its success in getting programs in Seattle to its attempts to make its programs attractive and known to other SISs.

¶4 William Benemann finished his term as representative to the ALA Cataloging and Classification: Description and Access Committee. Kathy Winzer succeeded him. Melody Lembke finished her term as representative to the ALA Subject Analysis Committee and was succeeded by Marie Whited.

¶5 The section awarded four educational grants to support members' attendance at the advanced cataloging workshop in Seattle. The section contributed \$1000 to the endowment of the George Strait Minority Scholarship, and \$200 to the American Cancer Society in memory of BASIC representative and enthusiastic TS librarian Ellen Rappaport, who died in May 2003. Finally, the section honored Rhonda K. Lawrence with the Rene Chapman Award for Outstanding Contributions to Technical Services Law Librarianship. Rhonda has been an enthusiastic champion for the cause of law cataloging both at AALL and ALA for many years.

Christina Tarr, Chair

Committees

AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers

¶1 The 2002–03 Call for Papers Committee started ambitiously. At the incoming committee's first meeting on July 24, 2002, in Orlando, Penny Hazelton, director of the University of Washington's law librarianship program, provided advice on how to increase participation by law library students in the annual competition. During the fall, the creative juices were flowing and a poster was designed for distribution to law and library schools nationwide, and also to be used as an ad in *AALL Spectrum*. In the process of seeking funds to produce and distribute the poster, LexisNexis representative Judy Floyd Evans made a commitment to the committee that winners who were not funded by their institutions would receive a ticket to the Association Luncheon. In June 2003, President Carol Avery Nicholson authorized funds to have the poster printed from the discretionary fund. The poster was used during CONELL as well as in the Activities Area at the Seattle Annual Meeting.

¶2 The competition was advertised twice in *AALL Spectrum* and also through an AALL press release. Despite this fact and the fact that previous years had yielded more than a dozen submissions, only two papers were submitted. The committee voted to present only an Open Division Award in 2003 to Samuel E. Trosow for his paper, "The Database and the Fields of Law: Are There New Divisions of Labor?"

¶3 Because of the disappointing number of participants in 2003, the committee sought to promote the competition for future years by using the program in Seattle to reach AALL members interested in scholarly writing. The committee was extremely fortunate in getting the cooperation of a distinguished trio of law librarians, Richard Danner, Penny Hazelton, and Frank Houdek, all former AALL presidents and all recipients of the prestigious academic Frederick C. Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship, to participate in a panel discussion on scholarly writing. Thus, "Writing for Fame and Fortune: AALL LexisNexis Call for Papers Competition" not only included Sam Trosow talking about his paper, but also the panelists discussing writing for publication, the need to encourage others to write, and criteria editors use when accepting a paper for publication.

¶4 The chair wishes to thank members Kathryn Hensiak and Connie Strittmatter for their enormous creativity, enthusiasm, and hard work, and acknowledges the support and guidance of Board liaison Barbara Bintliff. The committee also wishes to thank Judy Floyd Evans and LexisNexis for their continued support and recognition of the scholarly efforts of the members of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Marie-Louise H. Bernal, Chair

Access to Electronic Legal Information

¶1 The Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee is charged with assisting courts and government agencies in their efforts to advance and improve the delivery of legal information to the public via the Internet. By developing and promoting criteria and "best practices," committee members strive to enhance public access to the sources of law and to improve public understanding of all aspects of the legal system. The committee works to achieve its charge by providing useful information on its Web site and by reaching out to government Web site managers and decision makers.

¶2 The 2002–03 committee spent the year updating the "General Evaluation Criteria for All Web Sites Providing Legal Information." In addition, subcommittees worked on criteria specific to judicial, legislative, executive branch, and local government Web sites. These criteria were posted on the committee's Web site for review and were finalized by June 2003. The committee also develops and posts on the Web site a selective annotated bibliography that contains references to print and online sources that discuss Web site evaluation, design principles and issues, or both.

¶3 It is anticipated that the 2003–04 committee will submit the evaluation criteria to the Executive Board for adoption and that those Web sites providing legal information to the public that most meet the criteria established will be recognized by AALL as “best practices” government Web sites. The committee will also focus on marketing the evaluation criteria to government Web site managers and decision makers.

¶4 At both the 2002 and 2003 Annual Meetings, committee members participated in CONELL by sharing information with attendees about AELIC’s work. A new exhibit display and brochures were developed for the 2003 Annual Meeting highlighting both the AELIC Web site and sample government Web sites that exhibit best practices.

¶5 Many thanks to committee members Rita Kaiser, Barbara Ridley Monroe, Maria Otero, Rita Parham, Jean Wenger, Board liaison Nina Platt, webmasters Peter Hook and Steve Melamut, and incoming AELIC chair Mark Cacho.

Gretchen Van Dam, Chair

2003 Annual Meeting Local Advisory

¶1 The Seattle 2003 Local Advisory Committee cochairs were appointed by Vice President/President-Elect Carol Nicholson in October 2001. By spring 2002, the committee was fully formed and beginning the initial phases of planning. The most immediate concern was preparing for the Seattle booth at the 2002 Annual Meeting. Although few of us were able to attend the 2002 meeting, those who went staffed the booth and helped promote the upcoming meeting. While in Orlando, the chairs met with the Orlando committee to solicit their advice. After returning to Seattle, the planning began in earnest.

¶2 The Local Advisory Committee is responsible for many of the social aspects of the meeting: Association Luncheon (selecting the theme, menu, decorations, and centerpieces), Closing Banquet (selecting the theme, menu, decorations, centerpieces, and bands), publication of the daily newsletter, excursions (selecting tours appropriate for the time available), exhibits (obtaining local exhibitors), the Family Social Hour, hospitality (welcoming attendees and promoting local attractions), publicity (writing *AALL Spectrum* articles and the “Survival Guide”), local library tours, registration (bag stuffing, staffing booth), volunteers (soliciting and scheduling volunteers), and local arrangements Web page. One of our first tasks was to create a master calendar that would list all deadlines for each subcommittee on a month-by-month basis. This became the “bible” of the process.

¶3 The committee communicated with frequent e-mails and held four group meetings. It set up a Seattle 2003 discussion forum for all Association members, and LAC members monitored the discussion and answered questions as needed. The LAC Web page was used extensively to provide members with information about the Seattle area and was frequently updated. The closing banquet offered a new after-dinner experience this year: both a dance band and a jazz combo were provided. Registration exceeded expectations, and everything went smoothly with

the help and support of our many volunteers, committee members, and AALL staff.

¶4 Members of the committee were Ellen Bowman, Kristin Cheney, Bridget Dacres, Liz Doyle, Fred Hansen, Karen Helde, Ann Hemmens, Jean Holcomb, Barbara Holt, Brandi Ledferd, Laurie Miller, Barbara Rothwell, Susan Schulkins, and Linda Tobiska. The chairs thank them for all their hard work and unflinching optimism as we worked toward welcoming the members of AALL to Seattle.

Amy Eaton and Katherine Foster, Cochairs

2003 Annual Meeting Program

¶1 AMPC's main goal is to select high quality educational programs to provide AALL members with opportunities to hone current skills and to learn new ones.

¶2 This year's theme, "Maximize Today—Envision Tomorrow," emphasized the role of information professionals working in an environment that constantly changes and challenges them with new opportunities to provide excellent services to the legal information community. Using the meeting theme in conjunction with the recently adopted "AALL Competencies of Law Librarianship" as a guide, AMPC reviewed 167 program proposals and selected more than 75 programs for the Seattle Annual Meeting. In mid-May, two of the scheduled programs were cancelled. Substitutions were made and the full slate of programs was held. While the scheduled educational programs covered all the competencies, the following provided the focus of the 2003 Annual Meeting: teaching, collection care and management, and information technology. AMPC also worked with the Professional Development Committee in selecting the three preconference workshops.

¶3 This year's conference introduced new thirty-minute programs that were designed to provide more flexibility in programming by AALL entities (i.e., SISs, committees, and chapters). They are well suited for alternative or creative presentation formats or technology presentations. Eighteen such programs were presented on Wednesday afternoon and received many positive comments.

¶4 The featured plenary speakers were Peter R. Young, director of the National Agricultural Library, and Eugenie Prime, manager of Hewlett-Packard Corporate Libraries. Their presentations focused on the cutting-edge role of information professionals in today's fast-paced, ever-changing world and how law librarians can maximize their informational skills today as they envision the challenges of tomorrow's libraries.

¶5 The members of the 2003 committee were Thomas French, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Betty Roeske, Brian Striman, Kay Todd, Karen Westwood, and Gail Warren, *ex officio*.

Ruth J. Hill, Chair

Awards

¶1 The 2003 awards ceremony returned to the Association Luncheon, after a separate ceremony was used for many of the awards in 2002. On July 14, 2003, all the Association's awards were presented by Chair Mary Ann Parker, except for the

Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, which was presented by AALL President Carol Avery Nicholson.

¶2 In 2003, awards were given in all categories except Best New Product and the Comprehensive Chapter Professional Development Program for which no nominees were submitted. As has historically been the case, subcommittees for each award, chaired by a second-year member, did most of the work. Each committee member served on at least two subcommittees.

¶3 The awards were publicized through AALLNET, law-lib, newsletters, and Web sites and discussion lists of chapters and special interest sections. An article in the November 2002 issue of *AALL Spectrum* started the call for nominations. Entry forms for several awards were available in downloadable format from AALLNET. The list of the winners follows.

- Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award: Marvin R. Anderson, Retired State Law Librarian, Minnesota State Law Library; Leah F. Chanin, Retired Professor of Law and Director of the Furman Smith Law Library, Mercer University; and Francis Robert “Bob” Doyle, Director, Loyola University Chicago School of Law Library
- Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award: RICHARD LEITER, NATIONAL SURVEY OF STATE LAWS (4th ed. 2003)
- Law Library Publications Awards: Catholic University Law Library, *Catholic Dimensions of Legal Study: Catholic University Law School Annotated Bibliography* (Print Division); Suffolk University Law School Library, Library Maps (Nonprint Division)
- Public Access to Government Information Awards: University of Georgia Libraries, *Georgia Government Publications*; Virginia Department of Planning and Budget, *Virginia Regulatory Town Hall*
- AALL Excellence in Marketing Awards: Travis County (Texas) Law Library, *Name Change Brochure* (Best Brochure); University of San Diego Legal Research Center, *Celebrating Books* (Best Campaign); Law Library of Louisiana, *De Novo: The Newsletter of the Law Library of Louisiana* (Best Newsletter); Cornell Law Library, 2000 PR Toolkit (Best Public Relations Toolkit); University at Buffalo, State University of New York Charles B. Sears Law Library, *UB Law Library Entry Display*, and Seattle University Law Library, *Seattle University Law Library Virtual Tour* (Best Use of Technology)
- Chapter Professional Development Awards: Virginia Association of Law Libraries, *Exploring Connections at VALL—2002* (One-Time Program)
- Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award: Nancy Carol Carter, *American Indians and Law Libraries: Acknowledging the Third Sovereign*, 94 LAW. LIBR. J. 7 (2002)
- AALL Spectrum Article of the Year Award: Mary Rumsey, *Libraries Confront the Challenges of Accommodating Disabled Users*, AALL SPECTRUM, April 2002, at 6

Mary Ann Parker, Chair

Bylaws

¶1 The primary work of the Bylaws Committee is to review proposed and adopted bylaws amendments from the chapters and special interest sections of AALL. The committee also reviews and recommends changes to AALL's Bylaws, as instructed by the AALL Executive Board. It answers questions and helps resolve confusion for all of these groups. The 2002–03 Bylaws Committee's members were John Edwards, Glen-Peter Ahlers, Sr., Eileen Searls, Larry Reeves, Johanna Bizub, and Chan-Shen Lung, and Nancy Strohmeyer served as chair. The Executive Board liaison was Cathy Lemann.

¶2 The membership considered bylaws amendments from four of the special interest sections. Most were changes involving officers, elections, and member definitions. The committee approved the amendment submissions from the Academic Law Libraries, Technical Services, Computing Services, and Research Instruction and Patron Services special interest sections. It also had significant discussion over some issues raised by the San Diego Area Law Libraries.

¶3 If I learned anything from my two years of service on the Bylaws Committee, it was that all chapters and special interest sections need to review their bylaws regularly. AALL leads the way in making amendments to its own bylaws, attempting to keep up with the changes in the organization and the world of information. Each chapter and SIS should use AALL's living document as a model for its own bylaws, although each group should also recognize the importance of and maintain the features that help give it its own personality. As a nearly former member of the AALL Bylaws Committee, I would like to suggest that all entities review the AALL Bylaws and their own to ensure that the impact of recent AALL amendments on the organization has been considered. I am sure the next Bylaws Committee stands ready to assist chapters and special interest sections in making any necessary revisions.

¶4 I wish to thank the groups who requested our assistance throughout this past year. It was very interesting evaluating the language and understanding the rationales behind each amendment. I am also extremely grateful to my committee members for their speedy and thorough discussions of each issue brought to us. I have learned I can depend upon the quality and talents of each member of AALL I have been privileged to meet and work with, and I have discovered that all are amazingly dedicated and hard-working. Thank you sincerely for your efforts and good luck to the continuing members.

Nancy L. Strohmeyer, Chair

Citation Formats

¶1 This was an active year for the Citation Formats Committee. We formulated three main goals to accomplish. First, we wanted to finish all work on the second edition of the *Universal Citation Guide*, integrating new rules on administrative decisions. Next, we wanted to generate attention to the issue of universal citations

by sending out a call for comments letter to the chief justice and court administrator of each state. Finally, we wanted to find a new publisher for the second edition. We are glad to report that we were successful on all counts.

¶2 Elizabeth Adelman and Peggy Rogers prepared a comprehensive and up-to-date mailing list, and a letter was sent out by Kim Rundle at AALL headquarters in December. AALL President Carol Nicholson graciously allowed us to use her name on the letter. As a result of the comment solicitation letter, we received several comments that were useful in preparing the draft of the second edition.

¶3 Integration of the rules on administrative decisions is complete. In addition, the text has been edited to include references to relevant sections of the *ALWD Citation Manual* as well as the *Bluebook*. Much thanks goes to Kathy Carlson for her work on the manuscript.

¶4 In January 2003, the AALL Publications Committee agreed to sponsor the *AALL Universal Citation Guide* (2d ed.) for publication as part of the Hein AALL Publications Series. The book was subsequently accepted by Hein and should be issued in the not to distant future. One task for the upcoming year is for the committee to follow through on the publication process and assist in promoting the second edition upon its release.

¶5 Finally, there was some very good news this year from the American Bar Association. David Whelan, director of the ABA Legal Technology Resource Center and an AALL member, informed the committee that the ABA adopted a resolution renewing its commitment to uniform citations, and resolving to facilitate discussion and cooperation among different organizations (such as AALL) who also promote uniform citations. We are looking forward to working with the ABA on this issue.

John Joergensen, Chair

Copyright

¶1 The Copyright Committee is charged with representing the Association's interests regarding copyright and other intellectual property issues in legislative, regulatory, and judicial affairs. The committee informs and advises the Board and the Washington Affairs Office (WAO) on copyright and other intellectual property matters and coordinates with WAO to communicate Association views on copyright and other intellectual property issues to all levels of government.

¶2 During the past year, the committee wrote or contributed to policy statements on a wide variety of copyright-related issues, including duration of copyright, UCITA, database protection, and privacy.

¶3 Two topics surprised us this year. The new state DMCA legislation passed by a number of states enshrined at the state level a prohibition against anti-circumvention measures that is already in force at the federal level in the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. These state laws were adopted as revisions to state criminal codes.

¶4 A number of free trade agreements (FTAs) surfaced as proposals of the United States Trade Representative under fast-track authority, which provides for only an up-or-down vote and no opportunity for Congress to debate or amend the agreement when it comes up for a vote. The FTAs contain a number of provisions that would essentially impose U.S. copyright law on our trading partners (not such a good idea when one considers provisions such as “life plus seventy years” for duration of copyright) and in some instances would extend copyright protection in the United States that has not been passed in the usual manner with an opportunity for debate and amendment. The committee took a leadership role on the FTAs and worked with WAO to draft supplemental comments to the Free Trade Area of the Americas agreement that took issue with a number of its provisions. The committee also wrote to both the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance committees when several of the FTAs were being considered. Other library associations signed on to both the comments and the letters. Thanks to committee Secretary Sam Trosow for being the resident expert on these complex trade agreements.

¶5 In addition to providing advocacy leadership, the committee has an important role in educating Association members about copyright developments. To this end, the committee unveiled a new Web site that includes copyright information useful to the membership. Thanks to committee member Kevin Dames for his leadership on this project.

¶6 The Annual Meeting in Seattle included a number of programs sponsored by the Copyright Committee to help keep the membership informed: (1) the “hot topic” program was a debate on the propriety of using FTAs with fast-track authority to change copyright law; (2) David Bollier, the author of “Silent Theft: The Private Plunder of Our Common Wealth,” spoke about the loss of dozens of commons in American life that are being privatized and commercialized, including the information commons; and (3) Jessica Litman, a well-known copyright scholar, spoke about the demise of the first sale doctrine. The committee also was well represented at CONELL and in the Activities Area, where we ‘lobbied’ for new advocates to join us.

Keith Ann Stiverson, Chair

Diversity

¶1 The members of the 2002–03 Committee on Diversity included Chair Judy Floyd Evans, Calmer Chattoo, Madeline Hebert, Allen Moye, Lu Tuan Nguyen, Cynthia Ruffin, and April Schwartz.

¶2 The committee is charged with identifying issues that relate to maximizing the diversity of AALL membership, exploiting the benefits and possibilities of a diverse and complex membership. Our main focus this year was to revitalize our vehicles of communication for diversity; to identify roles for our committee in carrying out initiatives relating to diversity and the AALL strategic plan; and to develop a strategy for tangible, tactical actions that would accomplish those initiatives in furtherance of the AALL strategic plan. In addition we carried forward a

few initiatives begun under the tenure of the previous year's committee.

¶3 In terms of revitalizing communication vehicles, we were pleased to reinstate the diversity discussion list as an active vehicle, revamp the diversity Web site and begin to implement tactics that will drive traffic to the Web site, and write several articles in Association publications that concerned Diversity Committee activities.

¶4 Regarding strategic plan initiatives, we were pleased to have identified some areas that we could immediately pursue. We developed and disseminated a short survey to ascertain what efforts toward diversity were already underway within chapters, SISs, and committees. The response to the survey was gratifying; the new committee will be handed the torch of fashioning recommendations based on input from it. We also identified committees and organizations that offer the most immediate opportunity for collaboration (such as Mentoring, Scholarship, Grants, Recruitment and Retention) and developed recommendations for the new committee to foster collaboration with these groups.

¶5 In the area of membership education and awareness, after some deliberation the committee determined that several programs on diversity would best serve the interests of the Association. Again this year the committee pursued presenting a symposium as well as an educational program. The committee submitted two program proposals for the 2003 Annual Meeting. One was accepted: "Diversity Is Good Business: What Do Great Performing Organizations Know about Diversity That We Should Know." The Diversity Symposium has traditionally served as a forum for raising awareness and facilitating discussion of diversity issues. This year's forum was no exception. The focus of the forum was the case of *Grutter vs. Bollinger*, which involved the University of Michigan law school admissions policy and the use of diversity as a parameter in the process.

¶6 The committee considered the proposal of a diversity officer as rewritten and revised by Anne McDonald, the previous chair, in response to a request from the Executive Board. The committee concluded that the position could not be performed on a volunteer basis as set forth in the proposal due to the complex nature of the duties. It likewise concluded that funding for such a position at this time would not be likely. The final recommendation will outline actions and functions that the committee deems essential to promote diversity and that can be readily accomplished on a volunteer basis through the committee, through collaboration with other committees, or possibly in conjunction with the SLA Diversity Office. The goal would be to successively add additional functions as priorities dictate, thereby enlarging the position in the hopes that the Association will also have grown to a position to support this office.

¶7 The Minority Leadership Development Award was established in 2001. This year the committee worked more closely with the Grants Committee to promote and publicize the award. Two thousand dollars was budgeted for the 2003 meeting. This year's recipient was Christopher Bloodworth. He was honored at the Association's annual awards ceremony on July 14, 2003.

Judy Floyd Evans, Chair

Executive Board Strategic Planning

¶1 The primary roles of the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) of the AALL Executive Board are monitoring progress on the current strategic plan of the Association and communicating with AALL members about it on a regular basis. The committee also makes recommendations to the Board and its Finance and Budget Committee and sets priorities for their consideration. The work of the 2002–03 SPC took place during Year 3 of the *AALL Strategic Plan 2000–2005*.

¶2 Communicating about strategic planning this year began at the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting in Orlando. SPC Chair Sally Holterhoff spoke at meetings of SIS, chapter, and committee leaders about the AALL plan and also gave a short presentation at the Past Presidents' Luncheon. She explained the procedure used by the SPC to monitor progress on initiatives in the plan. Rather than requesting formal reports from the forty-plus AALL entities that are currently implementing various portions of the plan, the committee uses a personal approach to its communication and monitoring responsibilities.

¶3 In order to keep the plan current and on the radar screens of AALL leaders, the SPC chair sends a letter each fall to current committee and SIS chairs and chapter presidents, asking them to provide comments and suggestions. Feedback generated by the chair's letter was shared with members of the Strategic Planning Committee at their annual day-and-a-half meeting in Chicago in December.

¶4 To measure progress on specific initiatives, SPC uses Executive Board members who serve as liaisons to AALL committees, since it is convenient for them to maintain contact with those who have strategic plan responsibilities. Other AALL entities mentioned in the plan are divided among Board members, who contact the leaders of those groups twice a year, in the fall and again in the spring. Approximately eighty telephone calls to AALL entities were made in 2002–03 to seek updates on the current status of activities related to the plan. These calls serve to reinforce awareness of the plan, generate enthusiasm, and help maintain momentum despite leadership changes within the groups.

¶5 The information collected is passed along to SPC and becomes part of an annually updated version of the implementation plan, with significant activities listed for each initiative. The latest version of this working document was in the hands of Board members by the time of their spring 2003 meeting, so they could consult it to help determine priorities and make program and budget decisions. As is customary, AALL Vice President/President-Elect Janis Johnston is using items in the plan to help set the agenda for her 2003–04 presidential term. She has announced that she will be appointing several special committees or task forces which will address particular aspects of the plan.

¶6 Writing a "Member Briefing" insert for the July 2003 issue of *AALL Spectrum* on AALL's strategic planning provided an opportunity to explain to the entire membership how the process works and to highlight several success stories affecting every member. Sally Holterhoff was in charge of the briefing, and SPC committee member James Duggan wrote one of the articles. He will also be tak-

ing over as SPC chair for 2003–04, starting at the Seattle meeting.

Sarah (Sally) G. Holterhoff, Chair

Government Relations

¶1 The GRC worked with the Washington Affairs Office on matters related to the committee’s mission, including the appointment of a new Public Printer and subsequent reorganization of the Government Printing Office, the ubiquitous Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act, the E-Government Act, the Office of Management and Budget’s Memorandum No. M-02-07 (“Procurement of Printing and Duplicating through the Government Printing Office”), the Freedom to Read Protection Act, the Digital Media Consumer Rights Act, the USA PATRIOT Act, and other items too numerous to list.

¶2 The committee received a 2002 AALL/Aspen Publishers grant to create a state-by-state analysis of laws regarding permanent public access (PPA) to state information. The resulting publication, poised for release as of this writing, will serve as a finding tool for state government resources in both print and electronic formats. Authors were recruited to research and draft chapters on the status of PPA in each state, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. Results were then tabulated to present a nationwide snapshot of PPA legislation, policy, and initiatives as well as the state-specific information.

¶3 Members served as liaisons to AALL’s chapters, providing legislative updates and speaking on information policy at chapter meetings. Committee Chair Charlene Cain spoke to SEAALL regarding the PPA project. Committee member Robert Pikowsky wrote “An Overview of the Law of Electronic Surveillance Post-September 11, 2001” for the fall 2002 issue of *Law Library Journal*, and will present a program on the history of electronic surveillance legislation at the 2003 Annual Meeting. Joan Allen-Hart helped plan and co-authored the program hand-out for a panel discussion (“Law Library Advocacy Map on Highway 101”) for the Tri-Chapter Institute (NOCALL, SANDALL, and SCALL). The panel focused on grassroots advocacy and issues facing California. Leah Sandwell-Weiss prepared materials on “Libraries and the USA PATRIOT Act” for a library science graduate school class, and offered a similar presentation at a regional Arizona Library Association meeting where she also participated in a panel discussion on the PATRIOT Act with representatives from the ACLU and the Arizona attorney general’s office.

¶4 The Award Subcommittee, chaired by Elizabeth LeDoux, did such a fine job of soliciting nominations for the Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award that the committee was inundated with responses. GRC forwarded its recommendations to the AALL Awards Committee, which selected both the Georgia Government Publications database and the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall to receive PAGI awards. The GRC is pleased that AALL has chosen to reward outstanding efforts on the part of state governmental entities.

¶5 Committee member Jerry Stephens led a moderated electronic discussion on “Permanent Public Access: Whose Job Is It, and Why Should We Care?” during May 2003. Issues discussed ranged from access problems to the importance of authentication of source materials. Participants expressed both hope for the future of electronic government information and frustration at the slow pace of efforts for its preservation.

Charlene Cain, Chair

Grants

¶1 For 2003, the Grants Committee received a large number of applications, forty-nine, for grants for the Annual Meeting or workshops. The committee was able to award \$5085 in grants to eighteen individuals, fifteen for the Annual Meeting, and three for workshops. Both LexisNexis and West generously supported the program, each credited with awarding \$2500 in grants this year. If the committee continues to receive applications for workshops, it might want to consider how to resolve the problem of workshops filling up before applicants are notified that they have been awarded a grant. One suggestion has been to ask headquarters to reserve space in workshops for which it has received applications for grants.

¶2 After much discussion, the committee revised its cover letter to the grants application with the hope of clarifying applicant requirements. The revision was approved by the Executive Board, and the application has been changed on the committee’s Web site. Next year’s committee may want to revise further the cover letter/application, as well as the applicant rating form to ensure that they accurately communicate the requirements of the program and facilitate the process of rating the applicants.

¶3 The committee continued to update the Web site. In addition to providing information about the grant application, the site also contains updated links to other grants from SISs and chapters to increase awareness of such resources. Moreover, last year’s recipients were asked to write brief statements about their experiences at the Annual Meeting with the hope of showing how much one can benefit from the program, and these statements were posted to the page. This might be something that could be expanded upon in the future and maybe even considered as a requirement for acceptance of the grant.

¶4 The committee chair also continued to work with the chair of the Diversity Committee on the Minority Leadership Development Award. Only in its second year of existence, the award was given to one person this year. The committees will continue to work next year to develop and clarify procedures for this award.

Michelle Pearse, Chair

Indexing of Periodical Literature

¶1 The Advisory Committee on the Indexing of Periodical Literature reviews newly published legal periodicals and makes recommendations to the Gale Group editorial staff regarding the inclusion of those titles in the *Current Law*

Index/LegalTrac. The committee is also charged with monitoring the guidelines used in determining which periodical titles are included in the indexing, and with making recommendations about publishing details to the Gale Group editorial staff that may reflect the concerns of the AALL membership.

¶2 To this end, the committee evaluated 103 periodical titles during 2002–03. It approved 65 journals for indexing and rejected 38 titles. In addition, it revisited a title (*International Journal of Legal Information*) whose indexing ceased in 1996 because of irregularity of publishing. The committee decided to resume its indexing because it is now regularly published three times a year. Much of the selection work of the committee was accomplished at its meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2002, during the AALL Annual Meeting in Orlando. Supplementary work was concluded through e-mails and regular mailings to committee members during the course of the year.

¶3 During the past three years the question of indexing electronic journals has come up frequently, but no substantive action had been taken. At last year's committee meeting in Orlando, the committee agreed to address the matter this year. I spoke to the Gale Group about indexing electronic journals, and their response was that they would do it under certain circumstances. I drew up a draft document and received Gale's approval through our liaison, Bonnie Hawkwood. The draft was forwarded to the Executive Board and subsequently approved; its provisions were added to the selection guidelines used by the committee. These additions were communicated to the membership by an announcement in the "Committee News" column in *AALL Spectrum*. The first electronic journals were reviewed this past year, with twelve chosen for indexing from the seventeen that were considered. These have been submitted to Gale to pursue licensing agreements with the publishers.

¶4 For the first time the committee has made its guidelines available to the AALL membership by placing them on the committee's Web page on AALLNET.

¶5 The members of the committee for 2002–03 were Michael J. Petit, Chair, Jeffrey T. Bowen, Gordon Russell, Richard A. Leiter, Linda Karr O'Connor, Richard L. Bowler, and Stephanie Schmitt. Ann Fessenden was the Executive Board liaison. Bonnie Hawkwood was the contact with the Gale Group.

Michael J. Petit, Chair

Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum

¶1 The committee meets twice each year at the Annual Meeting and has a day-and-a-half fall meeting in Chicago. The committee's regular workload includes working with the editors of AALL's two premier print publications and screening eligible articles for the *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* article of the year awards. It recommends articles to the Awards Committee, which chooses the winners. The award winners, along with all *Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* authors, are honored at an authors reception at the Annual Meeting. CCH provides generous sponsorship for both the awards and the reception.

¶2 Sally Holterhoff served as the committee's Executive Board liaison. John Nann, chair of the AALLNET Advisory Committee, served as an ex-officio member of the committee, while Camille Broussard served as an ex-officio member of the AALLNET Advisory Committee. Dan Campbell continued to serve as the committee's webmaster. *Law Library Journal* Editor Frank Houdek, *AALL Spectrum* Editorial Director Paul Healey, and AALL Director of Publications Maya Norris all served as ex-officio members of the committee.

¶3 The committee paid particular attention to two issues during the year. The Executive Board requested that the committee (1) review, with the AALLNET Advisory Committee, the need to retain the current structure of the two committees, and prepare a recommendation about the advisability of merging them; and (2) consider the appropriate location of the publications on AALLNET (open access area versus members-only section). These issues comprised the main agenda items at the committee's fall meeting. The committee recommended to the Executive Board that the AALLNET Advisory Committee and the LLJ/AALL Spectrum Editorial Board and Advisory Committee remain separate but continue to have a joint member and the same Executive Board liaison to facilitate communication on matters of overlapping interest. The Executive Board accepted the recommendation at its November 2002 meeting.

¶4 The committee discussed the location of the publications on AALLNET as both a budgetary and a marketing issue. Since the publications are used not only to communicate with and educate our members but also to profile and promote the Association, the committee recommended that both remain in the open access section of AALLNET. The Executive Board accepted the recommendation at its November 2002 meeting.

Camille Broussard, Chair

Membership and Retention

¶1 For the third year the committee conducted a telephone campaign and survey to contact members with five or more years of membership who had not renewed for 2002–03. Names, contact information, and a compilation of results were provided by AALL Membership Coordinator Rachel Shaevel.

¶2 Members of the committee contacted ninety-seven members. Of these, ten were retired, thirty-four were no longer at the contact number or in law libraries, and eleven could not be reached. Reasons for nonrenewal included: forgot to renew (thirteen); did not receive invoice (two); employer will not pay (six); dues too high (one); too busy (one); prefer other organizations (five). Seventeen comments were recorded. Of those, nine did not renew due to change in job or job focus, four could not afford dues out of pocket, one did not see much benefit beyond the Annual Meeting and would be unable to attend for next few years, and one felt SLA had fresh perspective and AALL was too slanted toward academics.

¶3 Ann Hemmens, with Phill Johnson, researched and drafted a recommendation that was submitted to the Executive Board in May 2003. After consulting with

the AALLNET Advisory Committee, Membership and Retention is asking that AALL provide training, documentation, and support to the volunteer webmasters of Web sites hosted by AALL on topics aimed at improving search engine retrieval. The goal is to increase the visibility of AALLNET and thereby attract and retain members.

¶4 The committee is also discussing or already working on other ideas for attracting members. One is to conduct an e-mail membership drive, similar to one held by SLA, in which prizes are offered through a drawing to AALL members who provide names of potential members. The committee also conducted a brief e-mail survey contacting local chapters to determine the feasibility of using their communication mediums (i.e., newsletters, Web sites, discussion lists) as avenues for advertising AALL membership. Of thirty-one chapters contacted, fifteen responded. Thirteen responded positively, while two wanted to take the questions to the board, but were tentatively positive.

¶5 The chair would like to thank the members for their work this year: Amy Eaton, Vicente Garces, Ann Hemmens, Carole Hinchcliff, Phill Johnson, Rodney Koliha, Terry Long, Cathleen Richards, and Karen Taylor. The Executive Board liaison was Karl Gruben.

Linda J. Davis, Chair

Mentoring

¶1 Marlene Alderman, Glen F. Bencivengo, Carol Bredemeyer, Joyce Manna Janto, Connelly Johnson, Anne Klinefelter, Connie Lenz, Colleen Manning (Chair), Jennifer Sue Murray, Deidra Payne, and Theodore Potter served on the 2002–03 Mentoring Committee. Our Board Liaison was Al Podboy. The committee held its organizational meeting during the 2002 Annual Meeting in Orlando, discussing goals and agenda for the year.

¶2 The first goal was to further the committee's successful Mentor Project which matches members interested in being mentors with those seeking mentors. Anne Klinefelter chaired a subcommittee focusing on the project. It revised the application forms. It also worked with the mentoring committees of the three type-of-library SISs (PLL-SIS, ALL-SIS, and SCCLL-SIS) to create partnering opportunities. For example, each agreed to provide contact information to the subcommittee to facilitate locating mentors who match specific preferences, thereby allowing the Mentoring Committee to make better matches for all participants. The subcommittee was able to match twenty-two pairs of mentors and mentees using the preferences (e.g., type of library, type of position, race or ethnicity) indicated on the application forms. All participants in the project were invited to a short reception at the 2003 Annual Meeting in Seattle, giving an opportunity not only for mentors and mentees to meet but also for the committee to provide guidance on the project.

¶3 The second goal was to plan the annual Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL), which preceded the 2003 Annual Meeting. CONELL is used

to welcome newer members of the profession to the Association, introducing them to the organization and its leaders and providing an opportunity for them to become acquainted with each other. Ted Potter chaired a CONELL subcommittee that decided to keep the minor changes incorporated last year. The welcome address by the president and the "From Rookie to Veteran" part of the program continued to include more detailed information about the law library profession and the Association. Concurrent sessions of "Ask the Experts" and "Marketplace" were repeated to ease crowding. Acting on suggestions of earlier participants, the subcommittee worked with the Placement Committee to allow time for attendees to have access to placement services during the program. Following the morning program, participants lunched at Ivan's Salmon House and took a bus tour of Seattle.

¶4 The third goal was to make CONELL a year-round experience. The committee continued to maintain and support the List of Newer Law Librarians (LONELL), which currently has 266 subscribers. It also continued to add information and links to the committee's Web page on AALLNET, with committee webmaster Jennifer Murray acting on suggestions from others on the committee. She updated the Mentor Project application forms, a page containing information on CONELL, and improved the links to mentoring and grant information. Photos of participants at last year's CONELL program were also added.

¶5 The fourth goal was to increase awareness of the committee's mentoring programs. Deidra Payne chaired a subcommittee that focused on public relations and outreach. It sent information to various discussion lists, used the Association's e-mail announcements, and wrote articles about the Mentoring Committee's work for *AALL Spectrum*. The subcommittee also planned to undertake an outreach project encouraging chapters to provide grants supporting attendance at CONELL, but was unable to complete it

¶6 It was a busy year for the members of the Mentoring Committee, and we are pleased with the work we have done. Everyone on the committee deserves a hearty round of applause for his or her fine work.

Colleen C. Manning, Chair

Placement

¶1 There were thirty-six applicants and sixty-one job openings for the Placement Office at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Orlando, almost identical numbers to those of the 2001 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis (forty applicants, sixty-one jobs). The hours of operation remained the same as in previous years (Saturday, 12 P.M. to 5 P.M.; Sunday through Tuesday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.; and Wednesday, 9 A.M. to 12 P.M.). Once again, AALL Membership Coordinator Rachel Shaevel provided invaluable assistance during the meeting and throughout the year. I would also like to thank the members of the committee who assisted in the Placement Office (Jean Callihan, Jane Harrison, Mary Hood, Nancy McMurrer, Lynn Murray, Margaret Ross, Lisa Rush, Susan Ryan, Nancy Thoms, and Jeannine Uppgard).

¶2 The Placement Committee successfully concluded one other piece of business during 2002–03. Together with the Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee, it submitted a recommendation to the Executive Board to change the minimum salary required to post a job on AALLNET from \$22,000 to \$30,000. The Board approved this recommendation by consent at its spring 2003 meeting.

Linda Tesar, Chair

Price Index for Legal Publications

¶1 After several years of planning and data collection, the 2002–03 committee announced the publication of the first *Price Index for Legal Publications* in five years. The *Index* made its debut in December when it was loaded onto the “Members Only” section of AALLNET. This first electronic version, edited by Anne Poulter, covered the years 1998–2001 and will be updated annually. Working with AALL’s automation team, the committee hopes to make future *Indexes* a more interactive product, allowing members to query the database for specific information.

¶2 The willingness of representatives from Aspen, BNA, CCH, Hein, and LexisNexis to provide needed data to the committee was essential in its ability to produce the *Index*. In addition, law librarians from all over the country helped the committee in gathering data not provided by publishers.

¶3 Despite the success of the 1998–2001 *Index*, the committee is concerned about the amount of time it has taken to update the *Index* with 2002 data. It had been our hope that the 2002 update would be available to the membership by early spring 2003. Unfortunately, acquiring the 2002 data was not completed until June. The committee is addressing the causes of the delays and hopes to have the 2003 *Index* back to a spring publication schedule.

Richard Vaughan, Chair

Professional Development

¶1 The Professional Development Committee congratulates the Virginia Association of Law Libraries, which received the Chapter Professional Development Award for its 2002 Annual Meeting, “Exploring Connections at VALL—2002.” VALL’s annual meeting included programs on negotiation basics, negotiating in the law firm environment, negotiating license agreements, ethics and professionalism, use of filters in libraries, and specialized legal and other research. No award was given in the comprehensive, year-long category.

¶2 The PDC continued the moderated electronic discussions and the “Desktop Learning Series” in *AALL Spectrum* this year. PDC member Kathie Sullivan coordinated the moderated discussions and was assisted by many AALL member experts who served as moderators. More than nine hundred members participated in the discussions, which covered making and keeping your law library relevant in today’s world, prisoners and the law library, pro pers/pro ses in the law library, permanent public access to government information, and library schools and their

issues. PDC member Lori Hedstrom coordinated the “Desktop Learning Series” column, which covered tips for succeeding as a new law librarian, government documents around the world, eliminating boundaries for hearing- and speech-impaired customers, moving beyond the reference desk, project management, being the boss in a law library, expanding e-journal access, and using the annual report to tell the library’s story.

¶3 The committee collaborated with the Annual Meeting Program Committee to select three workshops for the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle: “Law for the Non-J.D.,” “Advanced Cataloging for Law Librarians,” and “Technical Briefing: A Workshop for Academic Library IT Managers.” LexisNexis collaborated with the PDC to present its TRICALL program prior to the Seattle Annual Meeting. “Boot Camp for Teachers of Electronic Research” was offered in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in collaboration with the Southeastern chapter of AALL. Also in Seattle, the committee hosted its Professional Development Roundtable training for approximately thirty chapter education leaders. The training was planned by a PDC team of Victoria Trotta (team leader), Sharon Blackburn, Jill Sidford, Shirley David, and Darcy Kirk.

¶4 The PDC received a new two-part charge from the AALL Executive Board in November 2001: (1) “design professional education program alternatives which are financially sound” and report back to the Board in two phases (preliminary recommendations for Board’s November 2002 meeting, and “a final report prioritizing its recommendations for the Board’s meeting in July 2003”); and (2) continue the professional development program to the extent that is made possible by the BNA contribution during calendar year 2002. To respond to this charge, the committee spent considerable time and effort assessing the current professional development program, talking with AALL members about their professional development needs, and developing the recommendations in its report.

¶5 The PDC submitted its “Professional Development Committee Preliminary Report and Recommendations on the Future of the Program” on October 9, 2002, for consideration at the Board’s November 2002 meeting. The Board’s actions on the committee’s seven recommendations are reflected in the minutes for the Board meeting, and a copy of the “Preliminary Report” is available from AALL headquarters or from the PDC chair. Some recommendations were revised and adopted by the Board; however, others were tabled until a more comprehensive needs assessment of AALL members could be completed. Afterward, the PDC worked closely with the Gary Siegel Organization (GSO) consulting firm, AALL Executive Director Susan Fox, and AALL President Carol Nicholson to develop the needs assessment survey. BNA, Inc. funded the development and distribution of this needs assessment survey as well as the consultant’s evaluation and analysis of the survey results. AALL members initially were asked to complete the needs assessment electronically (564 did so by the end of May 2003). The survey then was distributed to members by mail in June 2003 to get more responses. As of June 20, 2003, 530 members had completed and returned the print survey. GSO tabu-

lated the results and presented the data compilation to the PDC at its meeting on July 12, 2003. Follow-up focus groups, conducted by GSO, were held during the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting. GSO will submit its report and analysis of the needs assessment and focus groups to AALL after the Annual Meeting.

¶6 Based on a recommendation from its Finance and Budget Committee, the Board did not extend the position of education manager, which was scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2002. Incumbent Mary Jawgiel left the employment of AALL at the end of December 2002. The PDC presented Mary with a plaque and gifts to thank her for outstanding service to AALL, its members, and the professional development program.

¶7 At the completion of its meeting in Seattle, the PDC concluded its work and ceased to exist. Follow-up on the needs assessment, recommendations about a new career development program, and other items previously handled by the PDC now are responsibilities of the newly created Career Development Task Force.

Timothy L. Coggins, Chair

Public Relations

¶1 The mission of the Public Relations Committee is to promote law librarians and law librarianship to people and institutions in and out of the organization. The committee, consisting of Stephanie Burke, Carol Billings, Cindy Spohr, Donna Bausch, Raquel M. Ortiz, Lee Neugebauer, and Robert Hu, had a busy and productive year in furthering this mission. This report summarizes the projects and activities in which the committee was engaged since July 2002.

¶2 The 2001–02 committee, chaired by Joan Shear, drafted a “Statement on the Value Added to Organizations by Law Librarians.” The 2002–03 committee revised this document and presented it to the AALL Executive Board in early 2003 for final approval. The statement highlights the many ways in which law librarians contribute value to their organizations and should be used as a marketing tool for our profession.

¶3 Committee members contributed articles to the PR column in *AALL Spectrum*. These well-written articles were filled with information, insights, and advice. The *Law Librarian’s Bulletin Board* favorably cited several articles written by committee members such as Raquel M. Ortiz, Robert Hu, and Lee Neugebauer.

¶4 A subcommittee consisting of Stephanie Burke, Donna Bausch, and Robert Hu conducted this year’s AALL-West Excellence in Marketing competition. It reviewed more than thirty submissions from libraries throughout the country and made recommendations on the winning entries to the AALL Awards Committee. The winners were “Celebrating Books” by University of San Diego Legal Research Center (Best Campaign); *De Novo: The Newsletter of the Law Library* by Law Library of Louisiana (Best Newsletter); “UB Law Library Entry Display” by University at Buffalo Law Library (Best Use of Technology); “Name Change Brochure” by Travis County Law Library, Texas (Best Brochure); “Cornell Law

Library 2002 PR Kit” by Cornell Law Library, and “Library and Technology Orientation Program & Materials for Entering Students” by St. John’s University Rittenberg Law Library (Best PR Tool Kits).

¶5 The committee maintains a Web site for public relations information, resources, and exchanges. Raquel M. Ortiz, the committee webmaster, singlehandedly redesigned the site to make it more accessible, informative, and easy to navigate.

¶6 In addition to the above achievements, the committee also began working on the regular programs it sponsors or attends in connection with the Annual Meeting. In Seattle, the committee sponsored or participated in the PR Chapter Leadership Roundtable (Stephanie Burke and Carol Billings), the PR Showcase (Cindy Spohr and Donna Bausch), and CONELL (Raquel M. Ortiz and Robert Hu).

Robert H. Hu, Chair

Publications

¶1 In furtherance of the committee’s goals, the 2002–03 committee received and reviewed three publication proposals. Two proposals were approved by the committee for publication: *Larry Dershem’s Library of Congress Classification and Subject Headings* (Concise Edition) and the *AALL Universal Citation Guide*, second edition. Both of these proposals were accepted for publication by William S. Hein & Co. and will be published as part of the AALL Publication Series. An additional proposal has gone through the initial review process. It was determined that the proposal had merit, but that further development of the proposal would be needed before it could move on to full committee review.

¶2 The AALL president requested that the committee review materials in the AALL Publication Series to see which might be candidates for revision or updating, and to explore electronic publication options. An initial review of the series was conducted and sent to Hein. The committee is currently working with Hein to determine which publications might be most feasible for updating first, and this project will continue to be important to the 2003–04 committee’s work. Michael Beard, one of the committee liaisons, is in the process of compiling a database of potential authors that may prove useful in finding writers for upcoming revision projects.

¶3 The committee discussed conducting an online AALL member survey to determine such things as the types of publications members would be interested in purchasing, and how the committee might better encourage librarian authors. However, due to technical difficulties with the AALL Web server and other pressing committee duties, this project was postponed. The 2003–04 committee may wish to pursue this survey with other publication-related AALL committees and organizations.

¶4 Given that this committee is still a relatively new one, it is to be expected that its rules and procedures will need to be fleshed out and more clearly defined as new questions arise. This year, questions arose related to the use of AALL’s name on a publication approved by the committee, but not accepted by Hein. The

committee is also investigating the possibility of working with additional publishers.

Ana Hinman, Chair

Recruitment to Law Librarianship

¶1 The Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee had a very successful year in 2002–03. It developed several new initiatives to complement its past efforts at increasing the number of individuals who consider and enter the profession.

¶2 One of the most significant accomplishments of the committee was the revision of its Web site. The site has been an important vehicle for making connections with those considering a career in law librarianship. Committee webmaster Bonnie Shucha coordinated the redesign using input from other members to develop several new features. The creation of an “Ask Us about Law Librarianship” form was very well received. Individuals wishing to learn more about the profession can use this to request that a member of the committee contact them. As a result, committee members received inquiries from more than fifty potential new recruits, including library school students, librarians wishing a career change, lawyers, and persons wondering about educational requirements and the job market. Often the chair would forward an inquiry to a committee member who had some expertise in a particular area of law librarianship that the questioner asked about. In some instances, responses were sent by members in geographic proximity to the questioner to advise them about job opportunities.

¶3 Another development on the Web site was a “What’s It Like to Be a Law Librarian” page inspired by the “How I Became a Law Librarian” feature in the February 2003 issue of *AALL Spectrum*. Christopher Vallandingham wrote the feature article which covered several librarians’ experiences about entering the profession. The page contains profiles of various types of law librarians and offers a glimpse into the profession for those considering law librarianship as a career.

¶4 The committee was also charged by the president to evaluate its role vis-a-vis other AALL committees such as Mentoring and Placement. The chair met with the Special Committee on Graduate Education in Librarianship, and the committee and chair agreed that its charge should remain separate.

¶5 There were other projects and initiatives as well, many involving outreach to law and library schools. During the upcoming year, the committee hopes to expand on its efforts in 2002–03 and continue to promote law librarianship to interested persons.

Mark Bernstein, Chair

Relations with Information Vendors

¶1 The committee had a very busy year, and as chair, I would like to thank all the members for their participation and hard work. As stated in the CRIV charge, the committee’s mission is to “facilitate communications between information vendors and the members of the Association and the Executive Board in matters relating to provision of information in any format.”

¶2 This year CRIV furthered its relationship with both Aspen and West. It now has an annual meeting with both publishers during the AALL Annual Meeting. This continuing dialog has been beneficial to all parties.

¶3 Reverse site visits increased this past year with both Aspen and Bernan participating. CRIV is appreciative of the libraries that hosted the reverse site visits. These visits help the publishers see library operations firsthand and offer a unique opportunity for the vendor to visit with library staff.

¶4 At the Seattle Annual Meeting, CRIV sponsored a thirty-minute role-playing vignette titled “The Money Go Round: What to Do When Payments Go Astray,” which was very well received. There also was a tremendous turnout for the CRIV Forum this year. It was presented as an opportunity for librarians to learn from the vendors about their business practices and the challenges they face. The forum included representatives from Aspen, BNA, CCH, LexisNexis, and West.

¶5 Concerns brought to CRIV from librarians continued to be in large part centered around pricing and the frequency of updates and revisions. The committee is fortunate in that we have developed strong relationships with the vendors and have specific contacts to work with. In some instances, there was a direct communication with the librarian and the vendor after an initial CRIV visit with both parties. In situations where a large portion of the community was affected, CRIV spoke with the vendor and then communicated with the library community via CRIVGrams.

¶6 It truly has been a pleasure to have served on this committee and to have had the opportunity to work with so many talented and dedicated people.

Carol Rogers, Chair

Research

¶1 The Research Committee focused this year on the administration of the Association’s program for funding research. The committee solicited and reviewed ten research applications for funding, granted funds to four research projects, monitored seven ongoing projects, and reviewed final reports¹ from five completed research projects. Additionally, members of the committee began the process of reviewing the research agenda.

¶2 The committee administered two research funds. The AALL/Aspen Publishers Research Grant Program was made possible through a \$50,000 contribution from Aspen Publishers, while the AALL Research Fund was established with an endowment of \$100,000 from LexisNexis.

¶3 The following research projects, completed or in progress, were funded through the AALL Research Fund endowed by LexisNexis:

- Kris Gilliland of the University of Mississippi Law Library completed “The

1. See 2002–03 *Completed Research Grant Projects*, 95 LAW LIBR. J. 719, 2003 LAW LIBR. J. 50 (containing abstracts of final reports for completed projects).

Research Habits of Lawyers,” a study based on a comprehensive analysis of the results of a 1995 survey of attorneys.²

- Xia Chen and Frederick E. Smith of the UCLA School of Law completed “Web-Based Distance Learning of Principles of American Legal Bibliography,” in which they created a Web-based guide to the American legal system targeted at a native Chinese-speaking audience.³
- Pamela Melton and Lisa Eichhorn of the University of South Carolina School of Law completed “Research Habits of the South Carolina Bar,” a study investigating how lawyers conduct legal research and identifying the tools they use.⁴
- Sam Trosow of the University of Western Ontario will conduct a project to investigate how the World Trade Organization’s General Agreement on Trade in Services may affect public law libraries.
- The Washington County Law Library will investigate the privacy, confidentiality, and access issues that arise when it digitizes Oregon’s appellate court briefs.

¶4 The following research projects, completed or in progress, were funded through the AALL/Aspen Publishers Research Grant Program:

- Catherine Sanders Reach and David Whelan of the American Bar Association’s Legal Technology Resource Center completed “Feasibility and Viability of the Digital Library in the Private Law Firm,” a study based on a survey of legal publishers, law librarians, and lawyers designed to determine the viability of private firms relying on digital resources for access to legal information.⁵
- The AALL Government Relations Committee and AALL Washington Affairs Office completed “Permanent Public Access of State Government Information: A State-by-State Compilation and Resource Guide,” a project that revealed that few states have strong protection for preserving electronic access to government information.⁶
- David Selden and Monica Martens of the National Indian Law Library are creating a subject heading thesaurus for Native American and tribal law. More information is available on the project’s Web site (<http://www.narf.org/nill/the.htm>).
- Kathryn Hensiak of Northwestern University Law School, Donna Nixon of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, and Stephanie Burke of Boston University School of Law are conducting a study to evaluate the research skills of incoming first-year students and suggest ways that legal

2. *See id.* at 722–23, ¶¶ 14–18 (report of Kris Gilliland).

3. *See id.* at 721–22, ¶¶ 10–13 (report of Xia Chen and Frederick E. Smith).

4. *See id.* at 723–24, ¶¶ 19–24 (report of Pamela Melton and Lisa Eichhorn).

5. *See id.* at 724–25, ¶¶ 25–29 (report of Catherine Sanders Reach and David Whelan).

6. *See id.* at 719–21, ¶¶ 3–9 (report of AALL Government Relations Committee and Washington Affairs Office).

research courses can build upon those skills and produce students who are more effective researchers.

Kumar Percy, Chair

Scholarships

¶1 In June 2002, the Scholarships Committee was given a supplemental charge to “review the descriptions, criteria and applications for all Association scholarships under its purview, and revise the documents, as necessary, to clarify that the Association’s intent is to award scholarships to those planning a career in law librarianship.”

¶2 Pursuant to this charge, the committee revised the descriptions, criteria, and application forms of all the scholarships to emphasize the importance that the applicant intends to have a career as a law librarian. The Executive Board approved the revised documents at its November 2002 meeting, and the amended documents were posted on AALLNET later that month.

¶3 The supplemental charge also instructed the committee to “review the score sheet used in the evaluation of all scholarship applications, and revise them as necessary to include an appropriate evaluation and scoring of applicants’ personal statements.” The newly revised score sheet is divided into seven categories, each with a maximum point value, with factors that should be considered when allocating the points under each category. The score sheets were submitted to the Executive Board as an informational item at its April 2003 meeting.

¶4 Until January 2003, it was unclear whether the committee would have funds with which to award scholarships as poor market conditions resulted in no interest being generated from the corpus of the scholarships fund. It was only through the generosity of LexisNexis, West, and AALL that the committee was able to award eleven scholarships, totaling \$21,000. West provided \$10,000 to be awarded in George A. Strait Minority Scholarships this year. The recipients were Filiberto Govea, Debora Taylor, and Florante Ibanez. LexisNexis donated \$10,000 to be distributed through the Johnson Memorial Scholarship fund. Trina Tinglum, Stacy Etheredge, Lance Werner, and Steven Probst were awarded Type I (Library Degree for Law School Graduates) scholarships; and Rebecca Colbert, James Thurow, and Lisa Britt received Type III (Library Degree for Non-Law School Graduates) scholarships. To show its support for the continuing education of law librarians, AALL provided \$1000 from the AALL Memorial Fund for Type V scholarships. Thomas Enneking was awarded a Type V scholarship.

¶5 I would like to thank the members of the committee who worked so diligently to fulfill the terms of the supplemental charge and to fairly evaluate the applicants: Ruth Bridges, Bill Draper, Carol Grant, Diana Jaque, Susan Ryan, Leonette Williams, Jessica Wimer, and Ann Fessenden (Executive Board liaison). I would also like to thank Rachel Shaevel at AALL headquarters who was an invaluable resource to the committee.

Kim Clarke, Chair

Special Committees, Task Forces, and Council

AALL Centennial Celebration Special Committee

¶1 The AALL Centennial Celebration Special Committee, charged with implementing the plan approved by the Executive Board in November 2002 to commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of the Association's founding in 2006, was officially appointed by President Carol Avery Nicholson in April 2003. Carol Billings chairs the committee along with cochairs Janice Henderson and James Heller. Other members are Patricia Cervenka, Michele Finerty, Karl Gruben, Roger Jacobs, David Mao, and Valerie Railey. *Law Library Journal* editor Frank Houdek and *AALL Spectrum* editor Paul Healey are *ex officio* members, and Carol Avery Nicholson serves as liaison to the Executive Board.

¶2 Having been notified earlier of their forthcoming appointment, the committee members began communicating in fall 2002. They began reviewing the approved report of the Centennial Planning Task Force, and in preparation for the creation of an official centennial logo by a professional designer, decided to sponsor a Centennial Slogan Contest among AALL members. In November the announcement of the contest was broadcast via a "member alert" message, AALLNet, and law-lib. Eighty-six slogan ideas were submitted by twenty-five members by the December 20 deadline. The committee carefully reviewed and narrowed the list and recommended the slogan "The American Association of Law Libraries, 1906–2006: A Century of Leadership" for approval by the Executive Board at its April 2003 meeting. Both Lynnette E. Simonsen and Joan Stevens had submitted identical winning entries to which the committee added the dates. Following the Board's approval, the winning slogan and its two authors were announced. Both will receive as prizes one of the commemorative items to be created for the celebration.

¶3 The committee met for the first time at the Annual Meeting in Seattle. Members began dividing responsibilities and agreed to gather needed information for a lengthy planning meeting in Chicago the weekend of September 11–13. The committee will also concentrate on appointing special subcommittees and developing a detailed budget. Quarterly progress reports will be submitted to the Executive Board.

Carol Billings, Chair

Biennial Salary Survey Task Force

¶1 The charge of the Biennial Salary Survey Task Force was to evaluate the current survey instrument and publication to identify data that may be ambiguous, misleading, or incomplete; to consult with special interest sections and other appropriate entities regarding the usefulness of the current survey instrument and publication; to determine other appropriate means for identifying member needs that are not currently being met or that may benefit from improved data collection; to consult with headquarters staff and whoever collects the data; to make recom-

mendations to the director of publications and the executive director for changes to the survey instrument and publication; and to review the resulting survey instrument and publication and report on improvements in usefulness to the Executive Board.

¶2 The task force began its work in summer 2002 by reviewing the five previous salary survey reports and soliciting comments on all aspects of salary surveys from all AALL members. The task force received thoughtful comments from many members, which it then analyzed in several categories: preferred date to use for reporting salaries, who receives the survey, geographic regions used, requests for changes in data elements, requests for additional tables and/or data elements, definitions/position designations, and ways to increase response rate/ways to use survey in public relations.

¶3 An interim report was submitted to the Executive Board in January 2003. Headquarters staff arranged distribution of the 2003 survey, which returns to using July 1 as the date for reporting salaries. The survey was mailed to library directors in late June and was due by July 25, 2003.

¶4 The members of the task force were Maryruth Storer (Chair), William Beintema, Virginia Bryant, John Davey, Constance Dickson, Susan Lerdal, and Elmo Dattalo and Karl Gruben, Board liaisons. Maya Norris was the staff liaison.

Maryruth Storer, Chair

Special Committee on Cataloging and Intranet Access to Electronic Resources

¶1 The Special Committee on Cataloging and Intranet Access to Electronic Resources was appointed by AALL President Carol Avery Nicholson in fall 2002. The committee's formation and basis for its charge came from *Beyond the Boundaries*, the report of the Special Committee on the Future of Law Libraries in the Digital Age. The charge "is to work with the vendor community to examine and make recommendations that will facilitate provision of better cataloging records and the development of Intranets, thus ensuring consistent and permanent access to electronic records." Committee members have been discussing these issues and gathering information, and spoke with vendors at the Annual Meeting in Seattle. The committee will present an interim report to the Executive Board at its November 2003 meeting, and a final report at its April 2004 meeting.

¶2 The members of the Special Committee on Cataloging and Intranet Access to Electronic Resources are Michael Maben (Chair), Nina Platt (Board liaison), and Hope Breeze, Janet McKinney, DJ Morrison, George Prager, Karen Selden, and Eloise Vondruska.

Michael Maben, Chair

Council of Newsletter Editors

¶1 The Council of Newsletter Editors (CONE) membership includes about fifty newsletter editors of AALL-affiliated groups. This year CONE changed one of its policies, re-examined its structure, updated its Web page, explored archiving issues

for electronic-only newsletters, and continued to use its electronic discussion list to share content and survey members on issues of common concern.

¶2 CONE formerly had a policy requiring editors to distribute print copies of newsletters to its members and five copies to AALL headquarters. Beginning this year, notification to the CONE discussion list when a new issue is available is considered sufficient for those newsletters available on the Web. This has saved significant printing and mailing costs for many special interest sections and chapters.

¶3 At CONE's last annual meeting, members inquired about CONE's informal structure. Research following the meeting confirmed that CONE does not have procedures for elections or a formal relationship to the AALL Executive Board. CONE subsequently expressed interest in having an Executive Board liaison. It was instead decided that CONE should continue to function informally and consult with the AALL director of publications and the AALLNET Advisory Committee to address concerns as they arise.

¶4 During the past few years, SIS and chapter newsletters have increasingly ceased producing print copies and moved to solely electronic distribution. The large majority of these are mounted on AALLNET. Especially due to the lack of hard copy, many CONE members sought reassurance about plans to permanently archive AALLNET content. CONE expressed its archiving concerns to the AALLNET Advisory Committee and was pleased to learn that this committee already had plans to address the issue in 2003–04. CONE also plans to consult with this committee and AALL headquarters on issues related to advertising and commercial content in newsletters mounted on AALLNET.

¶5 The CONE Web page was updated throughout the year, providing links to chapter and SIS newsletters sites and editor contact information. Although only in existence since last year, this page has been a useful resource for members. The CONE discussion list has also served a valuable role in member communication, sharing of content, and issue surveys.

Deanna Barmakian and Michelle Pearse, Cochairs

Special Committee to Develop Performance Measures for Law Librarians

¶1 The special committee was appointed by AALL President Barbara Bintliff in 2001 for a two-year term; it completed its work in April 2003. The special committee's charge was to explore performance measures that can be adapted for use by law librarians and their employers in the various law library settings and to "develop universal performance measures that can be used for self-assessment by individual librarians or for performance evaluation of law librarians by employers." The special committee was also directed to base its work on AALL's "Competencies of Law Librarianship," approved by the Executive Board in March 2001.

¶2 Over the last two years, the special committee focused its discussions and work on the "Competencies of Law Librarianship," competence measurement systems, and a variety of evaluation devices. To inform the AALL membership about

its work, the special committee published brief news items, an interim report, and an article in the daily newspaper of the 2002 Annual Meeting in Orlando. After the article was published, the special committee asked a select group of AALL members to participate in a survey to select competencies they believe are essential or necessary to evaluate their work in their current positions. The survey response rate was low, but confirmed the special committee's assumptions about the work it had completed and ensured that the measurement devices the special committee formulated were for a group of competencies that AALL members would use.

¶3 As the special committee completed its work this spring, it kept its charge in mind and created a broad-based measurement system that could be used in any type of library and by nearly any professional employee. The measures included in the special committee's final report may be used by individual law librarians to guide their self-development and career progression. Supervisors will also find the performance measures valuable in screening candidates for employment, in formulating questions for reference checks, and in performance reviews.

¶4 The special committee presented its sixty-page report to the Executive Board in April 2003 and asked that it be professionally published as well as published on AALLNET. The Board is exploring a variety of ways to market and publish this document and will make a final determination on publication at its July 2003 meeting. The special committee also recommended that measures for other less critical competencies found in the document be devised by a subsequent committee, if the Board deems that useful to the profession. The special committee also recommended that this list be shared with those working in library and information science degree programs for their ideas.

¶5 Committee members Sarah Andeen, Michele Finerty, J. Denny Haythorn, Mary Jane Kelsey, Darcy Kirk, Michael Miller, and Carol Suhre worked tirelessly to complete this very difficult task. Each special committee member contributed to the final report and ensured that it was a final product we would all be proud to submit to the AALL membership.

Roberta (Bobbie) Studwell, Chair

Special Committee on Fair Business Practices

¶1 Pursuant to initiative 4b.1 of the 2000–2005 Strategic Plan, AALL leadership appointed the Special Committee on Fair Business Practices to “respond to the expressed need for a set of guidelines for law publishers doing business with librarians and other consumers of legal information.” The special committee embarked on a process designed to realize a “a model code of fair business practices for legal publishers that is an accepted standard in the industry.” Over a period of two years, it engaged in a rigorous process that included soliciting and receiving comments from librarians in all types of law libraries as well as representatives from various legal publishers. Several iterations of the guide were widely distributed and a “town meeting” was conducted at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Orlando before a final version was submitted to the Board in fall 2002.

¶2 The AALL Executive Board approved the “AALL Guide to Fair Business Practices for Legal Publishers” in November 2002. While not necessarily intended to replace the FTC’s “Guides for the Law Book Industry,” for the first time since the commission rescinded its Guides in 2000, law librarians and publishers have available to them a document addressing many of the key issues that mark the relationship between the two groups. The AALL Guide, distributed to all members and other interested parties in early 2003 and posted on AALLNET, describes standards for the business practices of publishers that most directly affect law librarians, and covers the full range of their interactions, from advertising and solicitation to purchases and customer support. It does not explicitly require any methods of operation because it is not intended to interfere with particular business models. As indicated in its introduction, the AALL Guide “is designed to allow legal publishers to take advantage of evolving technology and to foster innovation while adhering to principled business practices that will ensure fair and appropriate treatment for customers.”

¶3 The special committee is under no illusion that the simple promulgation of an AALL Guide will solve all existing problems associated with the business practices of legal publishers and prevent future ones from arising. However, it does believe that a good faith effort on the part of the legal publishing community to implement the provisions of the AALL Guide, coupled with their use by librarians as the level at which their expectations of publishers are set, will go a long way toward reducing tensions and solving problems.

¶4 The Executive Board disbanded the special committee in November 2002 and authorized the creation of a Fair Business Practices Implementation Task Force to guide the distribution and promotion of the new guide as the accepted standard in the industry and to monitor its interpretation, revision, and evaluation.

¶5 The special committee would like to express its appreciation to all the individuals and groups who participated in the dialogue on this important subject. The Chair would like to thank the members of the committee who worked so hard to bring the goal of a fair business practices guide to fruition: Kathy Carlson, Chris Graesser, Kay Todd, Michelle Wu, Robert Oakley (Executive Board liaison), and Roger Parent (staff liaison).

Frank G. Houdek, Chair

Special Committee on Law Librarian Compensation

¶1 The Special Committee on Law Librarian Compensation was formed in 2001. In April 2002, the Executive Board approved a motion to reconstitute this special committee for an additional year, through July 2003.

¶2 During the past year, the special committee engaged in a number of activities relating to the issue of law librarian compensation, including providing the Altman Weil consulting firm with revised law librarian job descriptions to be used in that firm’s annual Survey of Law Firm Economics and for the revised edition of that firm’s publication, *Job Descriptions for Law Firms, Corporate Law*

Departments and Government Agencies; submitting comments on the AALL Biennial Salary Survey to the task force reviewing that survey; initiating and helping draft the AALL/Altman Weil Compensation Satisfaction Survey (distributed electronically to AALL members in February 2003); and coordinating a program concerning law librarian compensation for the 2003 Annual Meeting in Seattle. In addition, the chair of the special committee served as liaison to the American Library Association's Task Force on Better Salaries and Pay Equity, attending meetings of the task force at the 2002 ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta and the 2003 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, and participating in the activities of the task force's Research Working Group.

¶3 In its final report to the Executive Board, the special committee noted that an insufficient number of persons are entering the field of librarianship to replace those scheduled to retire in coming years, and that these projected future shortages are likely caused at least in part by inadequate compensation. Because sufficient entry of properly trained professionals into law librarianship is important not only to AALL, but to a democratic and transparent political culture, the special committee urged the Executive Board to recognize the issue of law librarian compensation as a problem warranting significant sustained attention, and indeed as a fundamental matter of information policy.

¶4 The special committee made three recommendations to the Executive Board for its consideration. The special committee first recommended that the Board take action to ensure that AALL undertakes the initiative proposed in the 2000–2005 Strategic Plan to “regularly compile detailed compensation analyses comparing law librarians' salaries, education and contributions to those of comparable professionals in different types of organizations, firms, schools and courts” (Strategic Direction #1, Outcome C). Second, the special committee recommended that the Board authorize the creation of a new staff position to oversee and coordinate the Association's activities relating to marketing, public relations, and advocacy relating to compensation. Third, the special committee recommended that the Board create a standing committee on the economic status of law librarianship, to provide sustained effort and focus on matters relating to law librarian compensation.

Luis Acosta, Chair

Representatives

ALA/ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Section: Subject Analysis Committee

¶1 The Subject Analysis Committee and its subcommittees continue to study the use of subject headings in the age of online library systems in an international context. The subject heading reference structures are being shown to online system vendors as a way to enhance display and achieve a better index display of subject heading references and the bibliographic works containing those subjects.

¶2 The Semantic Operability Subcommittee is working on criteria for evaluating systems that have semantic operability, defined as “the ability of two or more systems or components to exchange or harmonize cognate subject vocabularies and/or knowledge organization schemes to be used for the purposes of effective and efficient resource discovery without significant loss of lexical or connotative meaning and without special effort by the user.”

¶3 The Training Subcommittee has written and is editing a course on analyzing bibliographic resources for the assignment of subject headings and for constructing the headings. This two-day workshop will be an excellent prerequisite course for those new to cataloging and a good refresher for experienced catalogers.

¶4 An important part of the SAC full committee meetings is the report on subject cataloging developments from the Library of Congress Cataloging Policy and Support Office. The religious law schedules are still being developed, although canon law, Jewish law, and religious law in general are done. The Library of Congress changed its policy on the use of the geographic subdivision Great Britain in law subject headings. Now it is possible to use both England and Great Britain as geographic subdivisions for legal works, depending on the geographic emphasis of the work being cataloged and the subject being covered in the book.

¶5 Detailed SAC reports can be found in the *Technical Services Law Librarian* and on the Technical Services Special Interest Section home page.

Marie Whited

***ALA/ALCTS/LITA/RUSA Machine-Readable
Bibliographic Information Committee***

¶1 With only six proposals and four discussion papers, this year’s MARBI meetings were shorter than those in recent years. The common thread in every topic was the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR). FRBR provides a model for looking at how we catalog material and provides a framework for expressing the relationship between entities. It defines four hierarchical levels: work, expression, manifestation, and item. Significant efforts have been made to map the MARC data elements into the FRBR model. This mapping is then used by the utilities and the system vendors to manipulate our current cataloging records and create new displays. We can expect that the MARC formats and our catalogs will continue to change because of FRBR.

¶2 A major development in MARC was implementation of the proposals, approved in previous years, that define coding to use in cataloging integrating resources. Since integrating resources include loose-leafs and updating Web sites, they are a significant part of the current cataloging done in law libraries. This new coding allows us to highlight the serial nature of these materials which we previously had to treat as monographs. While all of the coding for integrating resources is now part of the MARC standards, not all of it has been implemented by the utilities and by our local systems. Until the changes are fully implemented, we must follow interim guidelines. It is hoped that the utilities will be able to

convert these temporary measures into newly coded records once implementation is complete.

Susan D. Goldner

Washington Affairs Office

¶1 **Copyright and Contract Issues.** During 2002–03, AALL’s copyright agenda expanded significantly from its primary focus on federal activities and opposing the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA) at the state level to include many international initiatives. The Washington Office submitted comments to the U.S. Trade Representative and to Congress on the U.S.-Chile and U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreements. We are very concerned that provisions in these bilateral agreements will extend the scope of copyright protection beyond what exists in the Copyright Act, thus undermining privileges found in U.S. copyright law. We are also concerned that because free trade agreements fall under fast-track authority, there is little opportunity for congressional amendments or oversight. We also submitted comments on the draft Hague Convention on Jurisdiction and Foreign Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, where our concerns are the enforceability of non-negotiated contracts and the choice of forum provisions that the current draft espouses.

¶2 At the federal level, we worked to get support and sponsors for H.R. 1066, the Benefit Authors Without Limiting Advancement or Net Consumer Expectations Act, introduced by Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), and H.R. 107, the Digital Media Consumers’ Rights Act (DMCRA), introduced by Congressmen Rick Boucher (D-Va.) and John Doolittle (R-Calif.). The DMCRA reaffirms fair use in a networked environment, resolves key concerns regarding hardware and software that permit significant noninfringing uses, and allows researchers to engage in the scientific research of technological protection measures. The Washington Office and partners in our Database Coalition continued throughout the year to visit House and Senate members in anticipation that the House Commerce and Judiciary committees would agree to legislative language after two years of negotiations. At the end of the 107th Congress, the two committee chairmen agreed to introduce a bill by April 15, 2003. That date has come and gone, although we do expect to see legislation this year. Another reason we are monitoring international copyright activities closely is that there may be efforts to add databases to the free trade agreements or other international conventions.

¶3 AALL signed onto several important amicus briefs during the year, including *Eldred v. Ashcroft* (the Supreme Court upheld the 1998 Copyright Term Extension Act that granted a twenty-year extension to all existing copyrights); *Dastar v. Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp.* (decided by the Supreme Court 8-0 in favor of Dastar, a company that used the content of a public domain film to create a new product); *Baystate Technologies, Inc. v. Harold L. Bowers* (cert. denied, on whether a publisher can deny the fair use right to reverse engineer by means of

terms in a shrink-wrap license); and *RIIA v. Verizon* (to protect the First Amendment anonymity and privacy rights of Internet users—appellate court oral arguments are scheduled for September 16, 2003). In addition, Jonathan Band, legislative counsel for the Shared Legal Capability (AALL, ALA, ARL, MLA, and SLA), testified before the Copyright Office in spring 2003 in support of exemptions from the section 1201 anticircumvention provisions of the DMCA.

¶4 At the state level, Americans for Fair Electronic Commerce Transactions (AFFECT), the anti-UCITA coalition established by AALL and the other library associations, succeeded in stopping the enactment of UCITA in any new states this year. AALL members Sandra Marz and Roberta Studwell deserve special recognition for their excellent efforts in mounting a strong anti-UCITA campaign in Nevada in April. AFFECT has a proactive agenda as well, and this year it succeeded in getting a UCITA “bombshelter” bill enacted in Vermont and is working to support similar legislation in Delaware and Massachusetts. States enacting such a bill can protect their residents and businesses from the choice of law and choice of forum provisions of UCITA, which has been enacted in Virginia and Maryland.

¶5 There was no time to bask in that success, however, because in March 2003, we learned that seven states had enacted what we refer to as state “Super Digital Millennium Copyright Act” (DMCA) laws that are purportedly aimed at ending cable and telephone piracy but are overly broad. The legislation, which comes from the Motion Picture Association of America, adds new prohibitions to those already in the DMCA without providing any safe harbors. It would undermine the ability of libraries to provide important information services. Once news of these state “Super DMCA” bills leaked, a new coalition emerged almost overnight. We successfully stopped its enactment in several states and will continue to closely monitor state activity in the coming year.

¶6 **Access to Government Information Issues.** At the federal level, many AALL members responded to an action alert by submitting statements in December 2002 expressing their strong opposition to a proposal released by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to amend the Federal Acquisitions Regulations (FAR) to permit agencies to procure their own printing rather than using the centralized procurement system at the Government Printing Office (GPO). Bruce R. James, sworn in as the new Public Printer in December, held several meetings with OMB Director Mitch Daniels throughout the spring. As a result, OMB and GPO announced a new agreement on June 6, 2003, that GPO will create a new procurement system that will bring more agency publications into the FDLP. The new agreement includes a mandate that all printing contracts require that the printer deliver two print copies and an electronic version of all publications. As a result, GPO will be able to catalog these agency publications so that the electronic version will be more easily located by the library and user communities and will remain available for permanent public access. OMB Director Mitch Daniels credits the library community for educating him about the need to ensure broad public access to agency information.

¶7 New Public Printer Bruce James and new Superintendent of Documents Judy Russell are engaged in a yearlong review of the Federal Depository Library Program that James predicts will change from the current 60–40 electronic to print ratio to 95–5 in the next five years. Both James and Russell are deeply committed to developing new services for depository libraries that will provide incentives for libraries to remain in the program even when most federal government information will be available to the public at no cost through the Internet. One of the long-standing concerns of depository law librarians has been the need to have an authentication system for electronic titles that are no longer distributed in a tangible version. GPO has eliminated distribution of the microfiche congressional bills and, more recently, Supreme Court slip opinions. AALL's Executive Board endorsed "A Resolution on Supreme Court Slip Opinions" at its April 2003 meeting that reiterated conversations between the Washington Office and new Public Printer Bruce James about the lack of authenticity of electronic slip opinions. As a result, James has initiated discussions between GPO and the IT department at the Supreme Court to investigate how the authenticity of electronic court opinions might be achieved.

¶8 An egregious state bill that would halt the development of new, robust electronic information access and e-government services through the Internet by state agencies came back to haunt us again this year. Working in close cooperation with our Ohio members, we rallied national and state public access organizations to successfully oppose the Electronic Government Services Act that, for the second year in a row, was introduced in that state. This egregious state model law, promoted by the American Legislative Exchange Council, would prohibit state agencies from expending funds for the dissemination of electronic information or services if two commercial entities were providing the same information or service. It flies in the face of federal, state, and local efforts to provide the public with timely access to electronic information by and about their government as well as new E-government services.

¶9 **Other Activities.** The Office worked on a very important project during the past year with ALA, ARL, MLA, and the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition to develop a white paper on the impact of mergers on the pricing of scientific, technical, and medical journals, and legal serials. The paper was sent to the U.S. Department of Justice to block Cinven and Candover's recent proposed purchase of BertelsmannSpringer. It argues that the DOJ should review mergers within the publishing industry in light of the way that libraries select journals and legal serials. The work that economist Mark McCabe has done for AALL, ARL, and MLA demonstrates that increased market power resulting from recent mergers has allowed publishers to boost prices. Increasing prices has led to subscription cancellations, which in turn deprive scientists and the legal community of access to basic tools needed to conduct research.

¶10 **Final Thoughts.** This has been an exceedingly busy year for Washington Affairs Representative Bob Oakley and myself as AALL's legislative agenda

expands to include more international and state issues of key importance to the law library community. To keep yourself informed of our work, I invite you to read our letters, testimony, *AALL Spectrum* articles, and other documents at Washington Office Online (<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/aallwash>). Last but far from least, AALL's efforts to represent your interests on important federal and state policy issues during the past year would not have been successful without the tremendous advocacy support from so many of you who responded quickly, faithfully, and effectively to our calls for action throughout the year. Working together with you on our legislative agenda, AALL will continue to make a difference and be recognized for its contributions to the development of international, federal, and state information policy.

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