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**Monday Afternoon—Session One
July 18, 2005**

[The first session of the General Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries was called to order at 2:30 P.M., at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 214, with Victoria K. Trotta, President, presiding.]

Call to Order

¶1 **President Victoria K. Trotta** (Arizona State University, Ross-Blakley Law Library, Tempe, Arizona): The Chair is pleased to call to order the first session of the 2005 General Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries.

¶2 As of July 16, 2005, we have 1687 AALL members registered for the 2005 Annual Meeting. Our Bylaws, Article V, Section 3, stipulate that “a quorum for a business meeting of the Association shall consist of fifty members registered at that meeting.” The Chair observes that there is a quorum.

¶3 **Unidentified Speaker:** Tory, could you speak up, please.

¶4 **President Trotta:** Sure. Boy, that has never been my problem. How is this? Is this better?

Introductions

¶5 The Chair would like to introduce those present at the head table: Parliamentarian Nylanne Little, Vice President/President-Elect Claire Germain, Treasurer Joyce Manna Janto, Secretary Catherine Lemann, and Executive Director Susan Fox.

Adoption of the Standing Rules

¶6 The Rules of Conduct for AALL General Business Meetings appear on page ten of your Annual Meeting program. In the interest of managing today’s agenda, no member may speak for more than three minutes. The Chair will limit discussion to no more than ten minutes on any one agenda item, except for any proposed bylaws amendment when thirty minutes discussion will be allowed. The Chair will announce when the time is completed. If members wish to extend discussion beyond the allowed time, a motion to extend discussion must be passed by two-thirds majority. If the Chair hears no objection, these rules will be adopted for this meeting. (No response.) Hearing no objection, these rules are adopted for the 2005 Business Meeting, session one on Monday and session two on Tuesday.

Adoption of the Agenda for Both Sessions

¶7 For information in planning our agenda, are there any resolutions that will be introduced during this meeting? If anyone has a resolution to introduce, please provide the Secretary with three copies of it now. These resolutions will be added to the end of this session of the Business Meeting under new business. If you want to introduce a resolution for the second Business Meeting, please provide the Secretary with three copies in advance of that meeting.

¶8 Copies of today’s agenda are available outside the doors to this meeting room. The session today will be recessed no later than 4:00 P.M. Are there any changes to the agenda? (No response.) Hearing none, I declare the agenda adopted.

Approval of the Minutes from the 2004 Business Meeting

¶9 The minutes of the 2004 Business Meeting were published in the Fall 2004 issue of *Law Library Journal*, Volume 96, Number 4. Are there any corrections?

(No response.) If there are no corrections, the Chair will declare those minutes approved. (No response.) Hearing no objections or corrections, I declare the minutes of the 2004 Business Meeting approved as published.

Report on Elections

¶10 The Chair is pleased to call Secretary Catherine Lemann to the podium for a report of the 2005 election results.

¶11 **Ms. Catherine Lemann** (Law Library of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana): Thank you, Madam President. The ballots for AALL's first electronic election for the 2005–2006 officers and board members were distributed to all voting members on November 15, 2004, returned by December 15, 2004, and tabulated electronically that same day. This schedule is consistent with the AALL Bylaws. The successful candidates were Sally Holterhoff, Vice President/President-Elect; Darcy Kirk, Secretary; and Steven Anderson and Lyonette Louis-Jacques, members of the Executive Board.

¶12 Continuing on the Board will be Claire Germain, President; Victoria Trotta, Past President; Joyce Manna Janto, Treasurer; and Kathy Carlson, Anne Myers, Merle Slyhoff, and Kathie Sullivan, members of the Executive Board.

¶13 A total of 1985 ballots were returned on time and none were invalidated. AALL mailed 251 paper ballots and 4510 electronic ballots for a total of 4761 outstanding ballots. We received back 44 paper ballots and 1941 electronic ballots, totaling 1985 ballots returned. An itemized list of the election results has been submitted with this report and is available from the Executive Director upon request.

¶14 **President Trotta:** Thank you. The Chair declares the following persons duly elected by the membership and asks them to stand and be recognized: Sally Holterhoff, President-Elect; Darcy Kirk, Secretary; and Steven Anderson and Lyonette Louis-Jacques, members of the Executive Board. (Applause.)

¶15 If there are no objections, the Chair will authorize the Secretary to destroy the ballots of the 2005 election. (No response.)

Memorials

¶16 We have been informed of the deaths of several members and friends of our Association during the past year. They are Kathy Garner, George D. Jacobsen, J. Myron Jacobstein, Pat Keller, Kathryn P. Mattox, Madison Mosley Jr., Vaclav Mostecky, Elinor (Nora) Muller, Dorothy Andrews Norman, Mary Oliver, and Sue C. Welsh. Are there any other members we should remember at this time? (No response.)

¶17 Please stand and join me in a moment of silence in memory of those individuals who died during the past year. They will be remembered for their contributions to AALL and to the law library profession. (A moment of silence was observed by the members.) Thank you.

Report of the President

¶18 I am pleased at this point to present my president's report for the 2004–2005 year. When I took office, we were at the end of a strategic plan and we were still in financial recovery mode. The Executive Board was also beginning to explore a new governance model that focused less on overseeing the activities of the past and more on thinking and discussing the important issues that affect our professional and association lives now and in the future. So the year really ordered itself around these major priorities, restoring the Association to fiscal health, exploring new ways to further the new governance model, and developing a new strategic vision and framework for the future.

¶19 Thanks to the dedication of your Executive Board and with the strong support of the executive director and AALL headquarters staff, I am able to report that most of these major objectives have been met or substantially met. First, I am happy to report that the Association is in a strong financial position, stronger than it has been since the fallout of 2001 and 2002. You will hear a full report from the treasurer. But for me, the bottom line is that our current reserve fund, which is our risk fund, is fully funded. This is an important accomplishment and one achieved two years ahead of schedule. The planets are now all aligned and we are in very comfortable financial shape once again. Good news for future boards and members with creative ideas that need financial support.

¶20 The Executive Board focused a great deal of time and energy on a large strategic planning exercise. We conducted our own environmental scan on the transient challenges in the legal profession, in law publishing, and in law librarianship. For the first time, we interviewed representative, outside stakeholders about their experiences and perceptions of law librarians and what challenges they faced. Using our electronic bulletin board, aka the "AALL water cooler," and online discussion sessions and surveys, we heard loud and clear what was important to our members.

¶21 Thanks to the efforts of the Gen X Gen Y Task Force this year, for the first time we have member opinion data by generation. During the Executive Board's collective twenty-two chapter visits around the country, we took the opportunity to further engage members about the issues and existing services and programs that were of most importance to them. What we came up with is a very different type of document from past plans, and in fact, the first thing about it, it is not a plan. And that is the last time I shall use that word. Yes, the plan is dead.

¶22 The new document is a set of strategic directions based on our core values and on a member-focused vision of how our members will continue to achieve professional success. The three directions are leadership, education, and advocacy. The Executive Board ratified the strategic directions document at its Friday meeting, and so no additional legal action is required by the membership. But we do need the membership to help us actualize the vision. These are the goals and directions in which the Association must head. There are a few objectives included in the document, again, in very broad strokes.

¶23 We want to emphasize that it is the job and the responsibility of the Executive Board to keep on top of the transient challenges that appear on the horizon that face our profession and our members and, as well, to oversee the allocation of resources based on our strategic priorities. But it is not the Board's responsibility or role to consider and create the universe of initiatives that will further the strategic directions. We will rely on you, the members, the stakeholders and full partners, to consider what initiatives and programs might be developed in your own area of expertise and in your own entity of the Association that will lead us successfully into the future. The committees, the special interest sections, and the chapters—to the extent they wish to be involved—and members working independently must step up and contribute to this effort.

¶24 I challenge the current leadership, those members who aspire to leadership, all the members of our entities, and all of us as individuals to think actively and creatively about projects and initiatives that will translate the vision and the directions that we have articulated into reality. The Executive Board views this process as an active, iterative, and collaborative partnership, and we pledge to continue the conversations with the members that have been so important and instructional to us during the last year.

¶25 We have undertaken some important steps this year that are consistent with the tenets of the strategic directions. For example, the Board has allocated additional resources to begin to enlarge the Washington Affairs Office, beginning with some additional part-time support staff. We also are planning an education summit for the fall, which will bring together education leaders from chapters and special interest sections and other leaders who are our principal stakeholders, to develop a continuing education program that will be embraced and supported by all of our members. I also appointed a task force on open access issues, with an eye to considering what role AALL might play in the future in promoting open access for legal scholarship. I am pleased to say that the recent members' briefing in *AALL Spectrum* set out some of the next steps for supporting this activity.

¶26 Lastly, based on our broad study of association conference trends, empirical data of our own member patterns, and member opinion data, we undertook a serious analysis of our Annual Meeting structure and programming priorities. This has resulted in a major overhaul of the Annual Meeting schedule that will begin in 2007, 2008, or whenever possible. We continue to study and consider ways to structure the Annual Meeting to ensure high quality educational programming, yet provide for the desire for increasingly specialized programs that trend data as well as opinion information from our own members tell us is the wave of the future. BNA, Inc. is our corporate sponsor in the ongoing saga and evolution of our continuing education program, and we are very grateful for their continued support.

¶27 In the coming months and years there will be further discussion about the implications of our strategic directions. This year's Open Forum following tomorrow's business meeting will continue the dialogue about this important project. We

are very excited about this approach to the development of our Association, but we need the good faith efforts of all of our members to make it a reality.

¶28 There are just a few more accomplishments of the year that should be noted. We strive to position AALLNET as a comprehensive resource for official information about AALL. To this end, we have completed a review of member publications and have decided that AALLNET will be the sole source of much of the Association information currently found in *AALL Spectrum*. This will result in some changes to the publication schedule of *Spectrum* in the future. Before those decisions could be implemented, however, we had to revise the AALL archives policy so that we could manage more digital collections and other hybrid collections. That study has been done, and we adopted a revised archive policy this year. Lastly, we approved the creation of an AALLNET coordinator to implement the policy and to advise the Board where necessary.

¶29 As was noted earlier, this year we held our first electronic election. The software also was made available to the special interest sections. This year, fully half of the SISs utilized the software, and many others are in the process of adopting it as well. Thanks to Reggie Swanigan and his staff for superlative technical support.

¶30 Lastly, there have been significant developments in the vendor relations arena this year. AALL joined Project Counter, a coalition of library associations and publishers that promotes the uniform collection and dissemination of database usage statistics. AALL has approved the revised Principles for Licensing Electronic Resources. Finally, the Board continues to support the promotion of the Guide to Fair Business Practices for the Legal Publishers. Together, these represent a powerful suite of tools that will support constructive vendor-librarian conversations, and that will need Association oversight of some sort. These developments also signal the increased sophistication of this relationship and suggest that possibly a different model for managing it is in order. The Board continues to study this.

¶31 There is always more to do. I said last year that AALL is a great association because there are so many talented members who are willing to do so much and do it so very well. And this year has been no exception. I want to thank all of my colleagues on the Executive Board who worked so tirelessly and so creatively and did so with humor and in the spirit of adventure. We all owe a great deal of thanks to Executive Director Susan Fox and her talented and dedicated staff.

¶32 I thank the members who worked on all the committees and task forces and together got so much accomplished. It was really a wonderful year. It is about time for me to join the ranks of the purple ribbons. Last week, a colleague gave me a black ribbon that said "recovering president" on it. I can relate to that. (Laughter.)

¶33 But it has been a distinct pleasure and honor for me to serve the Association as president. I am so proud to be a part of such a dynamic and professional community. Together we made good progress on many fronts this year, and we can all rest assured that the incoming leadership will see to it that

the progress continues, as we all think strategically in support of the directions of education, leadership, and advocacy. I thank you so much for the opportunity to serve. (Applause.)

Introduction and Remarks of Special Guests

¶34 We are honored to have guests from several of our sister library associations with us today. I would like to invite them to make brief remarks at this time. First of all, I would like to call upon Mr. John Sadler, President of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries.

¶35 **Mr. John Sadler** (University of Western Ontario Law Library, London, Ontario): Hello, San Antonio, home of the National Basketball Association champion Spurs. (Laughter.) Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. It is a delight and a pleasure to bring you greetings on behalf of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries, Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques de Droit.

¶36 I note with interest that the theme for this year's conference is "Strategize! Values, Visions, and Vistas." The item that intrigues me the most in this list of three is the last one, vistas. So often for Canadians, the AALL conference provides a view of the future. Trends and developments in law librarianship hitting your shores reverberate in our country two or three years hence. Lately, though, I noticed that the gap between the time that these events takes place is getting smaller and smaller, as the legal information industry is becoming more globalized.

¶37 Last month, I had the good fortune to attend the annual conference of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians, and what I noticed in England, here, and in our own country was the similarity in our concerns, including copyright preservation and improving user services. Next May, we will be exploring many of these issues of common interest at the Canadian Association of Law Libraries Conference in Edmonton, Alberta. The dates are May 6–10, 2006. I extend an invitation to all of you to attend—come for the conference, stay for the shopping. The West Edmonton mall is the largest mall in the world. (Laughter.) And you might want to think about taking a side trip to the Canadian Rockies to see *our* mountain *vistas*.

¶38 Who knows, you might even see a grizzly bear, which reminds me of a story. Two hikers were ambling along a mountain trail when they came upon a grizzly bear, a huge ferocious beast. Fearing for his life, the first hiker turned to the second and exclaimed, "What should we do?" The second hiker calmly removed his backpack, took off his hiking boots, and started putting on his running shoes. "Are you crazy," said the first hiker. "You are never going to outrun that grizzly bear." "I don't need to," said the second hiker, "I just have to outrun you."

¶39 You may have noticed an article in the March 2005 issue of *AALL Spectrum* entitled "The Canadian Association of Law Libraries: AALL Shares a History of Partnership with its Neighbor from the North," written by CALL's

past president, Janine Miller. The piece is a great introduction to our organization, describing how it started out as an AALL chapter and continuing right up to the present with our current programs and services.

¶40 Your conference is off to a great start. On behalf of all the Canadians attending, I wish to acknowledge Tory Trotta and the AALL administrative staff for the warm welcome you have extended to us this week. Thank you for the hospitality. We are enjoying the conference very much. (Applause.)

¶41 **President Trotta:** Next we have Ms. Susan Doe, Chair, British and Irish Association of Law Librarians.

¶42 **Susan Doe** (Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, London, England): Good afternoon to you all. My name is Susan Doe, from Sidley Austin Brown & Wood in London. I was BIALL chair until about three weeks ago. I bring greetings from the BIALL membership and Council. We recently hit nine hundred members, so we are nowhere near your size yet, but maybe someday we might catch up, possibly. I don't know, probably never.

¶43 I am sure many of you know that Sidley is a U.S. firm, and I actually have the distinction of being the first U.S. law firm librarian to head BIALL. Due to that employment, I am also sure that many of you have actually met me a few times. I am a bit of an old hand at AALL conferences now. My first one was actually in 1994, in Seattle. And I have been to every one since—well, no, not quite. From 2000 and on, I have been to every one. So I hope I will be here for a few more years. I am crossing fingers. I have made many, many new friends here, and it is always a great pleasure to come back and make more friends and renew acquaintances with existing ones. So I hope that will carry on in the years to come.

¶44 Many of you have actually also honored us with your presence at our conferences. Claire Germain came to Harrogate in Yorkshire for this year's conference. It was a pleasure to meet her then and again to meet her today, as well as her husband, who is sitting over there. Our theme in Harrogate was "Gatekeepers, Gateways, and Gatecrashers." I think gatekeepers and gateways are probably obvious. Gatecrashers was referring to the other professions who may be our rivals, shall we say. We have a phenomenon called professional support lawyers in England that you may or may not have heard of, but they are actually lawyers who go into information roles. So it is always a bit worrying about how far they are actually going to go into our profession. Harrogate was our largest conference ever, 412 delegates. We usually get 320 to 350. So we did very, very well in Harrogate.

¶45 I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to actually attend our next one, which is Thursday to Saturday, June 15–17, 2006. It will be held in the south coast resort of Brighton, an hour from London. So, very easy to travel to. It will be at seafront hotels, so those of us who are still on Council sort of hope that it won't be very good weather. Otherwise, we are not going to have anybody in the conference, since they will all be on the beach. (Laughter.) The theme is leadership, team working, and motivation.

¶46 I also wish to invite you to the next joint study institute, which will be held in St. Anne's College, Oxford, 10 to 13 of August 2006. Most of you will know that the JSI is actually run on a two-year basis, and that it is our turn to host it this time. So if anybody wants an excuse to visit Oxford, they should try and go. Details are on the BIALL Web site.

¶47 Also on the Web site are details about something I have been told to plug. It is the *Handbook of Legal Information Management*, which is our standard textbook, that is due out in January 2006. I contributed the "know how" chapter.

¶48 Thank you all again, especially to Tory, for the invitation to this conference and for the lunch she held for us, which I always enjoy. I actually feel so at home here, I keep having to pinch myself to say I am an official delegate this year. I actually have to behave. (Laughter.) So thank you also to Oceana, they actually paid my travel to come here, so thanks to them.

¶49 And finally, thank you all for your supportive messages and your concern after the recent terrorist bombings in London. It was actually really touching to hear from so many of you, and it made a very, very difficult time much easier to bear. So thank you very much. (Applause.)

¶50 **President Trotta:** Next, I would like to call on Jules Winterton, President of the International Association of Law Libraries.

¶51 **Mr. Jules Winterton** (University of London, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London, England): Good afternoon, colleagues. I am interested to learn from Susan that we have to behave. I didn't catch on to that. (Laughter.) Thank you for the opportunity to attend your wonderful conference, and thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. To pick up on what Susan said, I work in London and I must mention the little local difficulties we had recently. I received many, many messages of sympathy, support, and friendship, many of them from members of AALL. We really value your friendships. Thank you. (Applause.)

¶52 I bring greetings from members of the International Association all around the world. I wanted to advertise our conference as well, of course, but I don't have to because it is overbooked already. Our conference in September is at the European University Institute near Florence, which might explain why it's overbooked. One of the main themes is the European Union Constitution. I hope all the speakers are rewriting their presentations right now. (Laughter.) So it is going to be cutting edge.

¶53 Next year our conference in September is going to be at the St. Petersburg State University. The law school there was founded in 1720 or so. Lenin went to that law school. It is going to be in association with the Russian Association of Law Libraries which came into being about three years ago. It should be a very exciting, very interesting experience.

¶54 We are also organizing a session at the conference in Oslo of the International Federation of Library Associations. It is done under the auspices of the law libraries discussion group, organized in cooperation with the American Association of Law Libraries. It is a very important thing to do, very important to law librarianship across the world.

¶55 In that connection, I would like to say that one thing we really admire so much about the American Association is the work of the Washington Affairs Office. The active engagement with policy affairs which you have is a model to all the rest of us. Such affairs affect us all in our daily lives. We may not realize it, but they really do. So that is great work. We in the International Association want to find ways to work with your Association to deal with international policy affairs that affect us.

¶56 Finally, back to the social event. Each year the International Association hosts a reception here at your conference. It is not just for International Association members, it is for everybody. I would like to see you there. It is on Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. in the evening, in the Marriott Rivercenter, conference room 7. Thank you all again. (Applause.)

¶57 **President Trotta:** Thank you, Jules. I would like to call on Alistair Jenkin, Wellington Convenor, New Zealand Law Librarians, Inc.

¶58 **Mr. Alistair Jenkin** (Bell Gully, Wellington, New Zealand): Thank you, Tory, for your warm welcome. And greetings from New Zealand, and especially from Helga Arlington, our president, who unfortunately was unable to make the conference. But I am quite pleased that I could attend. I would like to thank AALL and Oceana Publications for making my trip possible.

¶59 I would like to take this opportunity to talk about a couple of current initiatives and issues that are relevant to the news at the moment. Officially, in July 2004, we adopted our Principles of Professional Conduct, but it was a process of about a year and a half to put it together. I wish to note the preamble from the document and a couple of examples of the fifteen principles. The preamble indicates that “professionals have an obligation to do their utmost to meet the information needs of their clients . . . , while maintaining the highest standards of professional conduct.”

¶60 This document sets up fifteen principles covering the professional conduct of law librarians and other professionals providing legal information services. It is not a regulatory document. It doesn't include all issues that arise in the delivery of legal information services but is intended as a tool to assist in professional practice. We stress that it is a living document, so it is constantly changed and updated. It's divided into four areas: service, business relationships, professional responsibilities, and legal responsibilities.

¶61 Principle 8 states: “We have a duty to avoid situations in which personal interests might be served or significant benefits gained at the expense of library users, colleagues, or our employing institutions.” In principle 12, “[w]e distinguish between our personal convictions or interests and our professional duties and do not allow our personal beliefs or interests to interfere with the service we provide.” And principle 14, “we promote the preservation and maintenance of legal information in its many different formats, and recognize the need to facilitate its retrieval.” So it covers a wide range of topics that are relevant to librarians in whatever country they may be in.

¶62 Other initiatives include professional registration and a salary survey, the latter of which was undertaken with the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa Inc. (LIANZA).

¶63 I also would like to mention the joint ALLG/NZLL conference in Melbourne in September 2006. Once again, thank you for this opportunity to come and attend the conference, which I am very much enjoying. I am looking forward to the next two days. Thank you. (Applause.)

¶64 **President Trotta:** Thank you. Last, but not least, I would like to call on James Butler, National Vice President, Australian Law Librarians Group.

¶65 **Mr. James Butler** (Supreme Court of Victoria, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia): It is great to be here, to be back in America and at one of these meetings. They really are the most marvelous fun and most marvelous educational opportunities. I bring greetings from our president, our national president, Dorothy Shea, who for personal reasons was unable to be here.

¶66 I should also explain that the Australian Group grew out of basically state and territory informal meetings, and it gradually nationalized and is becoming slightly more national. But it's still very much heavily based in the states and territories, which is why under our National Rules of Conduct, the office bearers are national vice president, national president, national treasurer, secretary, etc., to differentiate us from the states. Gets a little confusing at times.

¶67 Alistair has already stolen my thunder by mentioning the combined—first time we have had a combined—Australian and New Zealand law librarians conference, which is going to be held in Melbourne next year, 27 to 29 of September 2006, at the Legal Resource Centre at the University of Melbourne. It is a very new center, very technologically advanced, and we are hoping we will attract a large number of people to it, including some people from overseas. I would like to tell you that the weather in Melbourne, in late September, will be lovely, but for those of you who know Melbourne, you would know that's probably a lie. It might be okay, but I would hate to promise anything. A bit like this, actually. I thought it was going to be hot here in San Antonio, but I didn't quite expect the humidity and the amount of rain. (Laughter.)

¶68 Meetings of law librarians are very similar wherever you go, all around the world. The difference with this one is that it is so huge. I mean, we are doing well if we get 250 people. The other thing, I have never seen a treasurer's statement like the one I picked up outside this room. I know our national treasurer would be astounded and the members would be too. But maybe one day in the future it might happen. Then again, like Susan, I would say, no, not likely ever.

¶69 Also like Susan, John, and Alistair, I would like to thank Oceana for funding my travel and the American Association of Law Libraries for funding my registration. I hope that when I get home the Australian Law Librarians Group may see fit to contribute a little to my accommodation. They haven't worked that out, yet. But as I take over as president in September, maybe by then they will have worked it out. (Laughter.)

¶70 A number of things that are being discussed here are common with us, including the problems of preserving digital materials, copyright, downsizing of law firms, and reducing the professional status of law libraries in a number of law firms. We hope we can get over that, but sometimes it seems to be a fight.

¶71 The information about the conference that is being held next year will be on our Web site. It will also be on the New Zealand site. I think we also are setting up a separate site. We would love to see as many of you as possible in Melbourne in September next year.

¶72 I would like to advertise that we have another conference in Hobart, Tasmania, September 28–30, 2005, but I suspect it is a bit late for you to make arrangements to come to that. But if any of you feel able to, we would love to see you there. I am greatly enjoying myself and looking forward to meeting new friends and reacquainting with people I have met over the years here. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

¶73 **President Trotta:** Thank you to all of our national representatives.

Resolution

¶74 We have received one resolution that we shall now read. I would like to call on whoever is in charge of introducing this resolution to come forward.

¶75 **Ms. Barbara Lah** (University of New Mexico School of Law Library, Albuquerque, New Mexico): I submit this resolution on behalf of the Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section.

Resolution on the Connection Between the Iraq War and Libraries

Whereas, many of the justifications for the invasion of Iraq have proven to be unfounded; and

Whereas, the war in Iraq has taken the lives of untold thousands of people; and

Whereas, during the war in Iraq, many of Iraq's cultural treasures including libraries, archives, manuscripts and artifacts have been destroyed, lost or stolen; and

Whereas, the number of deaths and destruction of Iraq's cultural heritage will continue to increase so long as U.S. forces remain in Iraq; and

Whereas, the U.S. is spending billions of dollars for the war in Iraq; and

Whereas, a small fraction of these resources would be more than sufficient for rebuilding and greatly enhancing the libraries and educational institutions of both Iraq and the United States; and

Whereas, the American Library Association has recently passed a similar resolution; and

Whereas, the American Association of Law Libraries has taken positions in the past on important social issues;

Therefore, be it resolved that the American Association of Law Libraries calls for the withdrawal from Iraq of U.S. military forces, and allow the people of Iraq to fully govern themselves.

Resolved that the American Association of Law Libraries urges the U.S. government to subsequently shift its budgetary priorities from the war in Iraq to improve support for vital domestic programs, including U.S. libraries.

Resolved that the American Association of Law Libraries calls upon the U.S. government to provide material assistance through the United Nations for the reconstruction of Iraq, including its museums, libraries, schools and other cultural resources.

Resolved that this resolution be sent to all members of Congress, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the President of the United States.

¶76 **President Trotta:** I am going to ask if the members wish to consider this motion. Those in favor of consideration of the motion, please rise. (Members standing.) Thank you. Those members not in favor of the consideration of this motion, please rise. (Members standing.)

¶77 Thank you. Thirty-eight of those members present voted to consider this motion and sixty-four members voted to not consider this motion. Therefore, the motion fails and we will not consider this resolution at this time.

¶78 **Mr. Roger Jacobs** (Notre Dame Law School, Kresge Library, Notre Dame, Indiana): Madam Chairman, point of order. In my own recollection of the rules of order, a motion to not hear a resolution of this nature has to be disapproved by a super majority because it has the effect of the elimination of debate. I am just wondering if the parliamentarian has considered that—was there a super majority? I heard a majority count, but I don't do math well enough in my head to recognize if it is a super majority or not.

¶79 **President Trotta:** She is doing the math right now. One moment. (Consulted with parliamentarian.) It appears that it is not a super majority by four votes. Therefore, we will have discussion of this resolution at tomorrow's Business Meeting.

New Business and Recess

¶80 Are there any items of new business? (No response.)

¶81 Receiving no request for new business, the Chair will now adjourn the General Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries until 2:15 P.M., Tuesday, July 19, 2005. Thank you.

[The General Business Meeting, session one, was recessed at 3:10 P.M.]

Tuesday Afternoon—Session Two July 19, 2005

[The second session of the General Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries was called to order at 2:15 P.M., at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 214, with Victoria K. Trotta, President, presiding.]

Call to Order and Introductions

¶82 **President Victoria K. Trotta:** Good afternoon. The Chair is pleased to call to order the second session of the 2005 Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries. The Chair notes that the bylaws requirement of fifty members to constitute a quorum is met.

¶83 I would like to introduce those sitting at the head table. They are Nylanne Little, Parliamentarian; Claire Germain, President-Elect; Joyce Manna Janto, Treasurer; Cathy Lemann, Secretary; and Susan Fox, Executive Director.

¶84 Copies of today's agenda are available on the table outside the room. Are there any items that need to be added? (No response.)

President's Certificates of Appreciation

¶85 Each year the president has an opportunity to present a few special certificates of appreciation for people or entities who have contributed to the Association or to the profession in unusual or extraordinary ways. It is my pleasure this year to present the following certificates.

¶86 Will Mary Alice Baish please come forward? There are many things for which Mary Alice Baish could be recognized and I have chosen just two. This certificate of appreciation recognizes AALL Associate Washington Affairs Representative Mary Alice Baish "for dedicated leadership in creating and fostering grassroots advocacy programs among AALL members and for her tireless efforts to ensure a vital federal depository library program." Congratulations. Thank you, Mary Alice. (Applause.)

¶87 Would Anne Matthewman please come to the podium? Anne Matthewman is library manager and executive director of the Toronto Lawyers Association. As you know, Anne Matthewman just completed her term as treasurer last year, and so this certificate of appreciation is for her "exemplary and steadfast service to AALL as treasurer during a time of fiscal difficulty and for her leadership in guiding the Association back to fiscal strength." Thank you, Anne. (Applause.)

¶88 Would Frank Houdek and Kay Todd please come forward? I have them both up here together so they can be recognized for their leadership on the Guide to Fair Business Practices for Legal Publishers. Frank was the chair of the special committee that created the Guide, and Kay Todd chaired the task force for implementing the Guide. This is an extremely important initiative for the Association, and we are very interested in its continuation and its development. Frank's plaque says: "For his leadership in developing and publishing the AALL Guide to Fair Business Practices for Legal Publishers." Kay's says: "For her tireless work in promoting the AALL Guide to Fair Business Practices for Legal Publishers and making it the accepted standard in the industry." Thank you both for your efforts. (Applause.)

¶89 Would Raquel Ortiz please come forward, as president of the Law Librarians of New England. After about my fifth chapter meeting, I sort of got the idea that blogs were the hot thing, and that they were starting to be a very good communication vehicle for chapters and for member communications. I am not sure that LLNE had the first chapter blog, but it had a darn good one. So as president of LLNE, I would like to present this certificate of appreciation to LLNE for "leadership and creativity in the development and promotion of the chapter blog

as a means of enhanced member communications.” Thank you for your leadership. (Applause.)

¶90 Would AALL Director of Publications Julia O’Donnell please come forward? I could give Julia a certificate of appreciation for many things. She saved my life many times during the year. But what I selected to honor her for today was for her astute overview and analysis of publication processes. And so we recognize Julia O’Donnell, AALL Director of Publications, “for her critical review of publication processes which resulted in an annual savings to the Association of \$60,000 a year.” Thank you, Julia. (Applause.)

¶91 Would Beth DiFelice come forward, please? She is representing the Task Force on Gen X Gen Y, which we put together this year with Jill Duffy as chair. Here is what the Gen X Gen Y Task Force appreciation certificate says: “We recognize the Gen X Gen Y Task Force for its pioneer survey of generational data on member and professional association preferences, the results of which were used extensively by the AALL Executive Board during the strategic directions initiative.” Thank you for all your work. (Applause.)

¶92 And last, but not least, I am making one that we cannot give today because the recipient is not here but I wish to publicly announce it nonetheless. This is to Kennie L. Gill, minority staff director and chief counsel, United States Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, “for longstanding championship of the United States Code Title 44 and the federal depository library program, its unique and important value to our nation’s citizens and its future into the 21st Century to provide the American public with no fee, permanent public access to authentic government information.” She has been our champion in this effort. The Associate Washington Affairs Representative will present this plaque to Kennie when she is back in Washington. (Applause.) So thank you very much. That concludes this portion of the program.

Report of the Treasurer

¶93 The Chair is pleased to announce that the audit report prepared by the independent audit firm of Wolf & Company, Chicago, Illinois, for the 2003–2004 fiscal year was reviewed by the Treasurer and the Executive Board’s Finance and Budget Committee at its February 2005 meeting in Chicago, Illinois, and approved by consent by the AALL Executive Board at its April 2005 meeting. The Chair now calls upon Treasurer Joyce Manna Janto to present her report.

¶94 **Ms. Joyce Manna Janto** (University of Richmond School of Law Library, Richmond, Virginia): Good afternoon. This is my first report to you as AALL Treasurer and an opportunity for me to express my thanks to all of you for the confidence you have shown me in electing me as your financial officer for the Association. A handout of my published report is available at the door. This is a reprint from the May 2005 issue of *AALL Spectrum* where I reported the financial results of our fiscal year which ended on September 30, 2004. I will not recite the

details of this report, but if you have any specific questions, Steve Ligda, our director of finance and administration, or I will be glad to answer them.

¶95 The fiscal year that ended last September 30 witnessed a remarkable turnaround for your Association. As you may recall, fiscal year 2002 was a particularly difficult year in financial terms. Coming from the throes of September 11, 2001, we reported a large deficit that literally wiped out our current reserve fund. But as unsettling as this was, in retrospect, it was, as the saying goes, a good thing.

¶96 The current reserve fund functioned in exactly the manner planned. The current reserve fund is our rainy day fund. It is supposed to protect us from catastrophes and it functioned exactly in the manner planned. It allowed the Association to weather not just a rainy day but a perfect storm without any severe cutbacks in planned programs or activities. The following year, 2003, generated a modest surplus which nudged the current reserve a little closer to the black.

¶97 Finally, in this past year, we broke through to report the largest surplus in over a decade as our general fund revenues exceeded expenses by a quarter of a million dollars. This fortunate turn of events was due to many things. First and foremost was a very successful Annual Meeting. But it is also due to the hard work of our headquarters staff who accepted the challenge of finding new and less expensive ways of doing what needed to be done. Including an additional \$135,000, transferred from our permanent investment fund, I can proudly report to you that our current reserve fund, our rainy day fund, now has a balance of more than \$350,000. But don't forget, this is our rainy day fund. This is our savings account. We need to preserve this fund at a certain level to protect the Association from financial disaster.

¶98 At this point, I would like to ask Anne Matthewman to stand, because I really have to acknowledge her efforts as Treasurer. (Matthewman stands in the audience.) Anne steered our finances through very difficult times and set our goal to restore the balance of the current reserve fund as quickly as possible. To Anne go our thanks for a job very well done. (Applause.)

¶99 The handout I referred to contains four schedules that summarize our financial activity and position. Schedule A compares our assets, liabilities, and fund balances at the end of our 2004 and 2003 fiscal years. As the report notes, our permanent investment fund portfolio, managed by Chevy Chase Trust, increased in value by \$148,000. These earnings were the source of the \$135,000 that the Board authorized to be transferred to restore the current reserve fund to good health. Although our financial policies prohibit us from using these earnings to subsidize our everyday activities, they do allow us, subject to Board approval, in effect to save the earnings as a cushion against future financial losses such as those we experienced in 2002.

¶100 You will also note on the same schedule the endowed scholarship and grant funds that were contributed by AALL members and our friends in the publishing community. The investment earnings and contributions to these funds allow us to continue awarding scholarships to deserving law librarians and grants that

support research in the legal information arena. Unfortunately, AALL, unlike some older and larger institutions, does not have a long history of endowments. Our experience dates back only a few short years when our friends in the legal information community asked us to allow them to fund named scholarships for future law librarians. The investment climate in the few years since the John Johnson and George Strait scholarship funds were established has been less than stellar. Despite the turndown in the investment market, and thus the value of these funds and several others, with the generous encouragement of AALL members and publisher friends, we have continued to award scholarships, underwrite the attendance of a foreign law librarian to each Annual Meeting, and support the research efforts of our members because, to put it bluntly, that is our mission.

¶101 Schedule B lists the revenues and expenses for all funds for the 2004 and 2003 fiscal years. In total, our finances generated a net return of \$207,000 more in 2004 than in 2003. Of course, the Boston meeting was the prime factor in this success. However, not to be overlooked was the increase in member dues revenue of more than \$80,000, the direct result of the implementation of the second step of the dues increase approved by you, the members, in 2002. I will note that while it is financially rewarding to reap the revenues of a well-attended Annual Meeting, we should not tie our finances to the welfare, attractiveness, and success of our meetings. From a treasurer's standpoint, we would much rather have a steady and reliable stream of dues revenue that we can depend upon, not only this year, but for years to come. You should know that your approval of the 2002 dues increase of \$45 per member, when multiplied by 5000 AALL members, will provide \$225,000 of additional revenue, not only this year but for each year in the future. This is a substantial legacy that will serve your Association for many, many years to come. (Applause.)

¶102 Schedule C reports on the activity of the general or operating fund. This is the fund where most of the action takes place. For the 2004 fiscal year, this is where we generated the surplus of a quarter of a million dollars that I referred to earlier. As I just noted, dues revenue was up by more than \$80,000 in 2003. And revenues from the Boston meeting were \$167,000 greater than the Seattle meeting. With 1962 registered attendees and 181 exhibit spaces, we saw numbers that we haven't seen since the Washington meeting in 1999. Even our Annual Meeting workshops reported a break-even net. The five workshops, enrolling a total of 153 attendees, saw quite an improvement over 2002 when we were forced to cancel three of the five workshops for lack of attendance.

¶103 Schedule D on the handout lists all of our funds but segregates our net assets for future projects and commitments. There you will see the current reserve fund with a very healthy balance that was thought almost unattainable only two years ago.

¶104 At the April 2005 meeting of the Executive Board, the Finance and Budget Committee recommended approval of the budget guidelines which, among other budgetary directives, specified that the balance of the current reserve fund

be set at a minimum of \$250,000 for this year. The guidelines were also revised to allow members of other national law library associations to register for the Annual Meeting at the same rate as AALL members and to allow student members to register at a reduced fee of \$100. Finally, the guidelines made provision for a member to serve as the content coordinator for the AALLNET Web site.

¶105 I would like at this time to acknowledge and thank the many firms and exhibitors who have supported the Association with their contributions and gifts in kind. A number of events here in San Antonio have the direct and continuing support of our friends in the legal information community. For that, we are most appreciative. (Applause.)

¶106 I would also like to recognize and thank the members who serve on the Finance and Budget Committee of the Executive Board. It is often a difficult task to deliberate the many nuances of our budget and to make those difficult decisions of allocating dollars among competing priorities. I can assure you that the committee and the Board take very seriously the responsibilities of maintaining the financial integrity of your Association. And the results I have reported here will bear that out.

¶107 I would also like to take this opportunity to thank someone who has worked tirelessly for the Association for many years. As you may know, Steve Ligda, our director of finance and administration, is retiring. Steve, would you please stand? (Ligda stands in the audience.) It is only slightly exaggerating to say that when Steve came to AALL, we were keeping our financial records in shoeboxes. Steve established procedures, policies, and record-keeping methods that allowed the Association to grow and to succeed. We would not be as successful as we are today without Steve's leadership and counsel. Speaking for myself and my predecessors, I would like to say thank you to Steve for a job well done. (Applause.)

¶108 Finally, I would like to thank you, the members, for your support of your Association and your attendance at this meeting. You have demonstrated your commitment to AALL and to the value and recognition it brings to your profession and society. If there are any questions, I would be glad to take them at this time. Thank you. (Applause.)

¶109 **President Trotta:** Thank you for your report. Are there any questions? (No response.)

Report of the Executive Director

¶110 The Chair is pleased to introduce Executive Director Susan Fox.

¶111 **Ms. Susan E. Fox** (Executive Director, American Association of Law Libraries, Chicago, Illinois): Before I get started, I want to express my deepest appreciation to the leadership that our president, Tory Trotta, has brought to AALL this year. This is a woman with huge leadership skills who succeeded in moving AALL forward in some very, very significant ways. She is expert at facilitating

meetings and determining how best to take our issues to fruitful resolution. She understands right down to her bones what it means to act with trust and in partnership, whether that partnership is with the Board or AALL entities, the staff, and many others. And best of all, she has, as you know, an infectious joy for life that immediately lifts the spirits of all around her. It has been a great year. (Applause.)

¶112 AALL's Chicago offices are headquartered in the historic Monadnock Building on the corner of Jackson and Dearborn Streets in Chicago. Designed by Daniel Burnham and John Root, this is one of Chicago's most revered pieces of architecture. It is the building that best personified what came to be known as the Chicago School of Architecture. I hope any of you, when you are in Chicago, will please come and visit our building because you will be amazed. It is gorgeous. And it is apt that AALL is headquartered there, not just for the magnificence of the building, but also because Burnham and Root were visionaries who were able not just to dream big dreams but, most importantly, to make them so. In fact, it was Burnham who so famously said, "Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded, will never die. . . ." And so this past programmatic year, we have collectively set ourselves toward making our own big plans, aiming high with a new set of strategic directions, and in our own way recording our own logical diagram that will never die.

¶113 It is with this attitude of approaching our work by aiming high and making big plans that the staff and I, in partnership with the Board and with the many hundreds of AALL member leaders, were able to accomplish as much as we have this past year. And while I am the one who has the honor of delivering this report, please know that none of what has come to pass would have occurred without the collective partnership and trust from everyone in this room and beyond. So here then is a sampling of what we have achieved. I will focus on four areas: information systems, programs, membership, and personnel.

¶114 Regarding information systems, this year we instituted online election of officers and Executive Board members. Director of Information Technology Reggie Swanigan and Web Administrator Chris Siwa (Chris is attending his first Annual Meeting here in San Antonio) both spent many hours constructing an election system that would be logical, transparent, and highly interactive. I confess, we were nervous about rolling it out, especially because we moved our election year from spring to the fall. And I wasn't sure how that was all going to work. But in spite of these changes, the system worked exceptionally well. We had more than one hundred comments and all but one or two were enthusiastic about the change. Some of the most encouraging comments came from our overseas members who, without the logistical difficulties inherent in the old method, now could participate in our elections with ease. In fact, our return this year was higher than in many years past.

¶115 Reggie and Chris applied the same care in redesigning AALLNET's members only section, which now gives us the ability to upload photographs, create shortcuts to our favorite AALLNET links, and access our member records. We will continue to improve the members only section in the months ahead.

¶116 Also this year, Reggie and Chris and our membership coordinator, Steven Oberhoffer, created a means for online dues payment. We have made more tools available for our chapters, SISs, and committee chairs. We designed an online process to submit the Annual Meeting program proposals, a process that allows for the highly collaborative nature of creating these proposals.

¶117 With Julia O'Donnell, our director of publications, in the lead, Reggie and Chris instituted the very popular "View from the Law Library" rotating series of photographs on AALLNET that celebrates our institutions and our surroundings. Reggie and Chris are always thinking, always planning, and always scouting for the means to make our work together more efficient and enjoyable. Individually, they are top-notch, but together as a team they are superb, and we are very, very fortunate to have them as strong members of our community.

¶118 Our biggest accomplishment this year, for which we can all take justifiable pride because it was truly a collaborative effort, is our Strategic Directions 2005–2010. This is a very different document from our last iteration of strategic planning. First, it is not a plan. It is a set of directions broadly positioned by design. What has changed from our last strategic plan to this set of strategic directions is not so much the what but the how and the where that we will focus our time, money, and energies.

¶119 We are asking our committees, chapters, and SISs to embrace the three articulated goals of leadership, education, and advocacy and, in essence, make it so. Make it so means that we will look to our chapters, SISs, and committees to incorporate the articulated values and vision into their own environmental scan and then to develop initiatives that will make the vision a reality. We expect each entity to develop a means of identifying its own best possible next steps to further our work in leadership, education, and advocacy. Our ultimate goal is to increase AALL's ability to respond to change in a nimble manner and in a way that delivers the most valuable benefit to you, our members.

¶120 This year, with the most generous and ongoing support from BNA, Inc. and Kammie Hedges, we began plans for an education summit to be held this September. The summit represents a significant step forward in our education programming and is the logical next step following our educational needs assessment completed in 2003, also under the generous auspices of BNA, Inc. We have asked each chapter and SIS to select one individual to attend the summit. Together with members of the Board and other AALL leaders, this group will address six primary goals, namely, to establish and agree upon the primary attributes of an AALL career development program, programmatic priorities and topics, sources of programmatic topics, programmatic formats, responsible parties for content, and a business model that works best for all. We look forward to the results from

this important event and especially to moving forward together in this crucial area of our work and aspirations.

¶121 The Public Relations Committee, chaired by Erika Wayne and assisted by strong support from Julia O'Donnell, instituted a "day in the life of a law library" photo contest. During National Library Week, April 10–16, our members captured images to communicate the essence of law librarianship. We received 183 submissions and will be announcing the winners this fall. The winners will also be featured in an upcoming issue of *AALL Spectrum*. This program is important not only because it celebrates the law library community but also because it communicates to others in compelling visual terms our many contributions to the mission of our home institutions.

¶122 AALL also recently agreed to cosponsor Professional Legal Management Week with the Association of Legal Administrators and five other law associations, the ABA Law Practice Management Section, the International Legal Technology Association, the International Paralegal Management Association, Legal Marketing Association, and the National Association for Law Placement. This is the first time that all seven of the major legal management associations have come together to support a project. Details of promoting Professional Legal Management Week, including a Web site, are still in the process of formation. The consortium is working on a logo and developing marketing materials to help promote awareness. You will hear more about this in the weeks and months ahead.

¶123 As a side note, because of this work on Professional Legal Management Week, the executive directors of the seven participating law associations also recognized the benefits of meeting as a group to discuss areas of mutual interest and concern. A meeting will take place this fall. I think it is a positive step toward broadening recognition of AALL's work within the larger legal community.

¶124 I also am pleased to report that our membership numbers remain strong. This year, under the guidance of Cindy Spohr, chair of the Membership and Retention Committee, and with strong support from Steven Oberhoffer, we once again offered our first year free incentive to law librarians who have never joined AALL before. Under this program, we now have 158 new members and our total membership is 5026. I am pleased to report that this year we also had an astonishing 91% retention rate.

¶125 I now want to thank and recognize our staff for their tremendous work this year. First, I want to recognize Steve Ligda, our director of finance and administration, who will retire in just a few short weeks. Steve, it is impossible to iterate all of your accomplishments over the course of the past eleven years, but we all owe you a deep debt of gratitude. Your professionalism, your financial skill, your dedication to AALL, and your remarkable selflessness serve as a model for all of us. It will be very, very hard to see you walk out the door. But when you do, you do so knowing that you left a legacy that will be long remembered and forever admired. (Applause.)

¶126 Mary Alice Baish, Associate Washington Affairs Representative, gives us an astonishing amount of energy, passion, and most importantly, effectiveness on

policy battles on Capitol Hill and increasingly in the states. I know very few people with the energy and focus that Mary Alice has put to such good use on behalf of AALL. (Applause.)

¶127 Gina Bordelon, our membership services assistant, is a take-charge kind of gal whose organization skills bode very well for a very bright future indeed. It was because of her experience in helping to organize last year's Annual Meeting that Gina has decided to make a career of meeting management. She is sure to make some great contributions to the field.

¶128 Lynn Cotteleer, who just joined the staff a few weeks ago, is AALL's incoming director of finance and administration. She comes to us from the offices of our auditor, Wolf & Company. She is quite familiar with our financial systems. We expect that Lynn will build on Steve's solid foundation and bring many contributions of her own to the position. So welcome, Lynn.

¶129 Heidi Letzmann, our program coordinator for meetings and special events, defines by example the meaning of grace under pressure. She is the one who shepherds programs, people, and millions of details of each Annual Meeting with great competence and aplomb. It takes great skill to carry off an Annual Meeting of this size and complexity. The fact that the meeting runs as well as it does is because of Heidi's good work.

¶130 Julia O'Donnell, our director of publications, is one of those quietly effective individuals who wows everyone who has the pleasure of working with her. She is as organized as she is lovely and compassionate. And she makes meeting a deadline a pleasure. How many people are capable of doing that?

¶131 Steven Oberhoffer, AALL's membership coordinator, brings a sharp mind to his work. He constantly reviews our systems and processes with an eye toward making them better, and especially better able to serve our members. He thinks creatively and he has AALL's best interest constantly front and center. His contributions have helped make us a stronger Association.

¶132 Christopher Orange, our mailroom assistant, is back in Chicago, keeping our operations functioning while we are here in San Antonio. Our longest-tenured staff member, Chris is steadily reliable and keeps our mail operations, a high-volume business, running smoothly.

¶133 Pam Reisinger, whom many of you know is our director of meetings, deserves tremendous credit for her great work, not just on each year's Annual Meeting but also on the many that occur throughout the year. She has a terrific attitude, a wonderful sense of humor, and an ability to sort through the very finest level of detail without even breaking a sweat.

¶134 Kim Rundle, who is my assistant, is an absolute life saver. Her level of output each day never ceases to astonish. Her knowledge of AALL is as deep as almost anyone I know. And her dedication to excellence is very much appreciated. I honestly don't know what I would do without her.

¶135 You have already heard about the fabulous work accomplished by Reggie Swanigan and Chris Siwa. Our brainstorming sessions are always a joy, and I appre-

ciate how well they work together. They enjoy IT, they enjoy each other, and they enjoy themselves at their planning and hard work. You can't ask for more than that.

¶136 Ivonne Torres, our accounting assistant, is also back in Chicago with Christopher Orange, keeping the operations running smoothly. Ivonne is the one who processes our checks and makes sure that all of our financial data are entered correctly. And she comes in each day with a smile. She works diligently and well, and she, too, is a great addition to staff.

¶137 They are a great bunch who bring an array of talents and personalities to our offices in the historic Monadnock Building on Jackson and Dearborn Streets. They are the engine that helps drive our collective visions forward, and we couldn't be more fortunate. Thank you. (Applause.)

¶138 **President Trotta:** Thank you for your report, Susan. Are there any questions about the Executive Director's report? (No response.)

Report of the Washington Affairs Representative

¶139 The Chair is pleased to introduce Robert Oakley, Washington Affairs Representative. (Applause.)

¶140 **Mr. Robert L. Oakley** (Georgetown University Law Center, Edward Bennett Williams Library, Washington, D.C.): Thank you, Tory. I am delighted to be here this afternoon to report on the work of the Washington office over the past year. The constraints of this General Business Meeting make it necessary for these remarks to be relatively brief. But for those of you who are interested in learning more about these issues, I hope you will plan to attend the annual legislative update session tomorrow morning at nine o'clock in room 006 here in the convention center.

¶141 Without a doubt, this past year has been highly unusual as new issues have emerged from unexpected sources, and old issues, such as database protection, have been relatively quiet. This has meant that we have had to be nimble and quick to respond as new issues arose. Last January, for example, the Superintendent of Documents announced plans to distribute to federal depository libraries only the fifty titles on the so-called "essential titles list," beginning October 1, 2005. This announcement was problematic for our libraries and our users because the list did not include such things as administrative decisions, House and Senate reports and documents, hearings, and other legal titles.

¶142 Our members were quick to respond to this unexpected change to the depository program. AALL members contacted their representatives, and the Executive Board passed a resolution urging GPO to establish a reliable system ensuring authenticity and version control before discontinuing the print publications. On March 1, the earlier decision was tempered by an announcement that GPO will continue to disseminate the tangible products to depository libraries until the end of fiscal year 2006. GPO also expanded the essential titles list to include congressional publications, Supreme Court slip opinions, and the CFR. The Washington office

appreciates the quick response of our members. We will continue to work with GPO and Congress to ensure that the information needs of the public and the legal community are met through the federal depository library program.

¶143 This year Congress began consideration of the reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act. At issue is whether to make the sixteen provisions due to sunset at the end of the year permanent and give law enforcement new powers, or instead to repeal some of the provisions that have been most contentious, including the provision about access to library records without a showing of probable cause. During our conference here, the Government Relations Committee held a post-card campaign to oppose a House bill introduced last week that would make the sixteen provisions that are supposed to sunset permanent. The reauthorization of the PATRIOT Act will no doubt continue to be a hot issue for the rest of the year. I expect that we will be calling on you for your support again in the near future.

¶144 This year also saw two new sets of issues emerge from the Register of Copyrights, who was interested in trying to deal with the issues related to the use of information in the digital environment. First, she has recognized that there is a significant problem in getting permission to copy a work when the copyright owner cannot be located, whether the copying is for preservation by libraries or for use in a new commercial work. In recognition of this issue, the register has opened a proceeding to consider how to handle the need created by these so-called orphan works. With our librarian partners in Washington, we filed comments on this issue, and we will be testifying later this month, supporting a reasonableness standard that would allow a user to use an orphan work providing that a reasonable effort had been made to locate the owner and get permission.

¶145 Similarly, the Register of Copyrights has recognized that section 108 of the Act, that is, the library section, was not written with digital technologies in mind. To address that set of concerns, she has formed a study group of which our own professor Laura Gasaway is chair, and on which I also have the honor of serving. With the personal involvement and commitment of the register, I believe that both of these initiatives have a high likelihood of success.

¶146 In addition to these initiatives, we have also been part of the discussions to reform the agenda of the World Intellectual Property Organization to better reflect the needs of the developing world and others who need access to information. In preparation for these discussions, I developed a statement of library principles which were endorsed by numerous library associations around the world, and which I presented to a committee of experts in Geneva. WIPO delegates from the developing world were very supportive of our principles. The supporters of the so-called development agenda have now drafted a proposed treaty on access to knowledge, which incorporates them. That proposed treaty is under discussion at an intersectional meeting of WIPO this summer.

¶147 There is more that I could report, including filings in the broadcast flag case and the *Grokster* case, but time does not permit me to elaborate on those now. We will be discussing them tomorrow morning.

¶148 As you can see, we have had an extraordinary year. It would not have been possible without the support of many people. Our Government Relations and Copyright committees provide invaluable help and advice. Special thanks go to the members of those committees and their chairs, Hays Butler and Sam Trosow, respectively. (Applause.)

¶149 Special thanks also to the heart and soul of our Washington office, Mary Alice Baish. Without her stalwart contributions, this level of activity would not be possible to sustain. (Applause.) And a special thanks to you, our members. Your interest in these issues is exemplary, and your willingness to step forward and respond when we need support and help in Washington makes a huge difference, truly, a huge difference in our ability to succeed. So I thank you. And finally, I thank you as always for allowing me the privilege of serving the Association in this way. It is truly an honor. (Applause.)

¶150 **President Trotta:** Thank you for your report, Bob. Are there any questions about the Washington Affairs Report? (No response.)

Remarks of the Vice President/President-Elect

¶151 The Chair is pleased to introduce Vice President/President-Elect Claire Germain. (Applause.)

¶152 **Ms. Claire M. Germain** (Cornell University Law Library, Ithaca, New York): Thank you, Madam President. First, I would like to thank each of you for having elected me to serve as your president for 2005–2006. It is a great honor for me. I am deeply grateful to President Tory Trotta and Past President Janis Johnston for inspiring me by their leadership, and also for their unfailing guidance and mentoring as I am learning the ropes of the job. I would also like to thank my fellow Executive Board members for their collegiality, their thoughtful comments, and their care for the common good of the Association.

¶153 So this past year, I worked hard to prepare myself for the position of president. I participated in several Executive Board meetings. I learned about AALL financing and governance. In November, I attended a special CEO and executive director symposium in Tysons Corner, Virginia, with Executive Director Susan Fox. We saw about a hundred CEOs and executive directors from other nonprofit associations. This was quite an enlightening meeting because it was useful to hear about the commonality of problems faced in fields other than librarianship by other associations. It was also very helpful because it made me appreciate more fully the importance of the close association and the close relationship between the president, who only serves for a short time, and the executive director who serves as the institutional memory of the association. Susan Fox, our executive director, has a crucial role to play in fostering the work of the Association and being a visionary, and I would like to convey my appreciation to Susan for her leadership and her guidance as she steers the Association in the right direction. (Applause.)

¶154 In addition to the executive director's great work, I would also like to convey my appreciation to the AALL headquarters staff in Chicago for their great help and dedication and attention to a multitude of requests. I would like to single out Kim Rundle and thank her especially for her patience with me.

¶155 In February, President Tory Trotta, Executive Director Susan Fox, and I were asked to participate in an invitation only Symposium on Antitrust Issues in Scholarly and Legal Publishing at Georgetown University. There were some sixty or so participants, including a number of regulators and economists, federal officials from the FTC and the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, state officials, professors, private lawyers, and antitrust experts. It was sponsored by the Information Access Alliance and the American Antitrust Institute. Much of the discussions centered around academic research journals and bundling issues, but some of the issues were applicable to legal materials and legal information. The Information Access Alliance published a study that found that legal serial publications produced by commercial publishers over the past two decades have increased in price at rates disproportionate to any increases in cost and quality. I would like to convey my appreciation to Professor Bob Oakley, the main convenor of the meeting, because it was one of those times where you have very fruitful exchanges in meetings which bring together both librarians and regulators. The group explored next steps and there will be some action to follow.

¶156 I was privileged this past year to represent AALL at the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians meeting in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom. This meeting gathered a record attendance of about four hundred attendees for the British Association. I conveyed the greetings of our Association to the BIALL members and invited them to San Antonio and St. Louis. We felt quite welcomed. I would like to thank Susan Doe, who is here at the San Antonio meeting, for her hospitality. She is the chair of BIALL. This meeting was a great occasion to network. I found the librarians engaged, enthusiastic, and cutting edge. Several of the speakers were quite in tune with the theme that we are exploring to raise the profile of law librarians outside of the library within the parent organization.

¶157 My goal for the year to come is to extend AALL's sphere of influence to external constituencies, particularly to the legal community, but also to other national and international associations that deal with law, with libraries, with information policy, and with technology. This goal is consistent with the new AALL strategic directions which focus on leadership, education, and advocacy. I have appointed four special committees for 2005–2006 to jumpstart the new AALL strategic directions. These special committees will be result-oriented and coordinate their work with already existing committees where appropriate.

¶158 The first special committee is to promote law librarians to the legal community. This special committee will focus on ways for law librarians to raise their visibility and communicate their value effectively to the practicing bar, to the judiciary, the media, law school deans, judges, and other significant decision makers

in the legal profession. It will create a members' briefing for the April 2006 issue of *AALL Spectrum*. I am already giving them the deadline here. That special committee is chaired by Gail Warren.

¶159 The second special committee is on fostering legal research as a subject specialty. The special committee will focus on enhancing the value of law librarians as the information experts in their situations. It will address in a proactive way the lack of understanding of the value of librarians in the digital world and the myth that with the Internet there is no need for librarians or libraries. It will focus on promoting the teaching role of the law librarian as faculty member in the law school or instructor or trainer in law firms, courts, or other law library settings. This committee will create a members' briefing for the July 2006 issue of *AALL Spectrum*. The chair of this committee is Blair Kauffman.

¶160 The third special committee is on permanent public access to legal information. This committee will examine whether AALL should take an active role in helping to develop an agenda of cooperative action to ensure the long-term access to born-digital legal information and the preservation of print materials. It will focus on whether AALL should strengthen its relationship with LIPA, the Legal Information Preservation Alliance. It will create a members' briefing in the December 2005 issue of *AALL Spectrum*. The chair of this committee is Judy Meadows.

¶161 The final special committee is on training the next generation of law librarians. The charge of this committee is to explore what needs to take place in terms of education, training, and mentoring to ensure the success of the next generation of law librarians, with a special focus on law library directors, whether they are law firm, state or county libraries, or government law library directors, as well as librarians with foreign and international law experience. The chair of that committee is Mike Chiorazzi.

¶162 This past year I also started planning for the St. Louis 2006 centennial meeting. The theme for the meeting is "Pioneering Change." *Pioneering* reflects the frontier spirit in St. Louis. *Change* is the operative word in our changing world. Pioneering change means that we need to be proactive in shaping the future rather than being reactive or on the defensive. We need to be pioneers for change. We will celebrate the vital role of the law librarian in this new centennial, the centennial of the century of information.

¶163 We will also come together as an Association to celebrate the accomplishments of our first hundred years. The St. Louis Local Advisory Committee, cochaired by Phil Berwick and Ann Fessenden, is busy planning for the meeting. You have already seen the great booth in the registration area here in San Antonio. The Local Advisory Committee members are enthusiastic and well organized, and have recruited members not only from the St. Louis area but also from Illinois, Iowa, Arkansas, and Kansas. They are coordinating their planning with the Annual Meeting Program Committee and with the Centennial Celebration Committee.

¶164 There will be several special centennial celebrations that are in the planning. There is a particular initiative that I would like to share with you, which is

an extended VIP program. Many of these VIPs can be sponsored as speakers by AMPC and can also be invited by chapters and SISs. This initiative fits in with the strategic direction of raising our profile by enlightening legal and educational professionals about our work and our visions. The VIPs will also enrich our meeting by contributing their knowledge and perspective as speakers and participants.

¶165 Serving AALL is a team effort. I am looking forward to working with my fellow Executive Board members and with each and all of you on what promises to be a most exciting year. Together with your participation and your creativity, we will move our Association forward and celebrate a century of accomplishments and successes in St. Louis by having a big party. Thank you. (Applause.)

¶166 **President Trotta:** Thank you. Does anybody have any questions about the Vice President's report? (No response.)

Unfinished Business

¶167 Moving on to unfinished business, we will now address the pending resolution on the connection between the Iraq war and libraries that was proposed yesterday. Does everybody have a copy? If not, there are copies on the table outside the meeting room.

¶168 The Chair will now read the resolved clauses:

Resolution on the Connection Between the Iraq War and Libraries

Therefore, be it resolved that the American Association of Law Libraries calls for the withdrawal from Iraq of U.S. military forces, and allow the people of Iraq to fully govern themselves.

Resolved that the American Association of Law Libraries urges the U.S. government to subsequently shift its budgetary priorities from the war in Iraq to improve support for vital domestic programs, including U.S. libraries.

Resolved that the American Association of Law Libraries calls upon the U.S. government to provide material assistance through the United Nations for the reconstruction of Iraq, including its museums, libraries, schools and other cultural resources.

Resolved that this resolution be sent to all members of Congress, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the President of the United States.

¶169 We will now have discussion of the resolution. In the interest of managing today's agenda, no member may speak for more than two minutes, and the Chair will limit discussion to no more than twenty minutes on this agenda item. The Chair will announce when the time is completed. If members wish to extend discussion beyond the allowed time, a motion to extend discussion must be passed by a two-thirds majority. Those members who wish to speak in favor of the pending resolution, please use the microphone on my right, your left. Actually, it is right in front of me. Those members who wish to speak in opposition of the pending resolution, please use the microphone at my left, your right. Let's begin. Each member has two minutes to speak. I believe the person who introduced the resolution has the right to begin the discussion.

¶170 **Ms. Leslie Campbell** (Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Washington, D.C.): Madam President, I would like to speak on behalf of the Social Responsibilities SIS. I move on behalf of the Social Responsibilities SIS that AALL adopt the resolution on the connection between the Iraq war and libraries. As many of you know, recently the American Library Association passed a resolution concerning the loss of life and destruction of Iraq's cultural treasures, including libraries, archives, manuscripts, and artifacts, resulting from the war in Iraq. The membership of the Social Responsibilities SIS discussed this at its business meeting. There was a clear consensus in favor of bringing a resolution similar to ALA's on the war in Iraq before the full membership for debate and discussion. A subcommittee was formed to review the ALA resolution and address concerns raised about its wording, accuracy, and tone. The product of that subcommittee's discussion is the resolution now before the full membership for consideration.

¶171 The Social Responsibility SIS's membership feels that it is important for AALL to be on the record making a statement on the war similar to ALA's, expressing concern about the devastating cost of the war both on human life and the cultural history of Iraq. Many members have said to me and other members of the SIS privately that they, too, are very concerned about the impact of the war or that they personally oppose the war. But they fear negative repercussions in Congress and other venues if AALL were to take a public position on the war.

¶172 **President Trotta:** That would be your two minutes. How much more do you have?

¶173 **Ms. L. Campbell:** Not much, two sentences. We understand these concerns but urge consideration of this proposal because we as librarians value preservation of cultural and legal history. As librarians, our vision extends to global vistas. As librarians, we must advocate values in our professional life. For these reasons, the SIS urges AALL to express its concern regarding the devastation and destruction caused by the war in Iraq.

¶174 **President Trotta:** We will have one here. Please identify yourself and your institution.

¶175 **Mr. Paul D. Callister** (University of Missouri-Kansas City, Leon E. Bloch Law Library, Kansas City, Missouri): I come here today in my capacity as the incoming chair of the Copyright Committee. I have not had the opportunity to meet with committee members on this issue. You need to know that. However, I have spent time talking to our representatives in the Washington office. I believe I understand the weight and responsibility we bear over the coming year to influence legislation pertaining to our core interests, which have to do with the free flow of information, the access to information, the accountability and transparency of government, and which have to do with our ability to continue to function in a way that allows us to meaningfully and positively impact our profession. I believe that in our zeal to oppose the war in Iraq, we risk overextending ourselves and that, in doing so, we take on causes outside of our core interest and our expertise.

¶176 It will diminish our credibility and will render us impotent to influence our elected representatives in the issues we care most about, that are core and central. And so I am asking you, as members, to vote this resolution down. I understand that I have colleagues on the Copyright Committee who may see this from the opposite viewpoint. I respect them and they are my friends.

¶177 **President Trotta:** That's time. Two minutes. Thank you.

¶178 **Mr. Samuel E. Trosow** (University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada): I am speaking not as the outgoing chair of the Copyright Committee but as a concerned member. And yes, many of my friends think that this is not something that we should be doing. I personally believe that the argument that this is going to render us impotent is a bit of an overstatement. I believe that the same thing could be said about a number of issues, that library associations have traditionally taken on social responsibilities questions, within ALA, less so within this Association, but also within this Association.

¶179 Last year, this Association took an extremely courageous position that was very important to a lot of our members, and I just have to wonder how much that came back on us with members of Congress for whom this was obviously a hot button issue. I frankly don't think that it is as big of an issue as Paul said.

¶180 What I do think is a very big issue is our credibility in the long run and our need to do what we think is right, what is morally right, what is right for libraries, what is right for the priorities of this country. This war was a mistake. Now, it is hard to make the argument that this is a core library issue. But it is related to libraries. It is related to the funding for all public services. It is related to what is happening to our democracy in this country. We don't have any trouble coming out against the PATRIOT Act. But the PATRIOT Act is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of what this entire war machine, what this war mentality, what this war society, what this war culture is doing to democracy in this country. We are torturing prisoners and we are justifying that legally. That is a big issue. This war has got to stop.

¶181 During the struggle in Vietnam, this same discussion went on within many, many groups within civil society. And it was when a certain number of groups started to raise their voice, maybe it was too late. The American Library Association took its stand against Vietnam in 1971.

¶182 **President Trotta:** Sam, that is two minutes. Thank you.

¶183 **Mr. James P. Walsh** (Mercer University Law Library, Macon, Georgia): I am speaking as a concerned member. I wanted to address my colleague's comments. I would encourage all of us to vote against this resolution. I think it goes beyond our mission, which is to recognize the availability of legal information to all people as a necessary requirement for a just and democratic society, to promote and enhance the value of law libraries in the world. The resolution fails to discuss the brutal dictatorship of Saddam Hussein, who for twenty-four years deprived the Iraqi people of the rule of law and democratic values that we all cherish. And he probably did more harm to librarianship in Iraq than the war. I'm sure everyone in this room wants our troops to come home. But I don't think it is our duty to take a political stance on the war.

¶184 I think the better thing to do would be to support some of the efforts that are going on right now. The National Endowment for the Humanities has committed money to Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science and Harvard University Libraries to help in training librarians in Iraq, because there aren't any professional librarians there, and to help in rebuilding the libraries in Iraq. And I think a better thing for this organization to do would be to set up a task force to use our technical expertise. This is what we can give to the people of Iraq, rather than adopting resolutions couched in political rhetoric. Thank you.

¶185 **President Trotta:** Anybody else wish to speak in favor of the pending resolution? We are still waiting for a speaker in favor.

¶186 **Ms. B. Lah:** I introduced the proposal yesterday for the Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section. I am just doing this off the spur of the moment here. I am not an articulate speaker. But I feel very strongly that this war is wrong. I think that, yes, the free flow of information is important, that the goals and concepts of this organization are extremely important. But we need to think about the thousands of lives that are lost in Iraq and the many, many brave servicemen and women who have lost their lives and whose families have suffered as a result of this war.

¶187 We know that many of the justifications that we were given for this war have been unfounded. I think that we need to think about this in terms of people, in terms of families, in terms of what this war is doing to families, not only families in America but families around the world. We were all devastated by what happened on 9/11; 9/11 is magnified over and over in the country of Iraq because of this occupation of the United States in that country. Please, let's think about the human effect of this war and the human effect on what we are voting on today. Yes, maybe it is not politically savvy for us to go against the powers that be right now, but let's think about what this war does to people and does to families.

¶188 **President Trotta:** That's two minutes. Thank you. Does someone wish to speak in opposition? That's where we are now.

¶189 **Mr. Frederick A. Riemann** (Chevron Texaco Law Library, Houston, Texas): I would like to speak against what seems to be a simplistic and hastily drawn resolution. A yes vote is a vote for chaos. A yes vote is a vote for civil war. A yes vote is a vote for theocracy. That is the end of my comment.

¶190 I also would like to raise a point of order and ask the Chairman if the requested credentials of AALL voters in here be checked because there was no control at the door on the way in, and I don't think we know if everyone in here is a voting member.

¶191 **President Trotta:** Voting members have badges.

¶192 **Mr. F. Riemann:** But I don't believe they were checked. In the times past, badges have been checked going into the door.

¶193 **Mr. Steve Ligda** (Director of Finance and Administration, American Association of Law Libraries, Chicago, Illinois): We are going to take a standing vote.

¶194 **President Trotta:** We are going to have a standing vote at the end of this, and we will have a proctor, so we will hopefully take care of that.

¶195 **Mr. F. Riemann:** Very good. Thank you.

¶196 **President Trotta:** Someone wish to speak in favor of the resolution? That's where we are now.

¶197 **Mr. Jerry Dupont** (Law Library Microform Consortium, Kaneohe, Hawaii): Madam President, I would like to speak to the pertinence issue. Being an older member of this profession means that every once in a while *deja vu* sets in. I was there when ALA passed its Vietnam War resolution. It seems we are going around the horn again. But the one thing that connects Vietnam with this, in my mind, is that for the first time in history, in Vietnam, we tried to fight a war without taxing our citizens to pay for that war. We tried to have butter and guns at the same time. Here we are doing the same damn thing. Instead of paying for this war with taxes, we have cut taxes and we are cutting social services. And those social services are across the board.

¶198 If the folks in California want to know why their county libraries are going down under, it is because the states are totally overburdened trying to keep Medicaid and other things going while the federal government is cutting it back. This war is being paid for with the social services of this country, including libraries.

¶199 **President Trotta:** Speaking in opposition?

¶200 **Unidentified Speaker:** I won't mention the name of my firm because it is sort of irrelevant. I happen to support this statement personally, but I really don't think that my personal beliefs are relevant here. This is a political statement and I really think it is outside of AALL's core values, maybe not its core values but the core issues it should be involved in. I really feel that librarians only get so many sound bytes a year, I really do. We get so much time in the news, and I don't think that we should squander our sound bytes on something that is unrelated to our core issues.

¶201 Our core issues, which are important, are access to information, copyright, the PATRIOT Act, and funding for public libraries. I really think that we do not do ourselves any favors by making this statement and, in fact, that it is politically foolish. It doesn't certainly apply to my life. But I think for the county libraries here and the public libraries, it is a really kind of a stupid thing to do.

¶202 **President Trotta:** Thank you. Statement in favor at this microphone? This is where we are. Anybody wish to speak in favor?

¶203 **Ms. Heather Phillips** (University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas): I am sure the University of Houston does not entirely accept my views. There are two points. Not only the funding point in that funding is being taken from public and social institutions to fund this war, but it is entirely difficult, one might say impossible, for people to access legal information when they are dead. We have to think of who and what our goals are serving. Certainly this theoretical access to legal information is very important, vital. But there has to be an end user in existence for all those beautiful thoughts to have any kind of effect. When people are dead, they don't really care about access to legal information.

¶204 Second, there is legal history being actively destroyed in Iraq at this time. There are archeological sites from Babylon, from various other Old Testament peoples that form some of the fundamental institutions that our legal institutions have grown out of. The destruction of these archeological sites again is destroying information that perhaps is not as vital to us right here at this moment as the U. S. Code, but is important to us as a culture and as our history. It is vital to our legal system and our understanding of our historical antecedents. I think it is perhaps a bit histrionic to say that a vote in favor of this resolution is going to rip the country into civil war.

¶205 **President Trotta:** That is two minutes. Thank you. Statement in opposition?

¶206 **Mr. Mark E. Estes** (Holme Roberts & Owen, Denver, Colorado): Madam President, I am speaking, of course, for myself and I am conveying no tax advice. (Laughter.) I look at the screen. (Referring to display of Annual Meeting logo.) I see strategize. I am reminded that that is what we should be doing most, thinking strategically. Surely, the vast majority of all AALL members would abhor and do abhor the loss of life and culture caused by this war on terror. That abhorrence does not translate effectively into action with the resolution calling upon the Association to send letters and on specific acts on who will do what to rebuild Iraq. The effective approach for us, I believe, would be to call on our members to get into the streets. We have been at a loss in doing that, as those people who marched against the Vietnam War.

¶207 If we want to be effective, it is time for us to be in the streets. It is time for us to be thoughtful at the association level. If we are to take a position on a large political statement, we should take the time to craft it carefully, balance the resolution wisely so that we are not calling on people to do something which they would otherwise like but would oppose in this context. I urge the members present to vote against this resolution. Thank you.

¶208 **President Trotta:** That's twenty minutes. Debate is now closed. We will now conduct a standing vote. So first of all, I need everybody in the room to be seated. Come in and take a seat. Please note that only AALL members may vote.

¶209 **Mr. David W. Williams** (Pace University School of Law Library, White Plains, New York): Only a fraction of our membership is here today, albeit a large fraction. Only a fraction of our membership has heard this discussion today, although a large fraction. I would move that we postpone this vote and conduct this vote by ballot within the next month.

¶210 **Unidentified Speaker:** Seconded.

¶211 **President Trotta:** It has been moved and seconded that the resolution before us be sent to the general membership as a ballot within the next month. All in favor, please rise. (Members rise.)

¶212 **President Trotta:** Steve, could you do a count, please. (Count by Steve Ligda.) All those opposed, please rise. (Members rise.) I think there are more of those. Thank you. The motion fails.

¶213 We now are back to voting on the proposed resolution. We are going to move to a standing vote on the resolution before us. So everybody be seated. Please note that only AALL members can vote. Here is what is going to happen. All those in favor of this resolution, please stand now. (Members rise.)

¶214 We will count off starting in the first row in the corner of the room, starting here, and proceed in serpentine fashion, row by row. Steve Ligda, the director of finance and administration, will follow the procession of the vote. When it comes to you, please count your vote and then be seated. Does everybody understand? We are having a serpentine vote. We now have everybody who is in favor of this resolution standing now. We will start in that corner of the room. (Pointing.) Sorry for pointing at you. And move in a serpentine fashion row by row. When it comes to you, say the number of your vote and then sit down. So at the end, we will have an accurate count.

¶215 **Mr. S. Ligda:** Madam Chair, I wonder if we couldn't try a visual vote first.

¶216 **President Trotta:** No. I wish to have a standing vote for this. Thank you.

¶217 **Mr. S. Ligda:** As you wish.

¶218 **President Trotta:** Okay. And please display your badges prominently. (Ligda begins to count votes.)

¶219 **Mr. S. Ligda:** I will run into trouble. I have 11 with Jim. May I ask in the interest of accuracy that I be permitted to count by section. I am having trouble with pointing to the people.

¶220 **President Trotta:** Yes.

¶221 **Mr. S. Ligda:** Is that acceptable? We are at 11. (Ligda counts remaining votes.) I have 85.

¶222 **President Trotta:** Eighty-five votes in favor of the resolution. Those in opposition to the resolution, please stand now. (Members rise.) We will count off starting in the first row, in the corner of the room, and proceed in a serpentine fashion row by row. And we will do it the way Steve said, he will count off. Please display your AALL membership badge prominently. (Ligda counts votes.)

¶223 Thank you, Madam Secretary. The count is 85 votes in favor of the resolution and 169 votes in opposition to the resolution. The resolution fails. Thank you for the discussion.

Resolution of Appreciation

¶224 We have received one additional resolution. I call on John Lai to read it into the record now.

¶225 **Mr. John Lai** (Shearman and Sterling, New York, New York): I would like to present the resolution of thanks.

Resolution of Appreciation

Whereas the 98th Annual Meeting and Conference of the American Association of Law Libraries held in San Antonio, Texas on July 16–20, 2005, was a strong educational and social success; and

Whereas the success of AALL's 98th Annual Meeting and Conference can be attributed, in large part, to the contributions of many individuals and entities that gave willingly of their time, energy, resources, and support;

Therefore, be it resolved that on behalf of AALL and its members, thanks be given to the following who worked throughout the year on Annual Meeting arrangements:

President Victoria Trotta; Mary Smith Forman and Monica Ortale, cochairs, and the Local Advisory Committee; Karen Brunner, chair, and the Annual Meeting Program Committee; AALL Headquarters staff; all the speakers, moderators, and program coordinators; all those who volunteered their assistance; and all of the members themselves, without whom the Association's Annual Meeting would not have been a success.

And be it further resolved that on behalf of AALL and its members, thanks be given to our Gold- and Silver-level sponsors: BNA, Inc., CCH, LexisNexis, and Thomson West; and all our other corporate contributors who have sponsored or cosponsored an event, service, or publication, or otherwise given their support to the Annual Meeting. And special thanks be given to LexisNexis for sponsoring the Opening Event.

¶226 **President Trotta:** All those in favor of adopting the resolution of thanks, please say aye. (Members say aye.) Passed unanimously. Thank you, John. (Applause.)

¶227 Are there any other items of new business? (No response.)

Announcements and Adjournment

¶228 We have really gone over. The Open Forum was scheduled to follow immediately and take up this time slot. But I think we are going to have to forego it at this time. Any members who have comments about the strategic initiatives or directions or any other matter that has to do with Association, please feel free to talk to Claire Germain of the 2005–2006 Executive Board. If there are no objections, the Business Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries is adjourned sine die. Thank you. (Applause.)

[Whereupon the General Business Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.]